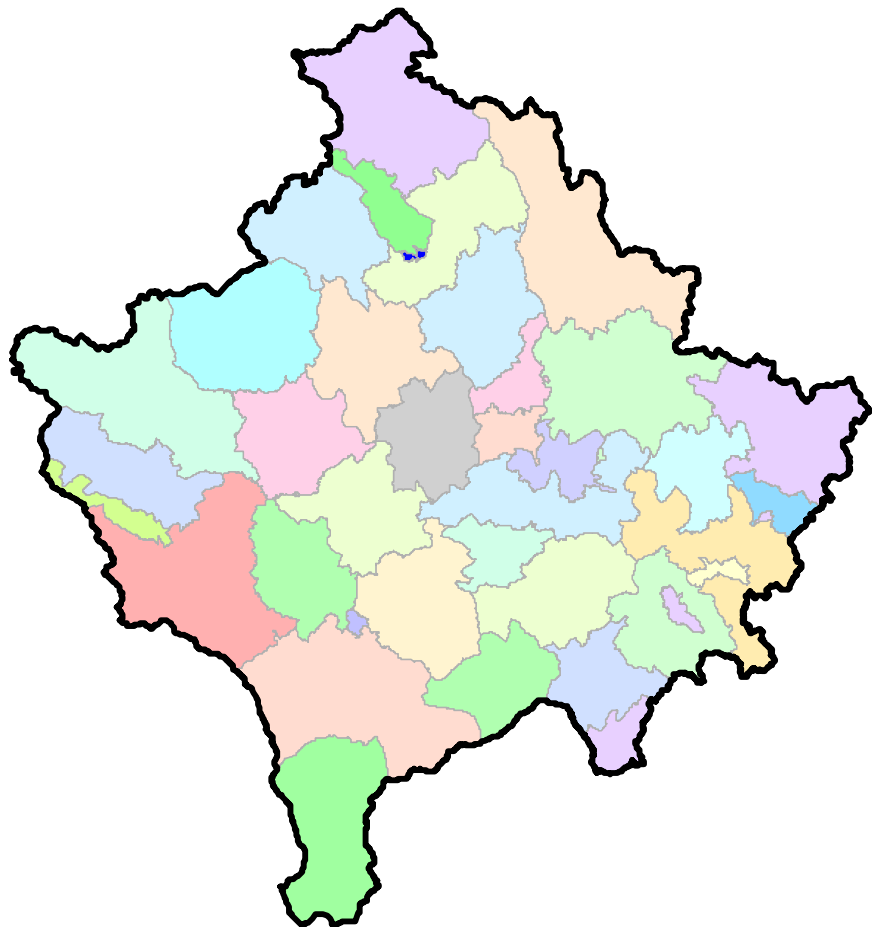




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P r e f a c e

The Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS) started to publish data on the Import for Kosovo since 2001.

Publication of External Trade is based on the Kosovo Customs Service data.

Preliminary data on Export were published in 2000 and 2001.

All these publications consist of preliminary data due to the continuous quality improvements; data in this publication are different from the preliminary data published before.

This publication contains 7 tables on Kosovo External Trade mainly for May 2018 comparisons with same period 2017. Tables are related with the Import and Export by the flow of goods, cumulatively, statistical procedures, and sections, by countries and by border points.

Import is given by country of origin.

Suggestion and remarks of users are welcome.

Future publications will certainly provide new and better quality of data.

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Abbreviations

KAS	Kosovo Agency of Statistics
FOB	Free on Board
C.I.F.	Cost, Insurance, Freight
EU	European Union
CN	Combined Nomenclature
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
SCT	Standard Trade Classification
SAD	Single Administrative Document
HS	Harmonized System
ISO	International Standard of Organization
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
s.s	suspension system
d.s	drawback system

Symbols

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External Trade statistics – methodological notes

Sources

The statistics of trade is compiled mainly from the documents supplied by importers and exporters (or their agents) to the Customs authorities. The document is the Single Administrative Document (SAD) used for Customs clearance purposes. The information on the document is captured by the Customs Information system.

Responsibility for data collection, compilation and publication

The Customs administration is responsible for the collection, inputting and processing of the data from customs statements. Data regarding the field of statistics are registered within this documents (SAD), are reported in monthly bases to the Statistical Agency of Kosovo by the Customs Administration via electronically.

