

ASSOCIATION OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS IN CROATIA

Generation plus

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Association of Holocaust survivors in Croatia

Project

Holocaust survivors in Croatia

Realization of the project

Association of Holocaust survivors in Croatia www.preho.hr

Association of Holocaust survivors in Croatia, founded in 2001, is a member of the European Association of Jewish survivors of the Holocaust (EUAS), secretary dr. Švob. Association is also a member of the (WFJCSHD) World Federation of Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust and descendants (Croatia vice-president) .

in cooperation with

Research and documentation center CENDO www.cendo.hr)

The Research and Documentation Center for Holocaust victims and survivors has been developed by Jewish community Zagreb (dr. Ognjen Kraus, president), Claims conference (grant no 82-6111-1) and JDC (Yechiel Bar-Chaim) in year 2000.

From March 2002, Research and Documentation Center “Cendo” was registered at Municipal administration and in Ministry of sciences. Director Dr. Melita Švob.

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In appreciation to the Conference on Jewish Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) for supporting this research project.

Through recovering the assets of the victims of the Holocaust, the Claims Conference enables organizations around the world.

To provide education about Shoah and to preserve the memory of those who perished.

Introduction

Holocaust survivors in Croatia

Jewish population in Croatia is remnant from big community (25 000 members in 1941) before Holocaust.

About 80% of Croatian Jews was killed in the Holocaust, and the vast majority of Jewish communities have been destroyed.

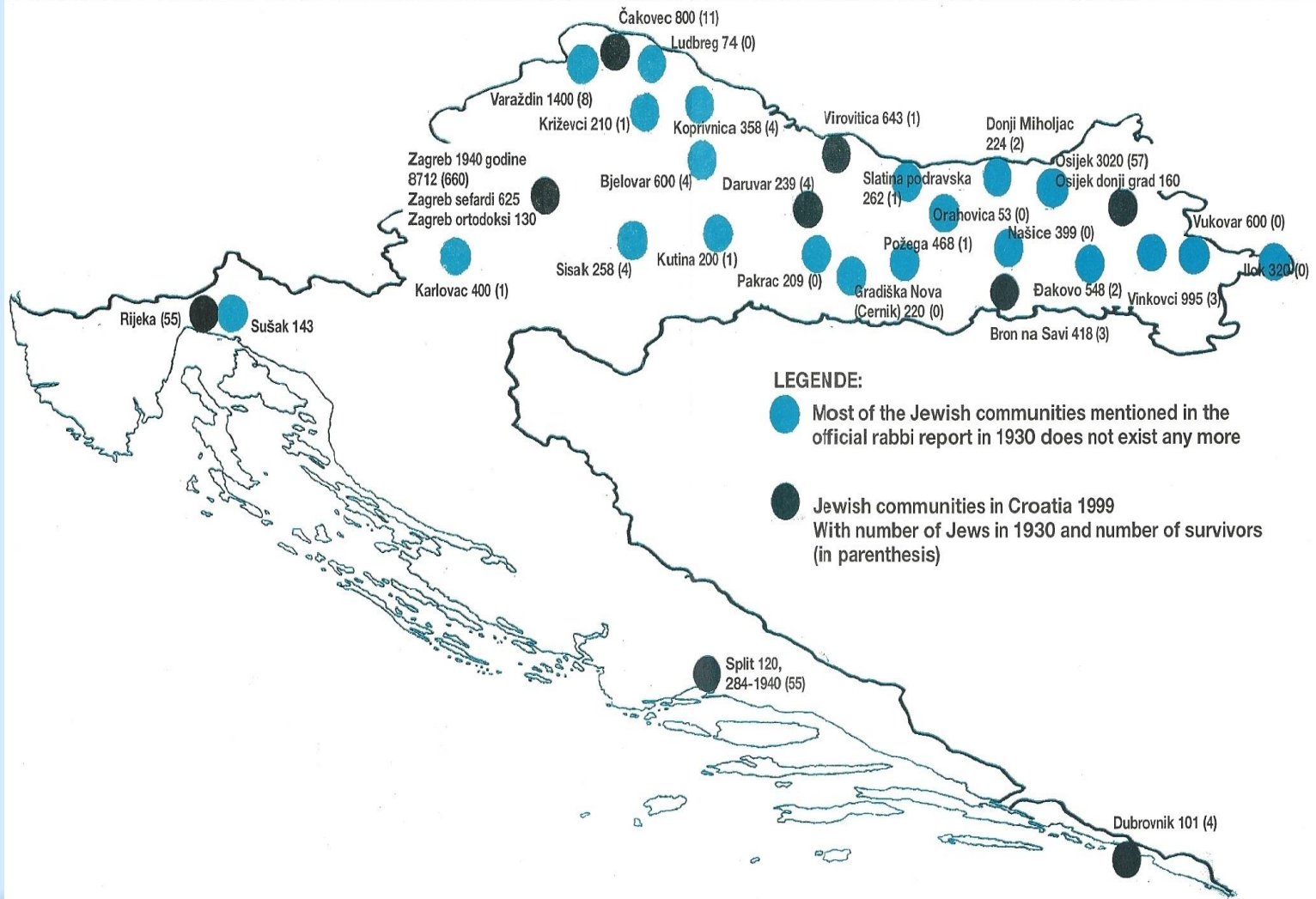
In 10 Jewish communities, that today exist in Croatia, lives about 2500 members and many of them are Holocaust survivors.

In Croatia about 900 Holocaust survivors who lived in 10 communities and 60 settlements has been supported by „Swiss fund” (1998/1999) .

The main goal of new project is establishment of data base for Holocaust survivors regardless if they live in Croatia or not, or if they are alive or dead.

We collect all available data about their history, suffering in Holocaust and life after war.

Map 2. Jewish communities in Croatia (renewed Jewish communities and non-existing ones)



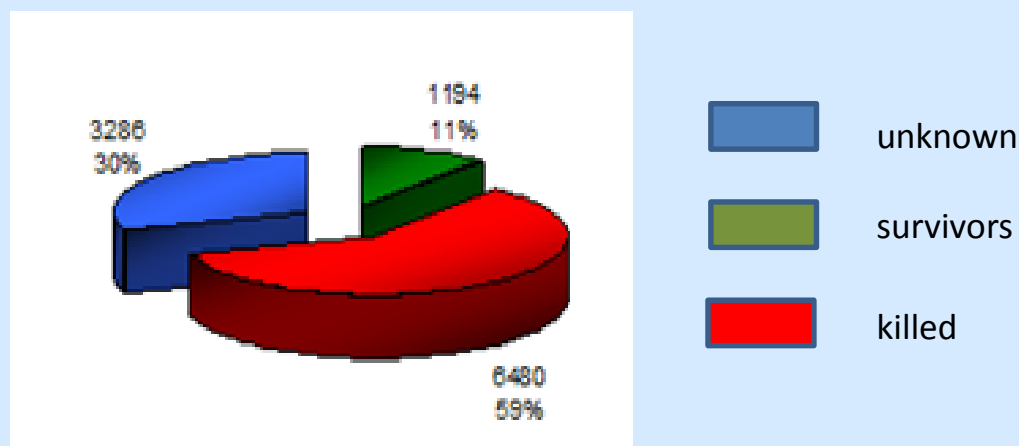
Only about 20% of Croatian Jews survived the Holocaust, most of Jewish communities are destroyed
 Table : Community which does not exist more, with the number of Jews in 1930 ; before Holocaust (1940)
 compared with registered survivors in 1946 and data from Swiss fund 1999

Tablica 21
 Židovske općine koje više ne postoje
 Jewish communities which do not exist any more

