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## *INVEST IN LAKTAŠI*

*The City of Next Generation: innovative, sustainable, and  
technologically developed*

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## ❖ THE WORD OF THE MAYOR



*„Dear Entrepreneurs,*

*It is an honour to greet you and invite you to Laktaši.*

*The City of Laktaši is recognisable as a place that favours private initiative and all kinds of small and medium enterprises, and our aim is to further improve local business environment, using constant and effective dialogue with private sector.*

*Doors of the City Administration and Mayor's Office are always opened for all our citizens. We want to show openness and readiness towards our Entrepreneurs, to be their partners on the road of development of city and increase competitiveness of our enterprises.*

*Work of Administration is based upon constant cooperation and communication with citizens and entrepreneurs, in order to adapt all our activities to real needs and situation on the ground.*

*Our priority remains to increase efficiency levels of the Municipal administration and public companies, to improve business ambient, to incentivize development of local economy and realisation of big investment ventures.*

*Together, we are creating administration that is tailored for citizens and economy of our City.”*

MAYOR



## ❖ CITY OF LAKTAŠI

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## ❖ LAKTAŠI IN NUMBERS:

Area of city: 388 km<sup>2</sup>

Number of inhabitants: 34 699

Time Zone: GMT +1

Unemployment rate: 6,61%

Number of business entities: 1.532

Average net salary: 1.119 BAM

City budget in 2024: 42 million (BAM)



## ❖ WHY INVEST IN LAKTAŠI?

- ✓ The City of Laktaši is one of the developed cities, which is attractive for investors, as well as tourists and new residents who are moving to the city.
- ✓ In terms of revenues, profits, foreign trade and the number of companies, the City of Laktaši ranks third in the Republika Srpska.
- ✓ In the area of employment, Laktaši are in a more favourable position compared to other local communities. The official unemployment rate is among the lowest in the Republika Srpska and amounts to 6.61% and is significantly below the national average (17.38%).
- ✓ Favourable business environment stimulated the development of private entrepreneurship, which is the basis of overall economic development. A strong existing economy, numbering over 1,500 business entities, and a proactive local government that is continuously working to provide support to investors, are a special recommendation for starting a business in Laktaši.
- ✓ Great understanding for business activities, the City of Laktaši affirms by arranging special industrial and business zones in attractive locations for performing various production and trade activities.
- ✓ The agricultural sector represents the development potential of the city in the field of animal husbandry, production of milk and dairy products and fruit and vegetable growing. In the area of Laktaši, there is agricultural land of the highest quality class and production potential, and the majority of the population is engaged in agricultural production.
- ✓ The City of Laktaši has a regional certificate "Municipality with a favourable business environment in Southeast Europe" according to the BFC SEE standard which is a guarantee of the quality of services provided by the City to investors and businessmen.

