

Hungary

Ethnicity in Hungary

Power relations

The Roma are discriminated in almost all fields of social life and often target of violence. Social discrimination is widespread and even extends to lower levels of government (separated schools program in one municipality). The "Hungarian Guard", an unarmed paramilitary group, was banned by the court in 2009, yet they continue to operate (¹⁴⁹⁷, 236). The Roma minority remains highly underrepresented in all stages of government. In the 2006 spring elections, only 3 Roma candidates won seats in the parliament (Ibid, 238). However, officially government fights discrimination, and there are no signs of any targeted exclusion from political participation (¹⁴⁹⁸).

Between 2010 and 2014, the Roma minority has held just four seats in the National Assembly. (¹⁴⁹⁹)

The Roma face discrimination in the fields of education, employment, health, housing, and criminal justice. Their situation has been worsened due to the financial crisis. They are targets of organized racist violence by right-wing radical paramilitary groups. In these cases law enforcement has been criticized as weak. Critics called on the authorities to characterize such crimes as hate crimes under the Hungarian Criminal Code and prosecute them as such. The far right party Jobbik which is openly anti-Roma further nourishes anti-Roma attitudes and which is currently electorally one of the most powerful parties following Fidesz (¹⁵⁰⁰). Although Fidesz generally distances itself from anti-Semitic statements, it is less vocal in its condemnation of anti-Roma behavior (¹⁵⁰¹).

¹⁴⁹⁷ [Freedom House, 2013]

¹⁴⁹⁸ [United States State Department, 2009]

¹⁴⁹⁹ [Freedom House, 2010]

¹⁵⁰⁰ [Minority Rights Group International, 2014]

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Political status of ethnic groups in Hungary

From 1946 until 1992

| Group name | Proportional size | Political status |
|------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Hungarians | 0.9 | MONOPOLY |
| Roma | 0.05 | DISCRIMINATED |

From 1993 until 2013

| Group name | Proportional size | Political status |
|------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Hungarians | 0.9 | MONOPOLY |
| Roma | 0.05 | POWERLESS |



Figure 330: Political status of ethnic groups in Hungary during 1946-1992.



Figure 331: Political status of ethnic groups in Hungary during 1993-2013.

Geographical coverage of ethnic groups in Hungary

From 1946 until 2013

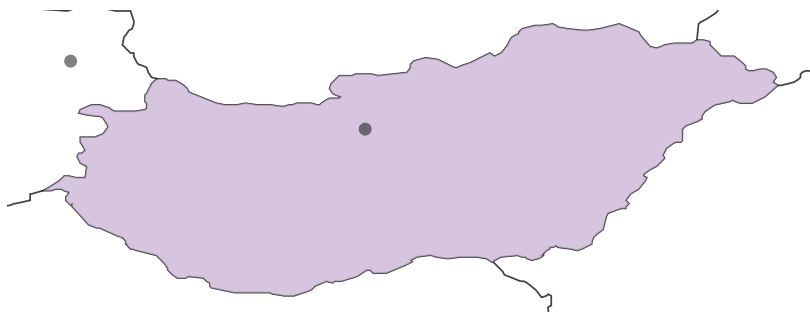


Figure 332: Map of ethnic groups in Hungary during 1993-2013.

| | Group name | Area in km ² | Type |
|---|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| ■ | Hungarians | 92 741 | Statewide |
| | Roma | | Migrant |

Table 98: List of ethnic groups in Hungary during 1946-2013.

Conflicts in Hungary

Starting on 1956-10-23

| Side A | Side B | Group name | Start | Claim | Recruitment | Support |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------|-------------|---------|
| Government of Hungary | Government of Russia (Soviet Union) | | 1956-10-23 | | | |