

Economy

Leskovac is a city which lies on the corridor of passage of international trains which, from Europe, travel to Sofia, Salonica, and Athens. The most important road is the E 75 which connects Hungary and the Macedonian border. From Leskovac, regional roads lead to PriÅ¡tina, Pirot and Bosilegrad.

The distance from Leskovac to NiÅ¡ is 45, to Belgrade 280, to Sofia 155, and to Skoplje 160 km. In Each of these cities there is an airport which enables visitors from those cities to come to Leskovac.

With 144 settlements, the municipality of Leskovac is the most dotted in Serbia. Three inhabited settlements are of the city type, of which Leskovac is the economic, socio-political, cultural and immigration centre of the entire region. At this time, 65,000 inhabitants live in it, representing 40% of the municipality.

Number and structure of Companies

DescriptionEmployed in 2005

I. Companies by size

1.1. Small

1.2. Midsize

1.3. Large

II. Companies by type of ownership

2.1. Public

2.2. Private

2.3. Cooperative

2.4. Mixed

2.5. State

15,193

5,304

5,383

4,506

6,775

4,915

144

2.301

1,058

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The entrepreneurial potential of the Leskovac municipality is determined with over 1,000 small and medium size companies (804 private), over 3,600 private shops and 23 privatized public companies. In small and medium size private companies and shops there are nearly 12,000 workers, of which only 4,400 are employers

Structure of Economy of City of Leskovac by Ownership sec.

Description Total Revenue Capital Employment

Leskovac Serbia Leskovac Serbia Leskovac Serbia

Public

Private

Cooperative

Mixed

State
17.0

66.4

1.2

12.9

2.5
4.1

65.8

1.0

9.5

19.5
44.4

23.7

0.7

22.9

8.3

7.3

32.4

0.8

11.0

48.3

44.6

32.4

0.9

15.1

7.0

13.1

54.1

1.2

15.1

16.5

Total:
100.0
100.0
100.0
100.0
100.0
100.0
100.0

Importance of SME in Economic structure of City of Leskovac

Participation of SME LeskovacSerbia

Total Revenue

Capital

Employment

64.5

42.6

70.3

46.5

29.9

54.6

Having in mind the desire to have the degree of development of SMEs and entrepreneurship in the municipality of Leskovac in 2008 equal the average of the Republic, the projected average annual rates of growth are above those of the Republic (12.2% compared to 6.0% at the number of SMEs and shops, 14.4% and 11.8% at the growth of employed in the SME sector.) It is noted that without support in the previous 5 year period, private SMEs and shops in the municipality of Leskovac recorded dynamic average annual growth of employment (private SMEs 9.6%, shops 9.1%), and that it is not unrealistic to expect these rates to grow to those projected, with the intended measures and activities.