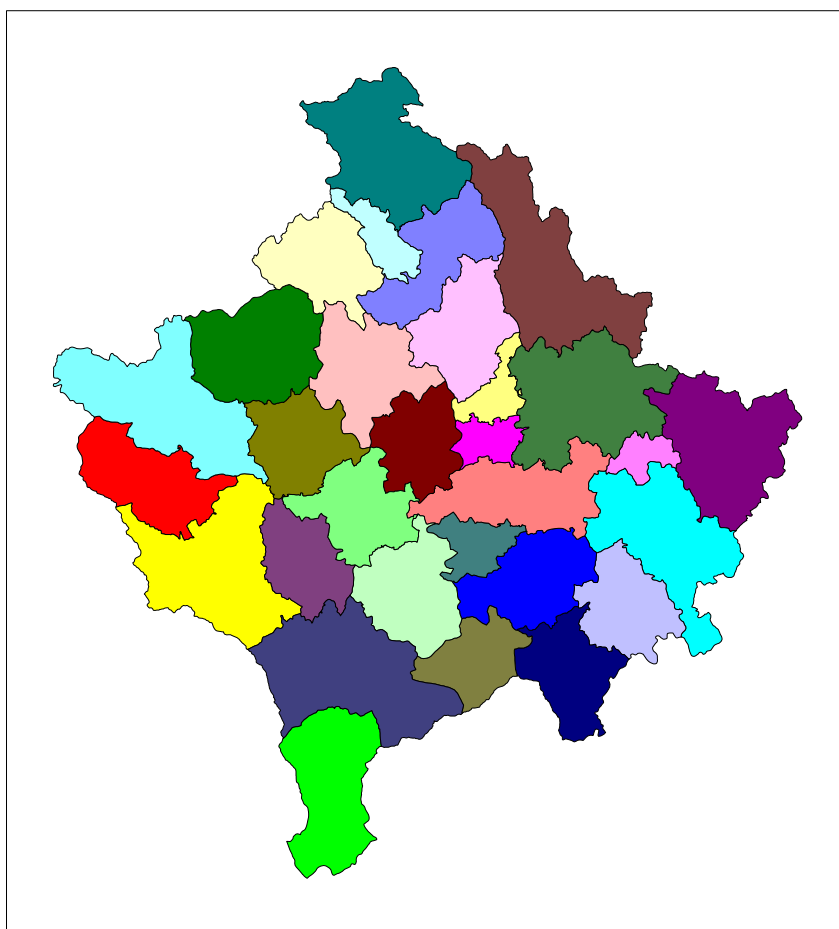




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## Foreword

Statistical Office of Kosovo from 2002 started to publish data on social welfare in Kosovo in cooperation with Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare.

In this publication are summarized all data which have to do with 2006. The source of these data is the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare respectively Social Welfare Department that offers data for beneficiary of social assistance, war invalids, data for Nursing-Home for elderly people and Shtime Institution, the data for abandonment children, and also the Department of Kosovo Pension Administration that offers data for pensioners.

This is the fourth publication of SOK for the Statistics of Social Welfare and will serve as useful referring base for all users of statistical data of Social Welfare.

These data will serve as the important data in order to get familiar with social environment in Kosovo.

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## **List of abbreviations**

SOK – Statistical Office of Kosovo

MLSW – Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare

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## 1 Notice to users

### **Pensions<sup>1</sup>**

Pensions are received by people over 65 years of age, at the rate of 40 Euros per person, received on monthly basis.

### **War Invalids<sup>2</sup>**

War invalids are classified into two categories, the invalids by category 70-100 % and by category 40-69 % of invalidity rate, along with war invalids are included their relatives who died, children under 18 years of age, spouse without children under the 18 year of age. The average of payment received by war invalids is 59.26 Euro (average taken as of December 2006).

### **Abandoned children<sup>3</sup>**

Abandoned children we consider children being abandoned by one or both parents. The number of these children is variable. Protection of abandoned children would be temporary family shelter, family reunion (biological parent) and adoption.

### **Disability Pensions<sup>4</sup>**

Disability pensions – means a financial support administered by the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare in order to provide financial support to adult persons who are permanent residents in Kosovo and who are completely and permanently disabled and incapable of any form of occupational activity.

Monthly rate – means the monthly amount of Disability Pension payable to an applicant who is qualified to receive a Disability Pension.

Designated Authority – means the Kosovo Pension Administration or such other body that the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare can authorize to make responsible for the administration of Disability Pensions.

### **Social Assistance Scheme<sup>5</sup>**

The Social Assistance Scheme offers financial support to eligible families in accordance with the criteria set forth in this Law and based resources allocated for this purpose in the Kosovo Consolidated Budget.

Beneficiary Family – is composed of those persons whose needs are considered in determining eligibility and the amount of the Social Assistance, and shall be defined as being made up of the applicant or recipient of assistance and all of the following family members, that are present in the household: his or her spouse or co-habiting partner, parents and children, including adopted, fostered, or children of the spouse. Therefore, the family can comprise of the applicant or recipient and one, two, or more family members, depending on who is present in the household. An individual with no other family member present in the household, will be considered a family for the purposes of this Law.

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<sup>1</sup>Definition on pensions is taken from: Law No. 2002/15

<sup>2</sup>Definition on war invalids is taken from: UNMIK Regulation No. 2002/15

<sup>3</sup>Definition on abandoned children is taken from: Law on Family and Family Relations, Official Gazette of Kosovo 10/84. This Law is applicable until a new Law is promulgated.

<sup>4</sup> Definition on Disability Pensions is taken from: Law No. 2003 /23

<sup>5</sup> Definition on Social Assistance Scheme is taken from: Law 2003/15

**Household** – is defined as being a group of individuals living together and sharing living costs. The household may include persons who are not members of the family for the purposes of this Law.

**Orphan** – is defined as a child both of whose parents are deceased, or who was born to a single parent who was deceased.

**Single Parent** – is defined as the parent or legal guardian of a child up to and including the age of eighteen (18), who lives with the child and is solely legally and financially responsible for the child.

**Dependant Person** – is defined as an individual who belongs to one of the following groups;

Persons who are over eighteen (18) years of age and who have permanent and severe disabilities rendering them unable to work for remuneration; persons who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older; full time care-takers of disabled persons or persons at 65 years of age or older needing full-time care, or children under the age of five (5), persons up to 14 years of age, persons between the ages of 15 and 18 who are in full-time secondary education; single parents with at least one child under the age of 15.

