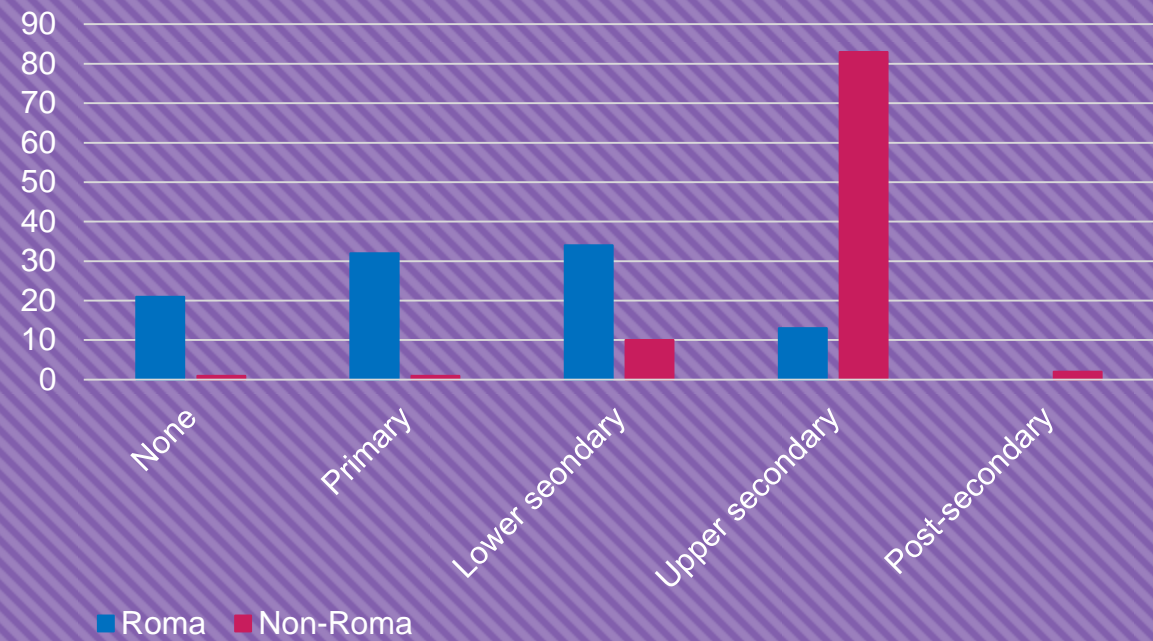


# Social Inclusion of Roma in Serbia through Education Reform

## Background:

- In Europe →
  - Estimated **90%** Roma households below poverty lines
  - Less than **1/3** of Roma have paid employment
  - Only about **15%** of Roma children complete high school
  - Discrimination in employment, education, housing, and health care
- In Serbia →
  - Officially make up **2%** of population (unofficially **6-8%**)
  - **78%** relative poverty, **10%** poverty below \$2.15/day
  - Only about **12%** finish high school; almost none finish higher education
    - Overrepresentation in special schools
  - High discrimination in education system from teachers, other students, and parents of non-Roma students
  - Roma girls have higher disadvantage in school

### 2011 Survey of Highest Completed Education (ages 20-24)



## Goal 1: Increased access

- Free textbooks, transportation
- Scholarships to stay in school
- Roma Education Fund, USAID

## Goal 2: Reintegration

- Access to pre-schools
- Implement Roma TAs for tests
- Education Reform Initiative SEE

## Goal 3: Inclusion/Anti-Discrimination

- Training teachers/administrators
- Reform curriculum
- Roma Education Fund