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THE IMPACT OF MARGINALIZED SOCIAL GROUPS ON SECURITY IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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Introduction

The Impact of the Environment on Social Networks and Perceptions of Safety

Causes of Deviance: Cultural Conflicts Between Different Groups in the Local Community

Presentation of Four Groups:

Roma



Refugees

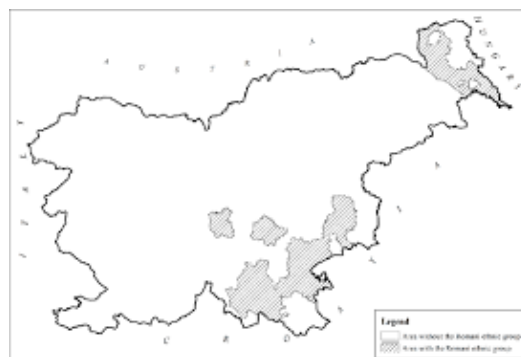


Homeless People



Addicts





Roma Community

The Roma represent the largest minority group in Europe.

In the Dolenjska region, there is a higher tolerance toward violence.

Improving education levels and social status among the Roma contributes to a decrease in illegal activities, especially property crime.



Refugees



- Refugees are among the least significant threats to local community safety.
- Residents tend to be more concerned with environmental disturbances (e.g., reckless driving, loud music) than with the presence of migrants, foreign workers, or refugees.



Homeless people



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GENERALLY
NEGATIVE PUBLIC
PERCEPTION



OFTEN VIEWED AS
LESS PRODUCTIVE
MEMBERS OF
SOCIETY



ASSOCIATED WITH
SUBSTANCE ABUSE
(DRUGS AND
ALCOHOL)



A 2024 STUDY IN
LJUBLJANA
HIGHLIGHTS
COMMON CAUSES:
FAMILY ISSUES,
FINANCIAL
HARDSHIP, HEALTH
PROBLEMS, AND
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



STRONG STIGMA
PERSISTS



NOT INHERENTLY
DANGEROUS – FEAR
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THAN REALITY



Addicts

Drug use, particularly heroin, is increasing

Strong social stigma

Media plays an important role in shaping public perception

Individuals may internalize the label of being "deviant" or "dangerous"

Conclusion

Lowest level of acceptance:

Muslims

Jews

Refugees

Roma

Issues related to the Roma community in the Dolenjska region.

