Profile of Roma Women and Girls

Education level of Roma women and girls

- 2 out of 3 Roma women aged 16 and over can read and write (<63%)
- 7 out of 10 young Roma women aged 16-24 can read and write (<72%)

Out of 10 Roma women aged 16 and over:

- 2 completed a primary school (24%)
- 2 finished a gymnasium (lower secondary education) (23%)
- 5 have no education (45%)
- 1 graduated from lyceum, vocational school, or university (8%)


Roma girls:

- About 8 out of 10 Roma girls go to school on a daily basis (76%)
- For 4 out of 10 Roma girls who do not go to school, the reason for this is absence of money for stationery or clothes (43%)

Are enrolled in education (by levels):

- Preschool (aged 3-6): 1 in 5 Roma girls (21%)
- Primary or gymnasium (aged 7-10 and 11-15): about 1 in 2 Roma girls (55% and 49%)
- Secondary vocational (aged 16-19): 1 in 7 Roma girls (14%)

Health condition of Roma women

- 1 in 4 suffers from pulmonary diseases (<24%)
- 1 in 6 has anxiety or chronic depression (<17%)
- 2 out of 5 have hypertension (<42%)
- 1 in 5 had at least one miscarriage (<21%)
- 4 out of 10 Roma women have health insurance policy (42%)

Over 1/3 of Roma women assess their health condition as bad or very bad (37%)

The high costs for health services and medicines, and the impossibility to cover such costs are the reasons for not visiting the doctor for 8 out of 10 Roma women (80%)

Employment of Roma women

- 1 in 4 Roma women aged 15-64 are economically active (<28%)
- 1 out of 6 Roma women aged 15-64 (<16%)
- 8 out of 10 Roma women work in informal sector (without any contract and social security) (84%)

Out of Roma women aged 15-64
- 4% have ever attended a vocational training course for adults (or 1 in 25)
- 11% have computer skills (or 1 in 9)

Are employed
- 1 in 3 Roma women aged 15-64 (31%)
- 1 in 9 Roma women aged 15-24 (11%)

Have work experience:
- 1 in 8 young Roma women aged 15-24 (<12%)

Are unemployed
- 4 out of 10 Roma women aged 15-64 (<41%)
- 1 in 2 young women aged 15-24 (52%)


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