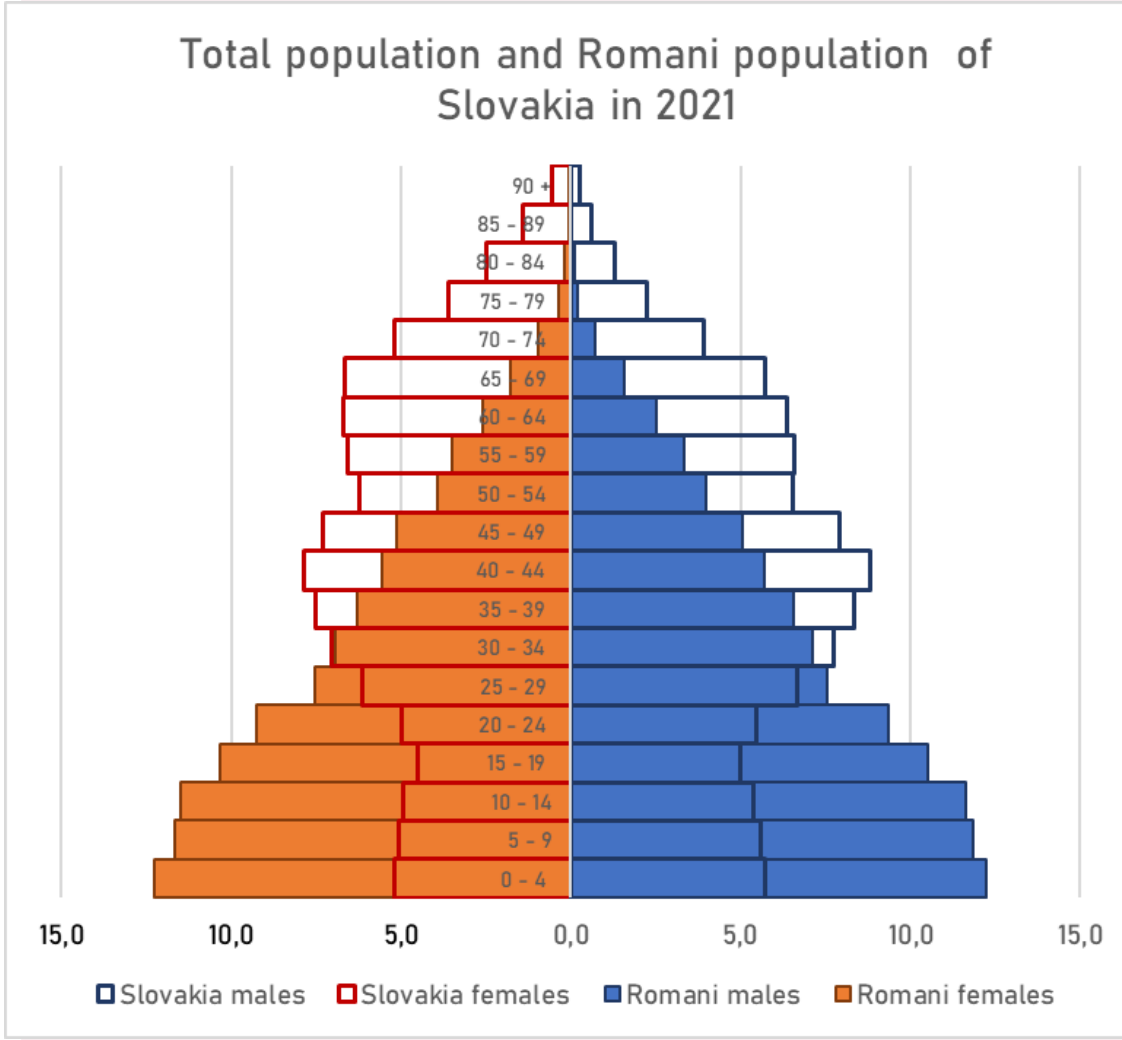
Family and Faith in the Romani Community in Slovakia

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Religion as a „family“ issue

1

Religious function of the family

One of the functions of the family is the religious function *(Mitterauer, Sieder 1982)*

2

Two dimensions

- Religious socialization
- Commitment to the faith of family, kinship and community