**Category I** – families without income – all family members are dependants and fall under the following category:

- 1.1: Persons over 65 years of age who are not working,
- 1.2: Dependant children aged 15 (14 years old and younger),
- 1.3: Children with education aged over 18, or until they finish academic year when they reach the age of 18 years,
- 1.4: Adults with permanent incapability, who are not capable to work,
- 1.5: Single parent with one child under the age of 10, and no adult person lives in the house,
- 1.6: Full-time care of the incapable person, who is over 65 years of age,
- 1.7: Family which has no more than half a hectare of land (0.5). The only exception to this is that when the family has no access to land due to minefields or any other risk. In order to be eligible for social assistance, the families have to submit a Complete Statement for not accessing the land.

**Category II – Families have to meet the following criteria:**

2: None of the family members receives a payment in remuneration to work. This means that the family will not be selected if any of the family members is employed on full time or part time basis, or any of them works on daily basis (receiving daily or hourly payment) during the month when the application is submitted.

2.1: Each family member who is capable to work should be registered and be provided with a certificate issued by the Employment Office confirming that he or she is ready to work and looking for a job.

2.2: Family should earn no income and should receive no assistance from any member working in Kosovo or outside Kosovo.

2.3: Family which has no more than half a hectare of land (0.5). The only exception to this is when the family has no access to land due to minefields or any other risk. In order to be eligible for social assistance, the families have to submit a Complete Statement for not accessing the land.

2.4: There should be in family at least one child under the age of 5 or the family should have the full time care to an orphan (this should be a child under the age of 15 whose both parents were died).

2.5: Family should not be in possession of any means of transportation (including a tractor or vehicle)

2.6: Name of the family should be in the list for food distribution assistance for the month of September 2000.

The payment rate for Social Assistance in both categories is dependent to the family of members. The amount of monthly Social Assistance to be paid to an eligible family as of December 2003 when the Law on Social Assistance entered into force is as follows:

Family with 1 person: 35€

Family with 2 persons: 50€

Family with 3 persons: 55€

Family with 4 persons: 60€

Family with 5 persons: 65€

Family with 6 persons: 70€

Family with 7 persons: 75€



**Pensioners by regions and months in 2006****Table 1:**

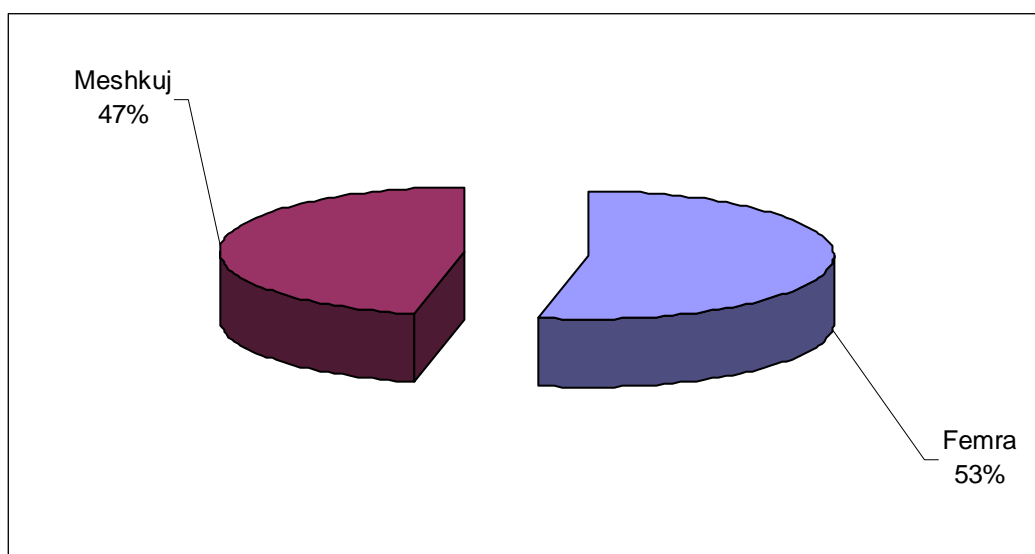
Months	Regions					Total according to the gender		Total
	Prishtinë	Gjilan	Pejë	Prizren	Mitrovicë	F	M	
January								
Registered	32.454	29.422	25.805	27.816	25.709	74.660	66.546	141.206
Paid	29.753	25.990	22.673	25.076	22.991	67.795	58.688	126.483
February								
Registered	32.703	29.589	25.984	27.931	25.917	75.128	67.083	142.124
Paid	29.702	24.388	22.701	25.106	23.314	66.996	58.128	125.211
March								
Registered	51.658	40.646	27.674	12.360	10.239	75.361	67.216	142.577
Paid	46.457	34.624	22.234	8.989	6.572	63.475	55.401	118.876
April								
Registered	33.159	29.916	26.239	28.148	26.346	75.948	67.840	143.788
Paid	29.605	21.772	21.948	18.391	16.809	58.275	50.250	108.525
May								
Registered	33.304	30.096	26.362	28.470	26.506	76.429	68.309	144.738
Paid	26.555	24.364	22.263	19.359	15.860	57.801	50.600	108.401
June								
Registered	33.629	30.395	26.613	28.652	26.884	77.140	69.033	146.173
Paid	27.850	25.114	22.683	21.242	21.221	62.804	55.306	118.110
July								
Registered	33.763	30.632	26.816	28.769	27.066	77.589	69.457	147.046
Paid	28.800	25.561	22.841	22.952	22.308	65.251	57.211	122.462
August								
Registered	34.082	30.847	27.077	29.026	27.357	78.272	70.117	148.389
Paid	29.592	25.976	23.155	24.077	23.025	67.121	58.704	125.825
September								
Registered	34.301	31.079	27.246	29.161	27.523	78.735	70.575	149.310
Paid	29.922	26.252	23.276	24.340	23.385	67.885	59.290	127.175
October								
Registered	34.495	31.278	27.442	29.322	27.720	79.181	71.076	150.257
Paid	30.218	26.397	23.388	24.514	23.586	68.375	59.728	128.103
November								
Registered	34.737	31.459	27.632	29.504	27.944	79.678	71.598	151.276
Paid	30.244	13.867	23.357	24.536	23.593	68.367	59.704	128.071
December								
Registered	34.916	31.678	27.729	29.602	28.167	80.101	71.991	152.092
Paid	30.178	26.211	23.215	24.351	23.401	68.035	59.321	127.356

From the above table we see that the number of persons registered for pensions as of December 2006 was 152.092, whereas the number of pensioners paid was 127.356.

