

CROATIA

MEET A CHILD

Kaneven & Keel, Two sisters aged 17 & 7, from Vukovar, a destroyed Croatian town, were taken to a concentration Camp of Serbian soldiers, by her neighbour. Nevenka had a baby of a few months & her husband was a Croatian soldier. She was raped daily in camp in front of her younger sister who had to hold her baby and keep her from crying because "if she (baby) cried, they would kill her". The rapists kept sending messages about what they were doing to her to the front to her husband. Later they raped the younger sister as well...

TOTAL POPULATION 4,433,000
CHILD POPULATION 753,610

Population Reference Bureau - 2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

Statistics on the number of working children under age 15 in Croatia are unavailable. According to government officials, only a small number of children ages 15 to 18 years are employed, mainly in the textile and maritime industries.

The US Dept.of Labor's 2003 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labour.

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2010, 2,179,000 economically active people are estimated in Croatia with no child in the age group 10-14 being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics, Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO

1086 females for 1000 males

CIA, factbook-2005 (Fig is an estimate for 2005)

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001,23,300 children of the primary school going age of 7-10 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

With an EDI of 0.962, Croatia's progress towards achieving education for all by 2015 is high

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005

CHILD SLAVERY

The Constitution prohibits all forced or compulsory labor, including by children; however, there were reports that it occurred .

US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2004, February 2005

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Croatia is a country of transit, and to a lesser extent, source and destination country for women and girls trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

Victims generally originate in Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Romania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and other parts of Eastern Europe, and are trafficked into Western Europe.

CHILD PROSTITUTION

The country was primarily a transit country for women trafficked to other parts of Europe for prostitution, as well as a lesser but increasing, source and destination country for trafficked women.

Reports indicate that Croatia is primarily a transit country, but to a limited extent is also a destination country for trafficking of children for commercial sexual exploitation.

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No confirmed data

CHILD SOLDIERS

There were no reports of under-18s serving in the armed forces.

CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

No confirmed data

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2004, February 2005

The US Dept. of Labor's 2003 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labour.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004