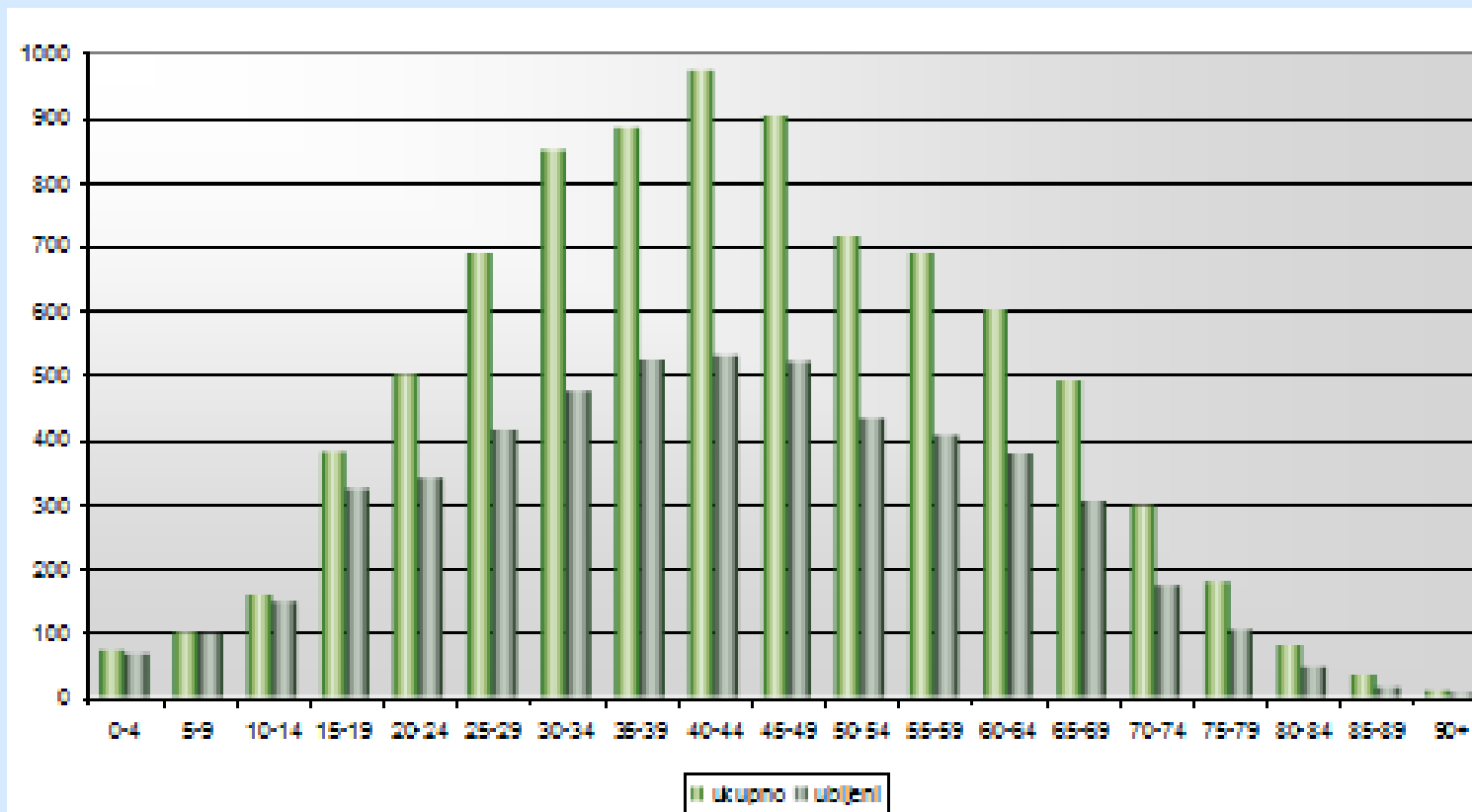
broj	Community 1930 -rabi register zajednica -1930	"souls" "duše" 1930	Member članovi 1940	Survivors preživjeli 1946	Survivors Preživjeli 1999
1.	Bjelovar	600	337	No data	4
2.	Đakovo	548	337	22	2
3.	Gradiška Nova	220	198	23	0
4.	Ilok	320	310	15	0
5.	Karlovac	400	297	39	1
6.	Križevci	210	119	No data	1
7.	Kutina	200	132	No data	1
8.	Ludbreg	74	82	No data	0
9.	Miholjac Donji	224	173	No data	2
10.	Našice	399	229	8	0
11.	Orahovica	53	No data	No data	0
12.	Pakrac	209	99	No data	0
13.	Podgora	468	123	10	1
14.	Sisak (memb)	230	258	No data	4
15.	Slatina Podravska	262	136	8	1
16.	Valpovo	157	140	No data	0
17.	Vinkovci	995	630	35	1
18.	Vukovar	600	213	23	0
19.	Varaždin	1400	515	42	8

Computer database for Holocaust victims in Croatia has been developed in CENDO (dr. Švob Melita and eng. Zoran Mirković) and recorded about 20.000 names . Data from base are published in books and available on Web page www.cendo.hr, with possibility for searching, asking questions and give additional data

Number of victims in Zagreb in World war II - destiny

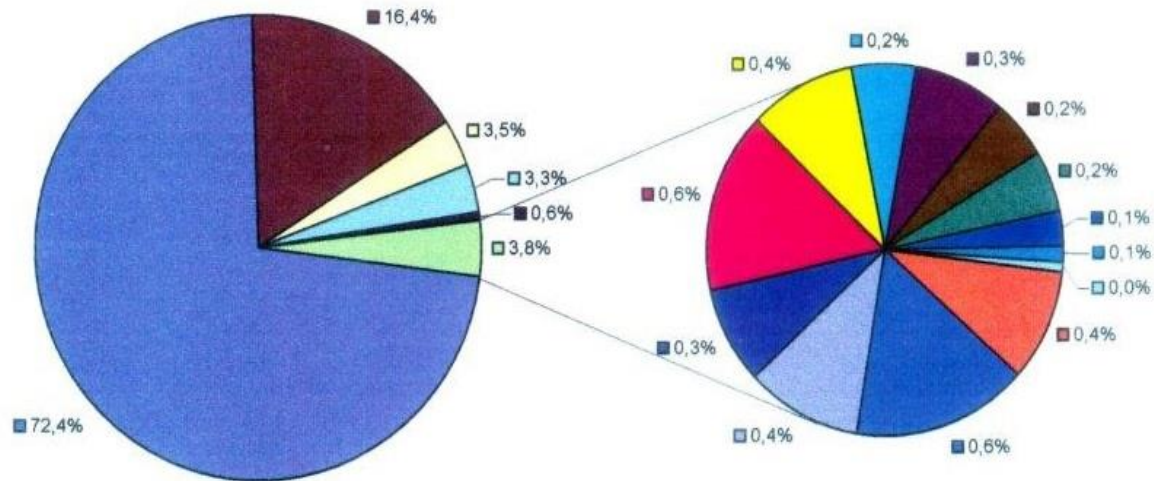


Database Holocaust victims in Zagreb, Croatia age structure in 1941 and number of killed Jews



Database Holocaust victims in Zagreb, Croatia

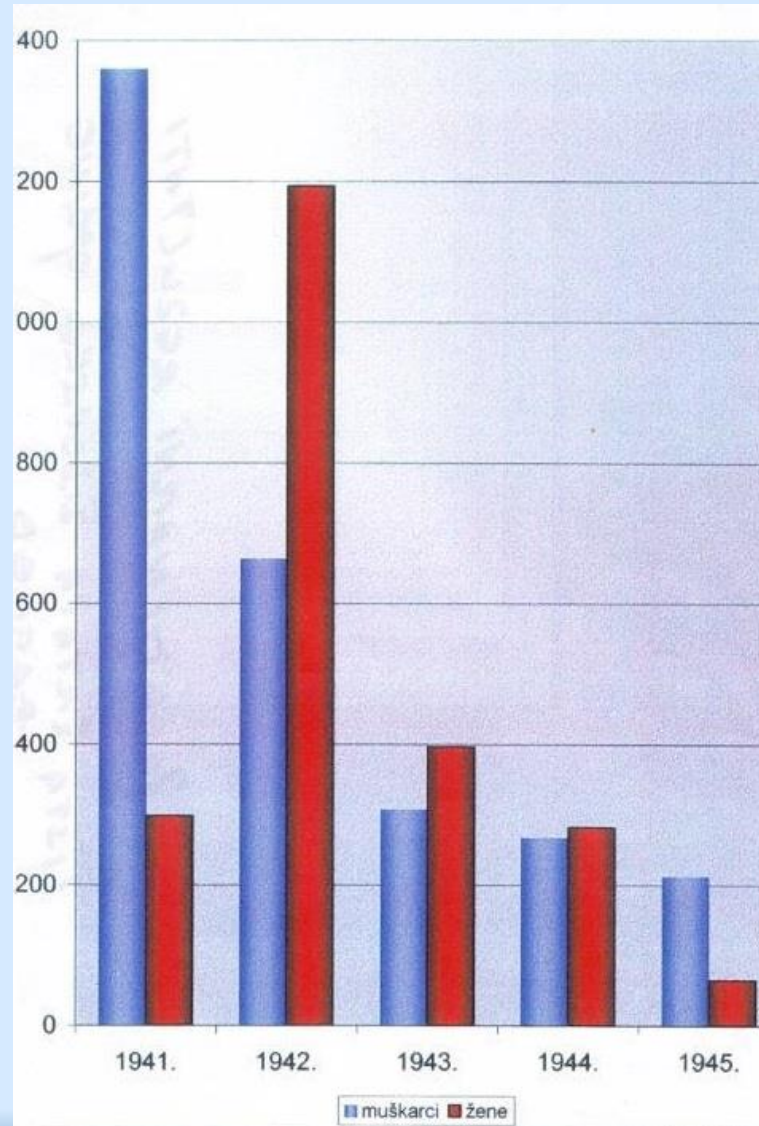
Type of crime: camps,transport,hospital,forced labor,prison,exile..