Comparing to 2005 it appears that the number of pensioners registered in 2006 was increased by 12.282 persons or presented by percentage 8%. In 2005 there were 139.810.

**Paid pensioners and total payment in 2006****Table 2:**

Months	General number		Total	Total payment in €
	Female	Male		
January	67.795	58.688	126.483	5.318.320,00
February	67.083	58.128	125.211	5.120.840,00
March	63.475	55.401	118.876	4.896.760,00
April	58.275	50.250	108.525	4.576.470,00
May	57.801	50.600	108.401	4.872.240,00
June	62.804	55.306	118.110	5.442.760,00
July	65.251	57.211	122.462	5.399.480,00
August	67.121	58.704	125.825	5.476.000,00
September	67.885	59.290	127.175	5.321.160,00
October	68.375	59.728	128.103	5.293.600,00
November	68.367	59.704	128.071	5.168.440,00
December	68.035	59.321	127.356	5.098.720,00

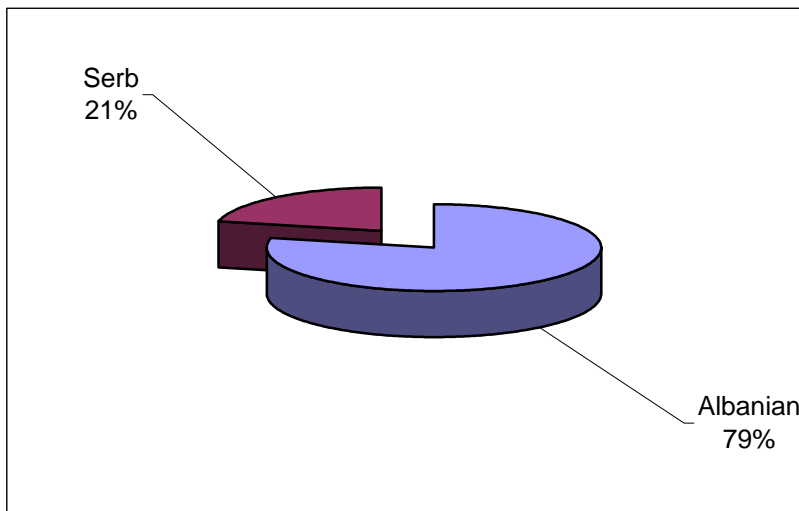
**Figure 1: Structure of pensioners presented by percentage according to the age**

The biggest number of paid pensioners belongs to female gender with 68.035 or presented by percentage 53%, whereas the smallest number belong to male gender with 59.321 or 47%. In 2005 the number of paid pensioners of female gender was 67.036, whereas the number of male was 57.857.

Comparing to 2005 it appears that in 2006 we have the number of female applicants increased by 999 or 1,5% and the number of male applicants increased by 1.464 or 2,5%.

**Paid pensioners by the language of applicants in 2006****Table 3:**

Months	Albanian		Serb		Total	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
January	53.370	46.862	14.425	11.826	67.795	58.688
February	52.711	46.367	14.372	11.761	67.083	58.128
March	49.289	43.756	14.186	11.645	63.475	55.401
April	47.646	41.943	10.629	8.307	58.275	50.250
May	46.527	41.608	11.274	8.992	57.801	50.600
June	49.257	44.199	13.547	11.107	62.804	55.306
July	51.099	45.560	14.154	11.651	65.253	57.211
August	52.466	46.645	14.655	12.059	67.121	58.704
September	53.030	47.096	14.855	12.194	67.885	59.290
October	53.327	47.356	15.048	12.372	68.375	59.728
November	53.319	47.340	15.048	12.364	68.367	59.704
December	53.048	47.031	14.987	12.290	68.035	59.321

**Figure 2: Percentage of paid pensioners by the language of applicants in 2006**

The table and figure above show that the biggest number of paid pensioners are Albanians with 100.079 or 79 % (in this percentage are included also other minorities, excluding Serb minorities) and 27.277 or 21 % are Serbs.

Comparing to 2005 it appears that in 2006 we have an increased number of paid Albanian pensioners by 899 or 0.9 %, as well the number of paid Serb pensioners was increased by 1.564 or 5,7%. In 2005 we had 99.180 paid Albanian pensioners and 25.713 paid Serb pensioners.

**War invalids and their relatives registered and paid by months and regions in 2006****Table 4:**

Months	Regions					Total
	Prishtinë	Gjilan	Pejë	Prizren	Mitrovicë	
January						
Registered	2.572	820	2.332	1.829	2.081	9.634
Paid	1.871	582	1.816	1.469	1.588	7.326
February						
Registered	2.583	820	2.344	1.836	2.083	9.666
Paid	1.876	584	1.832	1.477	1.592	7.361
March						
Registered	2.598	824	2.357	1.846	2.095	9.720
Paid	1.886	566	1.837	1.240	1.596	7.125
April						
Registered	2.621	828	2.371	1.862	2.095	9.777
Paid	1.907	586	1.843	1.484	1.592	7.412
May						
Registered	2.631	828	2.375	1.868	2.098	9.800
Paid	1.911	587	1.844	1.487	1.593	7.422
June						
Registered	2.649	828	2.389	1.874	2.106	9.846
Paid	1.925	587	1.855	1.492	1.597	7.456
July						
Registered	2.664	831	2.394	1.880	2.113	9.882
Paid	1.939	591	1.857	1.497	1.601	7.485
August						
Registered	2.665	831	2.394	1.880	2.113	9.883
Paid	1.937	589	1.854	1.494	1.600	7.474
September						
Registered	2.673	834	2.400	1.887	2.116	9.910
Paid	1.940	590	1.860	1.498	1.603	7.491
October						
Registered	2.682	836	2.412	1.890	2.118	9.938
Paid	1.862	589	1.855	1.444	1.560	7.310
November						
Registered	2.703	839	2.436	1.898	2.119	9.995
Paid	1.942	591	1.868	1.491	1.577	7.469
December						
Registered	2.721	842	2.456	1.904	2.125	10.048
Paid	1.962	594	1.888	1.495	1.589	7.528

Based on situation in December 2006, it appears that the number of registered invalids is 10.048, whereas the number of paid invalids is 7.528. In 2005 there were 9.574 registered invalids and 7.286 paid invalids. Comparing to 2005, it appears that in 2006 we have an increasing number of registered invalids by 474 persons or 4,7 %.

The biggest number of war invalids was registered in Prishtina region around 2.721 persons, whereas the smallest number was registered in Gjilan region around 842 persons.

