

COUNTRY PROFILE

Serbia

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Republic of Serbia*

- Area – **88,361 km²**
- Number of towns/cities – **6,167**
- Population (census, 2002): **7,498,001**
- Mid-term population estimate 2008: **7,381,579**
- Population density (census, 2002): **97/ km²**
- Median age- total, 2008: **41.1 yrs**
 - M: **39.7**; F: **42.4**
 - Birth rate (2008): **9.3**
- Crude death rate (2008): **14.0**
- Life expectancy at birth (2008)
 - M: **71.1** F: **76.3**
 - Total fertility rate (2008): **1.4**

*without data for the Province of Kosovo and Metohija



SERBIA: Population structure mid-year estimate - 2008

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Age	Number of inhabitants			Percentage structure		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	7,350,222	3,573,814	3,776,408	100.00	100.00	100.00
0-19	1,563,279	802,214	761,065	21.27	22.45	20.15
20-39	1,998,129	1,010,058	988,071	27.18	28.26	26.16
40-59	2,133,225	1,044,947	1,088,278	29.02	29.24	28.82
60+	1,655,589	716,595	938,994	22.52	20.05	24.86
0-14	1,127,902	579,504	548,398	15.35	16.22	14.52
65+	1,262,864	533,039	729,825	17.18	14.92	19.33

Key feature of the population in Serbia is aging!

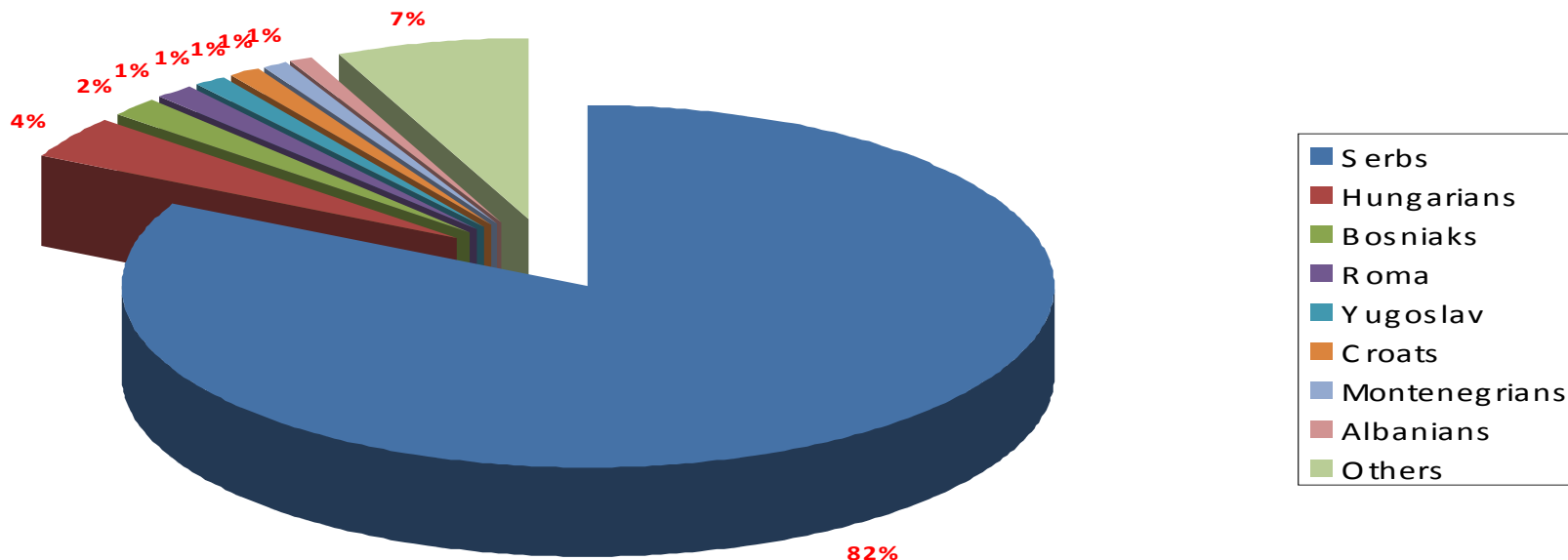
Data source: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

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Serbia: Proportion of inhabitants by ethnicity (2002) and by origin (2007)

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excluding data from Kosovo and Metohija



Data source: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia Available on: <http://webzrs.statserb.sr.gov.yu/axd/Zip/NEP1.pdf>

Serbia is the country with the highest number of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Europe!

- Refugees (1991-1996): **97,672** (without data for Kosovo and Metohija)
- IDPs from Kosovo and Metohija (1999): **206,504**

Data source: UNHCR Representation in Serbia

Available on: <http://www.unhcr.org.yu/utills/File.aspx?id=222>

Roma population in Serbia

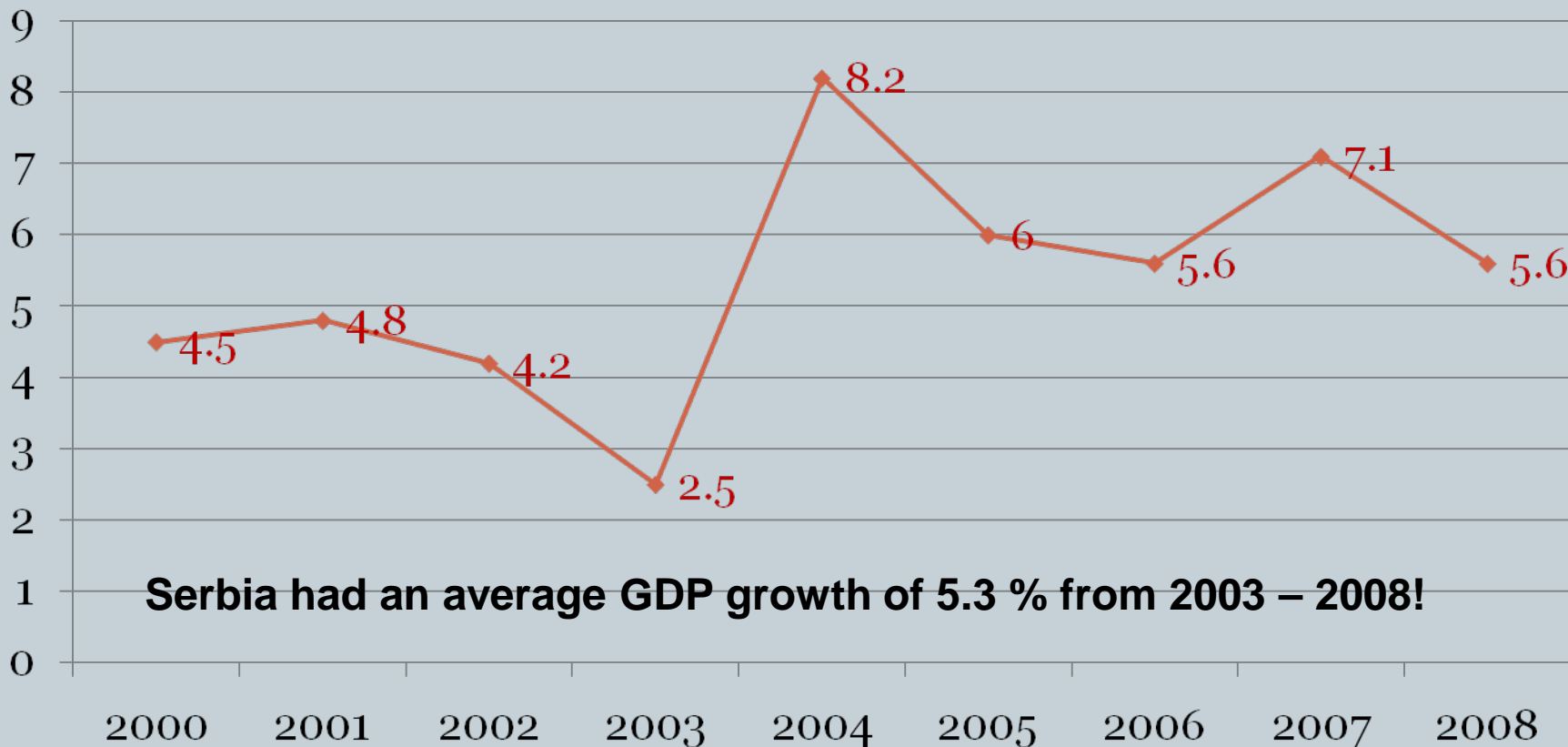
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- According to the official data, about **108,000** Roma live in Serbia (Census 2002)
- According to estimates of Ministry of Human and Minority Rights and various agencies (domestic and international) the estimated number of Roma population in Serbia is **4** to **5** times higher: between **400,000** and **500,000** Roma (after the Bosniaks this would mean it is the 2nd largest ethnic group)