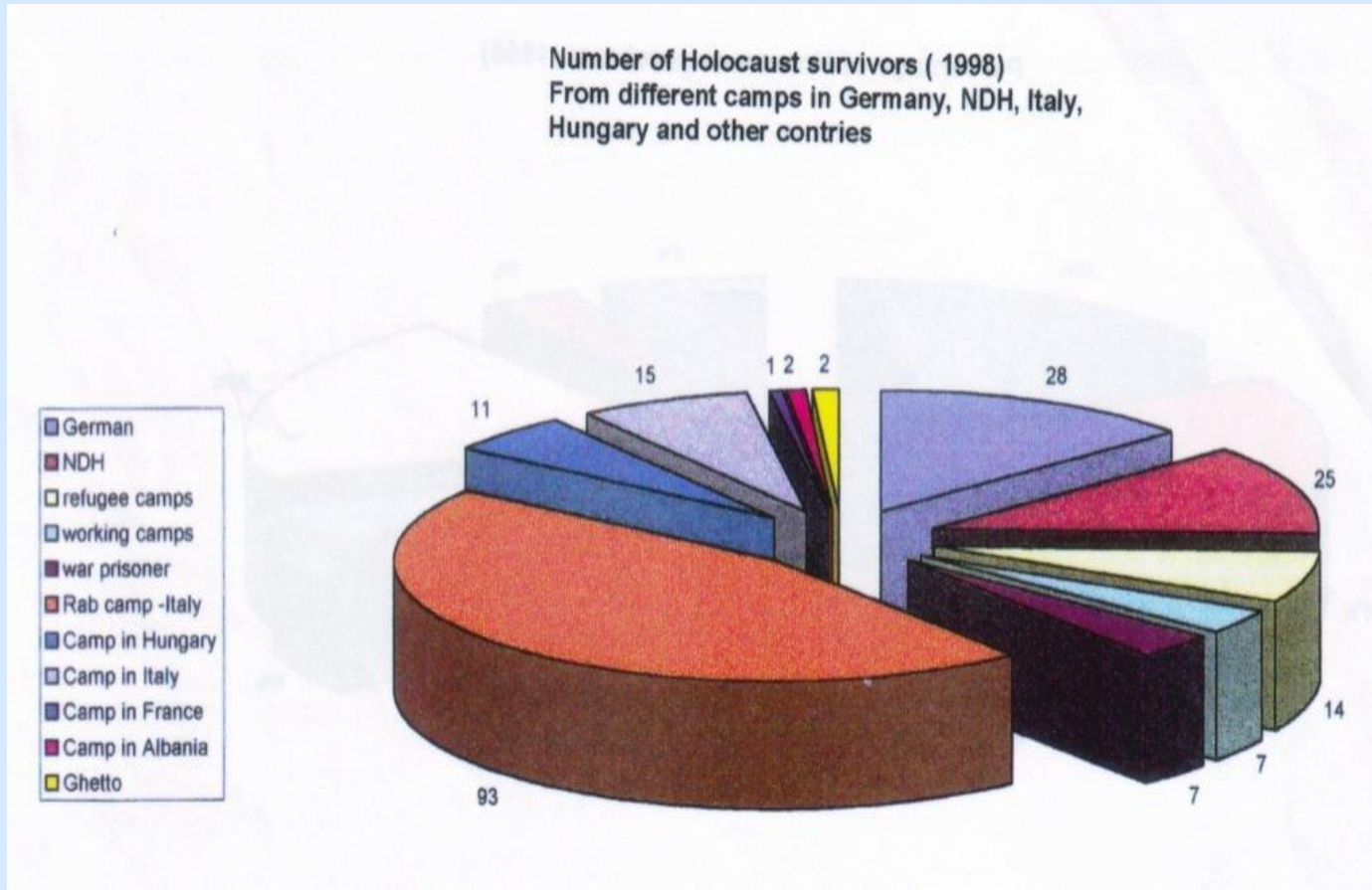
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|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| logor | "ubijeno" | streljano | poginuo NOB |
| ubijeni u transportu za logor | "nestali" | zatvor | zaklani |
| samoubojstvo | zlostavljani | ubijeni prilikom bijega | bombardiranje |
| obješeni | "umrli" | bolnica | u zarobljeništvu |
| prisilni rad | u izgnanstvu | | |

Database Holocaust victims in Zagreb, Croatia

Years of killing: first 1941- most men send to camps; in 1945 last from mixed marriages

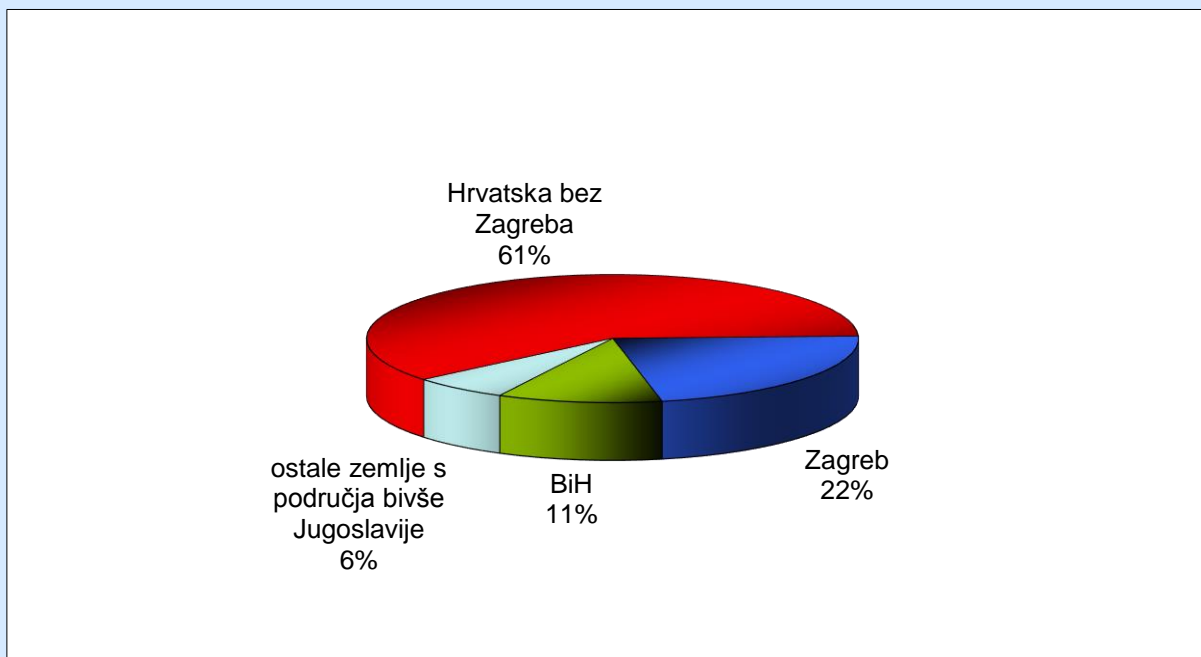


Action Swiss fund- survivors in Croatia first time received support
 They survived in different camps in Croatia, Germany, Italy, Hungary, France, Albania...



According Swiss fund (1998) in Croatia has been about 900 survivors, who lived in 10 Jewish communities and in 50 small places. At that time survivors represent up to 50% of all membership and about one third of them originated from other countries, in former Yugoslavia, mainly from Bosnia.

Database of Holocaust victims in Zagreb – country of birth



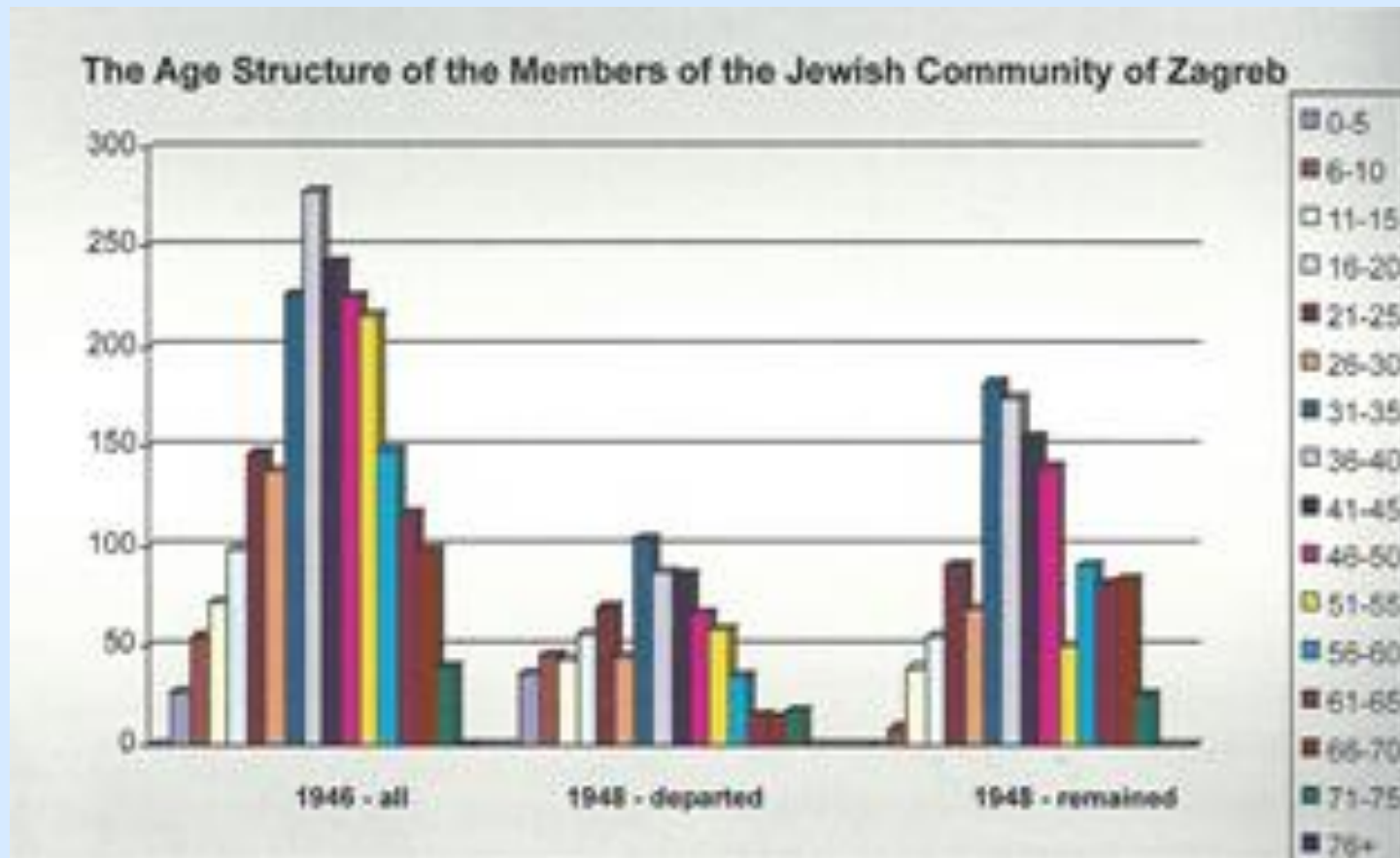
Comparative research

Demography -consequences of survivors' Aliya

Age structure of survivors in year 1946

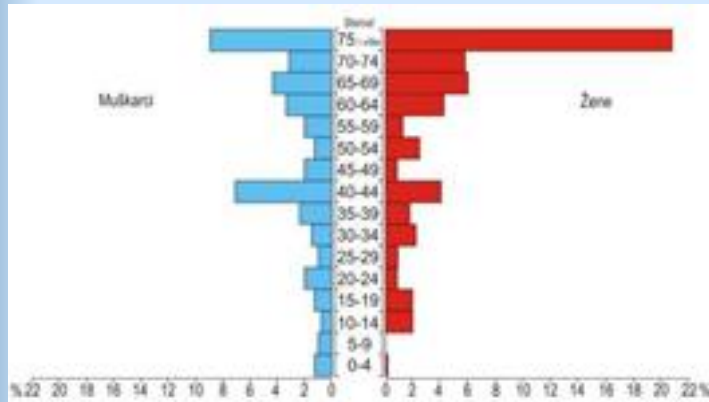
Age of emigrants to Israel (1948)