It is worth to mention that from total 7.528 paid invalids, from them 1.460 are war invalids, 1.408 are war civil victims and 4.660 are relatives of murdered persons during the war.

**War invalids and their relatives registered by months in 2006****Table 5:**

Months	Age							Total
	<18	18 - 25	26 - 35	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	65>	
January								
Registered	148	494	1.844	2.302	1.957	1.588	1.301	9.634
Paid	110	317	1.340	1.904	1.574	1.146	935	7.326
February								
Registered	151	494	1.849	2.316	1.961	1.591	1.304	9.666
Paid	112	316	1.351	1.917	1.577	1.149	939	7.361
March								
Registered	152	499	1.868	2.330	1.968	1.597	1.306	9.720
Paid	105	313	1.306	1.860	1.521	1.109	911	7.125
April								
Registered	155	504	1.881	2.339	1.977	1.604	1.317	9.777
Paid	115	322	1.361	1.929	1.589	1.155	941	7.412
May								
Registered	156	506	1.885	2.345	1.982	1.608	1.318	9.800
Paid	116	324	1.361	1.936	1.591	1.156	938	7.422
June								
Registered	158	508	1.896	2.358	1.991	1.614	1.321	9.846
Paid	117	325	1.372	1.945	1.597	1.161	939	7.456
July								
Registered	159	510	1.908	2.366	1.999	1.617	1.323	9.882
Paid	118	325	1.381	1.955	1.604	1.162	940	7.485
August								
Registered	159	510	1.908	2.367	1.999	1.617	1.323	9.883
Paid	118	325	1.379	1.955	1.603	1.160	934	7.474
September								
Registered	159	514	1.916	2.372	2.004	1.618	1.327	9.910
Paid	119	328	1.385	1.958	1.605	1.159	937	7.491
October								
Registered	160	516	1.927	2.379	2.008	1.619	1.329	9.938
Paid	115	326	1.371	1.937	1.569	1.106	886	7.310
November								
Registered	164	518	1.946	2.388	2.020	1.624	1.335	9.995
Paid	120	328	1.398	1.963	1.610	1.144	906	7.469
December								
Registered	139	440	1.854	2.389	2.119	1.665	1.442	10.048
Paid	102	286	1.299	1.968	1.691	1.201	981	7.528

From the above table we notice that the biggest number of war invalids belongs to the age group 36-45 with about 2.389 persons whereas the smallest number is under the age of 18 with about 139.

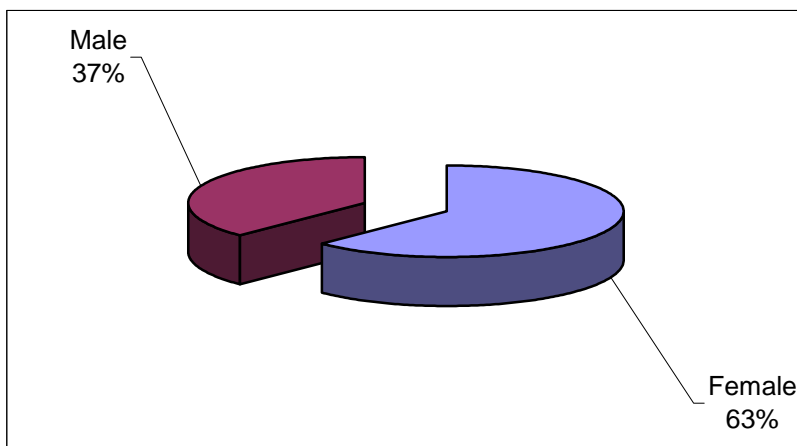
**War invalids by the language of the applicants in 2006****Table 6:**

Months	Albanian		Serb		Total		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	
January	4.608	2.692	19	7	4.627	2.699	7.326
February	4.626	2.709	19	7	4.645	2.716	7.361
March	4.490	2.612	17	6	4.507	2.618	7.125
April	4.651	2.735	19	7	4.670	2.742	7.412
May	4.656	2.740	19	7	4.675	2.747	7.422
June	4.673	2.757	19	7	4.692	2.764	7.456
July	4.680	2.779	19	7	4.699	2.786	7.485
August	4.674	2.774	19	7	4.693	2.781	7.474
September	4.683	2.782	19	7	4.702	2.789	7.491
October	4.518	2.766	18	8	4.536	2.774	7.310
November	4.652	2.791	18	8	4.670	2.799	7.469
December	4.696	2.805	19	8	4.715	2.813	7.528

The biggest number of paid invalids are Albanians with about 7.501 persons, whilst about 27 persons are Serbs. In 2005 this number was 7.261 Albanians and 25 Serbs. It is appearing that in 2006 we have increasing number of Albanian paid invalids with 240 persons or 3,1% whilst number of Serbs was increased for 2 persons or 7,4 %.

**War invalids by gender and total payment by months in 2006****Table 7:**

Months	Number of registered			Total payment in €
	Female	Male	Total	
Janary	4.627	2.699	7.326	436.634,25
February	4.645	2.716	7.361	432.172,25
March	4.507	2.618	7.125	419.796,50
April	4.670	2.742	7.412	453.350,25
May	4.675	2.747	7.422	445.300,50
June	4.692	2.764	7.456	450.445,50
July	4.699	2.786	7.485	453.479,50
August	4.693	2.781	7.474	452.537,50
September	4.702	2.789	7.491	449.417,00
October	4.536	2.774	7.310	436.795,00
November	4.670	2.799	7.469	457.219,00
December	4.715	2.813	7.528	446.115,00

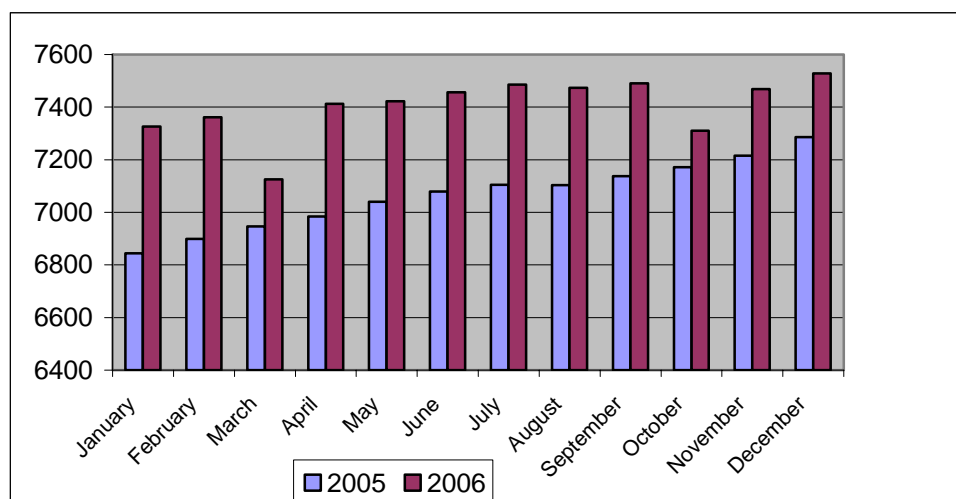
**Figure 3: Percentage of war invalids by gender**