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Successful transmission

Parental warmth and the role of grandparents *(Bengtson 2013)*

Three types of non-transmission

Bengtson 2013: 188

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Religious rebels

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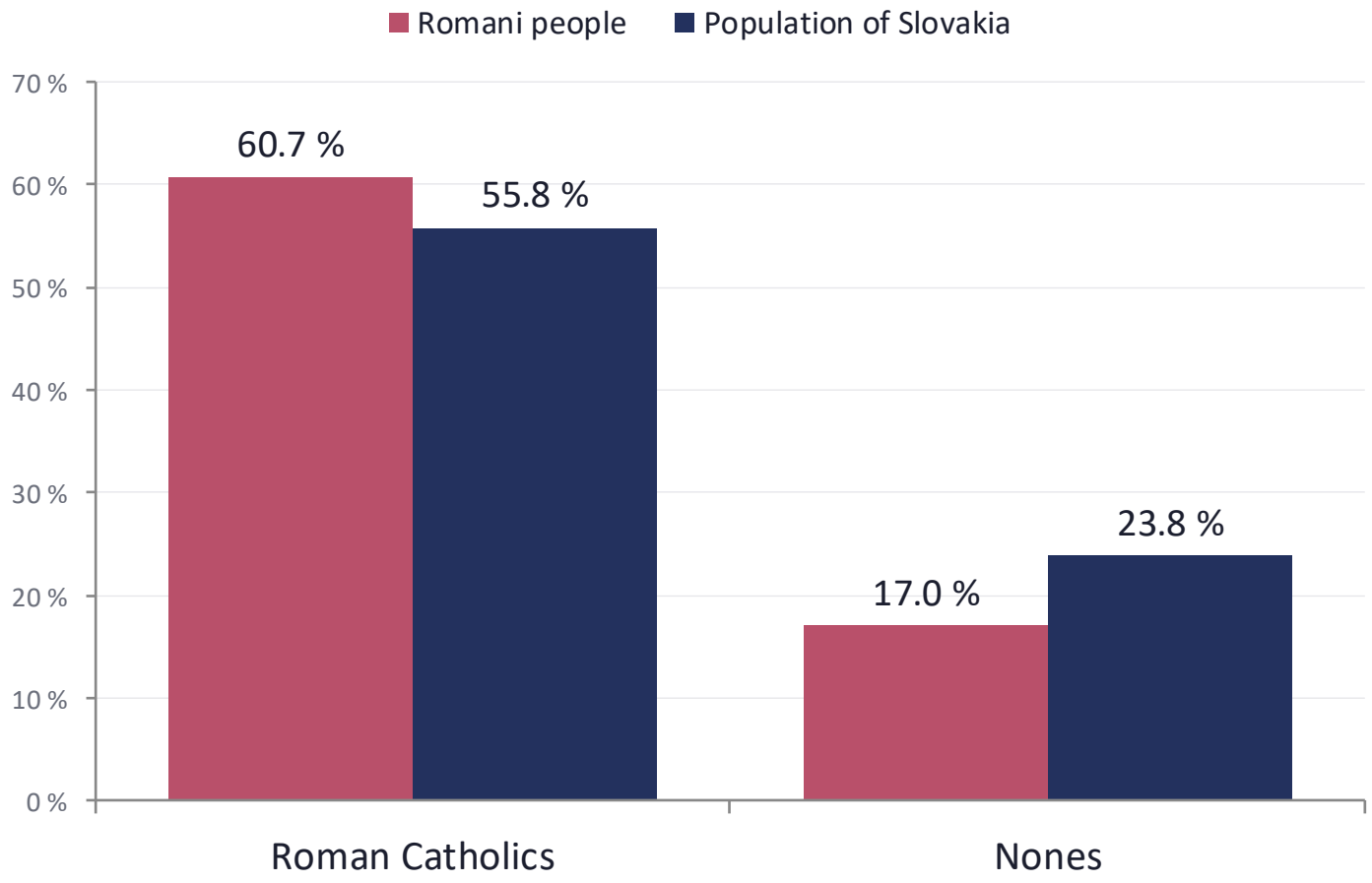
Zealots

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Prodigals

Religious affiliation of Romani people

Census 2021, in %



60.7 %

of Romani people are Roman Catholics

17 %

are nones (Slovakia: 23.8 %)

Religious homogamy

Cultural distinctions

Homogamy decreases the salience of cultural distinctions in future generations; individuals marrying a spouse of a different denomination may lose negative attitudes toward that group, thus possibly interconnecting the social networks of both partners. *(Kalmijn 1998)*

