



Country Profile: Kosovo

Kosovo declared independence from Serbia on February 17, 2008, and the United States recognized Kosovo as an independent state on February 18, 2008. The UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), pursuant to U.N. Security Council Resolution 1244, continues to provide support during the transition period, as the International Civilian Office, European Rule of Law Mission (EULEX), and NATO (KFOR) prepare to supervise Kosovo's independence. At this time, some civilian institutions, including the criminal justice system, are not functioning at a level consistent with Western standards. Kosovo is a cash economy. The currency used throughout Kosovo is the euro.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Kosovo
Continent:	Europe
Capital City:	Pristina
Boundary Countries:	Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	
Main Cities:	Pristina, Peje, Gjakove, Prizren, Gjilan, Podujeve, Vushtrri, Mitrovice, Ferizaj
Country Size:	10,887 sq km
Population:	2,126,708

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Albanian (official), Serbian (official), Bosnian, Turkish, Roma
Currency:	Euro (EUR)
Predominant Religions:	Muslim, Serbian Orthodox, Roman Catholic
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 17 February (2008)
Economic Status:	Over the past few years Kosovo's economy has shown significant progress in transitioning to a market-based system, but it is still highly dependent on the international community and the diaspora for financial and technical assistance. Remittances from the diaspora - located mainly in Germany and Switzerland - account for about 30% of GDP. Kosovo's citizens are the poorest in Europe with an average annual per capita income of only \$1800 - about one-third the level of neighboring Albania. Unemployment - at more than 40% of the population - is a severe problem that encourages outward migration.
Security:	
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Pristina Arberia/Dragodan, Nazim Hikmet 30 Pristina, Kosovo Telephone: + 383 38 59 59 3000

Major Airports:	Airports: 10, Airports w/paved runways: 6 Pristina International Airport (PRN/BKPR) Pristina, Kosovo, Vrelle, 10070 Lipjan, KOSOVO Tel: +381 (0)38 595 8123, +381 (0)38 595 8330 Website: www.airportpristina.com
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