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List of abbreviations and symbols

KAS -	Kosovo Agency of Statistics
RAE -	Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities
MIA -	Ministry of Internal Affairs
IOM –	International Organization for Migration
UNHCR -	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
EUROSTAT -	Statistical Office of the European Union
EFTA -	European Free Trade Association
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F o r e w o r d

The estimation of Kosovo population is intended to provide an accurate statistical estimate of the population which is necessary, practically and standardly required annually by the institutions of official statistics of a country.

This is due to the fact that in the period between two Censuses (ten years) there are significant changes in the population of a country, municipality or settlement and population estimation is more than necessary for issuing significant socio-economic indicators. The Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS) will continue to estimate, each year, the number of population at the country and municipal level. Annual statistical data on the population are fundamental for studying and determining a wide range of analysis. Especially their relation and special importance to social and economic issues at certain municipal, national and regional level.

Population statistics are a significant denominator and indicator for decision-makers, analysts, researchers, and various data users. Population data is the key component for national account estimates, employment, and other socio-economic issues. Therefore, for all data users, these are the latest official data estimated for the number of Kosovo's population at municipal level for 2015.

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INTRODUCTION

For data users

This report includes changes in the number of population (natural increase and migration) during the period 01 January to 31 December 2015 in the territory of Kosovo.

Basis for the estimation of population

In preparing this estimation, KAS applied methods of population estimation that are applied by statistical institutions by utilizing various resources. The database to estimate the population number for 2015 is the estimated number of resident population in Kosovo at the end of 2014.

Methodological overview

To estimate the number of resident population at the national/municipal level, the population is affected by Fertility, Mortality and Migration. (FMM).

Population rating: basic population + fertility rate - mortality ± external/internal migration.

The estimated final data on the number of population at municipality level are calculated according to the following procedures:

$$P_n + (N-M) + (I-E)$$

P_n - Number of inhabitants estimated for the given year (2014)

N - Number of Live Births (Natality), 01 January to 31 December, 2015

M - Number of deaths (Mortality), 01 January to 31 December, 2015

I - Immigration, 01 January to 31 December, 2015

E - Emigration, 01 January to 31 December, 2015

Data sources

Various statistical sources have been used, such as the Estimation of 2014, the 2011 Census Database, the databases of the Birth and Death Statistics (KAS), the administrative data (various KAS databases) data from Kosovo Municipalities, Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), International Organization for Migration (IOM Kosovo Office), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR Kosovo Office), database of EUROSTAT, statistical offices and those of migration from some states where Kosovo emigration was most pronounced.

Other administrative data were also used by local institutions, surveys, reports and other research.

These data were analyzed according to statistical methods, serving as important statistics instruments and records for estimating population numbers at country and municipality level.

Basic population

According to "Population Estimates for 2014", the number of resident population in Kosovo was 1,804,944 resident.

Natural increase: The population of Kosovo during 2014 has increased for 22,232 inhabitants.

Births: According to data from the KAS database, the number of births (registered) for 2015 was 31,433 live births, of which the permanent residence of the mother in Kosovo (resident) totaled 31,116 births. This number of births will be taken as a basis for estimating the resident population in Kosovo.

Deaths: Based on the data from the KAS database, the number of deaths (recorded) for 2015 was a total of 8,958 deaths, of them with resident settlement in Kosovo were 8,884 deaths. This number of deaths will be taken as a basis for estimating the resident population in Kosovo.

Migration

International immigration: According to data from the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), municipality, UNHCR, IOM and data from some municipalities, the number of returnees in Kosovo in 2015 was 18,862 inhabitants. This number includes returnees/resettled, number of asylum seekers of Kosovo, as well as residence permits more than one (1) year from citizens of other countries.

International emigration: The number of Kosovar emigrants during 2015 is estimated to be 74,434 inhabitants. This number includes all legal and illegal emigrants. The main part of the emigrants for 2015 was the called *illegal* emigrants who applied for asylum (first-time applicants) in EU countries including the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries with 67,530 emigrants, while a Kosovar symbolic number (several hundred) is estimated to emigrate illegally, but not reported to the host institutions of the respective countries. A significant number of Kosovars emigrated in *legal* form due to: family reunion, marriages, finding a job, permanent migration (mostly in neighboring countries), long-term employment studies, etc. In addition to the EU and EFTA countries, a number of Kosovars had also migrated to other countries mainly in the US and Canada. The number of Kosovar emigrants besides those who applied for asylum has been estimated to be 6,904 emigrants. Balance of international migration (net migration) in Kosovo for 2015 was -55,572.

National migration: During 2015, it is estimated that a considerable number of resident population in Kosovo has changed their place settlement (municipality) for various reasons mainly due to migration reasons, from rural settlements to urban and suburban settlements, and due to marriages. According to the estimation, the number of persons who have changed their place of residence from the previous municipality (from one municipality to another municipality within Kosovo) is a total of 8, 972 inhabitants.