Shared views

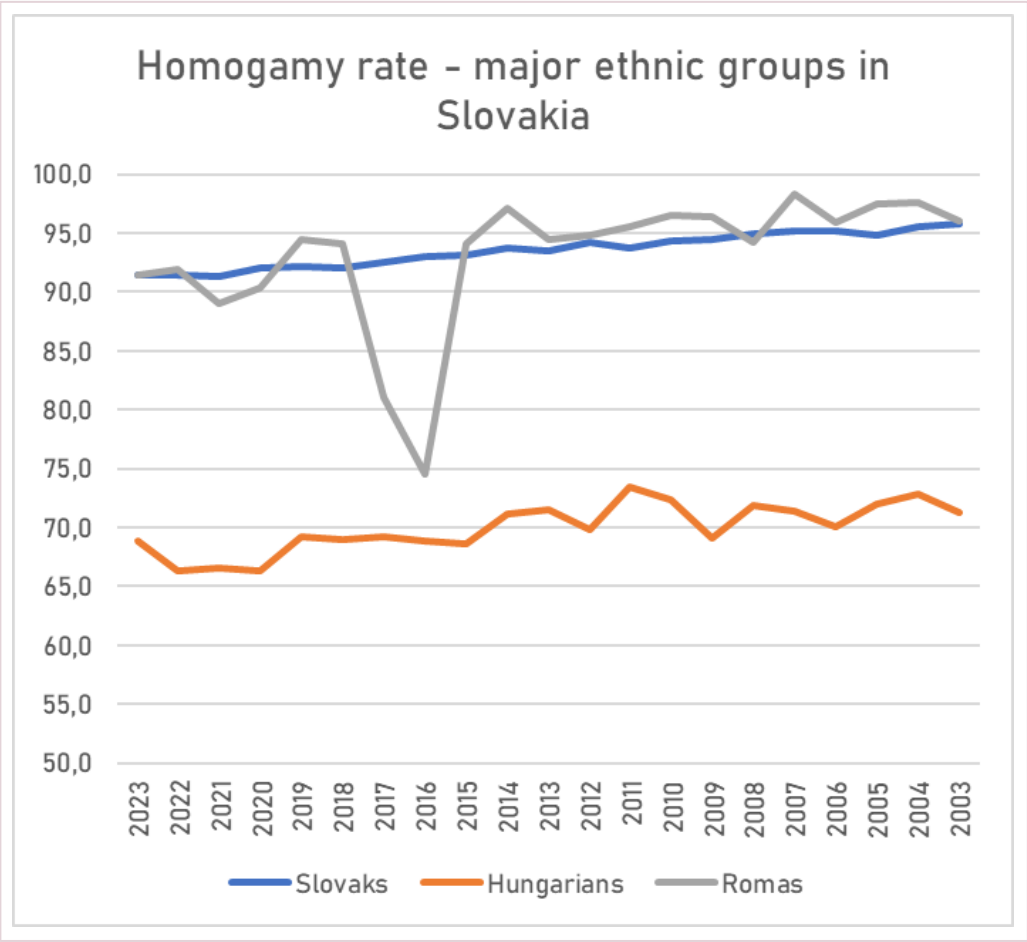
Shared views on fertility aspirations, family size and marital stability.

Marrying within the community

Preference of marrying within the community: a response to ethnic segregation, and a cultural choice with social and economic advantages. *(Gamella 2005)*

Faith and families

Religious homogamy of couples



88 % of Romani couples are religiously homogamous

14.9 % of Romani couples live in cohabitation

73.8 % of all couples in Slovakia are religiously homogamous

The „none“ Romani couples

Homogamous non-affiliated Romani couples

≈ 1,578

homogamous non-affiliated Romani couples (10 % of all homogamous Romani couples); around ¼ are cohabiting partners