KAS is responsible for external trade data processing, compilation and publication. These statistics include data by the type of customs procedures. Additional work involves editing and validation (or approval) of customs data.

Coverage

External trade statistics do not cover temporary imports and exports of goods which will return after a certain period in an unchanged condition, as are: services, repairs, money as means of payment, money in gold, fuel supply of Kosovo's vehicles abroad, imports of goods for foreign liaisons offices and other diplomatic missions in Kosovo, travelers personal baggage, commercial samples and postal packages of minor value.

Recording system

External trade statistics are compiled in accordance with the 'special' system (facilitating definition) of recording international trade. By this system, imports and exports are recorded at the time when goods move across the territory (or area) under the free flow that is the part when goods may be sold without any customs restriction. The facilitating definition means that beside regular export and import transactions, also inward and outward processing is included.

Special exports include exports of goods: covered by inward processing procedure, covered by the customs outward processing procedure, not recorded from customs declarations.

Special imports include imports of foreign goods: covered by inward processing procedure, covered by the customs outward processing procedure, not recorded from customs declarations.

Goods in transit are excluded.

Valuation

For imports the "cif" value is used (cost, insurance and freight to the point of entry in Kosovo). For exports the "fob" (free on board) value is used. This is the cost of goods purchased abroad, including packing, transport within the state, loading charges, insurance and other charges accruing up to the point where the goods are put on board the exporting vessel or aircraft or are conveyed to the land frontier. The invoice value is recalculated to the value at the Kosovo's

border by adding or subtracting the whole or in parts the costs of transport, loading, unloading and insurance, depending on the terms of delivery by the contract.

The value excludes:

- any sum receivable by the exporter by way of export refund, drawback, subsidy or other bounty
- any foreign customs duties or freight charges beyond the port or point of exportation.

Valuation is in euro. For transactions in which the value is expressed in a foreign currency, conversion to euro is done using the daily current exchange rate.

Reference period

The calendar month is the basic period for compiling the data. On the base of customs data, the time of recording the imports/exports transactions is the date of submission of the customs declaration or according to some other date valid for the implementation of the customs regulations.

Units of quantity

The quantity of exported and imported goods is shown in net mass if it can be determined considering the nature of the product and in the supplementary unit of measurement when it is prescribed in the customs tariff nomenclature.

Net weight is the usual unit of quantity shown. The weight of containers, cases, jars and packing materials is therefore excluded.

Other units of quantity are used for some commodities, notably live animals, motor vehicles, office machines, domestic appliances, watches and clocks, and clothing (where number is used as the unit of quantity), footwear (where the number of pairs is used), floor coverings (where square meters are used), and beverages (where volume is used).

Partner country

In this publication, imports are recorded by country of origin (as opposed to country of consignment or dispatch). Goods obtained or produced in one country originating at that country. A product, in the production of which two or more countries were involved, is considered as originating by the country in which the last substantial manufacturing process occurred. Packing, repacking, sorting and blending are not regarded as manufacturing processes.

Exports are classified by country of final destination. The last country to which the goods are specifically directed on their outward movement from the State is regarded as their final destination. This is not necessarily the country in which the goods will be unshipped or that in which they will be finally consumed.

Country classification

The classification of countries is the country nomenclature (Geo-nomenclature) as set in the Official Journal of the European Communities, published in annual bases. Since January 1999, this follows the United Nations' ISO alpha-2 coding system in which each country is identified by a two-letter code.

Classification of goods

Statistics are collected by using the 8-digit Combined Nomenclature (CN) – the EU tariff and statistical nomenclature. This nomenclature is managed and updated annually by the Commission in cooperation with the member states. The CN is aligned with the 6-digit Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) – the nomenclature of the Customs Co-operation Council that is used throughout the world for applying customs tariffs and compiling external trade statistics. The CN contains about 10,400 8-digit subheadings, the first six digits of which correspond to the HS code.

The Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 3 (SITC Rev 3) has been developed by the United Nations for the advancement of the international comparability of statistics on external trade.

