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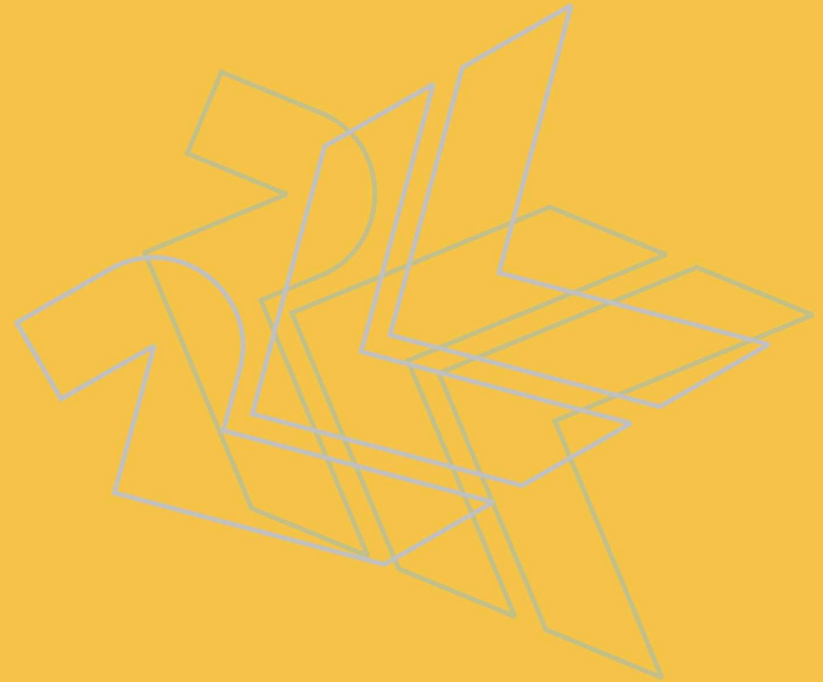
# **Village network and rural areas in the Western-Balkan states**