From the above table and figure we see that the biggest number of war invalids is consisted of female gender about 4.715 or 63% whilst the smallest number is comprises of male gender, about 2.813 or 37%. In 2005 there were 4.602 female and about 2.684 male. This shows that in 2006 we have an increased number of invalids belonging to female gender by 113 or 2,4%, whereas the number of male gender was increased for about 129 or 4,6%.

**War invalids by months in 2005/2006****Table 8:**

Months	Number of paid invalids	
	Years	
	2005	2006
January	6.844	7.326
February	6.899	7.361
March	6.946	7.125
April	6.984	7.412
May	7.040	7.422
June	7.079	7.456
July	7.105	7.485
August	7.103	7.474
September	7.138	7.491
October	7.172	7.310
November	7.216	7.469
December	7.286	7.528

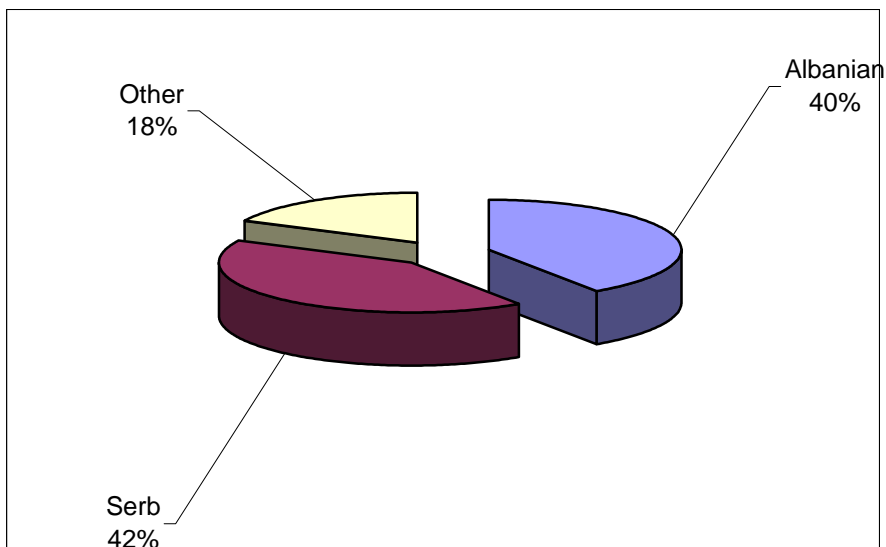
From the above table it appears that in 2005 there were totally 7.286 paid invalids whilst in 2006 there were 7.528. Comparing with 2005 it appears that in 2006 the number of paid invalids was increased for 242 persons or presented in percentage 3,2%.

**Figure 4: War invalids by months – differences in the years 2005/2006**



**Persons with special needs accommodated in Shtime Institution in 2006****Table 9:**

Months	Albanians	Serbs	Other <sup>6</sup>	Total
January	78	79	37	194
February	77	77	37	191
March	78	77	37	192
April	78	77	37	192
May	78	76	37	191
June	80	75	37	192
July	80	75	37	192
August	80	75	37	192
September	55	58	24	137
October	54	58	24	136
November	54	58	24	136
December	55	57	24	136

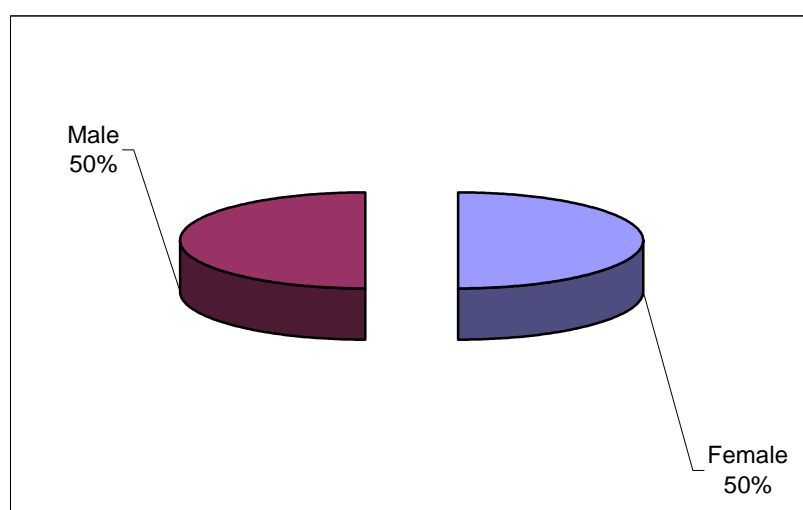
**Figure 5: Percentage for persons with special needs accommodated in Special Institution of Shtime**

In this institution are accommodated about 136 persons, out of which 55 or 40% are Albanians, 57 or 42% are Serbs and 24 or 18% belong to other ethnicities. In January 2006, there were about 194 persons accommodated in this institution. This shows that during the period of January – December we have a decreasing number of these persons by 58 persons or 29,8%. This falling was due to a number of persons that were accommodated in this institution, about 55 of them moved under the responsibility of Ministry of Health. During 2006 8 persons died and, 1 child from Gjilan was transferred to family shelter. Also in this institution during the period of January – December 6 new clients were accommodated.

<sup>6</sup> In "Other" are included different ethnic groups such as: Turks, Muslims, Bosnians, Egyptians, Ashkali, Roma and Croatians.