SITC Rev 3 contains about 3,100 basic headings (5-digit). These are combined into 261 Groups (3-digit), 98 Divisions (2-digit) and 10 Sections (1-digit). For example, Section 6 (Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material) consists of 9 Divisions, 61 to 69. Division 64 (Paper, paperboard and articles thereof) consists of two groups, 641 and 642, which together consist of 72 basic headings, such as 642.94 (Paper handkerchiefs, towels, tablecloths, garments etc).

SITC Rev 3 follows the structure of the HS. Each of the categories in the SITC (including all the basic headings) is equivalent to a combination of HS headings (and therefore to a combination of CN headings)

Dissemination of data

Monthly data are provisional and published 24 days after the reference month.
Annual data are published in June.

Publication

Release dates for external trade statistics are
Aggregated data are published on the KAS web page 24 days after the reference period.

Monthly:

Monthly External Trade Statistics for Kosovo

Annually:

Final data
External Trade Statistics, Kosovo

Export and Import flow for May 2018

Initial figures for Kosovo's external trade of goods show a higher trade deficit (13.1%) of 277,8 million euro for May 2018 compared with deficit of 245,7 million euro for the same period 2017. The export covers the import (10.6%).

Export and Import for period May 2018 were worth respectively 32,8 million euro and 310,6 million euro. There is a decrease by (2.0%) for exports and increase by (11.3%) for imports compared to the same period 2017.

According to the data the main groups of export are: (26.9%) base metal and articles of base metal, (20.7%) mineral products, (11.3%) plastics, rubber and articles thereof, (10.1%) prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco, (3.3%) vegetable products, (3.0%) leather and their articles, (2.7%) miscellaneous manufactured articles, (2.3%) machinery, appliances and electric materials, (2.1%) textiles and textile articles.

According to the data the main groups of import are: (15.8%) machinery, appliances and electric material, (14.3%) mineral products, (11.4%) base metal and articles of base metal, (11.0%) prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco, (7.7%) transport means, (6.6%) plastics, rubber and articles thereof, (6.5%) products of chemical industries, (4.9%) vegetable products etc.

Foreign trade of goods by EU-28

Exports to EU countries-28 amounted to 11,2 million €, or (34.4%) of total exports, with an increase of (51.6%). The main partners for the export of goods in the EU area are: Austria (10.2%), Germany (4.5%), Slovenia (3.9%), Great Britain (3.8%), Netherland (3.4%) and Bulgarian (3.0%).

Kosovo imports from EU-28 were around 133,2 million €, or (42.9%) of total imports, with an increase of (13.1%). Where the above imports were from: Germany (12.7%), Italy (8.4%), Spain (2.9%), Greece (2.5%) and Poland (2.2%).

Trade with CEFTA countries

In the month of May 2018, exports to CEFTA countries amounted to 17,5 million €, or (53.5%) of total exports, with an increase of (5.2%). The main partners for export are: Albania (18.5%), Macedonia (12.2%), Serbia (12.1%) and Montenegro (8.0%).

While imports from CEFTA countries amounted to 85,5 million €, or (27.5%) of total imports, with an increase of (13.9%). The countries with the highest import were: Serbia (12.6%), Albania (6.5%), Macedonia (5.0%) and B&H (2.9%).

Trade with other countries of the world

Exports to other countries amounted to 3,9 million €, or (12.1%). The main partners for export are: Switzerland (7.8%) and Turkey (2.3%).

While imports of Kosovo with other countries amounted 91,8 million €, or (29.6%). The countries with the highest participation for import in this group were: Turkey (10.4%) and China (8.9 %).

Table 1: Flow of goods on external trade

(000 €)

