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OVERVIEW

Roma were recognized for the first time as a national minority in October 2017 when the new law on national minorities was adopted. The Law on the Rights and Protection of the Child passed in February 2017.

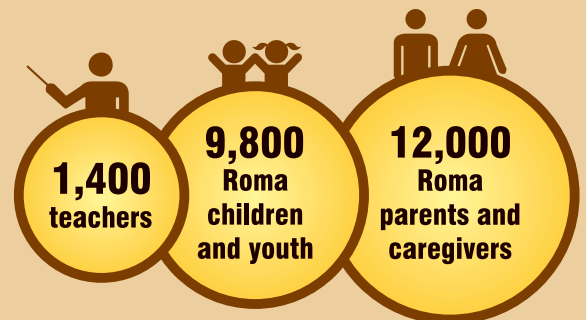
According to a recent UNICEF Report (2017), access to preschool is far from universal. Though there is a greater awareness of the benefits of early childhood education, preschool is not obligatory - 53% of children ages 5-6 were enrolled in kindergarten in urban areas, with much lower numbers in rural areas and among Roma children.

Albania has a nine-year compulsory education system, but according to the latest Ministry of Education data, only 14% of Roma students graduated successfully and only 3% of the graduates continued to upper secondary school (grades 10-12).

According to the UNICEF Report "Underinvestment in Education," the literacy rate for Roma is as low as 65%, contrasting a 95% ratio among non-Roma Albanians, and Roma women have spent an average of only 5 years in school, which is in stark comparison to 10 years for non-Roma women.

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REF-SUPPORTED PROJECTS IN 2018

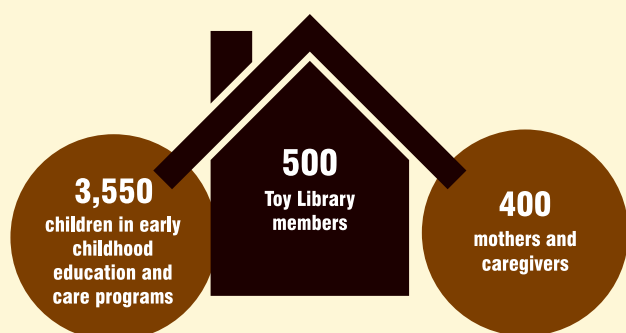
EDUCATIONAL LEVEL	PROJECT NAME	GRANTEE ORGANIZATION
Early childhood	Improving the Access of Roma Children to Quality Preschool Education	Romani Baxt Albania
	Early Childhood Care and Development for Roma Children in Albania	Save the Children
Secondary	Improved Educational Achievements of Roma and Egyptian (R/E) High School Students	ARSIS - Social Organization for the Support of the Youth
Tertiary	Roma Versitas Program in Albania	Roma Versitas Albania
Adult	Increasing Education Level of Adult Roma in Albania	Roma Woman Rights Centre (RWRC)

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2018

PROJECT	FINANCED BY
Increased education opportunities for Roma students and Roma youth in Western Balkans and Turkey	European Union

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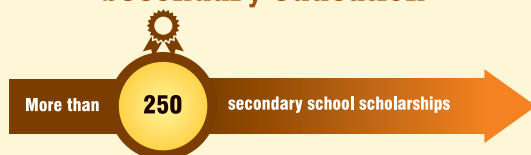
Early childhood education and care



Tertiary education



Secondary education



Adult education/ Second chance