**Gender structure of persons with special needs accommodated in Special Institution of Shtime****Table 10:**

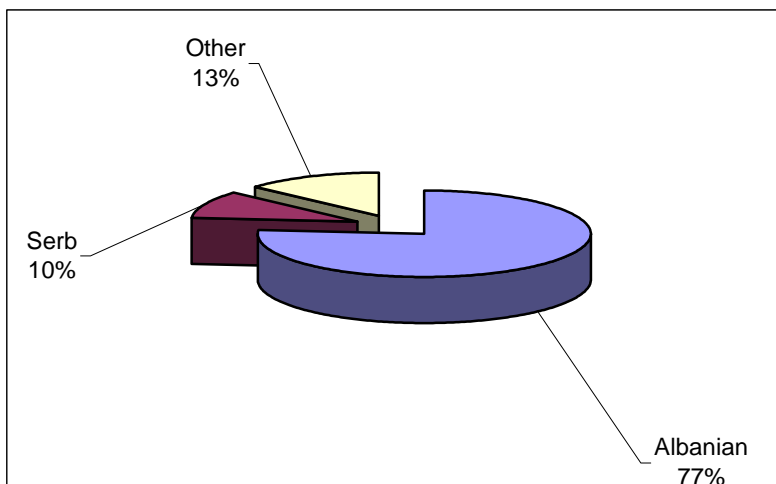
Months	Female	Male	Total
January	92	102	194
February	90	101	191
March	91	101	192
April	91	101	192
May	91	100	191
June	92	100	192
July	92	100	192
August	92	100	192
September	68	69	137
October	68	68	136
November	68	68	136
December	68	68	136

**Figure 6: Gender percentage of persons with special needs accommodated in Special Institution of Shtime**

From the above table and figure we see that 68 persons belong to female gender or 50%. This number belongs also to the male gender 68 or 50%. It means that we have the same percentage from the gender aspect.

**Persons accommodated in Nursing–Home in Prishtina by months in 2006****Table 11:**

Months	Albanians	Serbs	Other <sup>7</sup>	Total
January	98	14	13	125
February	97	14	13	124
March	94	14	13	121
April	95	14	13	122
May	95	14	14	123
June	94	14	14	122
July	95	14	14	123
August	90	12	13	115
September	83	12	13	108
October	85	11	14	110
November	81	11	14	106
December	81	11	14	106

**Figure 7: Ethnic structure accommodated in the Nursing-Home in Prishtina**

Based on December situation in 2006 in Nursing-Home in Prishtina, around 106 persons were accommodated, from which 81 or 77% are Albanians, 11 or 10% are Serbs and 14 or 13% are other ethnicity groups. In 2005 in this institution were accommodated about 124 persons. Comparing to 2005, the number of persons accommodated in this institution in 2006 was decreased by 18 persons or 14,5 %. It is worth to mention that this number was decreased because during 2006 these 18 persons moved under the responsibility of Ministry of Health.

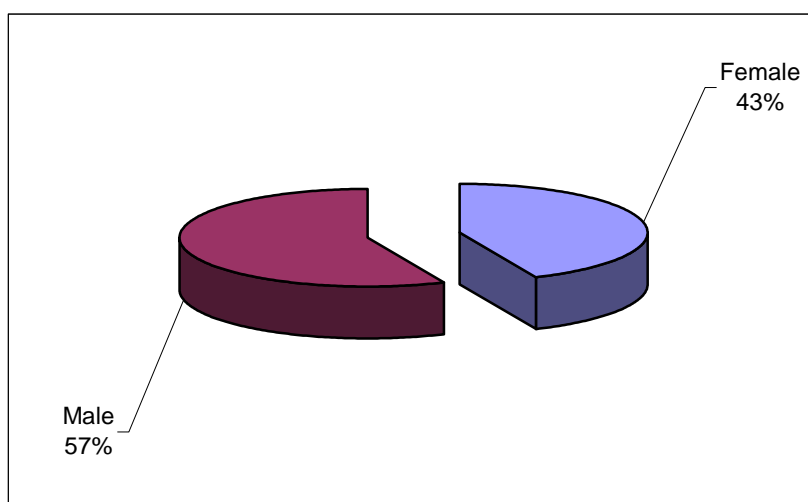
<sup>7</sup> In "Other" are included different ethnic groups such as: Turks, Muslims, Bosnians, Egyptians, Ashkali, Roma and Croatians.

**Gender structure of persons accommodated in Nursing-Home in Prishtina**

**Table 12:**

Months	Female	Male	Total
January	59	66	125
February	57	67	124
March	55	66	121
April	55	67	122
May	57	66	123
June	57	65	122
July	57	66	123
August	51	64	115
September	48	60	108
October	46	64	110
November	46	60	106
December	46	60	106

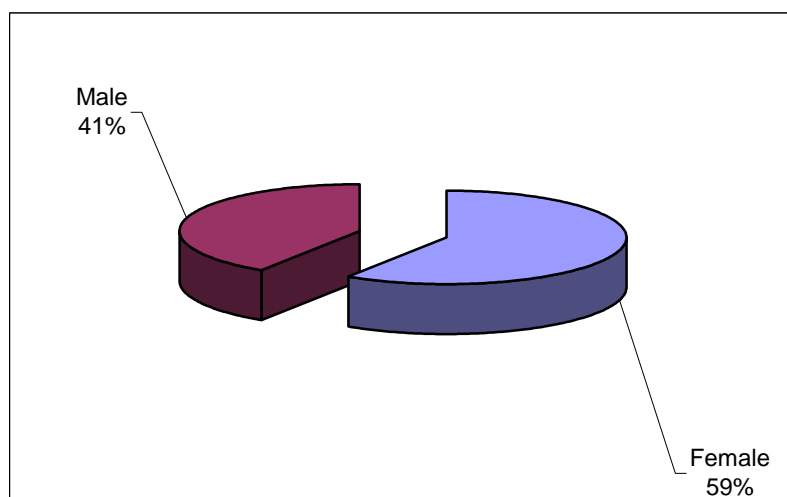
**Figure 8: Gender percentage of persons accommodated in Nursing-Home in Prishtina**



From the above table and figure it appears that male persons comprise the biggest number of people accommodated in this institution, about 60 persons or 57%, whilst female persons comprise about 46 or 43% of the total number.

**Abandoned children by gender and months in 2006****Table 13:**

Months	Gender structure		Total
	Female	Male	
January	3	0	3
February	4	5	9
March	4	4	8
April	4	2	6
May	7	2	9
June	1	5	6
July	3	4	7
August	5	0	5
September	3	0	3
October	3	3	6
November	2	1	3
December	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>66</b>

**Figure 9: Percentage of abandoned children by gender in 2006**

In the period during January–December 2006, totally there were 66 abandoned children, from them 39 or 59% of female gender and 27 or 41% of male gender. In 2005 the number of abandoned children was 90. Comparing to 2005 it appears that in 2006 the number of abandoned children is smaller for 24 or 26,7%.

