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NATIONAL MINORITIES IN EASTERN EUROPE



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INTRODUCTION

The Soviet hegemony left over Eastern Europe after World War II absorbed many despised minorities that have long existed among the numerous nationality groups of the region. The gradual weakening of Soviet control over Eastern Europe and the rise of the Communist regimes in several polities serving national interests rather than international ones has led to some old hatred and unrecalled differences to come to the surface again, thereby rekindling ancient enmities in both the internal and external affairs of countries in this area.

Perhaps the most explosive nationality issues in Eastern Europe at present stem from the large-scale emigration of ethnic Germans from Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia, and the return of many of them to their original lands politically and commercially by people of another nationality. In most of the seven countries covered in this survey, the number of ethnic Germans in the population groups were greatly reduced as a result of territorial changes,¹ population movements, and emigration. In some cases, however, the number of ethnic Germans minorities are still large enough and sufficiently concentrated to create problems.

The most significant of these minorities are the Hungarians in the Transylvanian section of Romania, the Germans in Poland, the Germans in the Autonomous Province of Yugoslavia. The latest conflict over Macedonia between Bulgaria and Greece has been largely fought over the rights of the Macedonian minority over the large Hungarian minority in Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia and the Turks over the large Roma minority in Bulgaria. The Roma are the largest group of Romanians in the Romanian region of the USSR further complicating the problem of minorities in Eastern Europe.

Nationality groups of all sorts exist within the multinational states of Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. A source of internal weakness in these states is the tendency of the various nationality groups to form their own political parties or groups. In Czechoslovakia this conflict involves around the traditional rivalry between the dominant Czechs and the smaller and less advanced Slovak group. In Yugoslavia it involves the Serbs, the Croats, the Slovenes, the Macedonians, the Montenegrins, and, to a lesser extent, by other Yugoslav nationalities.

Majority groups are often written and published in the subject of minorities in Eastern Europe, but it is still very important to obtain data that are both accurate and comparable for the countries included in this survey. Country censuses are not always available, and even if they are, they do not always provide the same criteria used to identify nationality groups. In addition, census data are sometimes difficult to interpret because they are not always broken down by the size and density of their minority populations, and in some instances, they ignore completely the existence of a particular minority. This is not to say by any means that its members are not there, but rather that no accurate count can be made. This makes generalizations and "best guesses" unavoidable.

A detailed assessment of the current status of Eastern Europe's national minorities, by type and by country, is presented on the reverse side of this sheet and in the accompanying statistical table.

* Several of the territorial changes have not been recognized as final by the US Government.

Estimated Size of National Minority Population in Eastern Europe, by Country

	Percent Population Within Frontiers Within Frontiers Excluding Frontier Minorities	Percent Population Within Frontiers Within Frontiers Excluding Frontier Minorities
Thousand	Percent	Percent
Poland	10,005 30.1	1,050* 4.0
Czechoslovakia	1,130 12.0	440,700 44.7
Hungary	1,130 12.0	500,700 47.4
Bulgaria	1,000 11.0	1,100 1.0
Yugoslavia	2,070 13.2	7,107 18.5
Macedonia	1,000 10.0	200 0.0
Albania	1,000 10.0	100 0.0
Total	24,500 28.0*	8,590,900 57.0*

¹Includes Autonoms.²Includes Gypsies and Jews.³Includes Greeks and Turks.⁴Percent of total for Eastern Europe.

Population of Czechoslovakia, by Nationality (1981 Census)

	Percent Population Within Frontiers Within Frontiers Excluding Frontier Minorities	Percent Population Within Frontiers Within Frontiers Excluding Frontier Minorities
Czechs	1,000 100.0	1,000 100.0
Slovaks	3,500 37.0	340 3.0
Romanians	340 3.5	340 3.0
Hungarians	534 5.8	534 4.8
Croats	140 1.5	140 1.3
Serbs	140 1.5	140 1.3
Ukrainians/Croat Romanians	55 0.6	55 0.5
Others	5 0.0	5 0.0
Total	3,545 100.0	3,545 100.0

¹Because of rounding, Agnos do not add to 100.²Includes an additional 350 Gypsies and 20 Jewish.³Do not include frontier minorities in the 1981 Census.

