



Social Situation of Roma and Sinti in Europe



This settlement near the centre of Athens is populated mainly by Roma from Albania, who have been living here for several years.



Roma/Sinti in Europe

- 8 to 10 million Roma in Europe today
- 1500 the first Roma came to W Europe.



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Romani Population Figures and Estimates by Country

Country	Official Figures¹¹	OSCE Estimates¹²	Minority Rights Group Estimates¹³
<i>Bulgaria</i>	370,907	800,000–850,000	700,000–800,000
<i>Croatia</i>	9,463	20,000–30,000	30,000–40,000
<i>Czech Republic</i>	11,718	350,000–450,000	250,000–300,000
<i>Hungary</i>	190,046	500,000–600,000	550,000–600,000
<i>Macedonia</i>	53,879	150,000–200,000	220,000–260,000
<i>Republic of Slovakia</i>	91,450	500,000–550,000	480,000–520,000
<i>Romania</i>	535,350	2,300,000–3,000,000	1,800,000–2,500,000
<i>Serbia and Montenegro</i>	108,193	400,000–500,000	400,000–450,000



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- Spain. 600.000- 800.000
- Portugal. 40.000- 60.000
- France. 600.000
- Greece. ?
- Italy. 500.000





Socio economic issues

- Housing and living conditions
- Unemployment en economic problems
- Healthcare



Housing and living conditions

- Housing condition far below normal standard in most of the countries.
- No personal hygiene facilities
- Romani settlements are concentrated outside towns
- Illegally built housing
- House blocks not always registered.
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Water and sanitation





Economic

- Economic transition in Eastern Europe
- Gradually disappearance of local markets
- Difficult to adapt to the demands of the
- modern labour market



Unemployment

No Roma need to apply

- Disappearance of traditional Roma occupation
- Residential segregation
- Unequal access to education.
- Discrimination (no employment for Roma available)



Healthcare

- Health indicators drastic different from majority population
- Lack of equal access to health care