Age structure of the population who left in Croatia (reconstruction)



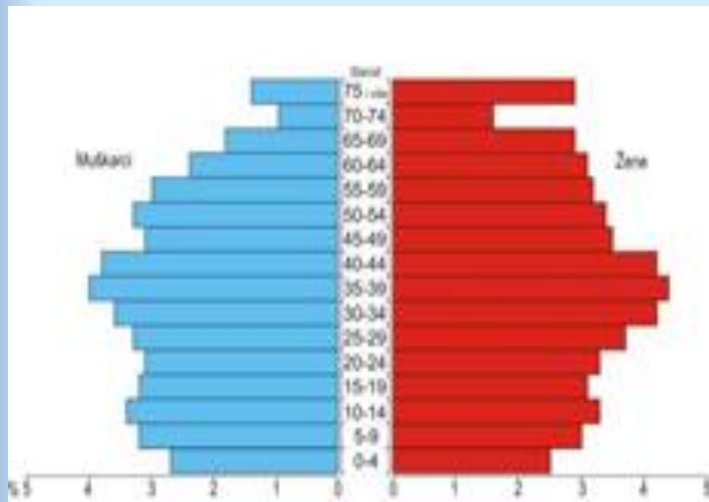
The age structure of the survivors, according census data, show that it was population with great changes and that differ from the population in Croatia (Zagreb)