Serbia: Socio-economic data (1)

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Serbia GDP growth rate



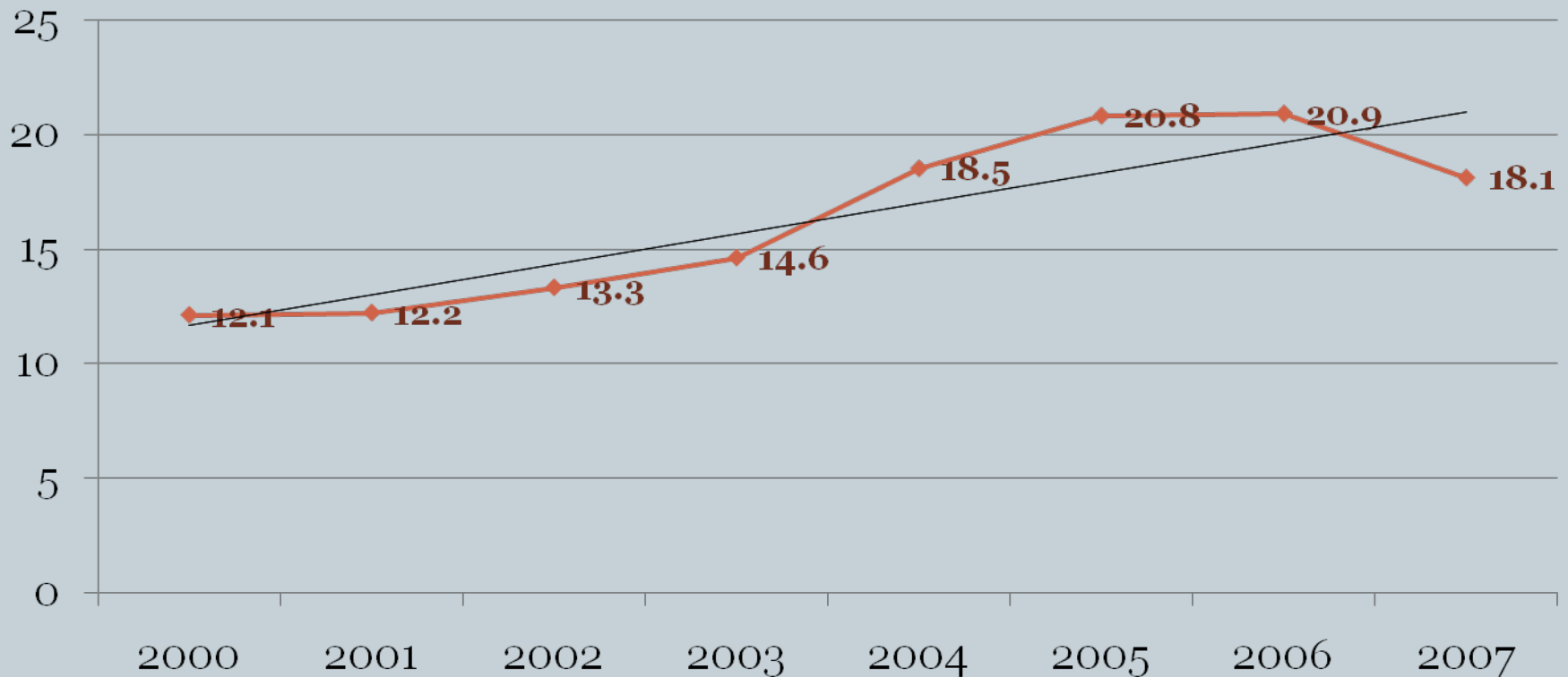
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Serbia: Socio-economic data (2)

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Unemployment rate for Serbia (%), WHO estimates



Data source: European Health for all database, WHO, Regional Office for Europe

Available on: <http://data.euro.who.int/hfadb/>

Socio-economic data (3)

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- Participation of social protection expenditures in GDP in **2006** – **14%**, with **11.4%** for pension
- Ministry of Labor and Social Policy (MoLSP) budget participation in GDP in **2007** amounted to **2,9%**, while share of financial transfers, excluding expenditures from contributions, amounted to **0.81%** of GDP, the participation of these expenditures in MoLSP budget is **28%**.

Serbia: Socio-economic data (4)

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Household beneficiaries of social services, Living Standard Measurement Survey, 2002 and 2007

Type of programs	2002			2007		
	Total	Below poverty line	Above poverty line	Total	Below poverty line	Above poverty line
Number of households receiving social assistance	2,435	251	2,184	738	111	627
Third party's care and assistance in %	1.7	3.3	1.5	3.1	7.2	2.9
Financial family support ("MOP") in %	1.1	4.7	0.7	1.4	8.6	1.0
Child allowance in %	10.1	14.4	9.5	8.2	18.7	7.5
Parental (maternal) allowance in %	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6

Data source: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, Living Standard Measurement Survey 2002 – 2007, (2008)

Serbia: poverty profile (1)

