Lived experiences of Roma people in England and Wales

Read the report: **Lived experiences of Roma people in England and Wales: 2025**

Explores experiences of Roma people in England and Wales, including migration and settlement in the UK, access to services, identities and sense of belonging.

Watch the findings video: **Roma lives in England and Wales**

Three minute video in English and several Romanes dialects summarising the report findings.

Hear from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) introducing the project:

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) conducted research into the lived experiences of Roma people in England and Wales. This study was led by the Inclusive Research team within the ONS's Centre for Equalities and Inclusion, in partnership with Migration Yorkshire, Roma Support Group, and the University of Sheffield.

To help shape the research, ONS formed two advisory groups, which included Roma community members, Civil Society Organisations, academics, and policymakers.

The study used a qualitative, participatory, peer-research approach, incorporating in-depth interviews and focus groups with Roma communities. Interviews with service providers also formed part of the evidence. It aimed to gather meaningful

insights into Roma people's experiences and needs across key areas such as health, education, employment, housing, and access to public services.

The findings provide evidence that could help inform future policy decisions. They may also support the interpretation of existing statistics and contribute to developing approaches that enhance the visibility and representation of Roma people in data.

Further resources

- **New study launched to better understand Roma communities (April 2025)**
  A new study by the Office for National Statistics aims to improve understanding of Roma communities in the UK through enhanced data collection and analysis.

- **Roma EU citizens and the United Kingdom's EU settlement scheme: Another 'Windrush scandal' in the making? (2025)**

  This academic article explores the everyday experiences of Roma migrants focusing on challenges related to employment, housing, and social inclusion.

- Visit the Office for National Statistics (ONS) webpage for more information on Roma populations in England and Wales, including insights from Census 2021: Roma populations in England and Wales – Census 2021.

- **We're delighted to share this special feature from BBC Sunday Morning Live, marking International Roma Day 2025.**
  Join us in celebrating Roma culture, resilience, and community through this thoughtful and inspiring programme.
  Watch now: International Roma Day 2025 – BBC Sunday Morning Live

Find out more about the organisations involved in this research:

- **Roma Support Group**
- **University of Sheffield**

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