Age structure according census 1991 in Zagreb



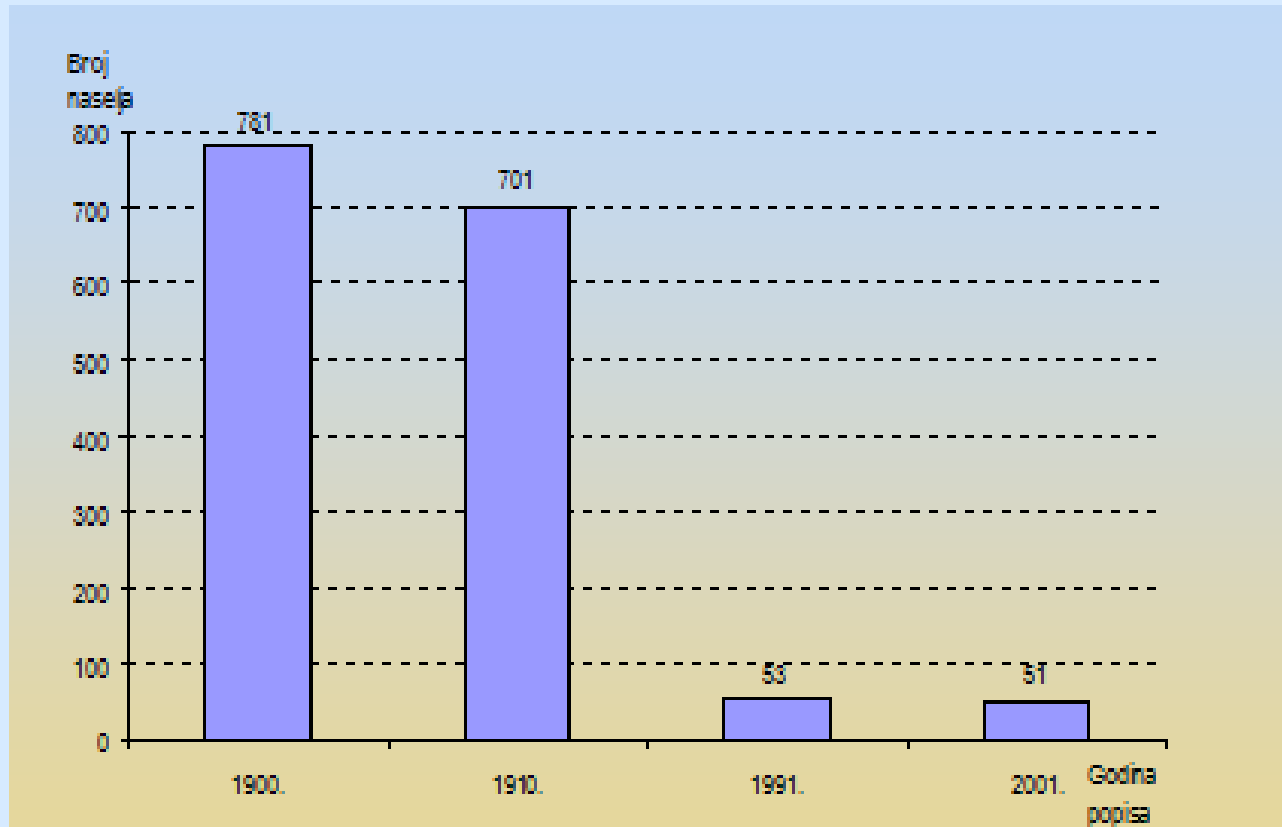
man
woman

Jews in Zagreb

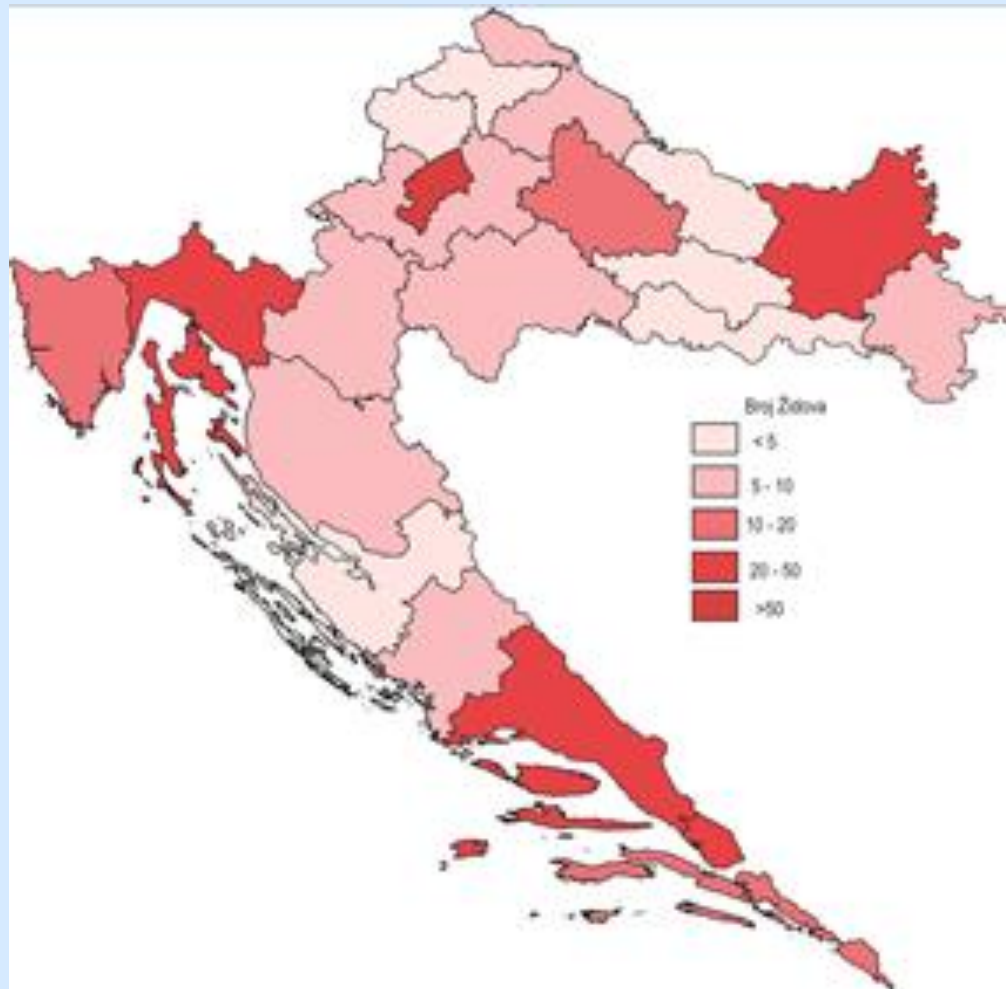


Total population in Zagreb

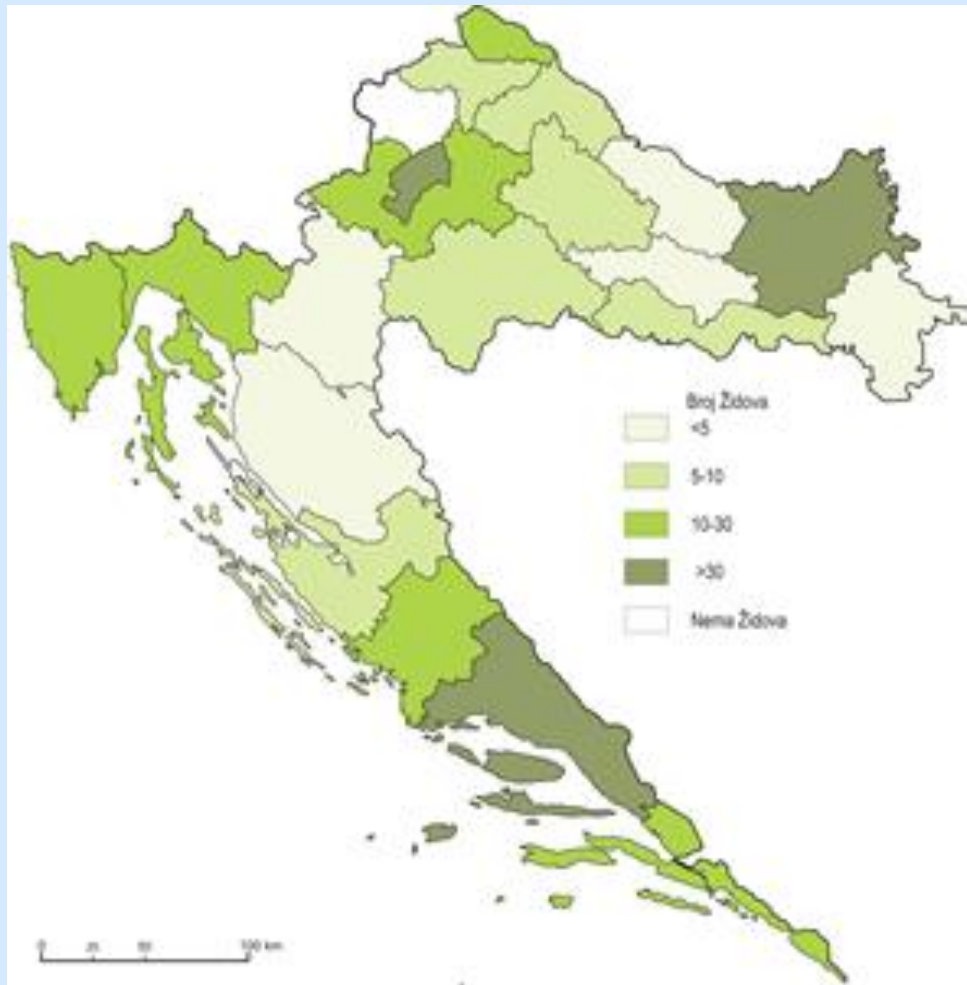
Number of living places of Jews in Croatia - before Holocaust (censuses in years 1900 and 1910) and according to the recent censuses in years 1991 and 2001



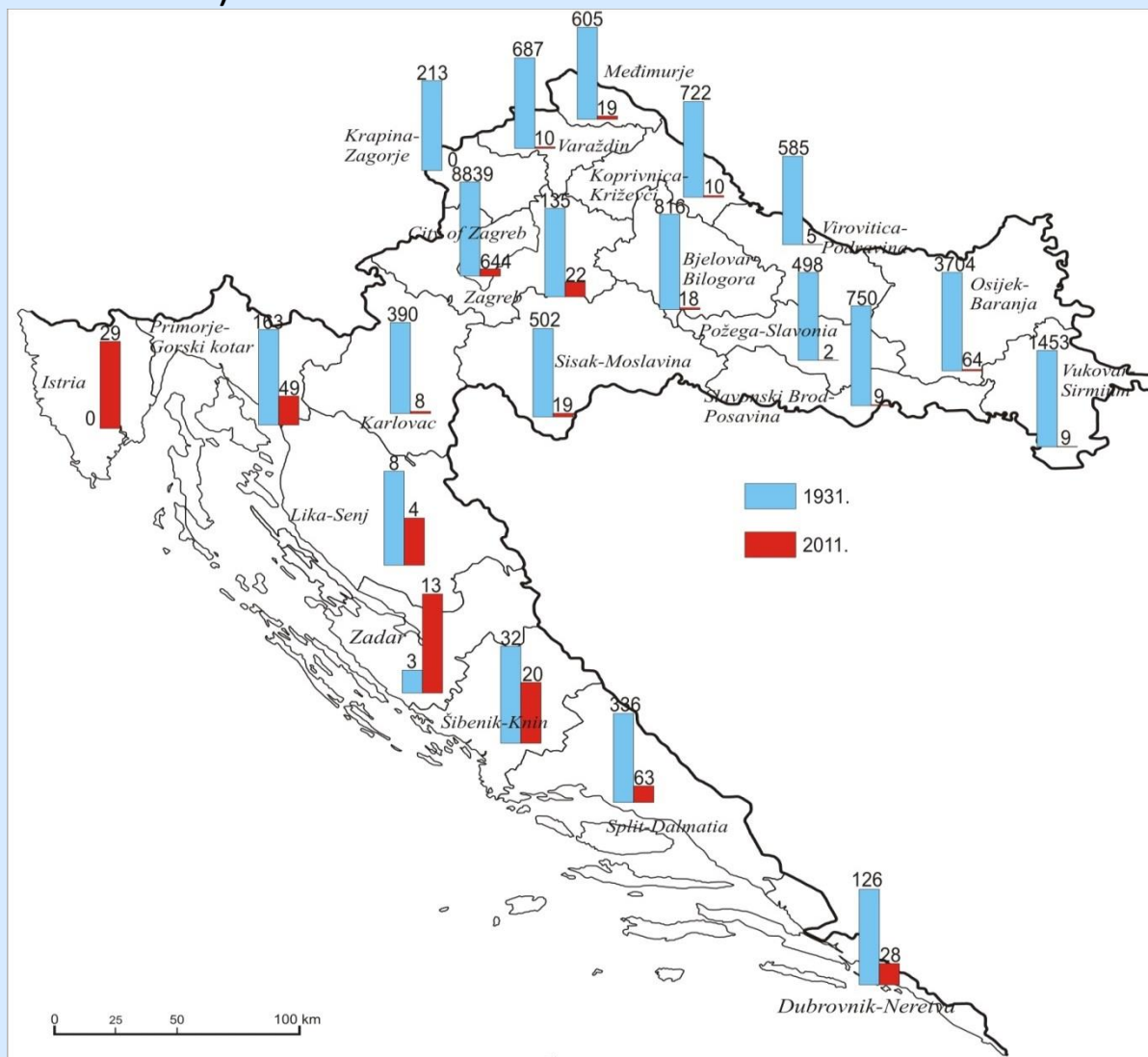
Number of Jews according „nationality” in census 2001.
Distribution of Jews –concentration in north regions - Zagreb,
Osijek and on Adriatic coast Rijeka, Split, Dubrovnik



Jews in Croatia according „religion” in census 2001



Comparative research on Jews in Croatia (in districts) according census in 1931 (last before Holocaust) and in last census in 2011

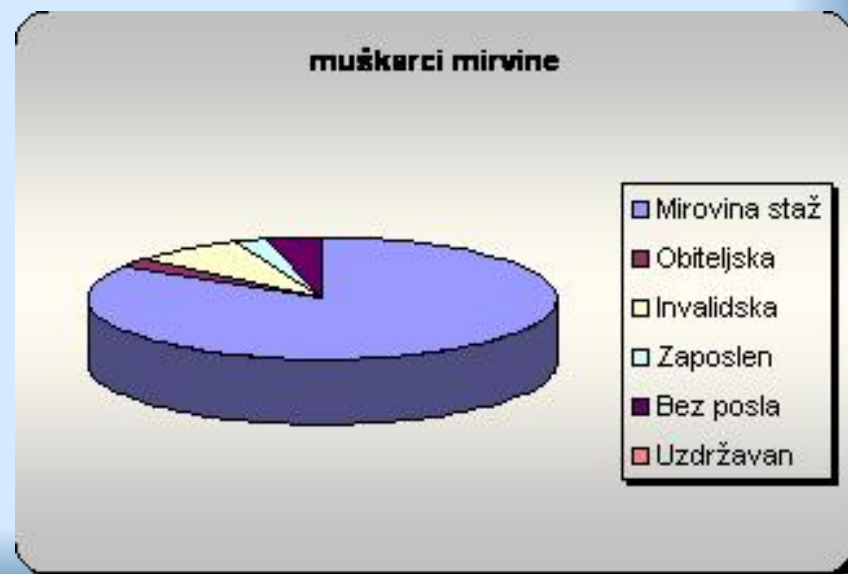
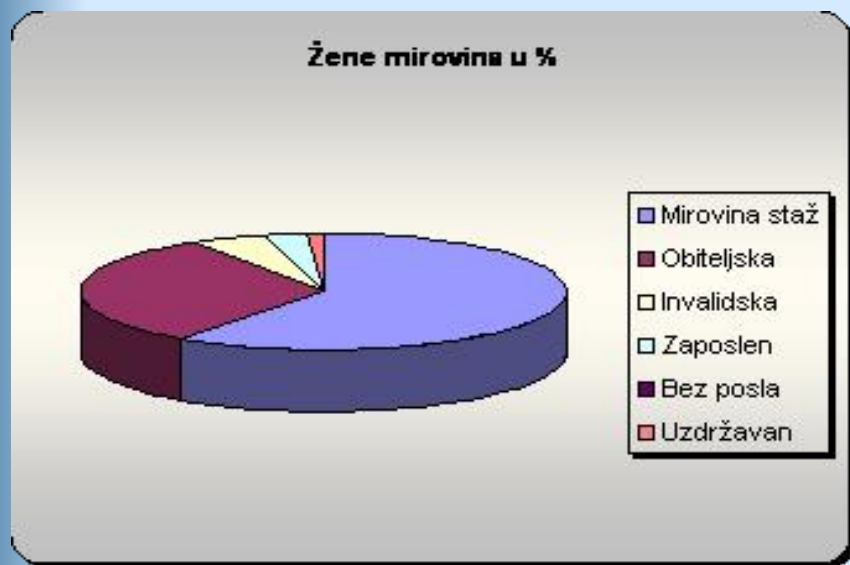