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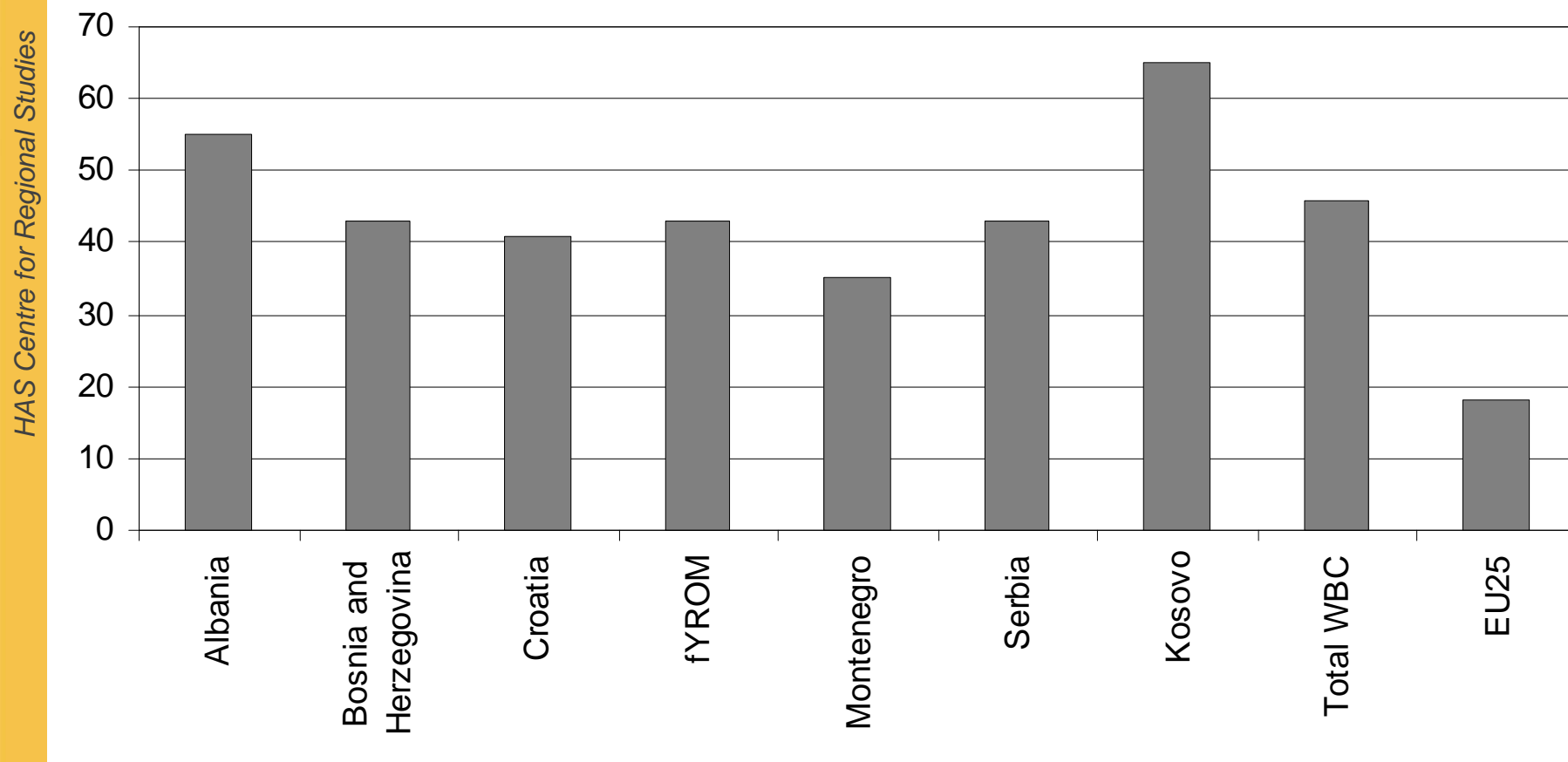