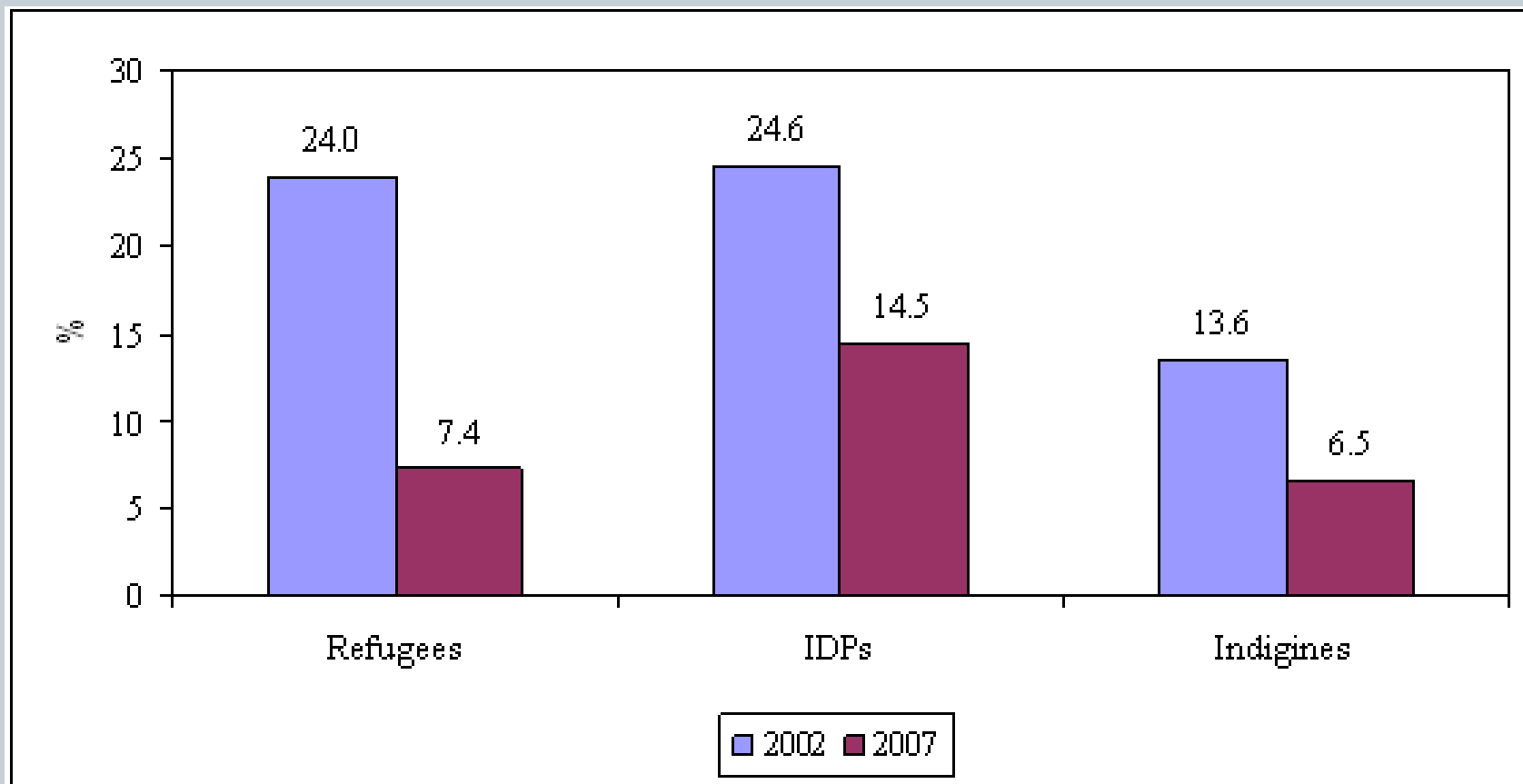
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- The share of the poor in overall population dropped from **14% in 2002** to **6.6% in 2007**, thus reducing the number of the poor by more than 500,000*.
- However, it should be noted that the image of poverty is slightly worse than described, bearing in mind that the data do not fully cover refugees and IDP and Roma (nor some 8,200 people in collective centers), the categories of population which are certainly the most vulnerable compared to the indigenes in Serbia*.

Serbia poverty profile (2)

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Percentage of poor refugees, IDPs and domicile population, 2002-2007



Data source: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, Living Standard Measurement Survey 2002 – 2007, (2008)

Serbia: poverty profile, the Roma situation

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Poverty index of Roma and general population, 2007 (%) (standard deviations are presented in brackets)

	Percentage of extremely poor	Percentage of the poor	Structure of the poor	Overall population structure	Poverty depth	Poverty severity
Roma	6.4 (3.76)	49.2 (9.27)	19.5	2.6	13.6 (3.48)	5.5 (1.61)
General population, excl. Roma	0.1 (0.07)	5.4 (0.49)	80.5	97.4	1.0 (0.12)	0.3 (0.05)
Total	0.3 (0.12)	6.6 (0.61)	100.0	100.0	1.3 (0.17)	0.4 (0.07)

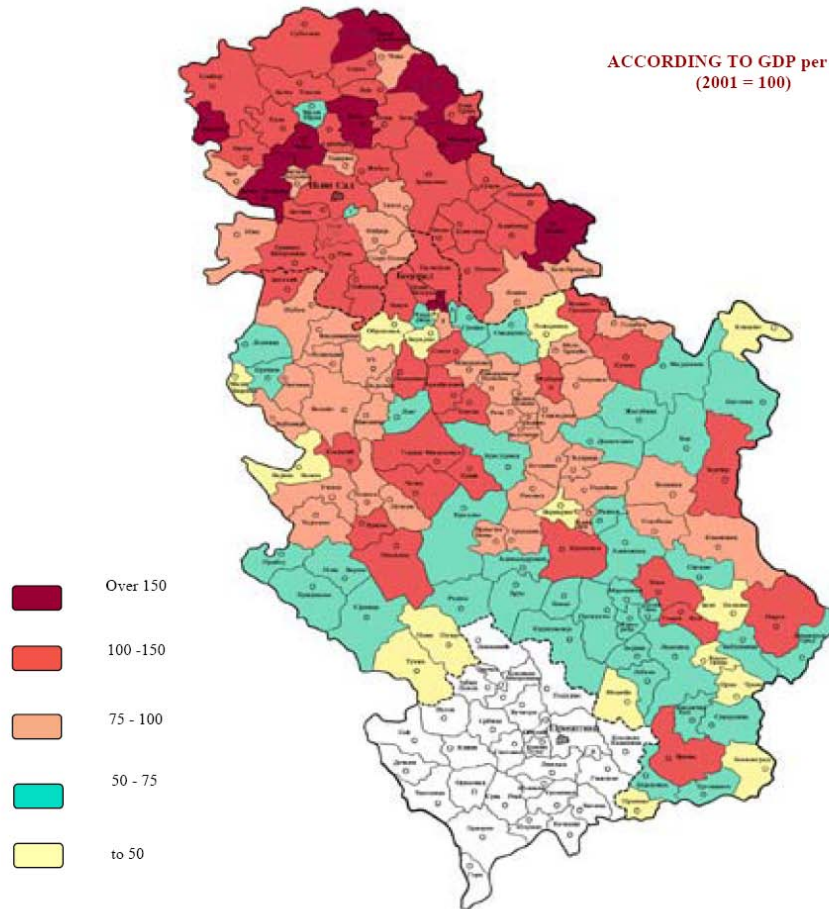
The poverty among Roma is ten times higher than in the general population, every 5th poor person in Serbia is Roma; Severity of poverty in Roma is 20 times higher than in general population

Serbia: inequalities and poverty distribution - GDP and unemployment per district