Holocaust survivors in Zagreb community , research 2005 years of birth

Godina rođenja	Dobna skupina	Broj	%
1945-1941	60-64	61	12,40 %
1940-1936	65-69	69	14,02 %
1935-1931	70-74	52	10,57 %
1930-1926	75-79	112	22,76 %
1925-1921	80-84	90	18,29 %
1920-1916	85-89	63	12,80 %
1915-1911	90-95	35	7,11 %
1910-1906	95-99	6	1,22 %
1905-1901	100+	4	0,81 %
Ukupno		492	100 %

Social and health survey (CENDO) in Jewish community Zagreb (2005)

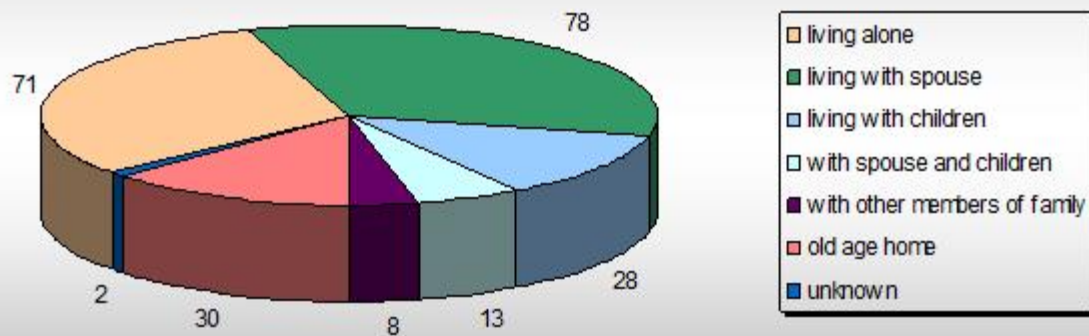
Survivors income – woman and man



Survey in Jewish community Zagreb in 2005
Household structure

Members in household	No of Household	Percentage
One member	223	32%
Two members	168	24%
Thre and more members	299	43%
Community Zagreb (according available data)	690	100%

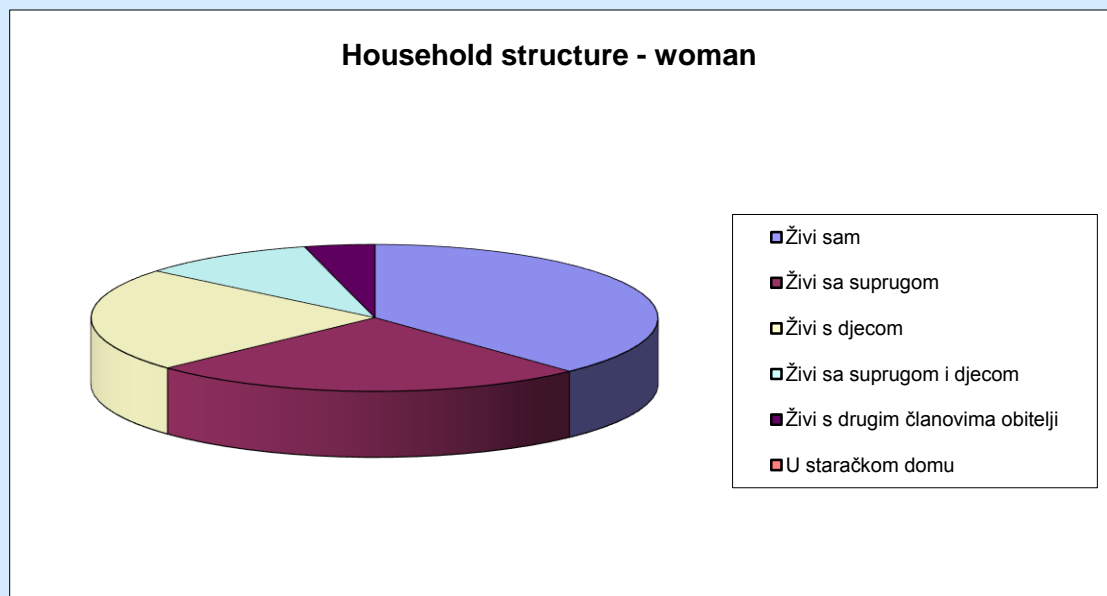
Households structure



Survey in Jewish community Zagreb in year 2005

Household structure of survivors - woman

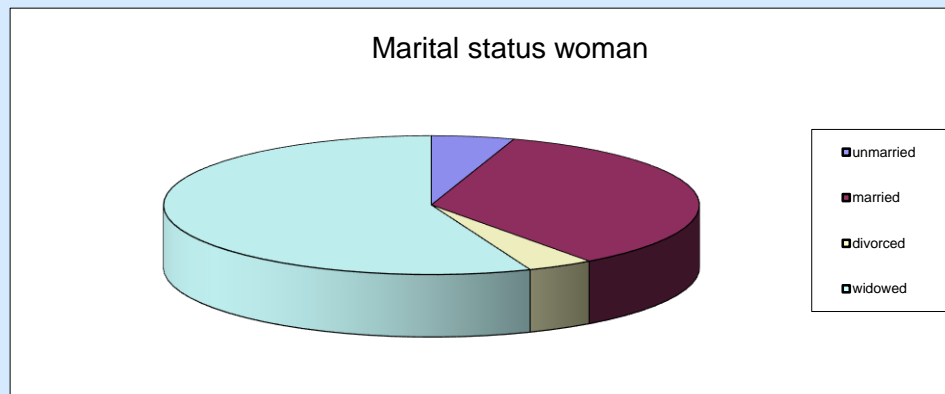
Status	woman
Living alone	38%
With spouse	25%
With children	23%
With spouse and children	10%
With other family members	4%
In old age home	0%
Total	100%



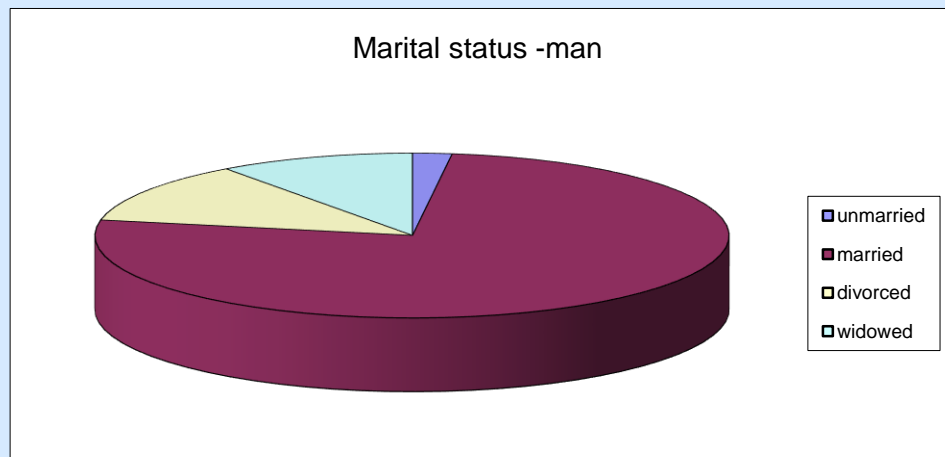
Survey in Jewish community Zagreb in 2005