# **1. The level of rurality**



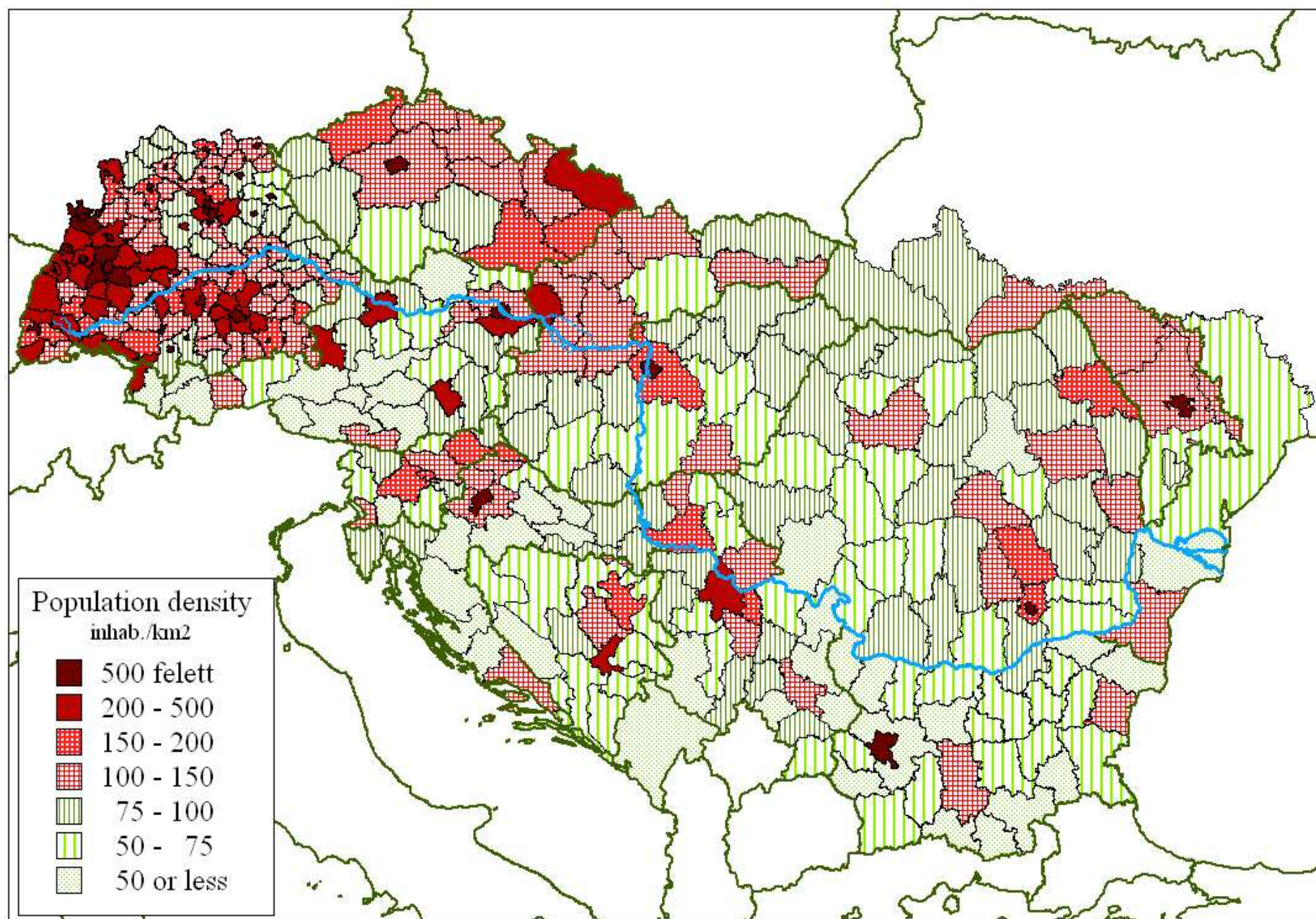


## *Proportion of inhabitants in predominantly rural areas in the Western Balkan states*



*Note:* Data refers to predominantly rural regions according to the OECD nomenclature of rural areas.

*Source:* ARCOTRASS – Consortium Synthesis Report 2006.

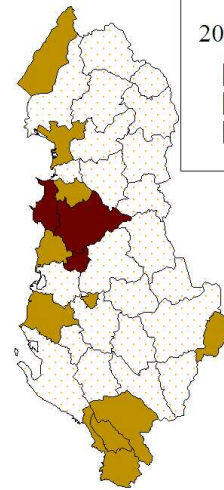
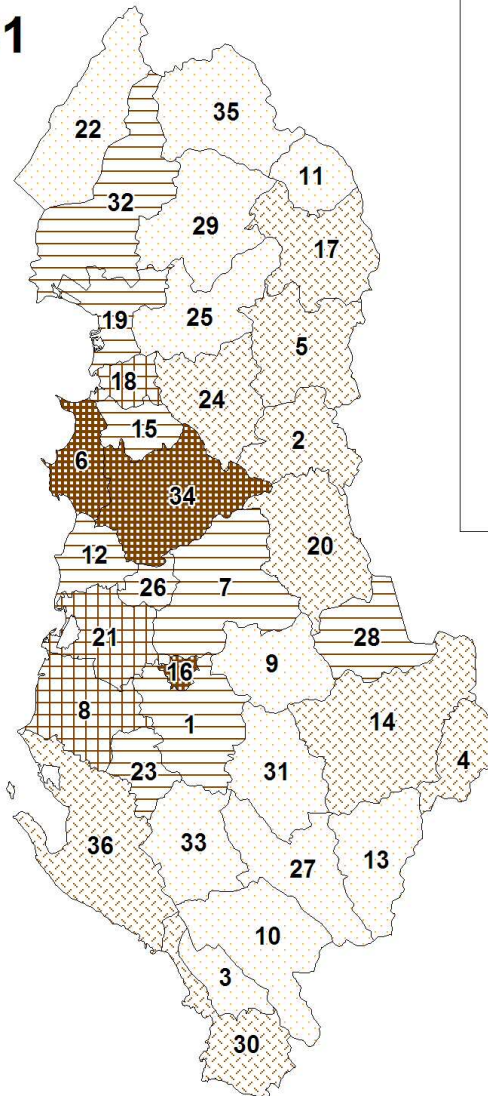