Period	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Trade balance	Per cent of cover
1	2	3	4=2-3	5=2/3
2001	10.559	684.500	-673.941	1.5
2002	27.599	854.758	-827.159	3.2
2003	35.621	973.265	-937.644	3.7
2004	56.567	1.063.347	-1.006.780	5.3
2005	56.283	1.157.492	-1.101.209	4.9
2006	110.774	1.305.879	-1.195.105	8.5
2007	165.112	1.576.186	-1.411.074	10.5
2008	198.463	1.928.236	-1.729.773	10.3
2009*	165.328	1.937.539	-1.772.211	8.5
2010	295.957	2.157.725	-1.861.769	13.7
2011	319.165	2.492.348	-2.173.184	12.8
2012	276.100	2.507.609	-2.231.509	11.0
2013	293.842	2.449.064	-2.155.221	12.0
2014	324.543	2.538.337	-2.213.794	12.8
2015	325.294	2.634.693	-2.309.399	12.3
2016	309.627	2.789.491	-2.479.864	11.1
2017	378.010	3.047.018	-2.669.007	12.4
01-2016	22.276	132.626	-110.351	16.8
02-2016	24.082	193.676	-169.593	12.4
03-2016	25.583	235.520	-209.937	10.9
04-2016	23.027	250.672	-227.645	9.2
05-2016	27.098	238.040	-210.941	11.4
06-2016	30.339	247.222	-216.883	12.3
07-2016	30.397	240.934	-210.537	12.6
08-2016	21.462	270.468	-249.006	7.9
09-2016	21.670	232.676	-211.006	9.3
10-2016	27.066	241.325	-214.259	11.2
11-2016	32.107	234.859	-202.752	13.7
12-2016	24.520	271.473	-246.954	9.0
01-2017	21.447	146.761	-125.313	14.6
02-2017	23.696	197.904	-174.208	12.0
03-2017	31.261	264.723	-233.462	11.8
04-2017	31.219	251.921	-220.703	12.4
05-2017	33.492	279.205	-245.713	12.0
06-2017	38.199	255.694	-217.495	14.9
07-2017	38.367	275.353	-236.986	13.9
08-2017	32.592	297.251	-264.659	11.0
09-2017	34.110	248.098	-213.988	13.7
10-2017	34.055	272.127	-238.072	12.5
11-2017	30.091	260.674	-230.584	11.5
12-2017	29.481	297.305	-267.824	9.9
01-2018	24.522	195.066	-170.543	12.6
02-2018	22.397	205.240	-182.843	10.9
03-2018	26.441	255.414	-228.974	10.4
04-2018	25.535	270.321	-244.786	9.4
05-2018	32.807	310.625	-277.818	10.6

2017 & 2018) are preliminary data

2009) Te dhenat për import ndryshojnë nga publikimet e me hershme

Table 2: Flow of goods on external trade, cumulative

(000 €)

Period	Exports (FOB)	Imports (CIF)	Trade balance	Per cent of cover
1	2	3	4=2-3	5=2/3
01-2016	22.276	132.626	-110.351	16.8
02-2016	46.358	326.302	-279.944	14.2
03-2016	71.941	561.823	-489.881	12.8
04-2016	94.968	812.495	-717.527	11.7
05-2016	122.066	1.050.534	-928.468	11.6
06-2016	152.405	1.297.756	-1.145.351	11.7
07-2016	182.802	1.538.691	-1.355.888	11.9
08-2016	204.264	1.809.158	-1.604.894	11.3
09-2016	225.934	2.041.834	-1.815.900	11.1
10-2016	253.000	2.283.159	-2.030.159	11.1
11-2016	285.108	2.518.018	-2.232.910	11.3
12-2016	309.627	2.789.491	-2.479.864	11.1
01-2017	21.447	146.761	-125.313	14.6
02-2017	45.143	344.665	-299.522	13.1
03-2017	76.404	609.388	-532.984	12.5
04-2017	107.623	861.309	-753.687	12.5
05-2017	141.115	1.140.514	-999.399	12.4
06-2017	179.314	1.396.208	-1.216.894	12.8
07-2017	217.681	1.671.562	-1.453.880	13.0
08-2017	250.274	1.968.813	-1.718.539	12.7
09-2017	284.384	2.216.911	-1.932.527	12.8
10-2017	318.439	2.489.038	-2.170.599	12.8
11-2017	348.529	2.749.712	-2.401.183	12.7
12-2017	378.010	3.047.018	-2.669.007	12.4
01-2018	24.522	195.066	-170.543	12.6
02-2018	46.919	400.306	-353.387	11.7
03-2018	73.360	655.720	-582.360	11.2
04-2018	98.894	926.041	-827.146	10.7
05-2018	131.702	1.236.666	-1.104.964	10.6