Population of Bulgaria, by Nationality (1989 Census)

	Percent Population Within Frontiers Within Frontiers Excluding Frontier Minorities	Percent Population Within Frontiers Within Frontiers Excluding Frontier Minorities
Romanians*	1,000 100.0	1,000 100.0
Macedonians	1,07.3 14.5	1,07.3 14.5
Turks	107.9 15.0	107.9 15.0
Gypsies	107.9 15.0	107.9 15.0
Moldovans	107.9 15.0	107.9 15.0
Armenians	22.0 0.3	22.0 0.3
Bulgarians	10.1 0.1	10.1 0.1
Georgians	9.6 0.1	9.6 0.1
Croats	8.6 0.1	8.6 0.1
Russians	7.7 0.1	7.7 0.1
Ukrainians	7.2 0.1	7.2 0.1
Ukrainians/Croat Romanians	2.2 0.0	2.2 0.0
Czechs	1.2 0.0	1.2 0.0
Albanians	1.1 0.0	1.1 0.0
Germs	0.7 0.0	0.7 0.0
Hungarians	0.5 0.0	0.5 0.0
Kara-Vlachs	0.5 0.0	0.5 0.0
Italians	0.5 0.0	0.5 0.0
Others	1.0 0.0	1.0 0.0
Total	1,012.7 100.0	1,012.7 100.0

¹Includes 120 Romanians in 1989 census.Estimated Size of Principal Minority Group in Eastern Europe²

	Percent Population Within Frontiers Within Frontiers Excluding Frontier Minorities	Percent Population Within Frontiers Within Frontiers Excluding Frontier Minorities
Thousand	Percent	Percent
Czechs	5,000 50.0	5,000 50.0
Ukrainians	1,500 15.0	1,500 15.0
Poles	1,200 12.0	1,200 12.0
Hungarians	1,200 12.0	1,200 12.0
Bulgarians	1,100 11.0	1,100 11.0
Croat Romanians	100 1.0	100 1.0
Greek Romanians	100 1.0	100 1.0
Gypsies	400 4.0	400 4.0
Albanians	200 2.0	200 2.0
Czech/Slovaks	200 2.0	200 2.0

¹Measures of race and/or ethnicity in the present period due to lack of systematic data on the subject in the past. Data on race or ethnicity are not available for the Hungarians in Hungary.²Includes Macedonians.³Includes Macedonians in Poland.⁴Includes Macedonians in Yugoslavia.⁵Includes Macedonians in Bulgaria.⁶Includes Macedonians in Greece.⁷Includes Macedonians in Turkey.⁸Includes Macedonians in Yugoslavia.⁹Includes Macedonians in Bulgaria.¹⁰Includes Macedonians in Greece.¹¹Includes Macedonians in Turkey.¹²Includes Macedonians in Yugoslavia.¹³Includes Macedonians in Bulgaria.¹⁴Includes Macedonians in Greece.¹⁵Includes Macedonians in Turkey.¹⁶Includes Macedonians in Yugoslavia.¹⁷Includes Macedonians in Bulgaria.¹⁸Includes Macedonians in Greece.¹⁹Includes Macedonians in Turkey.²⁰Includes Macedonians in Yugoslavia.²¹Includes Macedonians in Bulgaria.²²Includes Macedonians in Greece.²³Includes Macedonians in Turkey.²⁴Includes Macedonians in Yugoslavia.²⁵Includes Macedonians in Bulgaria.²⁶Includes Macedonians in Greece.²⁷Includes Macedonians in Turkey.²⁸Includes Macedonians in Yugoslavia.²⁹Includes 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