Source: own work. Data: EUROSTAT.



# Population density in Albania (in 2001 and 2008) (by districts)

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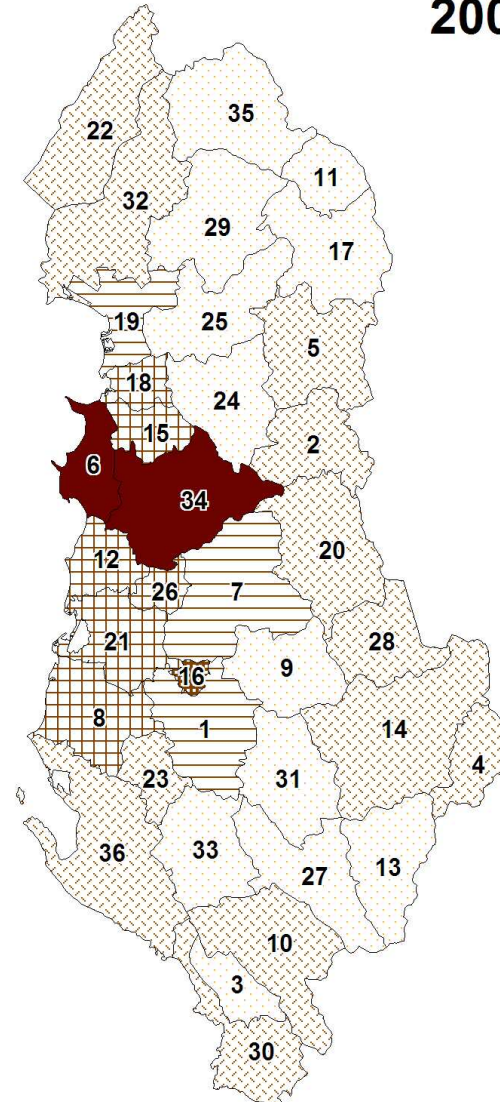
Változás mértéke  
2001-2008 között fő/km2

- 50 to 300 (3)
- 0 to 50 (10)
- -200 to 0 (23)

