

## 2011 Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in the Republic of Serbia ROMA PEOPLE IN SERBIA

The Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia will release the publication “Roma people in Serbia” where on the basis of the results of 2011 Census of population, Households and Dwellings<sup>1</sup> analysed are demographic, social, economic and other features of the Roma population in Serbia.

The study “Roma people in Serbia” by the authors Prof Dr Svetlana Radovanović and Dr Aleksandar Knežević (Faculty of geography, University of Belgrade) is published with the aim to provide a better insight into and understanding of the status and the degree of social integrity of the Roma ethnic community.

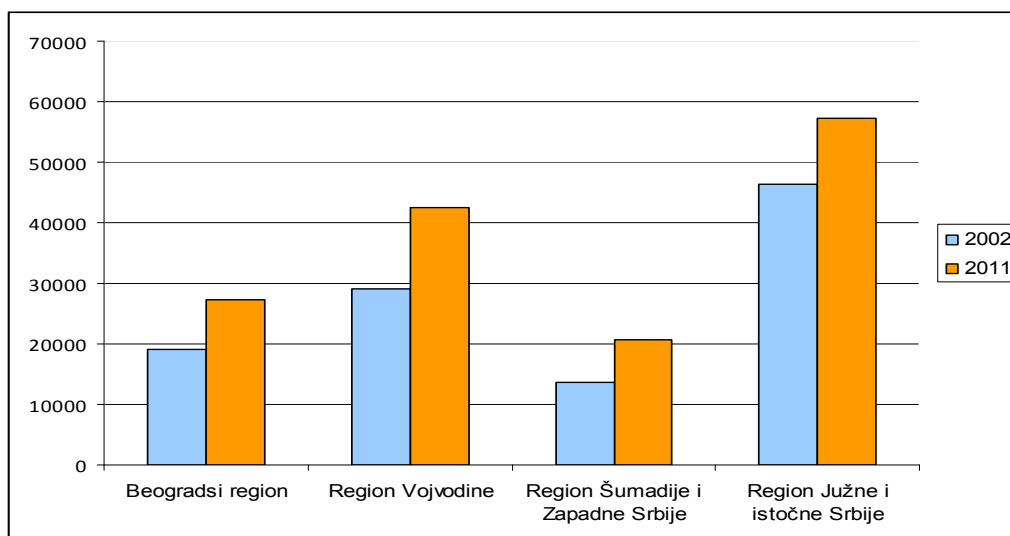
Pursuant to the Constitution provisions in force, in 2011 Census of population, Households and Dwellings the data on ethnic affiliation were collected as the result of free declaration of citizens, i.e. parents, adopting parents or foster parents/guardians for persons aged below 15.

According to the Census results, 147604 persons of Roma ethnicity are living in the Republic of Serbia, their share in the total population being equal to 2.05%. The average age of the Roma people is about 28 years, which makes them considerably younger when related to the total Serbian population that is aged 42.2 on average.

Observed by sex, among the population of Roma ethnicity the share of males is larger (51%) than the share of females (49%).

The largest number of Roma people was registered in Region Južne i Istočne Srbije (39% of the total number of Roma people), and the smallest number was recorded in Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije (14% of the total number of Roma people).

Changes in the total number of Roma people by regions, Censuses 2002 and 2011



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<sup>1</sup> 2011 Census was not conducted in the territory of AP Kosovo and Metohija, while in the municipalities Preševo i Bujanovac the turnout was small due to the boycott by majority of the members of Albanian ethnic community.

Observed on the level of municipalities, the largest share of Roma people was recorded in Kostolac (19.5%), Bojnik (14.9%) and Vranjska Banja (14.4%).

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2011 Census was carried out in the period from 1 to 15 October 2011, in compliance with the Law on the Census of Population, Households and Dwellings (Official Gazette of RS, No 104/09 and 24/11). The Census was financially supported by the European Union with the share of 60% in the total costs.

The results of the Census may be found in electronic form at [www.stat.gov.rs](http://www.stat.gov.rs) and [www.popis2011.stat.rs](http://www.popis2011.stat.rs).

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