

ROMANIA



Total Population: 22,402,000

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138

182

Child Population: 5,096,000

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TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

A recent study concluded that about 8% of the country's 7 to 15 year-olds work.

According to the 1992 Population and Housing Census in Romania, about 9,000 children under the age of 15 worked.

CHILD SLAVERY

See child trafficking.

CHILD TRAFFICKING

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) reported that from January 2000 to June 2001, they assisted 279 victims of trafficking. Of these victims, 6 were 14 years of age or younger and 57 were between the ages of 15 and 17. Figures for 1999 were less than 10 victims.

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) office in the country reported that in 2000 about 141 women and girls were repatriated from sexual slavery by December, including 7 from Cambodia and 5 from Moldova.

In 1998, the NGO Save the Children dealt with 101 cases of children, mostly Roma, being taken to Germany and Italy and being forced to work as beggars or petty thieves.

Romania is both a source and a transit country for trafficked women and girls. There is evidence that the problem is growing.

The Romanian NGO Sanse Egale Pentru Femei (Equal Opportunities for Women) reports that cases of trafficking in children rose from 8 in 1997 to 43 in 1999.

CHILD PROSTITUTION

5% of the homeless children in Romania are in prostitution.

There are approximately 2,000 homeless children in Romania. Many of them are forced to accept money for sex in order to survive.

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

See child trafficking.

CHILD SOLDIERS

No confirmed data.

CHILD SERVANTS

No confirmed data.

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OTHER HAZARDOUS CHILD LABOUR

Street Children - A recent survey on street children found that the main types of work they did was agriculture, begging, delivery work, loading/unloading goods and prostitution.

Street Children - According to Romanian Save the Children, there are between 5,000 and 6,000 children in Bucharest who live on the streets.

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