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Facts and figures

Housing and Roma in Italy¹

There are about 150,000 Roma, Sinti and Caminanti in Italy, representing around 0.25 per cent of the population of the country. These communities include Italian citizens (about 50 per cent), people from other European Union countries and from the former Yugoslavia, and stateless people. Only about 3 per cent of them are itinerant. More than a quarter of them (40,000) live in camps, either informal or built by the authorities, and are at risk of forced evictions. In Rome and Milan, over 1,000 evictions were reported in the past 6 years. An absolute majority of them were forced evictions.

Some data on the general housing situation in Italy

Increasing poverty

Decrease in the real income of families in 2012:

- 4,8% (source: ISTAT, 2013)

Percentage of persons belonging to gravely deprived families in Italy:

6.9%	2010
11.2%	2011
14.3%	2012

(source: ISTAT, 2013)

Increasing housing costs

Housing cost as a percentage of income:

Italian average ratio: 31,4%

Over 40% for 3,000,000 families

(source: CGIL, 2013)

Housing cost in the last 10 years:

Increase for renewed rents: +130% (average 740 euros in 2012)

Increase for new contracts: +150% (average 1.100 euros in 2012)

Increase in house prices: 50% to 100% (centre of some cities) (source: CGIL, 2013)

Increasing number of evictions

Increase in evictions orders in last 10 years: +100%

Number of eviction orders in 2011: 63.846

¹ This document accompanies the report "Double standards: Italy's housing policies discriminate against Roma" (AI Index: EUR 30/008/2013, 30 October 2013) and presents some of the most significant numerical data mentioned in the report.

Of which due to delay in the payment of the agreed rent in 2011: 55.543 (87%)
 Number of eviction orders in 2012: 67.790 (6.18% more than in 2011)
 Number of eviction orders in the last 5 years: 240.000 (source: Ministero dell'Interno, 2011-13)

High number of families applying for social housing

Number of pending applications for social housing: 600.000 (source: Federcasa, 2011)

Low and decreasing public housing stock

Ratio Social rental housing on total housing stock²:

Italy 5%

France 17%

UK 18%

Sweden 18%

Austria 23%

The Netherlands 32%

(source: Cecodhas, 2012)

Total public housing stock

1 M dwellings	1991
900.000 dwellings	2001
800.000 dwellings	2007

(source: Presidency of the Council of Ministers, 2007 - quoted by Anci)

Rent benefits plummeting

Rent benefit fund at national level:

141.2 M	2010
9.89 M	2011
0	2012
0	2013
30 M	2014 (expected)
30 M	2015 (expected)

(source: Conferenza delle regioni e delle province autonome, 2013; for the figures expected in 2014 and 2015, see Decree no.102 of 31 August 2013, article 6(4))

Some data on general housing situation, and specific situation of Roma, in Rome

Social housing dwellings

Number of social housing dwellings in Rome:

60.000 ca. (50.000 Ater + 10.000 municipality)

(Source: Ater 2013)

Long waiting lists for social housing

Public announcement social housing Rome 2000-2009

30.000 ca. families applied

7.000 ca. of them had been evicted from rented properties

2.000 ca. still waiting to be assigned a dwelling despite achieving the maximum score

(source: Sunia, 2013)

Social housing dwellings assigned per year on average

About 250 including turnover (about 100)

(source: Comune di Roma, 2013)

² Relevant graphics are available at the end of this document

>Time virtually needed to assign dwellings to all families in waiting list at current rate:
117 years

Increasing number of evictions

Number of eviction orders in Rome Courts in 2012:

7.743 (6.191 for inability to continue paying agreed rents due to loss of income, so called “*morosita` incolpevole*”)

Increase in the number of eviction orders in Rome Courts between 2011 and 2012

+ 15.81% (source: Ministry of Interior, 2013)

