

HRC Roma

In anticipation of a research report we give you a small summary of the issue at hand.

The Roma are Europe's largest ethnic minority. Out of an estimated 10 to 12 million Roma living in Europe, approximately 6 million are citizens or residents of the EU. Many EU Roma are still victims of prejudice and social exclusion, despite the discrimination ban across EU Member States.

The umbrella-term 'Roma' encompasses diverse groups, including Roma, Sinti, Kale, Romanichels, Boyash/Rudari, Ashkali, Egyptians, Yenish, Dom, Lom, Rom and Abdal, as well as Traveller populations (gens du voyage, Gypsies, Camminanti, etc.).

A 2020 report from the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights states that Roma people still face significant institutional discrimination. 25% of Roma children grow up in households lacking basic necessities such as heating or healthy food. See the link below for the full report.

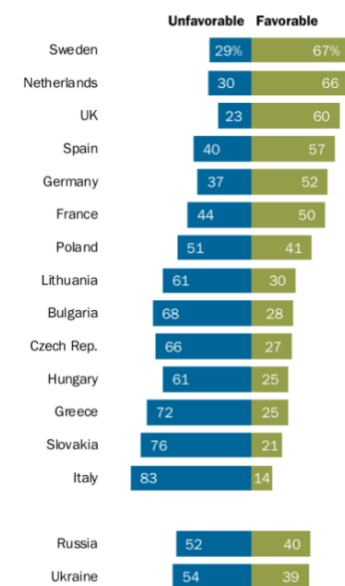
<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2020/roma-and-travellers-survey-europe-needs-break-vicious-circle-poverty-and-discrimination>

The difficulty for many of the Roma people is that they do not have anyone to represent them as they are so spread out across many European nations. As some (note: not all Roma do this) often migrate or change homes often, they often go under the radar. This means they don't have access to social benefits as they aren't officially registered in a country. They also face significant discrimination in the workplace, in getting access to health care or schooling or applying to social benefits. As a result of their marginalization, Roma are disproportionately the victim of violent crime, human smuggling and forced prostitution.

They are also regarded unfavourably by many countries in Europe. Prejudice against them includes suspecting them of being pickpockets, are more likely to commit various forms of crime and various other prejudices.

Unfavorable views of Roma are widespread in Central, Eastern Europe

% who have a ___ opinion of Roma in their country



Note: Don't know responses not shown. Question not asked in U.S.
Source: Spring 2019 Global Attitudes Survey, Q48b.

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