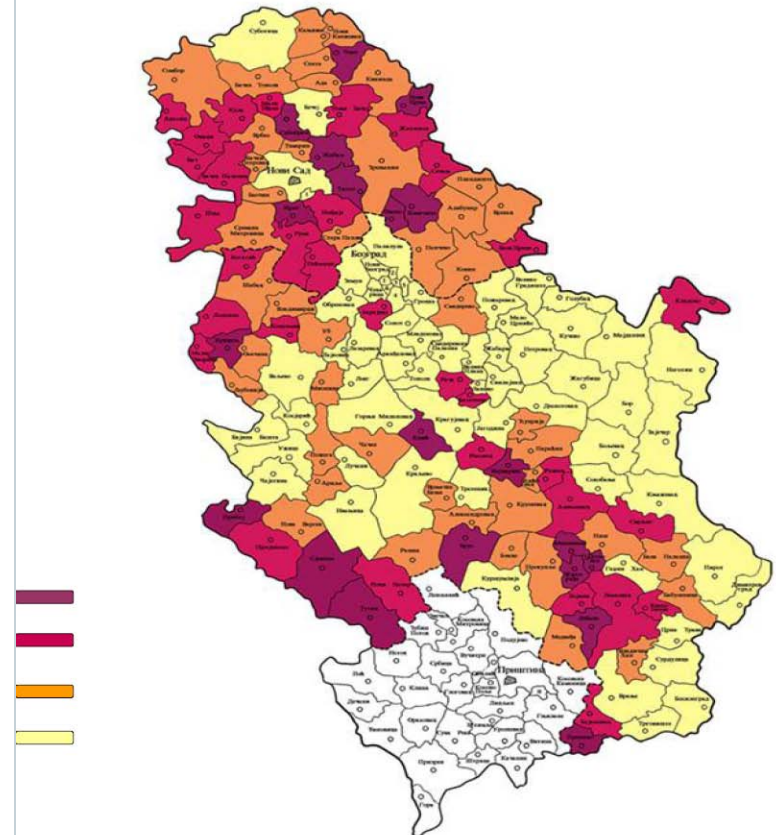
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Development level of municipalities (index)

ACCORDING TO GDP per capita
(2001 = 100)



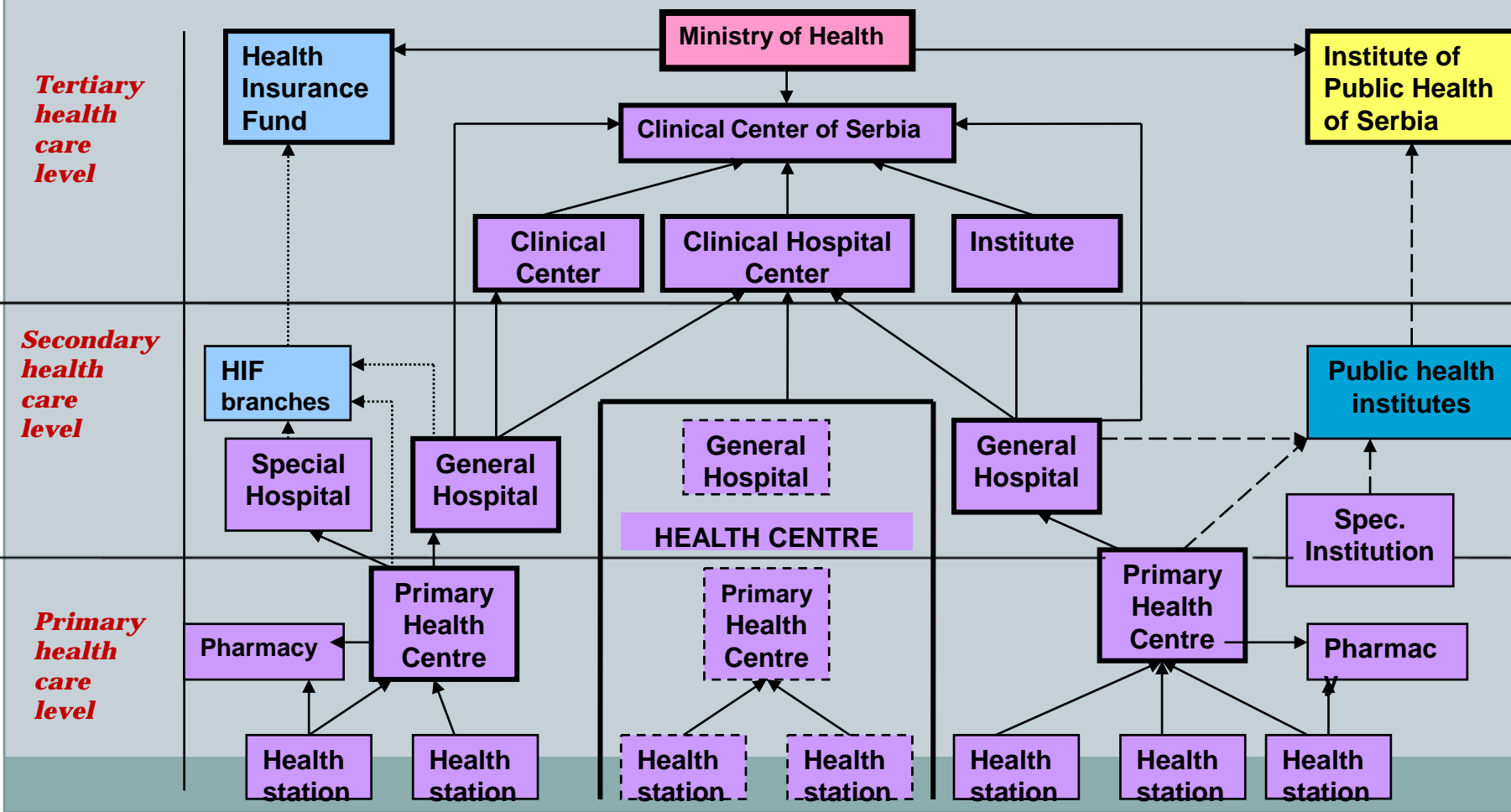
Regional poverty, unemployment in 2002



Health System in Serbia (1)

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Organizational structure of the public health system in Serbia