1,380

couples compound nuclear families

≈ 4,000

children: 82 % are nones, 8 % Roman Catholics

55 % · 33 %

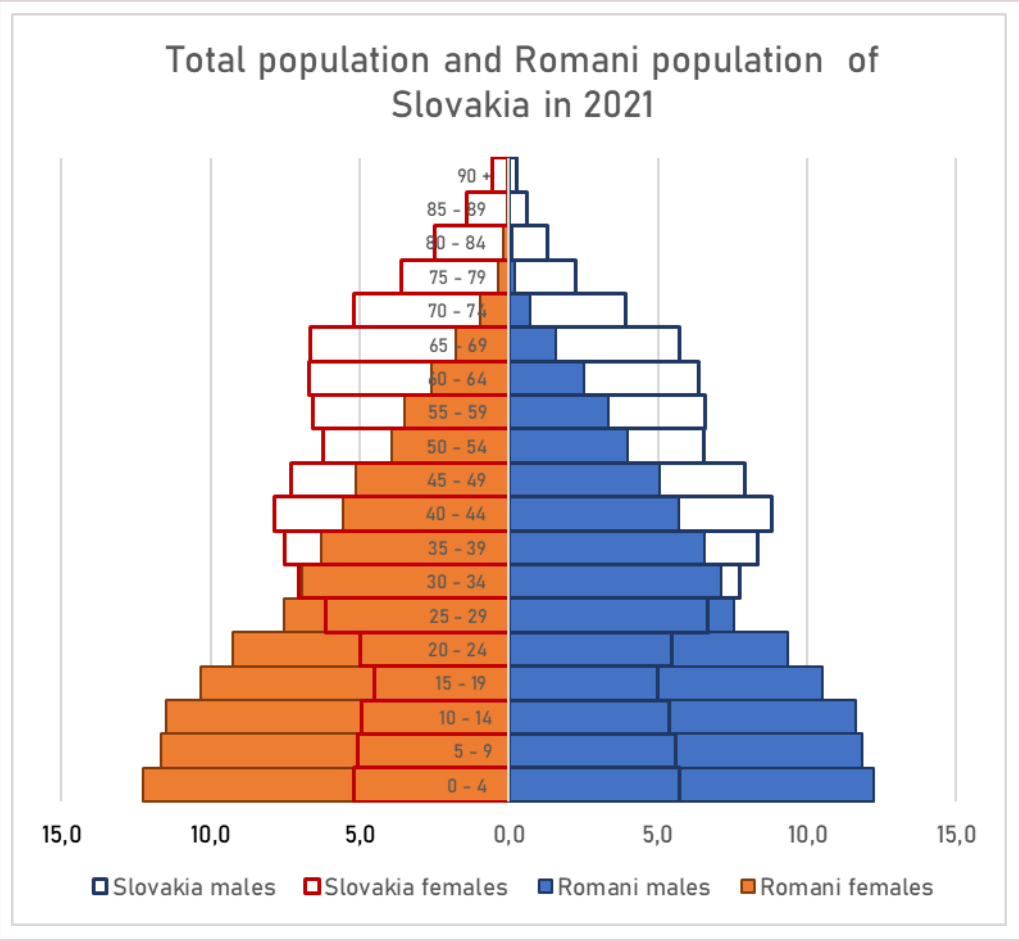
live in Eastern Slovakia · Southern Central Slovakia

