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| 29 June 2018  **Estimates of population[[1]](#footnote-1), 2017**  The Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia publishes the estimates of the number of population of the Republic of Serbia by age, sex and type of settlement for 2017, on the level of regions areas and cities-municipalities. The estimates were calculated on the basis of 2011 Census of Population, Households and Dwellings and the data on natural and mechanic movements of population (internal migrations).  The estimated number of population of the Republic of Serbia in 2017 is **7 020 858** inhabitants, of which the share of females equalled **51.3%** (3 601 043) and of males **48.7%** (3 419 815). The trend of depopulation went on, which means that the coefficient of population increase was negative when related to the previous year, i.e. equalled **-5.3‰.**  In the period between the last two population censuses (2002–2011) the population number was permanently on the decrease and this trend continues to be expressive after 2011 Census.  **Graph. 1. Trends of the estimated number of population of the Republic of Serbia, 2002–2017**  **Table1. Republic of Serbia, estimated number of population, by regions, mid-year**   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | **REPUBLIC OF SERBIA** | **7236519** | **7201497** | **7166552** | **7131787** | **7095383** | **7058322** | **7020858** | | SRBIJA – SEVER | 3591096 | 3586235 | 3581647 | 3576978 | 3571596 | 3565319 | 3558647 | | Beogradski region | 1658151 | 1664218 | 1669552 | 1675043 | 1679895 | 1683962 | 1687132 | | Region Vojvodine | 1932945 | 1922017 | 1912095 | 1901935 | 1891701 | 1881357 | 1871515 | | SRBIJA – ЈUG | 3645423 | 3615262 | 3584905 | 3554809 | 3523787 | 3493003 | 3462211 | | Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije | 2033203 | 2018248 | 2003118 | 1987799 | 1972183 | 1956786 | 1941130 | | Region Južne i Istočne Srbije | 1612220 | 1597014 | 1581787 | 1567010 | 1551604 | 1536217 | 1521081 | | Region Kosovo i Metohija | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | … | … |   Despite the decreased total number of inhabitants of the Republic of Serbia, Beogradska oblast and Južnobačka oblast noted a slight increase of population in 2017; however, the largest decrease in relation to the previous year was noted in Zaječarska oblast.  The average age of the total population of the Republic of Serbia is constantly on the increase and in 2017 it equalled **43.0** years (males – 41.6 and females – 44.4). The process of population ageing is the result of the ever decreasing share of young population (aged 0 – 14) in the total population, which in 2017 equalled **14.4**%, while the share of population aged over 65 in the total population equalled **19.6%**. The share of working age population (aged 15 – 64) equalled **66.0**% of the total population.  Observed on the level of areas, in Zaječarska oblast the share of population aged 65 and over was the most expressive (27.3%), and at the same time the share of population aged below 15 was the smallest (11.5%). On the other side, the smallest share of population aged 65 and over was noted in Pčinjska oblast (15%); however the largest share of population aged below 15 was found for Raška oblast (18.4%), and then for Pčinjska oblast (16.2%).    **Graph. 2. Share of young and elderly population in total population, by areas (estimate as in mid-2017)**  The impact of these demographic trends mostly reflects the dependence of elderly population (number of persons aged 65 and over per 100 persons aged 15 – 64), which is the most expressive in Zaječarska oblast (44.6) and in Pirotska oblast (38.8); while the smallest burden for labour force population was noted in Pčinjska oblast (21.8). According to the estimations made for 2017, in the Republic of Serbia the rate of dependence of elderly population equals 29.8.  According to the population estimations by type of settlement, in the Republic of Serbia the share of urban population is prevailing (60.6%). From the demographic viewpoint, the urban population is younger when related to the population of other settlements; the average age of the urban population is lower than the average age of the population in so called other settlements and the difference is 2.5 years.  **Table 2. Population estimate by type of settlement, 2017**  **Republic of Serbia**   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Type of settlement | Sex | Number of inhabitants | Average age, years | Ageing index[[2]](#footnote-2) | Dependence rate for population aged 65 and over | | Total | Total | 7020858 | 43.0 | 141.6 | 29.8 | | Male | 3419815 | 41.6 | 120.9 | 25.4 | | Female | 3601043 | 44.4 | 163.4 | 34.1 | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | Urban | Total | 4256129 | 42.0 | 127.6 | 27.1 | | Male | 2027177 | 40.4 | 105.2 | 23.1 | | Female | 2027177 | 43.5 | 151.3 | 30.9 | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | Оther | Total | 2764729 | 44.6 | 165.2 | 33.9 | | Male | 1392638 | 43.4 | 147.4 | 28.9 | | Female | 1372091 | 45.8 | 184.0 | 39.4 |   Of the total number of municipalities of the Republic of Serbia (169) only 19 municipalities/cities/towns have over 100 000 inhabitants, while in 17 municipalities the number of inhabitants is below 10 000.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Municipalities/cities with more than 100000 inhabitants | | Municipalities/cities with less than 10000 inhabitants | | | Novi Sad | 322071 | Crna Trava | 1278 | | Beograd – Novi Beograd | 213985 | Тrgovište | 4620 | | Beograd − Palilula | 181414 | Мedveđa | 6706 | | Кragujevac | 177977 | Sevojno | 6722 | | Beograd − Čukarica | 177586 | Gadžin Han | 7098 | | Beograd − Zemun | 168242 | Lapovo | 7307 | | Beograd − Voždovac | 167331 | Bosilegrad | 7304 | | Beograd − Zvezdara | 163542 | Golubac | 7541 | | Subotica | 137753 | Ražanj | 8176 | | Leskovac | 136888 | Sremski Karlovci | 8431 | | Kruševac | 122437 | Ćićevac | 8711 | | Pančevo | 120361 | Vranjska Banja | 8941 | | Kraljevo | 119585 | Dimitrovgrad | 9367 | | Zrenjanin | 117735 | Nova Crnja | 9421 | | Šabac | 111709 | Rekovac | 9552 | | Čačak | 111075 | Оpovo | 9826 | | Beograd − Rakovica | 108477 | Žabari | 9832 | | Novi Pazar | 105490 |  |  | | Smederevo | 104125 |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Contact:  Ljiljana Sekulić, Head  Unit for estimates, projections and other demographic indicators  Phone.: +381 11 2412-922, Ext. 295  [ljiljana.sekulic@stat.gov.rs](mailto:ljiljana.sekulic@stat.gov.rs)  Information and dissemination unit  Tel.: +381 11 2401-284  [stat@stat.gov.rs](mailto:stat@stat.gov.rs) | Director  Dr Miladin Kovačević | |

1. Starting from 1998 the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia has not at disposal and may not provide available certain data relative to AP Kosovo and Metohija and therefore these data are not included in the coverage for the Republic of Serbia (total). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Ageing index of population presents the ratio between the population aged 60 and over and the population aged 0-19, estimated in the middle of the year of observation. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)