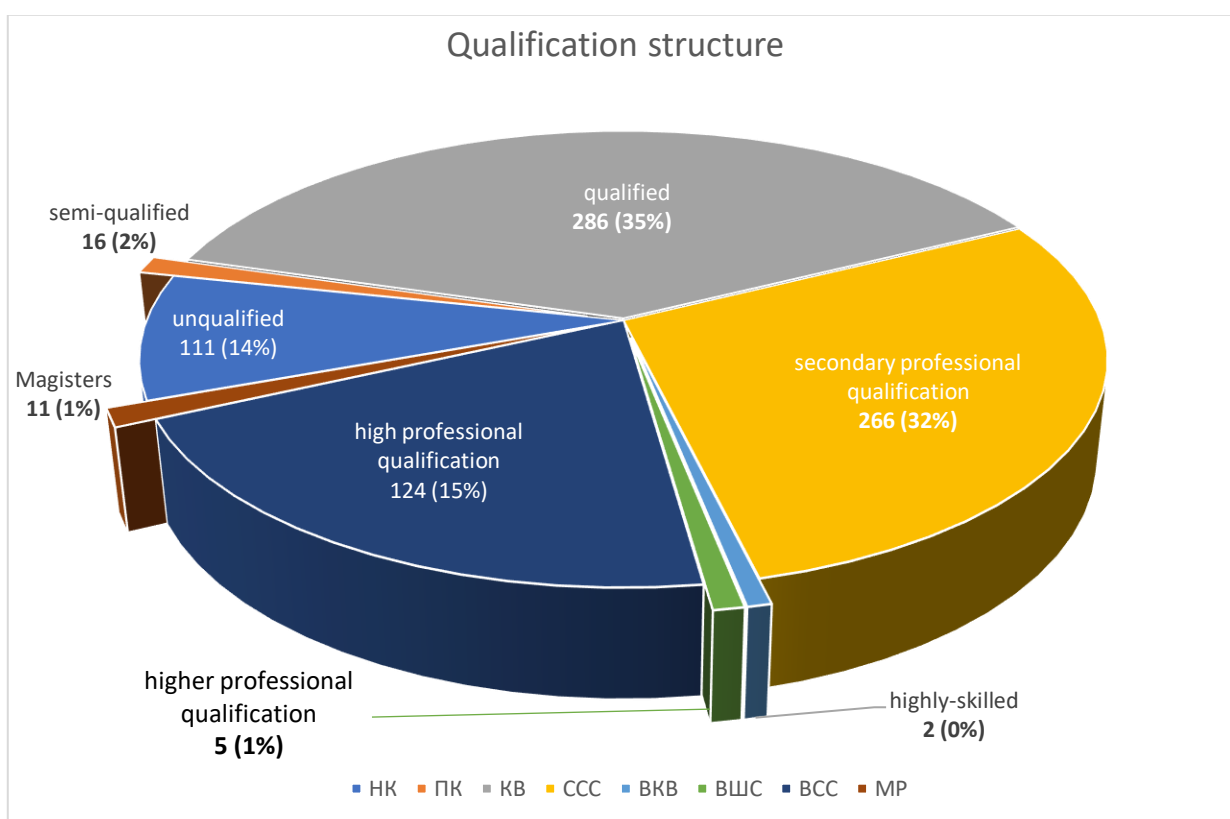
## ❖ GEOSTRATEGIC POSITION AND MARKET ACCESS

- ✓ The City of Laktaši is located in the northwestern part of the Republika Srpska, i.e. Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the area between the cities of Banja Luka and Gradiška, and the municipalities of Srbac, Prnjavor and Čelinac.
- ✓ Immediate vicinity to the border with Croatia and the European Union in the north, and the international border crossing Gradiška is 20 km away from the centre of the city. The City of Laktaši is located only 20 km from Banja Luka, the administrative and cultural centre of Republika Srpska.
- ✓ Favourable geostrategic position and modern transport infrastructure enable investors to quickly and safely transport goods and services to the European Union (EU), Serbia and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Middle East.
- ✓ The area of the city is crossed by important roads: Banja Luka - Gradiška - Okučani (exit to the highway Belgrade - Zagreb), highway Banja Luka - Doboј, and the main roads Klačnice - Prnjavor and Laktaši - Srbac
- ✓ Banja Luka International Airport is 3 km away from the city centre and represents the connection of the city and the wider region with Europe and the world.