Népsűrűség  
fő/km2

- 500 - 600
- 400 - 500
- 300 - 400
- 200 - 300
- 100 - 200
- 50 - 100
- 0 - 50

2008

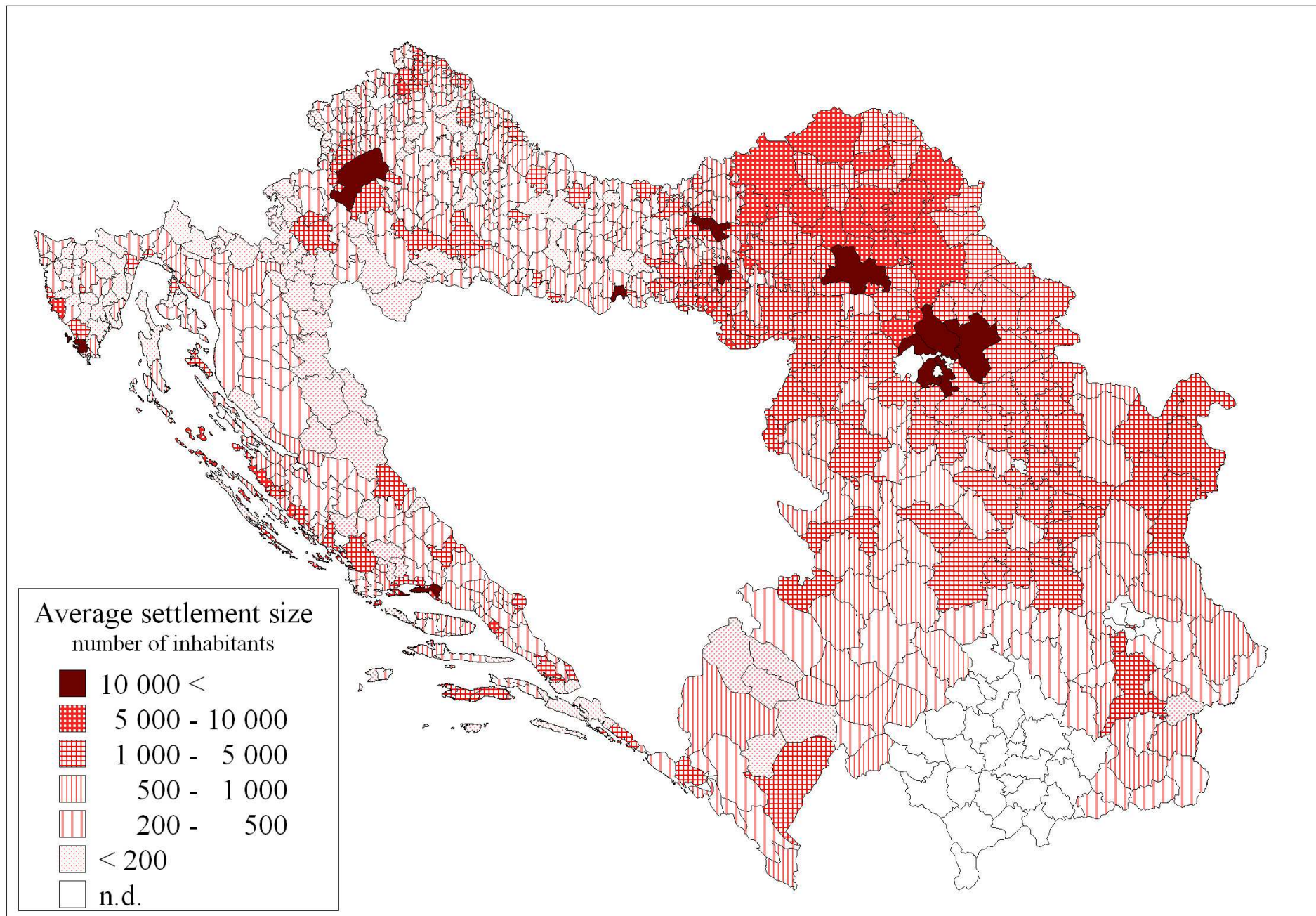


Source: own work.



