According to the 2011 census, the Roma population of Romania is 821,800 (3.3% of the total population of the country), making it the second largest ethnic minority in Romania. Roma represent the ethnic majority in 67 localities, but most Roma live in localities where their proportion is lower than 10%.

Recent years have seen the Ministry of National Education demonstrate a commitment to improving the education of Roma through the introduction of compulsory preschool education in the year before entry to primary school (zero grade), support for desegregation, promotion of intercultural curricula, and affirmative action measures and financial incentives to increase Roma’s participation in upper-secondary and tertiary education. The most pressing problems for the education of Roma in Romania are limited access to education in early childhood and persistent school segregation on the basis of ethnicity.

**OVERVIEW**

**SINCE 2005**

Roma Education Fund has supported

- 2,157 Teachers
- 7,326 Roma children and youth
- 10,600 Roma parents and caregivers

Roma Education Fund has invested more than €18,413,905 in Romania

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Since 2005 Roma Education Fund Romania has supported

**Early childhood education and care**

- More than 850 children
- Built 10 kindergartens and 10 playgrounds
- Formed 14 kindergarten groups

**Primary education**

- More than 4,350 children

**Secondary education**

- More than 1,150 adults
- More than 9,500 parents
- More than 2,000 teaching staff

**Secondary education**

- More than 480 mentors and tutors
- 2,974 scholarships awarded to 1,568 students
- More than 1,600 youth

**Tertiary education**

**Second chance program**

**Parental support**

**Quality teaching**