Health System in Serbia (2) – the right to health care

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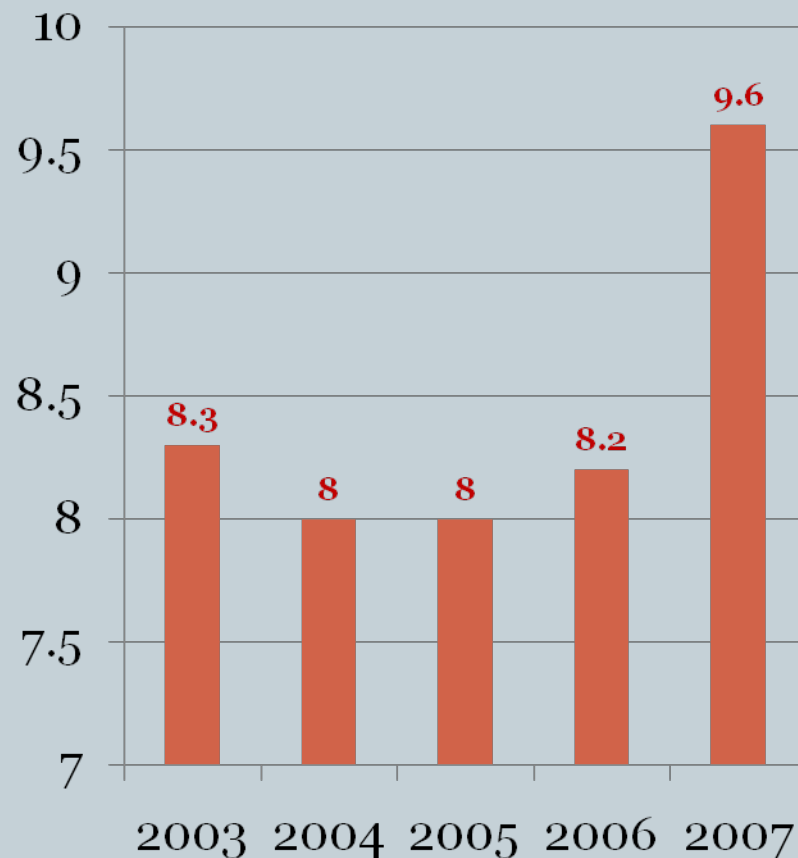
- Every citizen is entitled to health care in the Republic of Serbia (Constitution, Law on Health Care, Law on Health Insurance). The right to health care on the basis of a health insurance card
- Emergency health care is provided to all citizens without delay
- Health Insurance Fund (HIF) is financed by health (social) contributions raised on individual salaries and equally shared by employer and employee.
- Uninsured: unemployed, social well-fare beneficiaries, the Roma, refugees are “insured” by direct transfers from the budget to the HIF but...
- In order to obtain a health insurance card every citizen needs to register in the place of residence
- The readmission process is currently ongoing and very few Roma both those already in country and those returning possess personal documents, or can “register” residence as they have no “permanent address”
- A large number of Roma from readmission do not want to obtain legal status in Serbia

Health System in Serbia (3) – financing

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- Total health expenditure (THE) as % of GDP is **9.6%** in **2007**;
- Health Insurance Fund (HIF) is financed by health (social) contributions raised on individual salaries and equally shared by employer and employee.
- Uninsured: unemployed, social well-fare beneficiaries, the Roma, refugees – direct transfers from budget
- HIF covers recurrent expenses through input-based provider payment

THE as % of GDP in Serbia

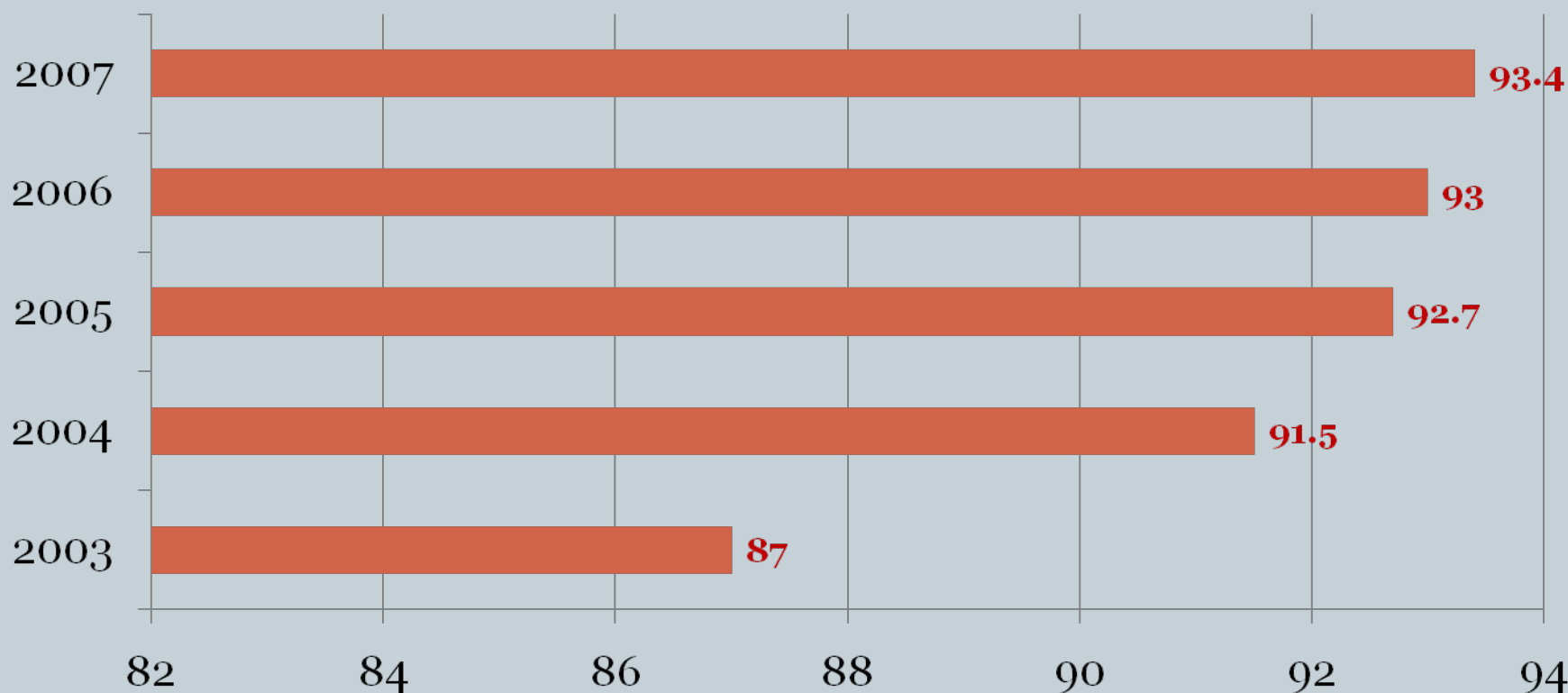


Data source: Institute of Public Health of the Republic of Serbia, National Health Account Office

Health System in Serbia (4) - financing

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Social security funds as % of general government expenditure on health (GGHE)