## **2. Territorial differences of the settlement-size**









## Breakdown of villages by population in some areas of the post-1992 Yugoslavia

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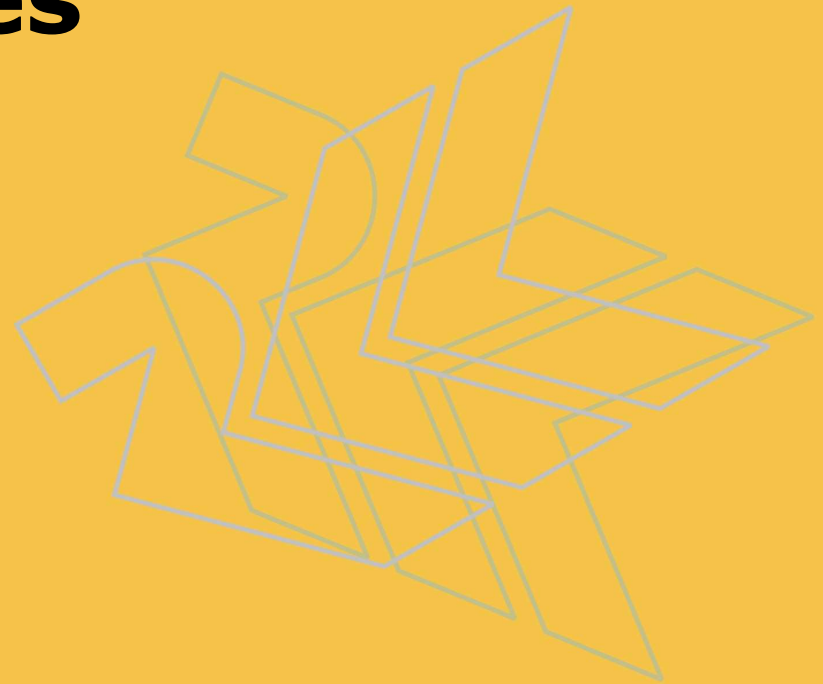
Inhabitants of the villages, people	Montenegro		Central Serbia		Vojvodina		Kosovo	
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
10,000 <	0	0.0	4	0.1	3	0.7	0	0.0
5,000 – 9,999	0	0.0	19	0.5	34	8.2	1	0.1
2,000 – 4,999	6	0.5	169	4.1	130	31.5	8	0.6
1,000 – 1,999	24	2.0	527	12.8	120	29.1	33	2.5
500 – 999	102	8.5	998	24.3	61	14.8	61	4.6
200 – 499	252	21.0	1296	31.6	44	10.7	44	3.4
1 – 199	799	66.7	1054	25.7	21	5.1	538	41.0
n.d.	15	1.3	35	0.9	0	0.0	628	47.8
Total	1198	100.0	4102	100.0	413	100.0	1313	100.0

*Source:* Calculations and editing by the author, on the basis of data of the census of Yugoslavia, 1991.





# **3. Functional types of villages**





## Hystorical types of villages

- Four Balkan ways of rural life (Prevelakis 2007) :
  - Mountain shepherd communities,
  - Peasant villages of the uplands or hilly areas
  - Large agricultural holdings of the lowland plains
  - Coastal zones and islands (mediterranean villages)







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# Present types of rural areas

- High productivity agriculture and an integrated economy
- Small towns and smaller farms with labour intensive agriculture
- Mountainous areas
- Outstanding tourism potential