**Families and family members benefiting from social assistance by months in 2005/ 2006****Table 14:**

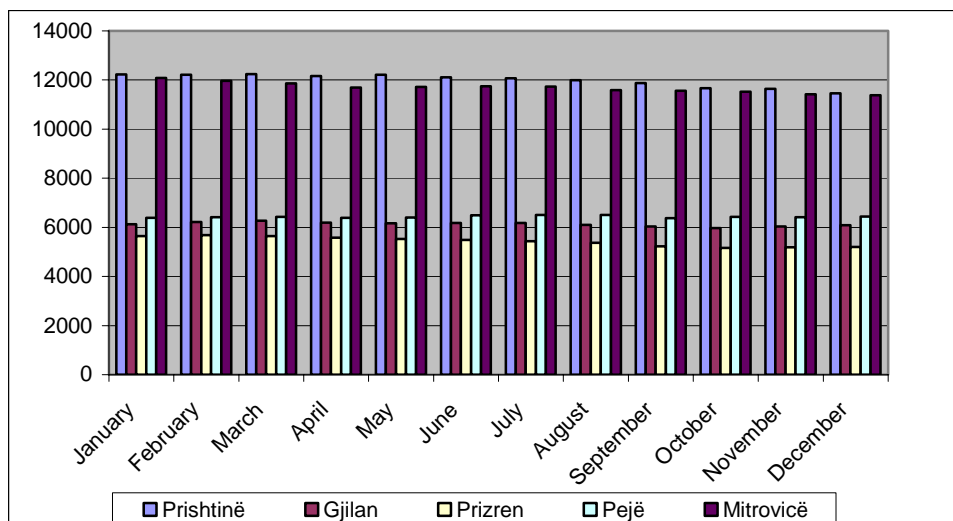
Months	Number of families		Number of family members	
	Years		Years	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
January	44.354	42.468	182.970	180.211
February	43.481	42.503	180.803	180.401
March	43.600	42.447	181.524	180.734
April	43.728	42.003	182.012	179.000
May	43.655	42.024	182.386	179.326
June	43.088	42.026	180.746	179.326
July	42.870	41.935	180.613	179.359
August	42.359	41.566	178.350	178.087
September	41.991	41.083	176.630	176.007
October	41.805	40.745	175.948	174.646
November	41.767	40.701	177.047	174.555
December	42.052	40.569	178.121	174.131

From the above table we can see that in 2005 from social assistance have benefited around 42.052 families with about 178.121 members, whereas in 2006 from the social assistance have benefited around 40.569 families with about 174.131 members. Comparing to 2005 it appears that in 2006 the number of families benefiting from social assistance was decreased by 1.483 or 3.5%. This decreasing number of benefiting social assistance has not come because of improvement of social assistance conditions in Kosovo but because of strict controls undertaken by MLSW related to criteria that should be fulfilled by families in order to benefit from social assistance.

**Families that received social assistance by months and regions in 2006****Table 15:**

Months	Regions					Total
	Prishtinë	Gjilan	Prizren	Pejë	Mitrovicë	
January	12.233	6.130	5.640	6.386	12.079	42.468
February	12.216	6.224	5.682	6.414	11.967	42.503
March	12.244	6.272	5.647	6.420	11.864	42.447
April	12.163	6.189	5.579	6.384	11.688	42.003
May	12.220	6.167	5.524	6.396	11.717	42.024
June	12.111	6.185	5.490	6.498	11.742	42.026
July	12.069	6.185	5.441	6.508	11.732	41.935
August	11.998	6.100	5.376	6.505	11.587	41.566
September	11.873	6.039	5.231	6.380	11.560	41.083
October	11.668	5.967	5.157	6.428	11.525	40.745
November	11.644	6.036	5.182	6.417	11.422	40.701
December	11.457	6.092	5.199	6.445	11.376	40.569

Table above shows that in December 2006 from the social assistance have benefited around 40.569 families. The biggest number of families benefiting from social assistance is in Prishtina region with about 11.457 families. These data we can present also by figure as follows:

**Figure 10: Number of families receiving social assistance by months and regions\**

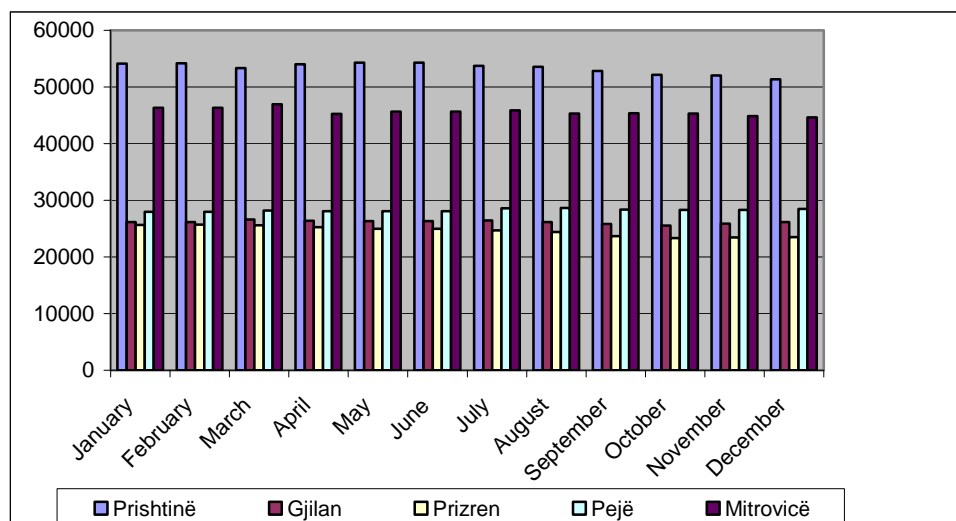
## Family members that benefited from social assistance by regions and months in 2006

Table 16:

Months	Regions					Total
	Prishtinë	Gjilan	Prizren	Pejë	Mitrovicë	
January	54.122	26.146	25.652	27.967	46.324	180.211
February	54.192	26.186	25.692	27.988	46.343	180.401
March	53.355	26.637	25.607	28.205	46.930	180.734
April	54.036	26.399	25.232	28.074	45.259	179.000
May	54.316	26.345	24.967	28.067	45.631	179.326
June	54.308	26.345	24.967	28.067	45.639	179.326
July	53.756	26.455	24.680	28.610	45.858	179.359
August	53.564	26.162	24.405	28.624	45.332	178.087
September	52.843	25.794	23.654	28.365	45.351	176.007
October	52.164	25.515	23.328	28.309	45.330	174.646
November	52.052	25.888	23.462	28.317	44.836	174.555
December	51.337	26.178	23.523	28.472	44.621	174.131

Table above shows that in 2006 from social assistance have benefited around 174.131 members. These data we can present also through figure as follows:

**Figure 11: Number of family members that benefited from social assistance by regions and months**



In 2005 the number of family members that benefited from social assistance by regions and months was 178.121. Comparing to 2005 it appears that in 2006 there is a decreasing number of members benefiting from social assistance by 3.990 or 2,2 %.