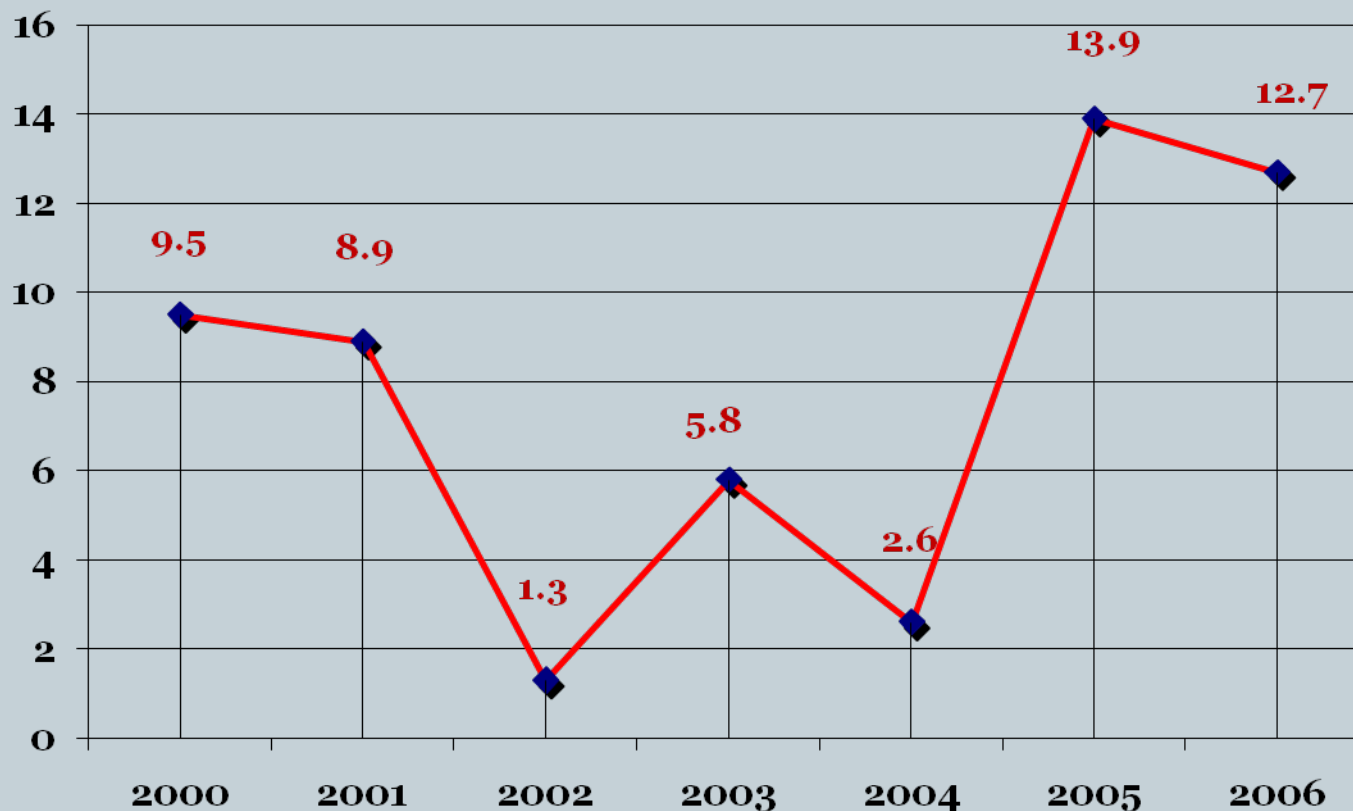


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Serbia: Health Indicators (1)

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Maternal mortality ratio per 100,000 live births, Serbia, 2000 - 2007



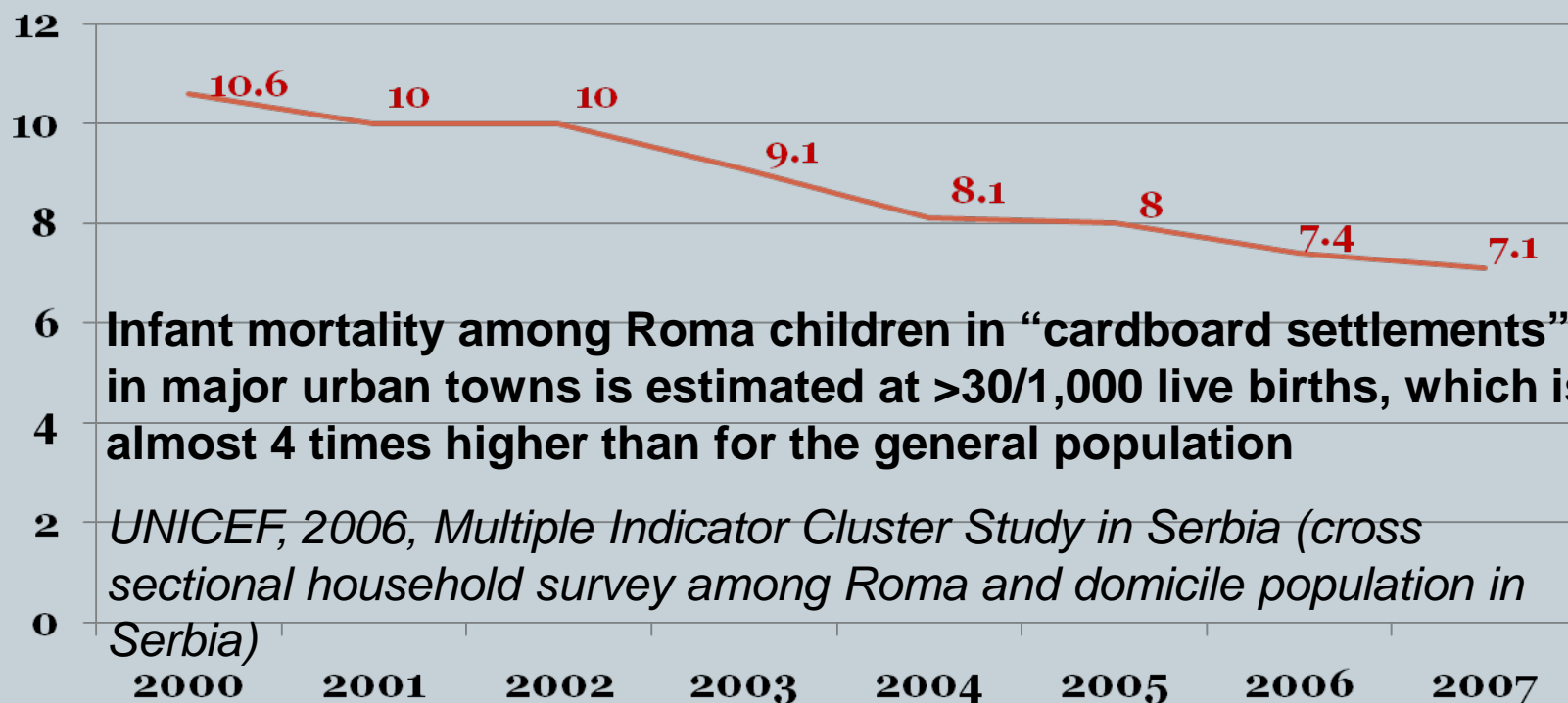
Data source: DevInfo database for Serbia, data base on internet, Belgrade: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, vital statistic

Available on: <http://devinfo.stat.gov.rs/devinfoapp.aspx?cl=IND>

Serbia: Health Indicators (3)

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Infant mortality per 1,000 live births, Serbia 2000 - 2007



Infant mortality among Roma children in “cardboard settlements” in major urban towns is estimated at >30/1,000 live births, which is almost 4 times higher than for the general population

UNICEF, 2006, Multiple Indicator Cluster Study in Serbia (cross sectional household survey among Roma and domicile population in Serbia)

Serbia: Health inequalities – Roma health

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Indicator	General population ¹⁵³			Roma population living in Roma settlements, 2005 ¹⁵⁴	
	2001	2003	2005	Boys	Girls
Under-5 mortality rate (per 1,000 live-born infants)	11.8	10.4	9.2	36	23
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live-born	10.2	9.1	8.0	32	20