Table 3: Exports and imports, according to statistical procedures

Statistical procedure	(000 €)				
	Maj-17		Maj-18		Indices 2018/ 2017
	Value	%	Value	%	
Total Exports (FOB)	33.492	100.0	32.807	100.0	98
Normal exports	27.459	82.0	30.434	92.8	110.8
Exports covered by inward processing procedure	6.033	18.0	2.373	7.2	39.3
Exports covered by the customs outward processir	:	:	:	:	:
Exports not recorded from customs declarations	:	:	:	:	:
Total Importes (CIF)	279.205	100.0	310.625	100.0	111
Importet normale	273.771	98.1	308.662	99.4	112.7
Imports covered by inward processing procedure	5.434	1.9	1.963	0.6	36.1
Imports covered by the customs outward processir	:	:	:	:	:
Imports not recorded from customs declarations	:	:	:	:	:

Table 4: Exports and imports, according to SITC

Sections by SITC	(000 €)			
	May -2017		May -2018	
	Vlere	%	Vlere	%
Eksporet (FOB)				
Total	33.492	100.0	32.807	100.0
Food and live animals	3.205	9.6	1.880	5.7
Beverages and tobacco	2.310	6.9	2.506	7.6
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	8.742	26.1	9.157	27.9
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materi	2.774	8.3	3.733	11.4
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	:	:	31	0.1
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	1.847	5.5	1.969	6.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by n	10.296	30.7	5.826	17.8
Machinery and transport equipment	1.103	3.3	1.025	3.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3.214	9.6	3.626	11.1
Commodities not classified elsewhere in th	:	:	3.055	9.3
Import (CIF)				
Total	279.205	100.0	310.625	100.0
Food and live animals	47.658	17.1	47.977	15.4
Beverages and tobacco	10.951	3.9	11.286	3.6
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	7.018	2.5	4.769	1.5
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materi	30.949	11.1	37.556	12.1
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1.995	0.7	1.863	0.6
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	33.210	11.9	33.891	10.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by n	60.953	21.8	71.282	22.9
Machinery and transport equipment	57.984	20.8	70.515	22.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	28.293	10.1	31.276	10.1
Commodities not classified elsewhere in th	194	0.1	210	0.1

Table 5: Exports and imports by sections

		(000 €)			
Code	Sections of the Harmonized System(HS)	May -2017		May -2018	
		Vlere	%	Vlere	%
Export (FOB)					
	Total	33.492	100.0	32.807	100.0
1	Live animals; animal products	110	0.3	58	0.2
2	Vegetable products	1.764	5.3	1.093	3.3
3	Edible oils	:	:	31	0.1
4	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco	3.757	11.2	3.324	10.1
5	Mineral products	6.617	19.8	6.806	20.7
6	Products of chemical industries	524	1.6	610	1.9
7	Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	3.044	9.1	3.703	11.3
8	Leather and their articles	914	2.7	980	3.0
9	Wood and articles of wood	342	1.0	403	1.2
10	Paper and their articles	452	1.3	417	1.3
11	Textiles and textile articles	675	2.0	701	2.1
12	Footwear	333	1.0	90	0.3
13	Art.of stone,plaster,ceramic prod. and glass	641	1.9	628	1.9
14	Pearls,precious stones, metals etc.	:	:	3.101	9.5
15	Base metal and articles of base metal	12.200	36.4	8.819	26.9
16	Machinery,appliances and electric materials	916	2.7	753	2.3
17	Transport means	240	0.7	339	1.0
18	Optical,medical,potog. musical instr.	71	0.2	57	0.2
19	Arms and ammunition	:	:	:	:
20	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	891	2.7	893	2.7
21	Works of art	:	:	3	0.0
Import (CIF)					
	Total	279.205	100.0	310.625	100.0
1	Live animals; animal products	10.906	3.9	10.903	3.5
2	Vegetable products	14.238	5.1	15.168	4.9
3	Edible oils	2.313	0.8	2.240	0.7
4	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco	34.359	12.3	34.173	11.0
5	Mineral products	38.852	13.9	44.330	14.3
6	Products of chemical industries	20.573	7.4	20.238	6.5
7	Plastics, rubber and articles thereof	18.875	6.8	20.476	6.6
8	Leather and their articles	880	0.3	934	0.3
9	Wood and articles of wood	7.493	2.7	7.378	2.4
10	Paper and their articles	4.388	1.6	4.339	1.4
11	Textiles and textile articles	12.455	4.5	13.431	4.3
12	Footwear	2.956	1.1	2.983	1.0
13	Art.of stone,plaster,ceramic prod. and glass	12.446	4.5	12.349	4.0
14	Pearls,precious stones, metals etc.	177	0.1	212	0.1
15	Base metal and articles of base metal	26.661	9.5	35.520	11.4
16	Machinery,appliances and electric materials	35.716	12.8	49.016	15.8
17	Transport means	23.967	8.6	23.882	7.7
18	Optical,medical,potog. musical instr.	2.451	0.9	2.144	0.7
19	Arms and ammunition	179	0.1	69	0.0
20	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	9.115	3.3	10.627	3.4
21	Works of art	202	0.1	214	0.1