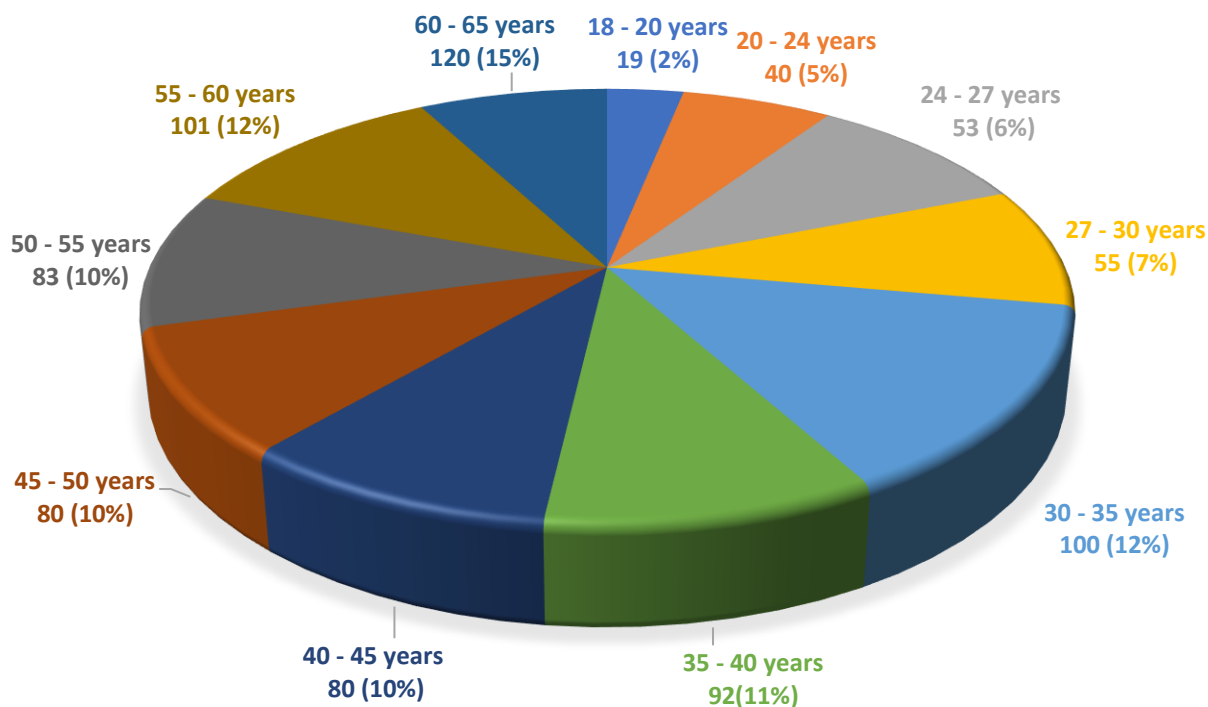
## ❖ LABOUR MARKET

- ✓ In Laktaši, the official unemployment rate is 6.61%, which is among the lowest rates in Republika Srpska, significantly below the national average (17.38%).
- ✓ The survey unemployment rate in Republika Srpska in 2023 was 9.1%. There are no data on the survey unemployment rate for the city level, but given the fact that the administrative unemployment rate in the city is lower than the survey unemployment rate in the Republika Srpska, it can be assumed that the survey unemployment rate in the city is significantly lower than the national average.
- ✓ According to the data of the Employment Bureau, Bureau Laktaši, the average number of unemployed persons on 31 July 2024 was 823.



In the total number of registered unemployed persons on 31 July 2024, the majority is qualified 35%, then secondary professional qualification 32%, highly-skilled 15%, while 14% are unqualified.

### AGE STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS



On 31 July 2024 in the age structure of the unemployed, the majority is in age range 60 - 65 years old (15%), and the smallest number of persons is in age range 18 - 20 years old (2%).

#### ❖ EDUCATIONAL POTENTIAL

- ✓ Primary education in the City of Laktaši takes place in four primary schools with five regional schools. In the school year 2022/2023. year, the elementary school was attended by 2981 students. In the school year 2023/2024, 379 students were enrolled in the first grade of primary school in the city of Laktaši.
- ✓ The largest number of young people from Laktaši gain their secondary and higher education in high schools and faculties in Banja Luka. In the school year 2023/2024 year, 1121 students from the city of Laktaši attended high school.
- ✓ The largest number of students from the area of the City of Laktaši decide to enrol in the following high schools:

Technical School Banja Luka	<b>264</b>
Electrical Engineering School "Nikola Tesla" Banja Luka	<b>92</b>
School of Economics Banja Luka	<b>139</b>
Construction School Banja Luka	<b>94</b>
Agricultural School Banja Luka	<b>100</b>

- ✓ In order for the City of Laktaši to maintain the status of a developed local self-government unit in the future, which is attractive for both investors and new residents moving to the city, the City of Laktaši has initiated the procedure of establishing a high school centre with educational profiles in accordance with economic needs. This issue was imposed as a social need and the backbone of further urban development of Laktaši.
- ✓ Scholarships for pupils and students proved to be a good incentive to increase higher education in the city of Laktaši. In the school year 2022/2023 a total of 207 scholarships were awarded, of which 159 were high school and 48 were student scholarships.
- ✓ Following the trends on the labour market, we have introduced a new model of scholarships according to which the emphasis is placed on the staff needed for the development of the economy of our city, i.e. on deficit occupations. Our intention is to try, through certain projects and activities, at least in part, to improve the situation when it comes to labour supply in accordance with the needs of the labour market.