Marital status

Marital status	woman
unmarried	5%
married	35%
divorced	4%
widowed	56%



Marital status	man
unmarried	2%
married	76%
divorced	12%
widowed	10%



Association of Holocaust survivors in Croatia 2015

Data base for Holocaust survivors in Croatia

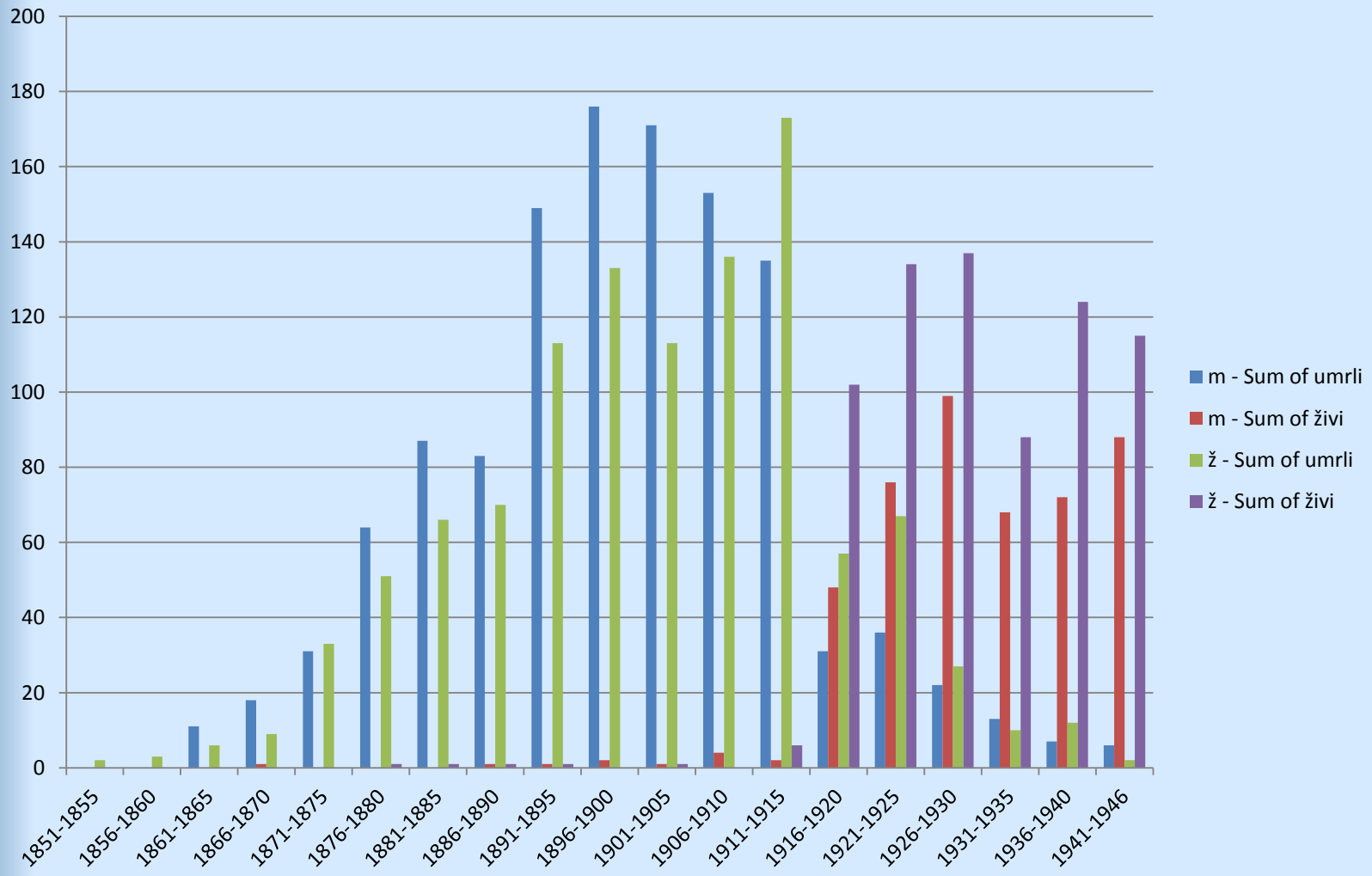
Database about holocaust survivors in Croatia is new and important research project developed in Association of Holocaust survivors and supported by Claims conference.

In this base we register all Holocaust survivors regardless if they today live in Croatia or not or they are still alive.

This new base, with near 4000 names, includes data from base made by Cendo (10 years ago) which is corrected and with additional new data from documents, lists, interviews, testimonies, publications and research.

Database of Holocaust survivors in year 2015

Survivors according to year of birth, sex and mortality („umrli“)



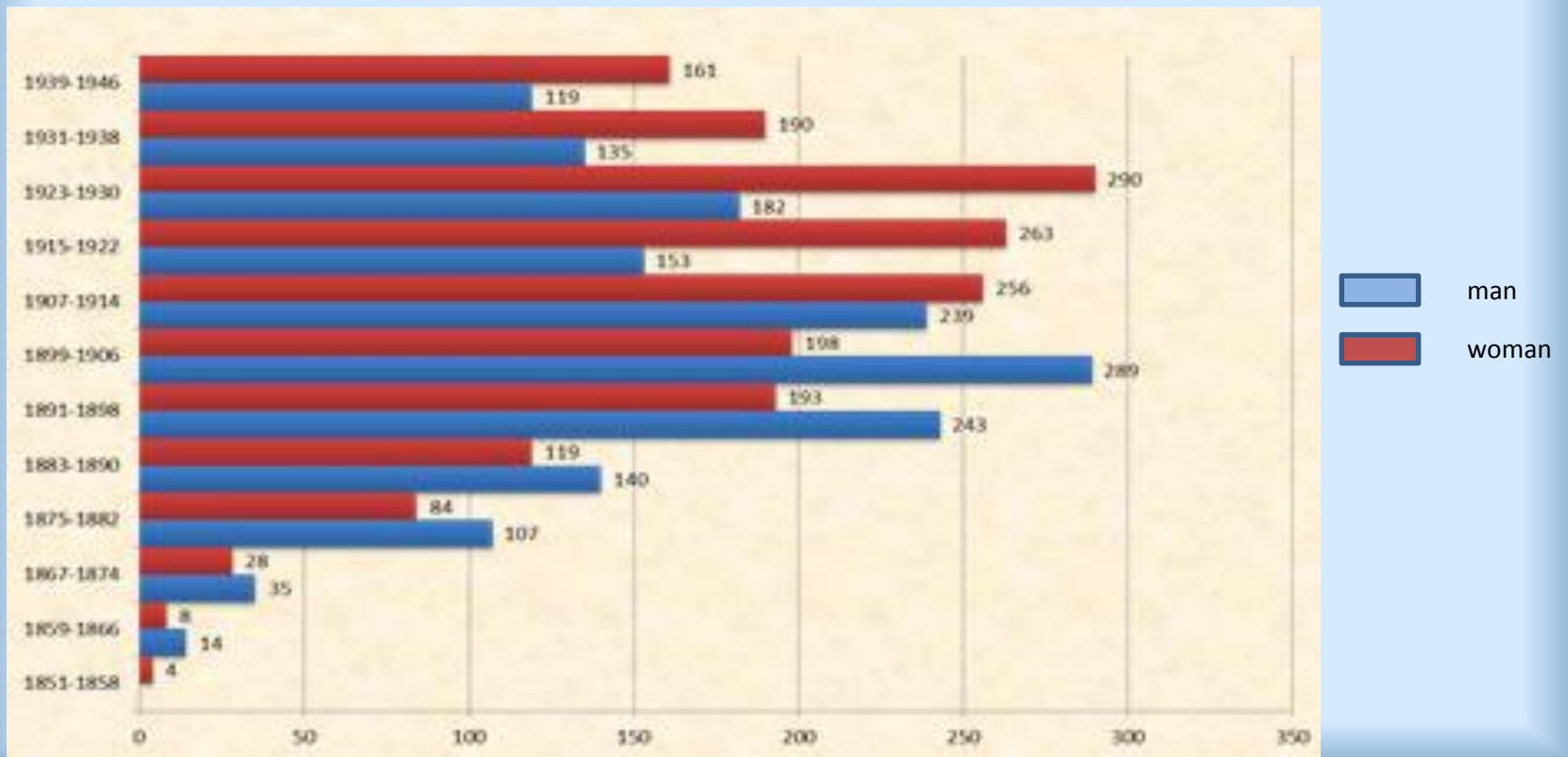
Database for Holocaust survivors

Year of birth	man	woman	Total
1851-1858		4	4
1859-1866	14	8	22
1867-1874	35	28	63
1875-1882	107	84	191
1883-1890	140	119	259
1891-1898	243	193	436
1899-1906	289	198	487
1907-1914	239	256	495
1915-1922	153	263	416
1923-1930	182	290	472
1931-1938	135	190	325
1939-1946	119	161	280
Grand Total	1656	1794	3450

Database Holocaust survivors in Croatia (2015)

New data base for Holocaust survivors in Croatia (about 4.000 names) who are registered in year 1945 and after, on different list, in communities, institutions or testimonies.
data will be available on WEB page [www:preho.hr](http://www.preho.hr)

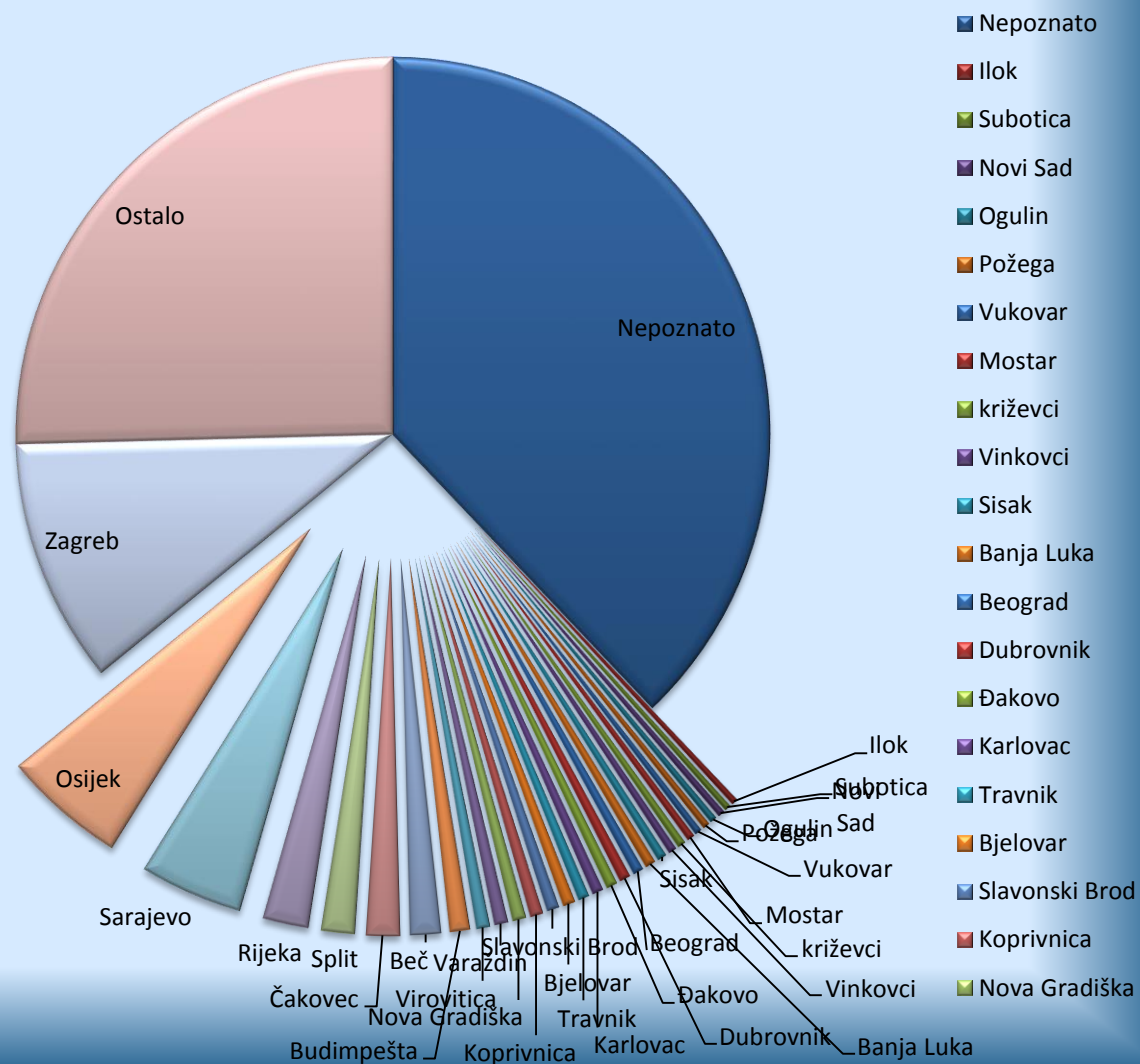
Survivors in Croatia according year of birth and sex