Table 6: Exports by countries

Country	May -2017		May -2018	
	Vlere	%	Vlere	%
Export (FOB)				
Total	33.492	100.0	32.807	100.0
28 EU countries	7.450	22.2	11.294	34.4
Austria	357	1.1	3.350	10.2
Belgium	90	0.3	180	0.5
Great Britain	1.231	3.7	1.245	3.8
Denmark	99	0.3	178	0.5
France	216	0.6	52	0.2
Germany	1.961	5.9	1.478	4.5
Greece	34	0.1	60	0.2
Netherland	938	2.8	1.107	3.4
Hungary	26	0.1	30	0.1
Ireland	:	:	:	:
Italy	499	1.5	541	1.6
Luxembourg	43	0.1	30	0.1
Poland	173	0.5	105	0.3
Czech Republic	29	0.1	13	0.0
Slovakia	76	0.2	23	0.1
Slovenia	90	0.3	1.273	3.9
Spain	42	0.1	46	0.1
Sweden	222	0.7	184	0.6
Romania	155	0.5	153	0.5
Bulgaria	885	2.6	970	3.0
Croatia	285	0.9	274	0.8
Other of EU	:	:	:	:
Cefta	16.673	49.8	17.540	53.5
Albania	6.033	18.0	6.066	18.5
Macedonia	4.463	13.3	4.002	12.2
Montenegro	1.900	5.7	2.618	8.0
Serbia	3.685	11.0	3.982	12.1
Bosnja dhe Hercegovina	592	1.8	872	2.7
Moldavia	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.0
EFTA	1.570	4.7	2.557	7.8
Switzerland	1.527	4.6	2.557	7.8
Icelanda	:	:	:	:
Norway	43	0.1	:	:
Liechtensten	:	:	:	:
Other countries of evropiar	542	1.6	771	2.4
Turkey	541	1.6	769	2.3
Ukraina	0	0.0	2	0.0
Other countries non eurpoi	178	0.5	189	0.6
USA	172	0.5	160	0.5
Canada	6	0.0	3	0.0
Brazili	0.0	:	11	0.0
Mexico	0.0	:	15	0.0
Other countries of Asia	6.268	18.7	87	0.3
Japonia	26	0.1	19	0.1
China	799	2.4	40	:
India	5.443	16.3	28	:
Other	811	2.4	370	1.1

Table 7: Imports by countries

(000 €)