General increase

Based on this data, despite the positive natural increase of the population of 22,232 inhabitants

due to international emigration, the resident population of Kosovo for the period 01 January to

31 December 2015 has decreased by -33,340. The population in Kosovo for 2015 is estimated to be 1,771,604, resident inhabitants.

Tab. 1. Kosovo's population in 2014 and natural increase in 2015 at municipal level

No.	Municipality	Total estimated population (31 December 2014)	According to permanent residence in the municipality			Total population and natural increase (01.01-31.12 2015)
			Birth rate, natality (2015)	Mortality (2015)	Natural increase (01.01-31.12/2015)	
1	Deçan	40,847	707	138	569	41,416
2	Gjakovë	95,576	1,647	534	1,113	96,689
3	Glogoc	60,111	1,080	245	835	60,946
4	Gjilan	87,385	1,456	534	922	88,307
5	Dragash	34,241	519	281	238	34,479
6	Istog	39,963	767	220	547	40,510
7	Kaçanik	33,784	556	171	385	34,169
8	Klinë	39,527	916	184	732	40,259
9	Fushë Kosovë	37,735	721	191	530	38,265
10	Kamenicë	33,599	418	220	198	33,797
11	Mitrovicë e J.	71,636	1,349	388	961	72,597
12	Mitrovica e V.	12,173	26	15	11	12,184
13	Leposaviq	13,515	26	10	16	13,531
14	Lipjan	58,373	990	246	744	59,117
15	Novobërdë	6,953	54	34	20	6,973
16	Obiliq	21,056	333	104	229	21,285
17	Rahovec	58,214	1,042	280	762	58,976
18	Pejë	97,776	1,893	515	1,378	99,154
19	Podujevë	86,836	1,452	378	1,074	87,910
20	Prishtinë	207,062	3,418	926	2,492	209,554
21	Prizren	184,586	3,264	990	2,274	186,860
22	Skenderaj	51,553	1,005	229	776	52,329
23	Shtime	27,818	485	122	363	28,181
24	Shtërpcë	6,906	130	120	10	6,916
25	Suharekë	60,869	1,259	322	937	61,806
26	Ferizaj	107,985	1,926	496	1,430	109,415
27	Viti	47,434	799	226	573	48,007
28	Vushtrri	68,793	1,155	352	803	69,596
29	Zubin Potok	6,537	25	7	18	6,555
30	Zveçan	7,341	22	4	18	7,359
31	Malishevë	56,889	1,236	174	1,062	57,951
32	Junik	6,319	84	25	59	6,378
33	Mamushë	5,791	73	33	40	5,831
34	Hani i Elezit	9,759	175	57	118	9,877
35	Graçanicë	11,720	32	7	25	11,745
36	Ranillug	3,835	44	48	-4	3,831
37	Partesh	1,738	18	37	-19	1,719
38	Klllokot	2,709	14	21	-7	2,702
Total		1,804,944	31,116	8,884	22,232	1,827,176

Tab. 2. In total, Kosovo's population in 2014 and migration for 2015

No.	Municipality	Estimated population (31 December 2014)	International migration (2015)			National migration (2015)			Overall migration balance at municipal level 2015	Total population and migration (01.01-31.12 2015)
			immigration	emigration	Balance of international migration 2015	immigration	emigration	Balance of national migration		
1	Deçan	40,847	247	453	-206	121	158	-37	-243	40,604
2	Gjakovë	95,576	994	3,046	-2052	259	353	-94	-2146	93,430
3	Glogoc	60,111	622	1,241	-619	231	383	-152	-771	59,340
4	Gjilan	87,385	1,142	8,871	-7729	349	402	-53	-7782	79,603
5	Dragash	34,241	354	695	-341	52	149	-97	-438	33,803
6	Istog	39,963	415	1,417	-1002	229	133	96	-906	39,057
7	Kaçanik	33,784	375	814	-439	109	216	-107	-546	33,238
8	Klinë	39,527	412	1,432	-1020	216	247	-31	-1051	38,476
9	Fushë Kosovë	37,735	496	2,360	-1864	824	177	647	-1217	36,518
10	Kamenicë	33,599	421	2,601	-2180	85	417	-332	-2512	31,087
11	Mitrovicë e J.	71,636	789	4,889	-4100	268	365	-97	-4197	67,439
12	Mitrovica e V.	12,173	87	49	38	2	1	1	39	12,212
13	Leposaviq	13,515	78	42	36	3	9	-6	30	13,545
14	Lipjan	58,373	635	3,066	-2431	265	308	-43	-2474	55,899
15	Novobërdë	6,953	71	151	-80	111	41	70	-10	6,943
16	Obiliq	21,056	229	2,345	-2116	183	187	-4	-2120	18,936
17	Rahovec	58,214	598	574	24	160	252	-92	-68	58,146
18	Pejë	97,776	975	2,228	-1253	286	297	-11	-1264	96,512
19	Podujevë	86,836	922	4,722	-3800	158	843	-685	-4485	82,351
20	Prishtinë	207,062	2,347	8,335	-5988	2408	1253	1155	-4833	202,229
21	Prizren	184,586	1,891	2,030	-139	636	371	265	126	184,712
22	Skenderaj	51,553	534	782	-248	188	523	-335	-583	50,970
23	Shtime	27,818	291	1,213	-922	146	167	-21	-943	26,875
24	Shtërpcë	6,906	53	46	7	23	57	-34	-27	6,879
25	Suharekë	60,869	638	2,749	-2111	249	263	-14	-2125	58,744
26	Ferizaj	107,985	1,158	9,594	-8436	522	327	195	-8241	99,744
27	Viti	47,434	495	1,680	-1185	151	231	-80	-1265	46,169
28	Vushtri	68,793	793	5,691	-4898	251	371	-120	-5018	63,775
29	Zubin Potok	6,537	15	12	3	2	6	-4	-1	6,536
30	Zveçan	7,341	11	7	4	4	9	-5	-1	7,340
31	Malishevë	56,889	589	1,113	-524	203	329	-126	-650	56,239
32	Junik	6,319	8	6	2	14	12	2	4	6,323
33	Mamushë	5,791	17	10	7	2	1	1	8	5,799
34	Hani i Elezit	9,759	63	114	-51	45	41	4	-47	9,712
35	Graçanicë	11,720	64	33	31	171	47	124	155	11,875
36	Ranillug	3,835	13	9	4	9	5	4	8	3,843
37	Partesh	1,738	8	5	3	6	4	2	5	1,743
38	Kllokot	2,709	12	9	3	31	17	14	17	2,726
Total		1,804,944	18,862	74,434	-55,572	8972	8972	0	-55,572	1,749,372