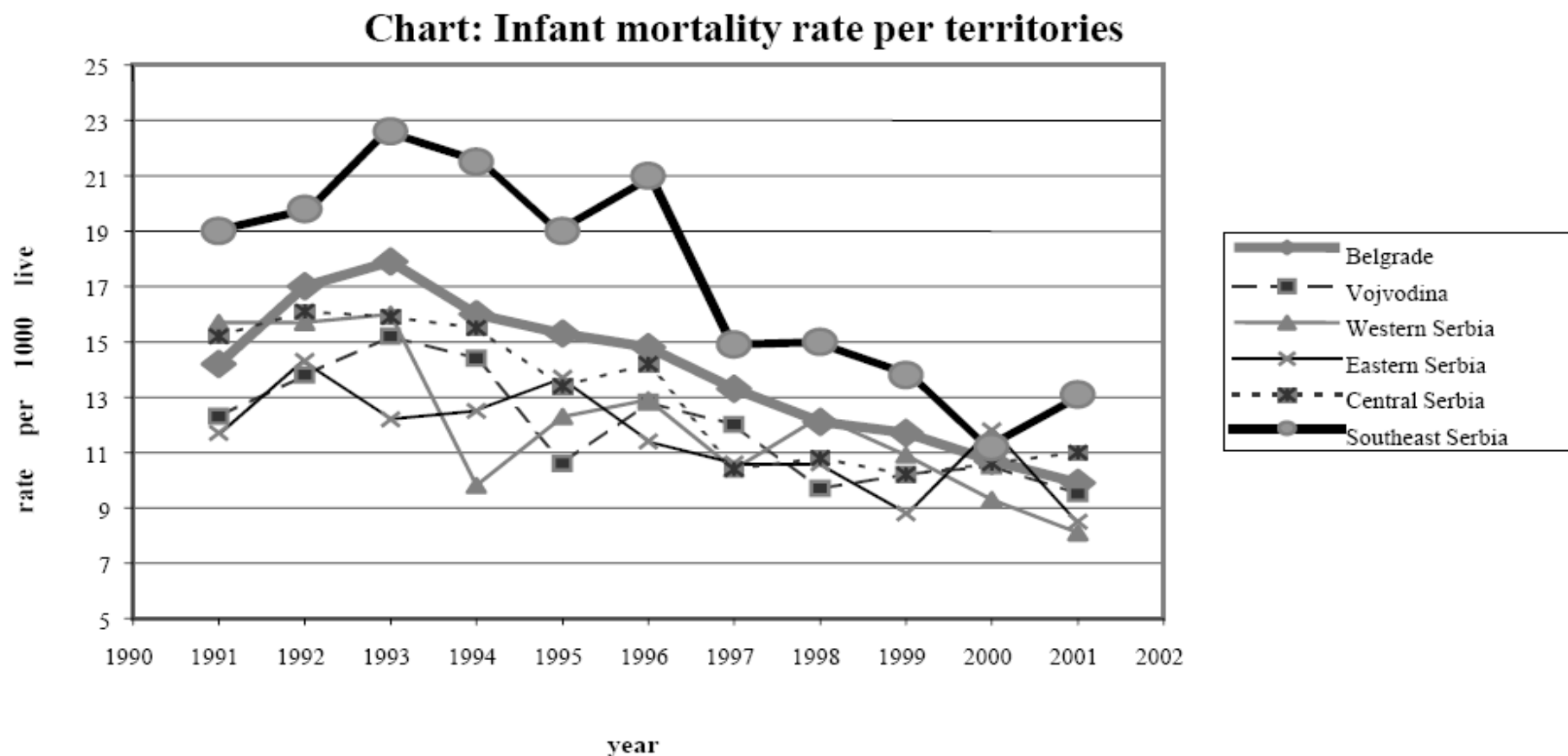
Indicator	General Population	Female Roma ¹⁶²
Mortality rates among women ¹⁶³	124	243
Maternal mortality ¹⁶⁴	5.6	
Antenatal protection coverage – at least one visit to doctor during pregnancy	99%	88.9%
Delivery with professional help	99%	66.6%

Data source: Poverty reduction strategy progress report 2:

http://www.prsp.sr.gov.yu/download/Second_Progress_Report_on_the_Implementation_of_the_Poverty_Reduction_Strategy_in_Serbia_2_8_2007.pdf

Serbia health indicators (5) – regional health inequality

Chart 3: Infant mortality rate by territories



PRSP Serbia, main document, 2003

Serbia – Health indicators (6) – Standardized mortality rates

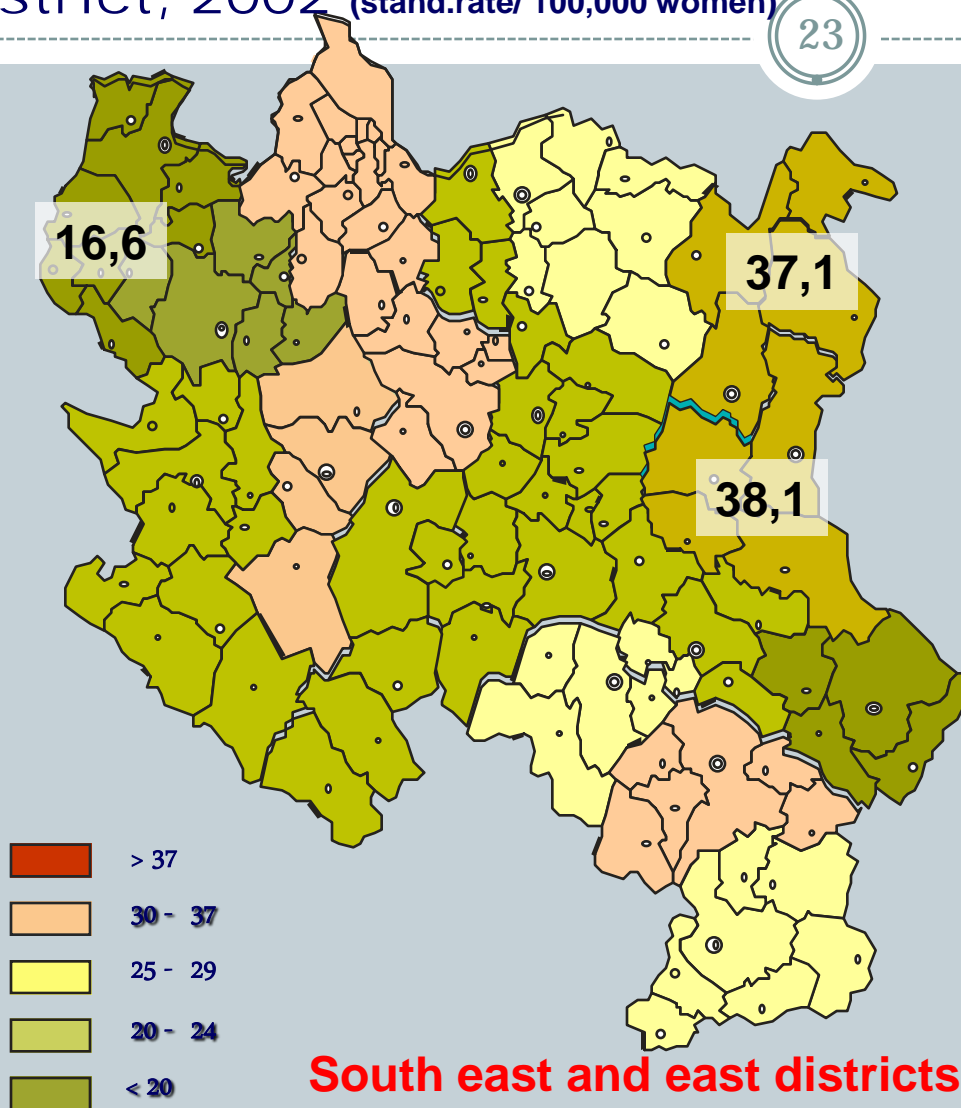
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Table 4.3.2 Standardised mortality rates per 100,000 people¹⁵¹