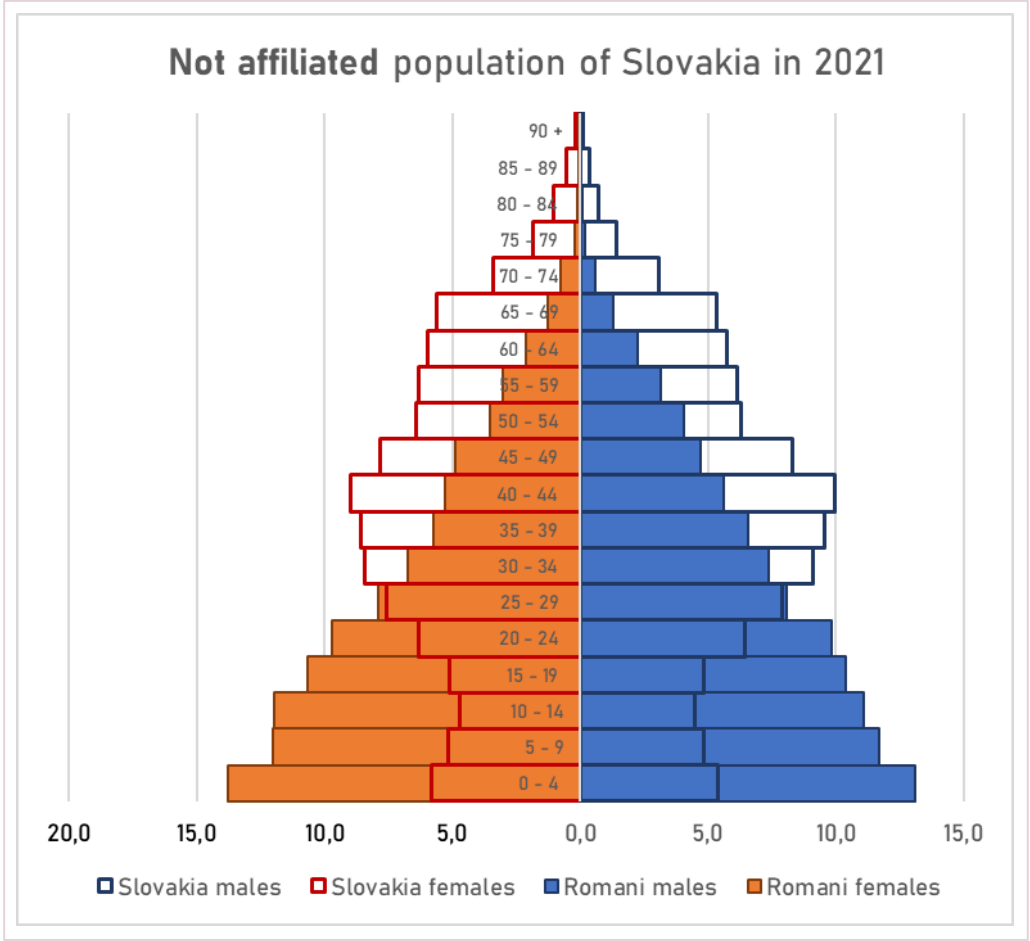
74 % · 79.7 %

of males · of females accomplished only elementary school

Faith and families

Age structure, 2021





Families and faith: Romani parents

Religious transmission by denomination of Romani parents

Denomination of Romani parents	Deconverted children
Roman Catholic	6.9 %
Byzantine Catholic	12.5 %
Lutheran	**32.8 %**
Nones	17.6 %

Denomination of Romani parents	Intergen. index	Avg. no. of children
Roman Catholic	+34 %	2.88
Byzantine Catholic	+29 %	2.86
Lutheran	**–7 %**	**2.66**
Nones	+19.5 %	2.83

Families and faith: all parents in Slovakia

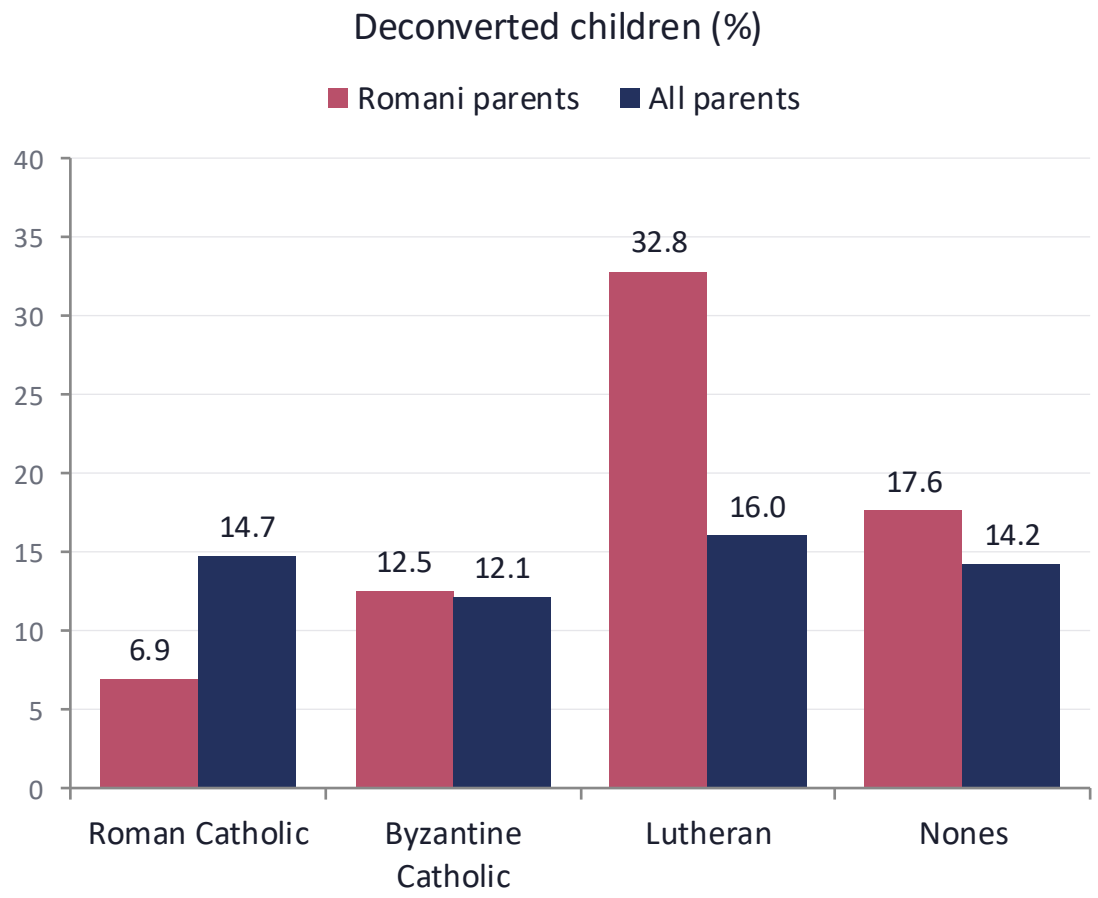
Religious transmission by denomination of parents