Tab. 3 In total, Kosovo's population estimated for 2015

No.	Municipality	Total estimated population (31 December 2014)	Natural increase (01.01-31.12.2015)	Balance of migration (01.01-31.12.2015)	Overall increase for 2015	Kosovo's total population estimated for 2015 (31 December, 2015)
1	Deçan	40,847	569	-243	326	41,173
2	Gjakovë	95,576	1,113	-2,146	-1,033	94,543
3	Glogoc	60,111	835	-771	64	60,175
4	Gjilan	87,385	922	-7,782	-6,860	80,525
5	Dragash	34,241	238	-438	-200	34,041
6	Istog	39,963	547	-906	-359	39,604
7	Kaçanik	33,784	385	-546	-161	33,623
8	Klinë	39,527	732	-1,051	-319	39,208
9	Fushë Kosovë	37,735	530	-1,217	-687	37,048
10	Kamenicë	33,599	198	-2,512	-2,314	31,285
11	Mitrovicë e J.	71,636	961	-4,197	-3,236	68,400
12	Mitrovica e V.	12,173	11	39	50	12,223
13	Leposaviq	13,515	16	30	46	13,561
14	Lipjan	58,373	744	-2,474	-1,730	56,643
15	Novobërdë	6,953	20	-10	10	6,963
16	Obiliq	21,056	229	-2,120	-1,891	19,165
17	Rahovec	58,214	762	-68	694	58,908
18	Pejë	97,776	1,378	-1,264	114	97,890
19	Podujevë	86,836	1,074	-4,485	-3,412	83,425
20	Prishtinë	207,062	2,492	-4,833	-2,341	204,721
21	Prizren	184,586	2,274	126	2,400	186,986
22	Skenderaj	51,553	776	-583	193	51,746
23	Shtime	27,818	363	-943	-580	27,238
24	Shtërpcë	6,906	10	-27	-17	6,889
25	Suharekë	60,869	937	-2,125	-1,188	59,681
26	Ferizaj	107,985	1,430	-8,241	-6,811	101,174
27	Viti	47,434	573	-1,265	-692	46,742
28	Vushtrri	68,793	803	-5,018	-4,215	64,578
29	Zubin Potok	6,537	18	-1	17	6,554
30	Zveçan	7,341	18	-1	17	7,358
31	Malishevë	56,889	1,062	-650	411	57,301
32	Junik	6,319	59	4	63	6,382
33	Mamushë	5,791	40	8	48	5,839
34	Hani i Elezit	9,759	118	-47	71	9,830
35	Graçanicë	11,720	25	155	180	11,900
36	Ranillug	3,835	-4	8	4	3,839
37	Partesh	1,738	-19	5	-14	1,724
38	Klllokot	2,709	-7	17	10	2,719
Total		1,804,944	22,232	-55,572	-33,340	1,771,604

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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. Programme of Official Statistics 2013/2017 is in implementation for the development of statistical system in correlation with the European Union statistics (EUROSTAT).

Kosovo Agency of Statistics has this organizational structure: production departments; (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 of Policy Planning, Coordination and Communication, Department of Census and survey and Department of Administration. **Within the Agency are also established Regional Offices**; Gjakove, Gjilan, Mitrovica, Peja, Prizren, Pristina 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 non-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, UNICEF, 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 which it gets 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 development policies.

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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