Group of diseases	Total			Women		
	2001	2003	2005	2001	2003	2005
Cardiovascular diseases	110,2	106,1	104,5	26,8	26,2	23,3
Malignant diseases	92,1	94,1	97,3	50,1	48,0	45,5
Traumas, poisoning and effects of external factors	36,9	32,0	30,8	20,0	15,6	14,4

Serbia Health Indicators (7) - Incidence of cervical cancer in Central Serbia, per district, 2002 (stand.rate/ 100,000 women)

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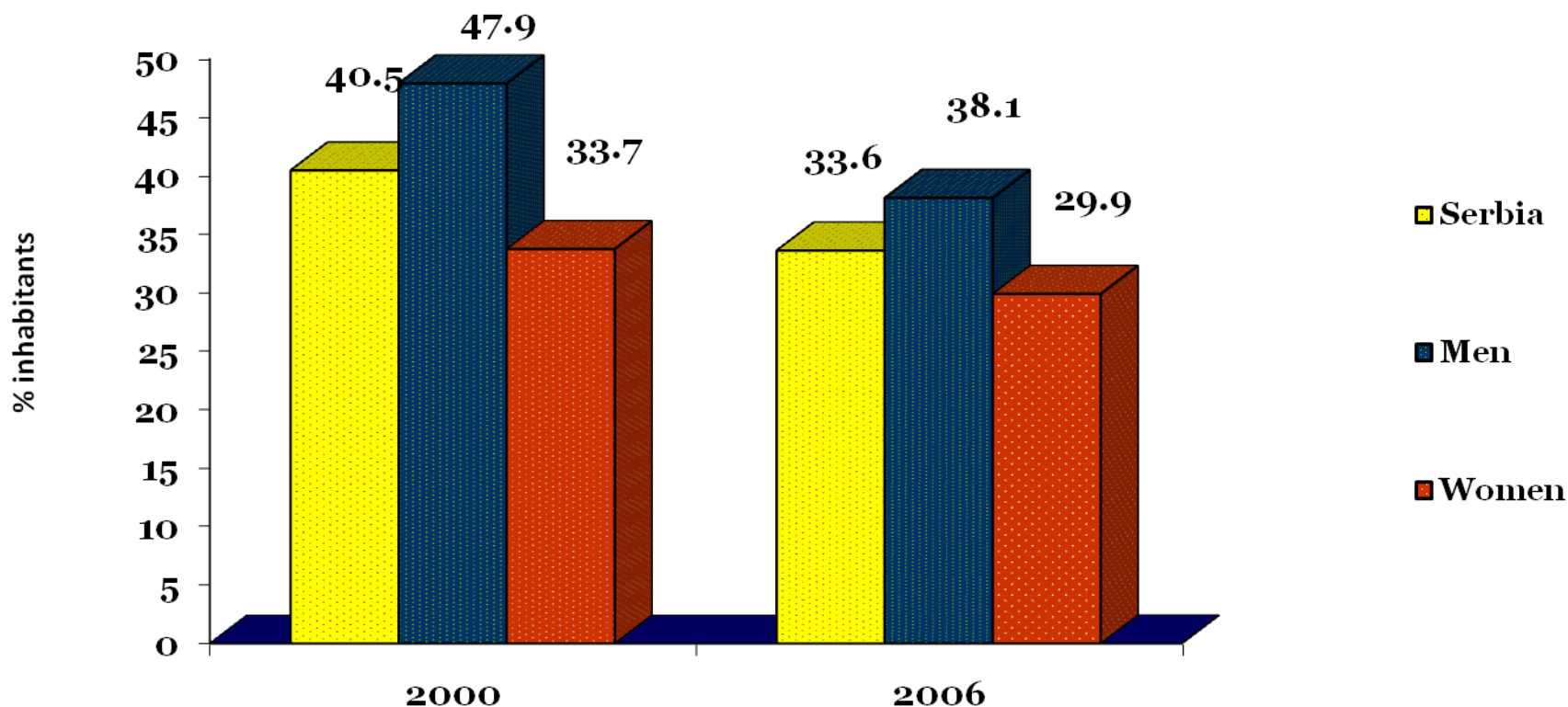
Zaječarski	38,1
Borski	37,1
Moravički	32,9
Grad Beograd	32,5
Šumadijski	31,5
Jablanički	30,7
Toplički	29,1
Braničevski	28,3
Pčinjski	26,7
Podunavski	23,5
Zlatiborski	22,9
Pomoravski	22,1
Nišavski	21,3
Rasinski	20,9
Raški	20,9
Pirotski	19,5
Kolubarski	17,0
Mačvanski	16,6
Centr. Srbija	27,3

South east and east districts – where the incidence is the highest are districts with the lowest GDP and highest unemployment rates!

Serbia: Health Indicators (8) – risk behaviours

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Smoking prevalence among adults, by gender, Serbia 2000 and 2006



Data source: Institute of Public Health of Serbia, Serbia Health Survey 2006, 2007

Available on: <http://www.zdravlje.gov.rs/showpage.php?id=142#>

Serbia: actions and strategies to address health inequalities

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Strategies:

- Poverty reduction strategy paper – 2003;
- 2nd progress report of PRSP 2007
- Roma decade: Strategy for empowerment of the Roma: Roma health action plan (2005 – 2009) – Roma health projects/Roma health mediators

Response to health financing crisis – protection of the poor from additional costs related to health care

- Government decisions on health care co-payment exemptions: children, all persons received social well-fare benefits; all persons above a certain income threshold – **increased in 2009 due to economic crisis (Dec 2008, June 2009)**
- Government decision to pay arrears of health insurance contributions for companies in financial difficulties – enabling workers of these companies to enjoy the entitlements to health care (**summer 2009**)
- Decision of HIF to freeze outstanding payments from the past and enable every person to proceed with payment of contributions – without immediate payment of arrears

Implementation of pro-poor action within the health system

- Programme on TB control (supported by WHO and GFATM) contains specific actions to target Roma who live in slums with active case finding and referral for TB diagnostic and treatment if they meet case definition; awareness raising campaigns and health education; facilitating access to health services through social workers' assistance for obtaining civil document and health insurance card
- **Roma mediators** – employment of Roma women within the health care service with the task to identify Roma in need of health services (preventive and curative) and facilitate contact with health and social services