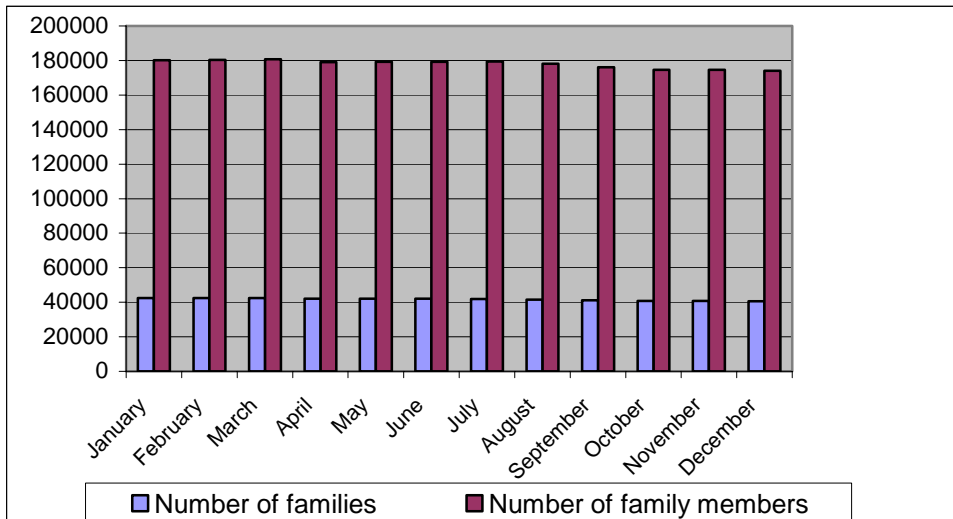
**Families and family members that benefited from social assistance by months in 2006**

**Table 17:**

Months	Number of families	Number of family members
January	42.468	180.211
February	42.503	180.401
March	42.447	180.734
April	42.003	179.000
May	42.024	179.326
June	42.026	179.326
July	41.935	179.359
August	41.566	178.087
September	41.083	176.007
October	40.745	174.646
November	40.701	174.555
December	40.569	174.131

The above table reflects the number of families and family members benefited social assistance in 2006. The total number of families receiving social assistance in December 2006 was 40.569 families, from them benefited 174.131 members.

**Figure 12: Number of families and family members that benefited from social assistance by months in 2006**



**Families and family members benefited from social assistance by regions and months in 2006****Table 18:****Prishtinë**

Months	Families	Family members	Amount in €
January	12.233	54.122	760.659,00
February	12.216	54.192	757.452,00
March	12.244	53.355	756.126,00
April	12.163	54.036	755.818,00
May	12.220	54.316	760.089,00
June	12.111	54.308	760.795,00
July	12.069	53.756	743.136,00
August	11.998	53.564	740.641,00
September	11.873	52.843	733.754,00
October	11.668	52.164	720.069,00
November	11.644	52.052	720.002,00
December	11.457	51.337	709.596,00

**Gjilan**

Months	Families	Family members	Amount in €
January	6.130	26.146	374.305,00
February	6.224	26.186	380.111,00
March	6.272	26.637	384.458,00
April	6.189	26.399	379.098,00
May	6.167	26.345	377.423,00
June	6.185	26.345	377.378,00
July	6.185	26.455	378.173,00
August	6.100	26.162	373.543,00
September	6.039	25.794	368.692,00
October	5.967	25.515	366.626,00
November	6.036	25.888	371.461,00
December	6.092	26.178	374.151,00

## Pejë

Months	Families	Family members	Amount in €
January	6.386	27.967	395.068,00
February	6.414	27.988	392.851,00
March	6.420	28.205	393.058,00
April	6.384	28.074	390.258,00
May	6.396	28.067	392.812,00
June	6.498	28.067	393.285,00
July	6.508	28.610	400.672,00
August	6.505	28.624	399.430,00
September	6.380	28.365	392.357,00
October	6.428	28.309	394.644,00
November	6.417	28.317	394.296,00
December	6.445	28.472	395.259,00

## Prizren

Months	Families	Family members	Amount in €
January	5.640	25.652	351.547,00
February	5.682	25.692	348.041,00
March	5.647	25.607	349.485,00
April	5.579	25.232	345.451,00
May	5.524	24.967	341.694,00
June	5.490	24.967	339.834,00
July	5.441	24.680	337.115,00
August	5.376	24.405	332.871,00
September	5.231	23.654	324.126,00
October	5.157	23.328	318.462,00
November	5.182	23.462	320.836,00
December	5.199	23.523	321.603,00

## Mitrovicë

Months	Families	Family members	Amount in €
January	12.079	46.324	701.581,00
February	11.967	46.343	698.703,00
March	11.864	46.930	692.820,00
April	11.688	45.259	678.185,00
May	11.717	45.631	683.564,00
June	11.742	45.639	684.190,00
July	11.732	45.858	683.293,00
August	11.587	45.332	675.823,00
September	11.560	45.351	674.179,00
October	11.525	45.330	670.977,00
November	11.422	44.386	667.220,00
December	11.376	44.621	663.335,00

Through the above tables it is presented the number of families and family members benefited from social assistance and the funds payable for each region separately.

**Annual amount of money spent for the payment of social assistance, pensioners and war invalids for 2005 / 2006**

**Table 19:**

Years	Social assistance	Pensioner	War invalids
2005	31.064.949,00	59.313.333,00	4.960.961,75
2006	30.362.481,00	61.984.790,00	5.333.259,00

The above table shows that in 2006 funds payable for social assistance were 30.362.481,00 €, being paid for pensioners 61.984.790,00 €, and 5.333.259,00 € paid for war invalids. From this we see that in 2006 the budget was decreased for social assistance for 702.468,00 € or presented in percentage 2,2%, whereas the budget for pensioners increased for 2.671.457,00 € or 4,3%, and also the budget for war invalids increased for 372.298,00 € or 6,9%.

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