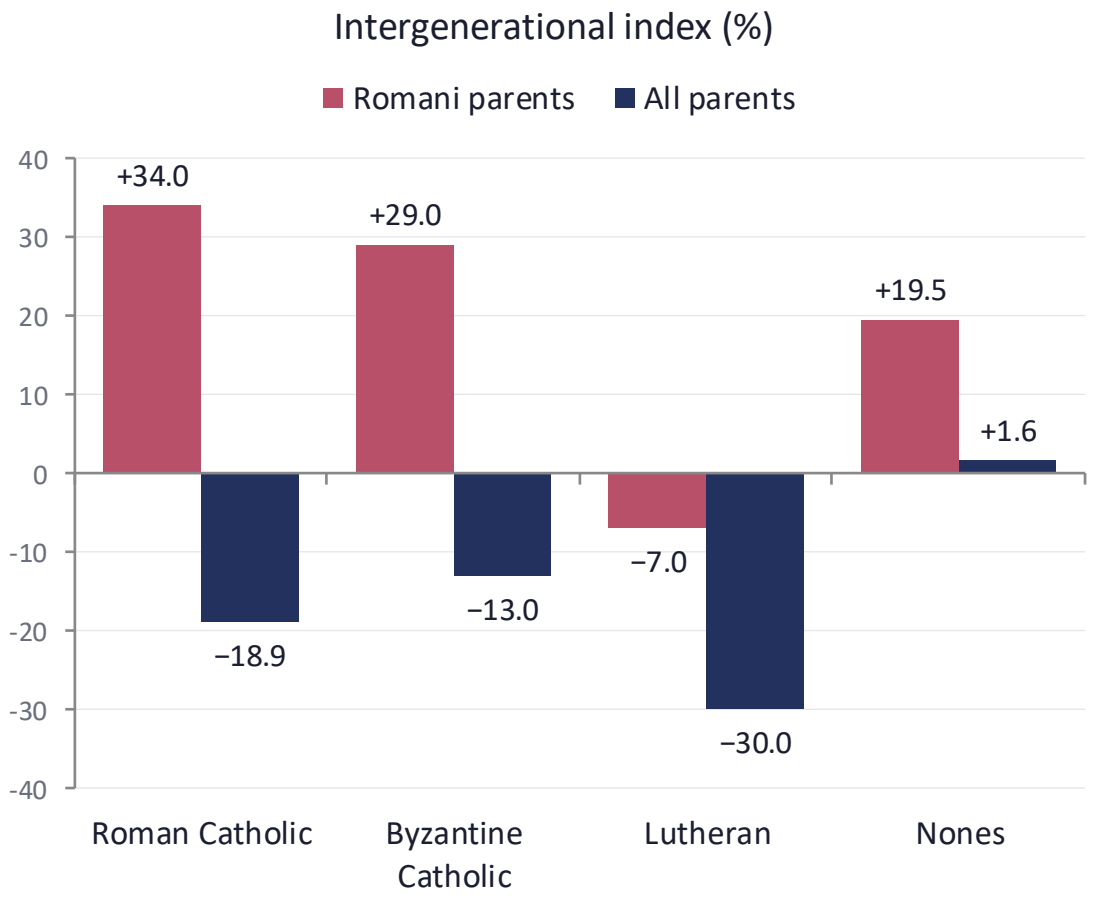
Denomination of all parents	Deconverted children
Roman Catholic	14.7 %
Byzantine Catholic	12.1 %
Lutheran	16 %
Nones	14.2 %

Denomination of all parents	Intergenerational index
Roman Catholic	−18.9 %
Byzantine Catholic	−13 %
Lutheran	−30 %
Nones	+1.6 %

Romani parents vs. all parents in Slovakia

Comparison of the two previous slides





Thank you

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