*Bogdanov–Meredith–Efstratoglou, 2006*





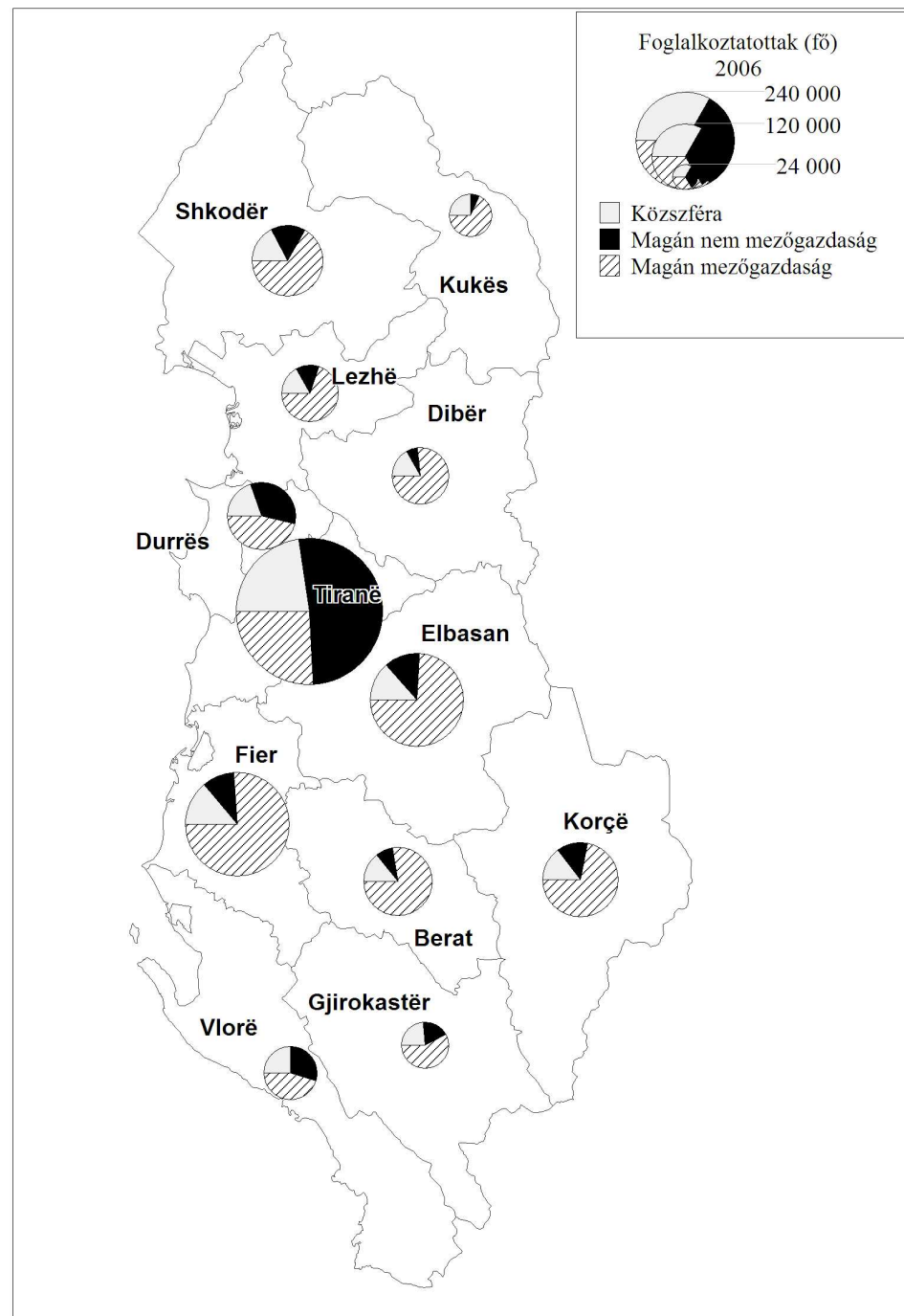
## *Incomes of the families in Yugoslavia, in percent of the national average, 1983, %*

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Member state/province	Working family with four members	Households in rural regions
Yugoslavia	100	100
Bosnia and Herzegovina	88	78
Croatia	117	115
Macedonia	80	88
Montenegro	90	110
Serbia	95	98
Within Serbia:		
Central Serbia	96	90
Kosovo	73	61
Vojvodina	97	156
Slovenia	122	134