#### ❖ **BUSINESS AND EXISTING ECONOMY**

- ✓ In the last twenty years, the City of Laktaši has acquired the image of an environment with a positive business climate and a developed entrepreneurial infrastructure with expressed understanding for investors and their business activities. Through the allocation of significant funds from the budget for capital investments, the City of Laktaši is improving the living conditions of the population and the development of the economy day by day.
- ✓ Economic trends in the municipality are characterized by the growth of total economic activity, growth of foreign trade and exports, growth of economic profit, and employment growth.
- ✓ The total income of the economy of the municipality of Laktaši in 2023 amounts to 1,869,809,999.00, which is 53,793.55 BAM per capita.
- ✓ The number of active companies per 1 000 inhabitants in Laktaši is 16.16, while in Republika Srpska the number is 10.64.
- ✓ In the total number of companies in the Republika Srpska (11 858), the City of Laktaši participates with 4.88%. According to the total number of companies, Laktaši is the third local self-government unit in the Republika Srpska.
- ✓ The structure of companies by size indicates the dominance of small companies (small and micro enterprises), both at the level of Republika Srpska and at the city level.



✓ Dominant activities in Laktaši are:

- TRADE – 177 companies (30.57%)
- MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY - 151 companies (26.08%)
- CONSTRUCTION - 29 companies (5.01%)
- TRANSPORT AND STORAGE - 62 companies (10.71%)

## ❖ INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Laktaši affirms great understanding for business activities by arranging industrial and business zones, so there is a zone for the metal processing industry in the immediate vicinity of Laktaši, a warehouse and trade business zone in Trn and an industrial zone along the main road Klačnice - Prnjavor. The occupying of the industrial zones in Aleksandrovac and Krnete is in progress, as well as of the industrial zone along the highway Laktaši – Doboј next to the river Vrbas.

We provide investors with numerous benefits when investing and obtaining all the necessary permits and documents, which greatly facilitates investing and starting a successful business:

- ✓ Financial benefits in the form of reduction of city fees for the construction of production facilities and the possibility of paying obligations in instalments. The city decision offers investors benefits in the payment of fees for arranging construction land and rent. Thus, investors get about 50% discount on these obligations for production facilities and the possibility to pay that amount in instalments, so that 30% of the price is paid within 8 days, and the 70% in a maximum of 24 equal instalments.
- ✓ The procedure for obtaining a building permit has been improved, which shortens the time required to obtain location conditions and building permits.
- ✓ The municipality has introduced a fast procedure for issuing a decision to perform entrepreneurial activity, which lasts one day.
- ✓ The Functional Council for Economy and Employment acts as a form of formalized dialogue between the City Administration and the private sector, which encourages greater involvement of the economy in the work of local government.
- ✓ Laktaši is the first local self-government unit in the Republika Srpska and the second in BiH to meet the international standards ISO 9001: 2008 for managing the quality of public services in local government.
- ✓ For businesses and investors who want to relocate or expand their business to the City of Laktaši, the BFC certificate provides a stable and business environment and helps identify the local self-government unit that offers the best investment conditions and has the greatest potential for development.



The City of Laktaši provides investors with several industrial and business zones with the possibility of greenfield and brownfield investments, favourable locations and built business infrastructure.

## ➤ Aleksandrovac Business Zone

One of the most attractive business zones in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the Aleksandrovac Business Zone, which was established with the aim of encouraging entrepreneurship and attracting foreign and domestic investors in the City of Laktaši. The primary purpose of this business zone is production, while it is also suitable for developing business, trade and service activities.



The distance of the business zone from the administrative centre of the city is 7 km. Located next to the main road M-16 Banja Luka – Gradiška, with a direct exit to the highway Banja Luka – Gradiška, and in the immediate vicinity of the Banja Luka International Airport.