Country	May -2017		May -2018	
	Vlere	%	Vlere	%
Import (CIF)				
Total	279,205	100.0	310,625	100.0
28 EU countries	117,871	42.2	133,266	42.9
Austria	4,845	1.7	5,048	1.6
Belgium	778	0.3	1,207	0.4
Great Britain	2,180	0.8	2,711	0.9
Denmark	686	0.2	437	0.1
France	4,852	1.7	3,609	1.2
Germany	33,360	11.9	39,337	12.7
Greece	16,319	5.8	7,842	2.5
Netherland	1,803	0.6	1,825	0.6
Hungary	2,864	1.0	2,631	0.8
Ireland	235	0.1	359	0.1
Italy	16,935	6.1	26,001	8.4
Luxembourg	63	0.0	90	0.0
Poland	6,989	2.5	6,748	2.2
Czech Republic	2,127	0.8	2,775	0.9
Slovakia	1,558	0.6	2,994	1.0
Slovenia	5,157	1.8	6,026	1.9
Spain	2,979	1.1	9,001	2.9
Sweden	1,055	0.4	770	0.2
Romania	3,071	1.1	3,211	1.0
Bulgaria	5,297	1.9	4,846	1.6
Croatia	4,121	1.5	5,071	1.6
Other of EU	595	0.2	728	0.2
Cefta	75,088	26.9	85,513	27.5
Albania	14,241	5.1	20,211	6.5
Macedonia	15,132	5.4	15,589	5.0
Montenegro	1,243	0.4	1,275	0.4
Serbia	38,188	13.7	39,281	12.6
Bosnja dhe Hercegovina	6,265	2.2	9,115	2.9
Moldavia	19	0.0	43	0.0
EFTA	1,907	0.7	3,061	1.0
Switzerland	1,686	0.6	2,943	0.9
Icelanda	1	:	1	0.0
Norway	178	0.1	52	0.0
Liechtensten	42	0.0	64	0.0
Other countries of evropiar	31,789	11.4	34,475	11.1
Turkey	30,979	11.1	32,413	10.4
Ukraina	811	0.3	2,062	0.7
Other countries non eurpoi	6,515	2.3	6,362	2.0
USA	2,210	0.8	1,962	0.6
Canada	219	0.1	212	0.1
Brazili	3,454	1.2	3,985	1.3
Mexico	632	0.2	203	0.1
Other countries of Asia	29,985	10.7	30,938	10.0
Japonia	988	0.4	949	0.3
China	26,557	9.5	27,702	8.9
India	2,440	0.9	2,287	0.7
Other	16,049	5.7	17,010	5.5

Kosovo Agency of Statistics

short description

Kosovo Agency of Statistics is a professional institution which deals with collection, processing and publication of official statistical data. As such acts since 1948 and has passed through several historical stages, structured according to state regulation of those times.

On 2 August 1999, the Agency has resumed his professional work (after nine years of interruption of all statistical series detrimental to the interest of Kosovo), as an independent institution under the Ministry of Public Administration. Since 12.12.2011 the Agency operates in the frames of the Prime Minister's Office. Office is funded by the Kosovo Consolidated Budget, but also by donors for specific projects and for technical professional support.

Kosovo Agency of Statistics acts according to the Law No. 04/L-036 which entered into force on 12.12.2011. The Programme of Official Statistics 2013/2017 is currently implemented for the development of the statistical system in correlation with European Union Statistics (EUROSTAT).

Kosovo Agency of Statistics has this organizational structure: **Departments for statistical production;** (Department of Economic Statistics and National Accounts, Department of Agriculture and Environment Statistics and Department of Social statistics. **Support Departments;** Department of Methodology and Information Technology, Department for Policy Planning, Coordination and Communication, Department of Census and Surveys and Department of Administration. **Within the Agency also operate; Regional Offices;** Gjakove, Gjilan, Mitrovica, Peja, Prizren, Prishtina and Ferizaj

Number of employees and budget are still limited. In KAS are employed in total 143 workers, of whom 98 (68,58 %) at the headquarters of the Agency, while in the Regional Offices, 45 (31,5%). Agency's educational qualifying structure is as follows: 61,7% with university education, 15,4% with secondary but not tertiary education, and 17,5% with secondary education.

We have professional and technical cooperation with all Ministries of the Government of Kosovo, especially with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Central Bank of Kosovo, with international institutions, EUROSTAT, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Sweden's SIDA, DFID, UNFPA, UNDP, UNVEF, and with the statistical institutions of the countries in the region.

Kosovo Agency of Statistics almost completely covers the territory of Kosovo, based on the statistical structure of the enumeration areas as the basic unit and sole in the country from where obtains first hand information. All surveys conducted in the field use the extension of the samples in these enumeration areas but also a statistical methodology according to international recommendations. During the collection of statistical data and reports from reporting entities are involved professionals, technicians, administrators, servants of the country offices, field enumerators from regional offices, etc.

In 2011, the project of Population Census, Households and Dwellings was successfully implemented, and in 2014 was successfully carried out the Agriculture Census. The result obtained from these censuses will have an important role in the policies for development.

The mission of the Agency; to meet the needs of users with qualitative statistical data, objective, in time and space so that users have reliable base to conduct regular analysis in the interest of planning and project development at the municipal and country level. To support government institutions, scientific institutes, research academies, businesses in order to provide proper information for decision-makers and other users in Kosovo.

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