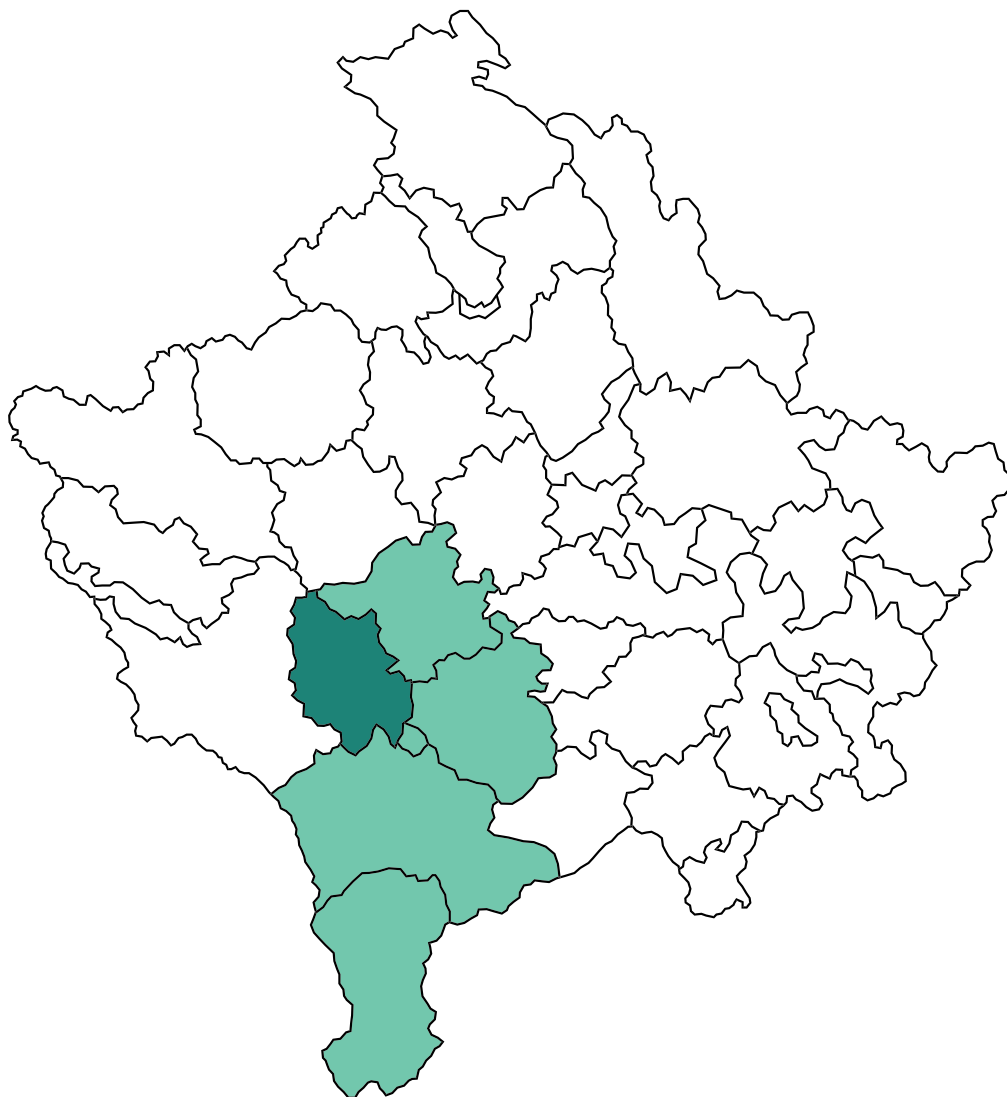


# MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

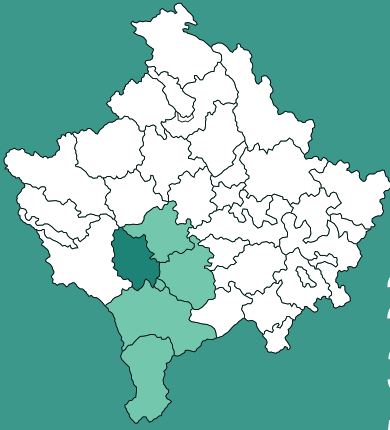
## PRIZREN REGION

### RAHOVEC/ORAHOVAC



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The OSCE regional centre Prizren covers six (6) municipalities, including Rahovec/Orahovac, and has teams working in all of them.



275 km<sup>2</sup> area

35 villages

56,208 population

## AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Rahovec/Orahovac is located in south-western Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 275 km<sup>2</sup> and includes Rahovec/Orahovac town and 35 villages. According to 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 56,208.

## Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians	55,166
2. Kosovo Ashkali	404
3. Kosovo Egyptians	299
4. Kosovo Serbs	134
5. Kosovo Roma	84
6. Kosovo Bosniaks	10
7. Kosovo Turks	2
8. Other	11
9. Not specified	98

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1981, there were 56,391 Kosovo Albanians, 4,026 Kosovo Serbs and 209 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality; according to the census conducted in 1991\*, there were 55,033 Kosovo Albanians, 3,795 Kosovo Serbs and 174 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 386 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them 318 Kosovo Serbs, 22 Kosovo Roma and 46 Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptians.

\*The 1991 census is not accepted by Kosovo Albanians as legitimate.

## GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Rahovec/Orahovac municipality registered for the municipal elections held in 2017 (1<sup>st</sup> round in October and 2<sup>nd</sup> round in November) was 57,200<sup>1</sup>, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout in 1<sup>st</sup> round was 41.73% or 23,868 voters and in 2<sup>nd</sup> round it was 37.05% or 21,195 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:

29.15%	PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo
23.91%	AAK Alliance for the Future of Kosovo
22.27%	LDK Democratic League of Kosovo
13.39%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement
3.10%	NISMA Social Democratic Initiative
2.49%	AKR Alliance New Kosovo
2.03%	IQDU Citizen Initiative for Unity and Justice
1.76%	SL Serbian List

The current seat distribution is as follows:

9 seats
7 seats
7 seats
4 seats
1 seat
1 seat
1 seat
1 seat

1. The overall population figure presented above is taken from the 2011 census (or authoritative estimates where the census figure is not available), whereas the voters list is a reflection of all people with a civil registration entry in the municipality. In some cases, the voters list figure is higher than or similar to the overall population number due to insufficient updating of the civil registry or a significant proportion of people registered in the municipality but actually living elsewhere or abroad.

# RAHOVEC/ORAHOVAC

## LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 31 seats distributed among eight (8) political entities, 30 members are Kosovo Albanian and one (1) is a Kosovo Serb; 11 are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Mr. Afrim Dina (AAK).

## EXECUTIVE



### Structure of municipal executive and the executive's political affiliations.

Rahovec/Orahovac municipality is headed by Mayor Smajl Latifi (AAK), elected for his second non-consecutive term as mayor with 50.7% of votes in second round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the previous term, the mayor was Idriz Vehapi (PDK), who was elected in the second round of the 2013 municipal elections with 52.38% of the votes. Deputy Mayor is Fatmir Iska (AAK).

There are 12 municipal departments. One (1) department is run by a woman director: general administration (AAK), 11 departments are run by men directors: health and social welfare (AAK); education (AAK); finance and budget (AAK); economy and development (AAK); urbanism, planning and environment (AAK); geodesy, cadastre and property (NISMA); public services (AAK); agriculture, forestry and rural development (AAK); inspections (AAK); culture, youth and sports (AAK); and protection and rescue (AAK). In the previous mandate, one (1) director was a woman (source: municipal website).

## JUDICIARY



Gjakovë/Đakovica Basic Court has a branch in Rahovec/Orahovac with five (5) judges, all Kosovo Albanian, all men. Four (4) are sitting judges and one (1) is currently undergoing final training (source: Rahovec/Orahovac court branch).

Gjakovë/Đakovica Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the municipality.

## SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Rahovec/Orahovac municipality has 58 police officers, 57 Kosovo are Albanian and one (1) is a Kosovo Serb; two (2) are women (source: Kosovo Police).

As for the international military presence, the Austrian KFOR covers the area and has a Liaison and Monitoring Team - LMT operating in the municipality.

## ECONOMY



The economy of Rahovec/Orahovac municipality is mainly based on agriculture, particularly viticulture, and production of plastic, heaters, freezers and recycling. There are around 1,120 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in the private sector (source: municipal directorate of urbanism, planning and environment).

## PUBLIC SERVICES

### Infrastructure



The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. All the main roads connecting villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Water supply system functions in Rahovec/Orahovac town and in a limited number of villages, but the shortages remain persistent especially in the summer. The Kosovo Serb inhabited Upper Rahovec/Orahovac occasionally is particularly affected due to its higher altitude, sometimes stretching for days. Power supply is still a problem occasionally, especially in the winter time, but there has been a slight improvement due to the construction of a modern transformer station (source: municipal development plan).

### Health



There is one (1) primary family health centre, nine (9) family health centres and three (3) health houses, with around 129 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff. There are two (2) Serbia-run healthcare facilities located in Upper Rahovec/Orahovac and in the village of Velika Hoča/Hočë e Madhe, with 24 medical and support staff. Secondary services are usually sought in Mitrovice/Mitrovica north.

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities (source: municipal directorate of health and social welfare).

### Education



There are 26 primary schools with 7,345 pupils and 690 teachers, four (4) secondary schools with 2,721 pupils and 120 teachers, of which two (2) primary schools with 95 pupils and 56 employees and one (1) secondary school with 12 pupils and 18 employees, follow Serbian curriculum. There are also six (6) pre-school classes and one (1) kindergarten with 118 children and 29 teachers. Additionally, there is also one (1) regular lower music school with 134 pupils with ten (10) teachers (source: municipal directorate of education and school management).

# RAHOVEC/ORAHOVAC

## RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



There are 26 mosques in Rahovec/Orahovac municipality. Seven (7) mosques were destroyed and four (4) were damaged in the 1999 conflict, all of them reconstructed afterwards. Five (5) new mosques have been built after the conflict. There are 16 Serbian Orthodox churches and one (1) Serbian Orthodox monastery. In June 1999, the monastery was destroyed and one (1) church was damaged, and both reconstructed between 2005 and 2006. The monastery and two (2) churches are currently in use. There are three (3) tekkes in the municipality (source: Islamic community representative and municipal development plan).

A total of 44 cultural heritage sites in Rahovec/Orahovac municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under temporary protection.

## KEY FACTS



In Rahovec/Orahovac there are:

- 31 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 8 political entities
- 58 police officers
- 5 judges
- 849 teachers in 27 primary and 4 secondary schools and 1 kindergarten