**Ownership:** The land owned by the City is sold at a subsidized starting price of 6.00 BAM/m<sup>2</sup>. All plots are ready for construction since the City of Laktaši has converted the agricultural land into construction land.

**Available infrastructure:**

- ✓ There is an asphalt road with lighting within the zones connecting them to the M16 main road
- ✓ Water supply network
- ✓ Telecommunication network
- ✓ Organized waste management
- ✓ Quality electricity supply

In this part of the zone, the companies currently operating are MAHLE ELECTRIC DRIVES BOSNIA d.o.o, CABLEX BH d.o.o, JAKSCHE TECHNOLOGY d.o.o, DUKAT d.o.o, DM WESTCARGO d.o.o, and MILAMI d.o.o.

## ➤ Veliko Blaško Industrial Zone

The Veliko Blaško Industrial Zone is located 5 km from the administrative centre of the city. It is situated on the M-16-1 main road from Klačnice to Derventa and, in addition

to the M-16 main road Banja Luka – Gradiška, it has direct access to the Banja Luka – Gradiška highway.

It is 7 km from Banja Luka International Airport, 20 km from Banja Luka, 210 km from Sarajevo, 30 km from the EU border (Gradiška), and 312 km from Belgrade, Serbia. The zone houses 15 manufacturing companies, representing the wood processing, concrete, and textile industries.

Ownership: The land is privately owned. The City can assist the investor in establishing contact with the private owner.

Documentation: The Zoning Plan for Veliko Blaško has been adopted.

Available infrastructure:

- ✓ Water supply network,
- ✓ Telecommunications network,
- ✓ Electricity,
- ✓ Organized waste management.

### ➤ **Laktaši Industrial zone**

The Industrial zone Laktaši is located in the immediate vicinity of Laktaši, and is an important centre for the metal processing industry. This zone was developed to support the economic development of the region and attract investments.

The zone offers several private business premises available to potential entrepreneurs, creating favourable conditions for establishing new businesses. These premises are equipped with all necessary installations and infrastructure, including access to roads and other transport networks.

For entrepreneurs seeking development opportunities, the Laktaši Industrial Zone represents an outstanding opportunity for business and collaboration within a dynamic industrial environment.

### ➤ **Trn Business Zone**

The Trn Business Zone is a significant storage and trade business area located near Laktaši. This zone was developed to support logistics and trade, making it an important hub for various types of businesses.

The land in the Trn Business Zone is privately owned, meaning the development and management of facilities within the zone are primarily managed by private entrepreneurs.

All capacities in the zone are mostly occupied, indicating an active economic life and demand for storage and retail space. The companies in this zone cover various sectors, including retail, wholesale, and logistics services, contributing to a dynamic commercial environment.

- The Spatial Plan of the City of Laktaši for the period 2014-2034 includes the construction of the Drugovići Business Zone, with an estimated area of 10 hectares, offering a potential favourable traffic location directly adjacent to the main road and near the Banja Luka-Doboj highway and the planned interchange, as well as terrain configuration that supports the polycentric development of the municipality.

Laktaši is the headquarters of some of the largest companies in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including major global and regional companies:



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**MAHLE**

**KOLEKTOR**



## ❖ TOURIST OFFER OF LAKTAŠI

- ✓ There are numerous tourist attractions that are worth visiting in Laktaši. In the area of the city of Laktaši, there are enormous natural resources, as well as a large number of cultural and historical monuments that witness to the past of this region.
- ✓ Laktaši and Slatina Spas with thermal mineral water have decades of tourist tradition in the treatment of rheumatic diseases, diseases of the heart, eyes, blood circulation and other diseases. Both Spas have the hotels in their surroundings, with swimming pools, medicinal baths and all necessary facilities for treatment, that provide complete services in health-recreational tourism.
- ✓ In the city area, there are numerous places for rest, walking and other forms of recreation. There you can go swimming, riding, fishing, walking, cycling, flying or skydiving.

[www.laktasiturizam.org](http://www.laktasiturizam.org)



Health and Tourism Complex "Laktaši Spa"



Spa Slatina – an integral part of the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation "Dr Miroslav Zotović" Banja Luka