Roma: not in social housing, but in camps

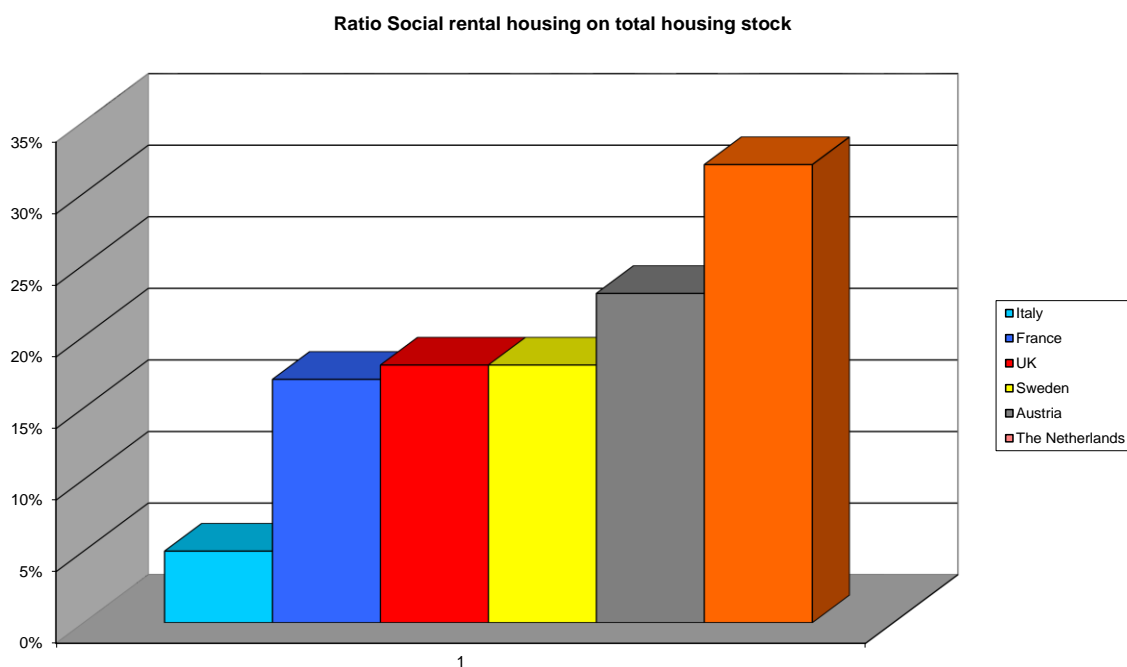
Number of persons living in Ater social housing dwellings: 104.548 of which foreigners (EU and non EU): 3.591 (3,43%)

Roma: about 10 families

(Source: Ater, 2012)

> Roma as percentage of total population of Rome: 0.2 per cent
Roma assigned social housing as percentage of total: 0.02 per cent³

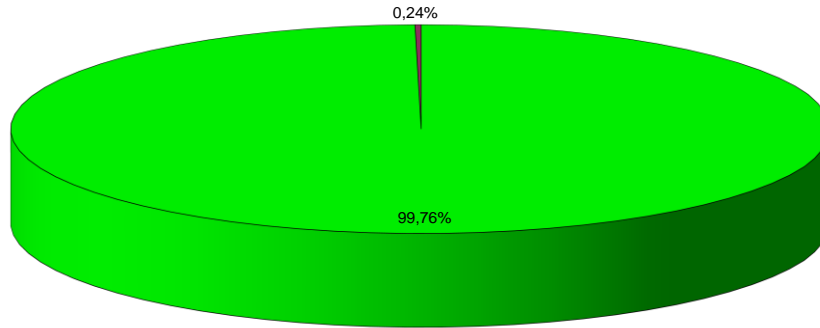
Number of persons living in authorized camps: 4351 (source: Comune di Roma, 2012)



(source: Cecodhas, 2012)

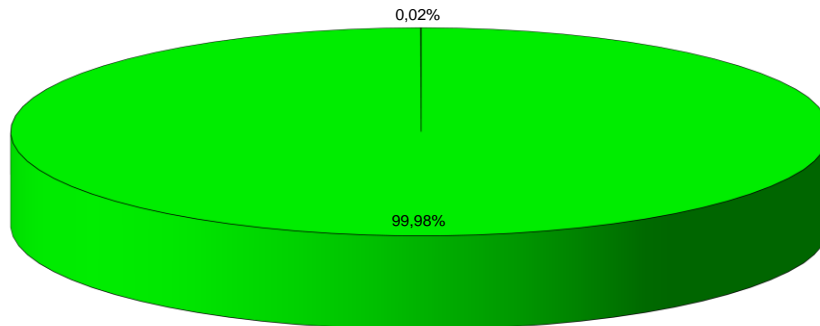
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Rome population



■ non Roma ■ Roma

Families assigned social housing dwellings in Rome



■ Families assigned social housing - non-Roma
■ Families assigned social housing - Roma

(source: ATER 2012)

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