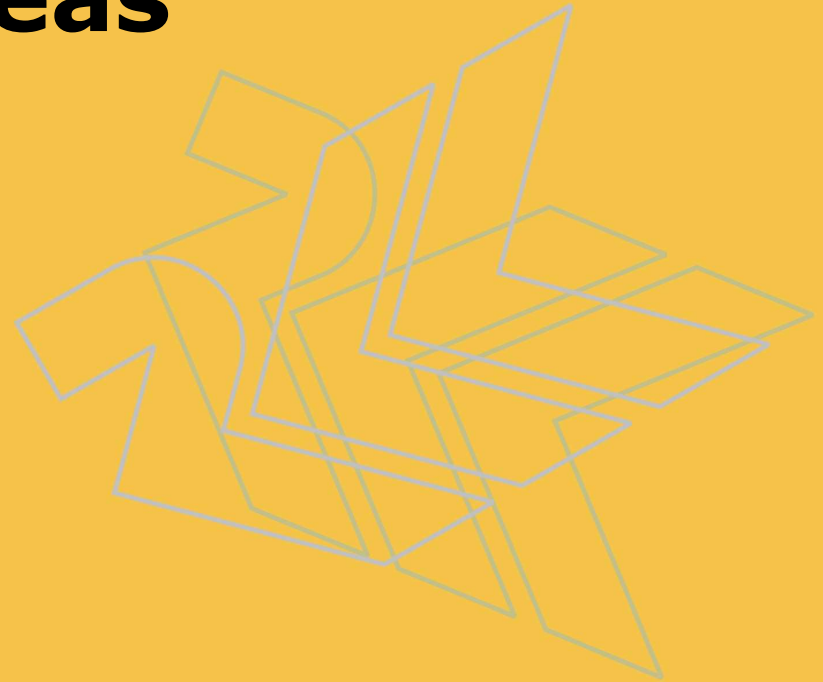
Source: 1945–1985 Yugoslavia – Statistical Review, Federal Statistical Office, Belgrade 1986. p. 189.

# Employees by main branches in the prefectures of Albania (2008)





## **4. Recent problems of the rural areas**

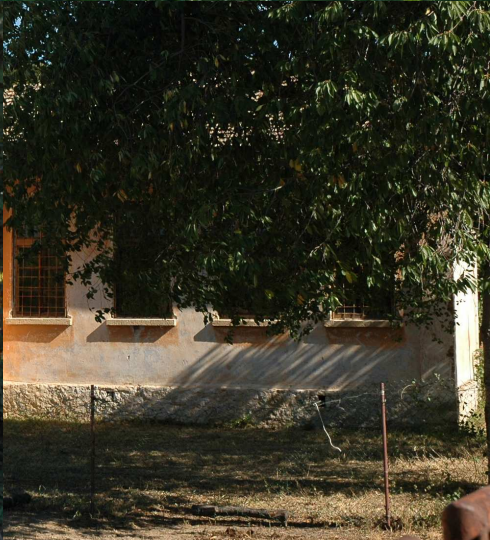




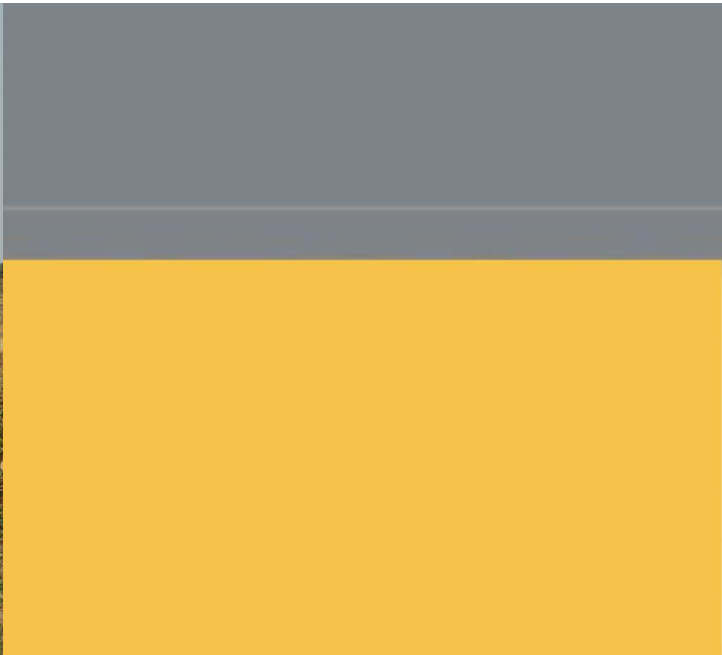
- Demographic situation
- Migration
  - Rural-urban
  - Urban-rural
  - International
  - Refugees
- Decline of rural centres – small towns
- Autarky
- Poor infrastructure
- Education level



















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