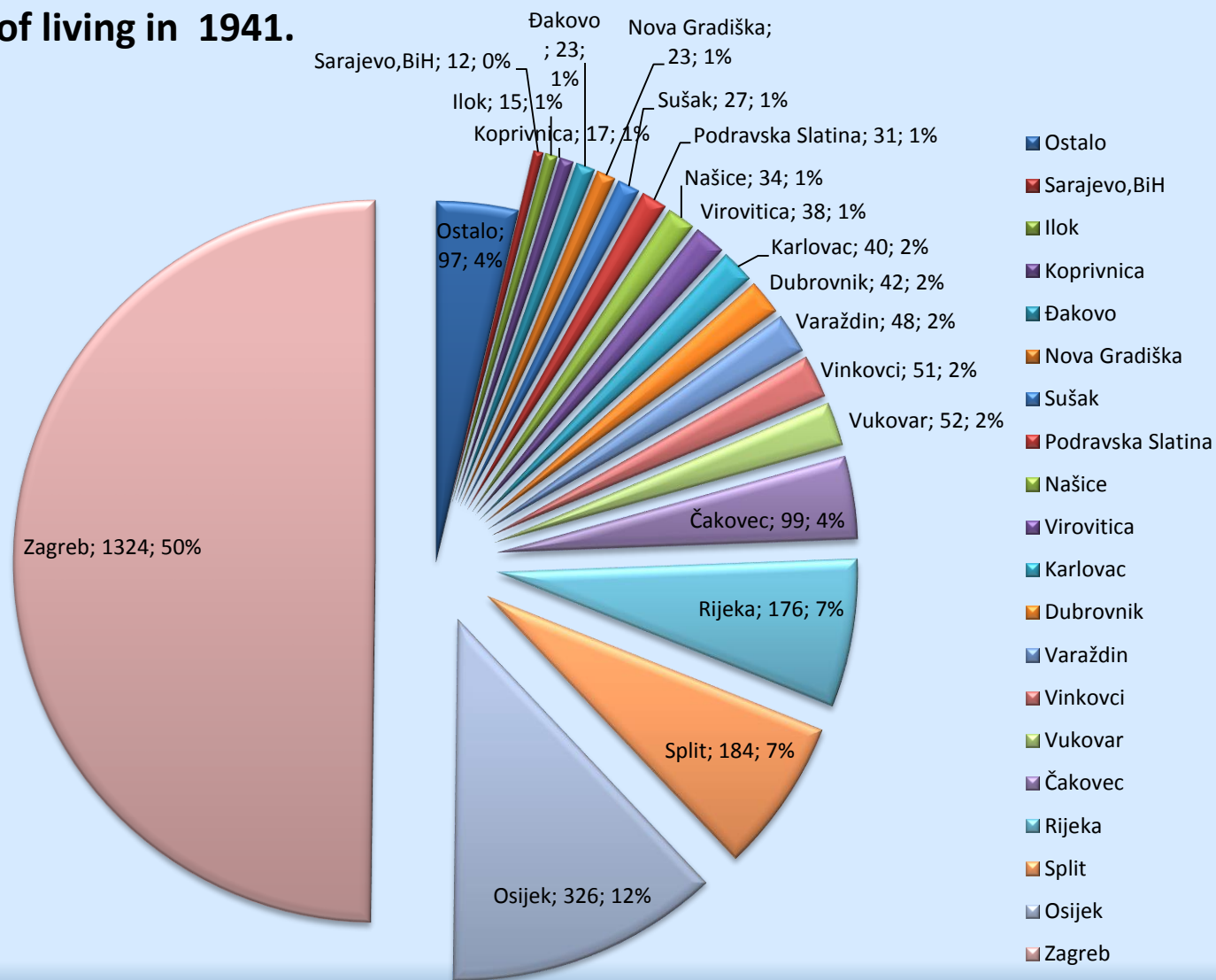
Database Holocaust survivors in Croatia (2015)

Survivors in Croatia according place of birth
(for oldest generation data are not available „unknown“)

Unknown	1487
Ilok	11
Subotica	11
Novi Sad	12
Ogulin	12
Požega	12
Vukovar	12
Mostar	13
križevci	14
Vinkovci	14
Sisak	16
Banja Luka	18
Beograd	18
Dubrovnik	19
Đakovo	19
Karlovac	19
Travnik	19
Bjelovar	21
Slavonski Brod	21
Koprivnica	22
Nova Gradiška	23
Varaždin	23
Virovitica	23
Budimpešta	34
Beč	52
Čakovec	55
Split	56
Rijeka	77
Sarajevo	173
Osijek	207
Zagreb	411
Other	996



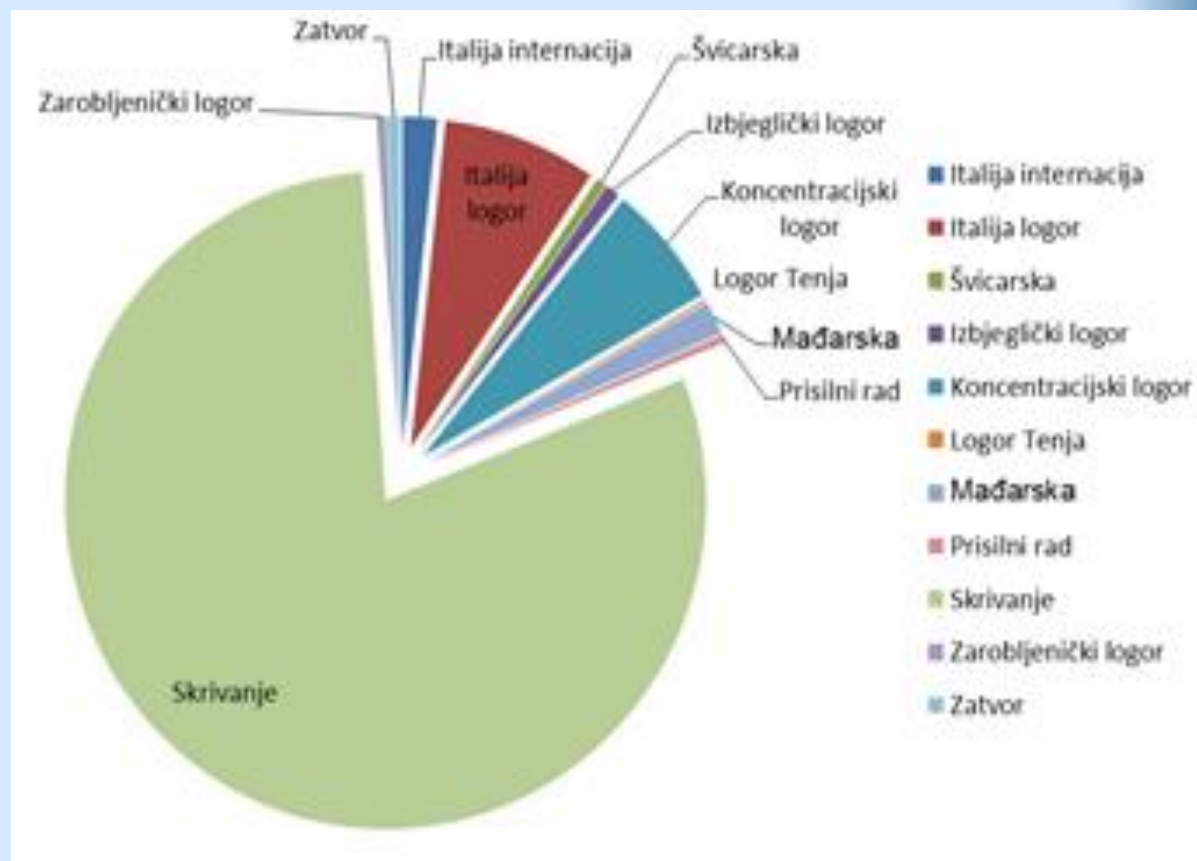
Place of living in 1941.



Database Holocaust survivors in Croatia (2015)

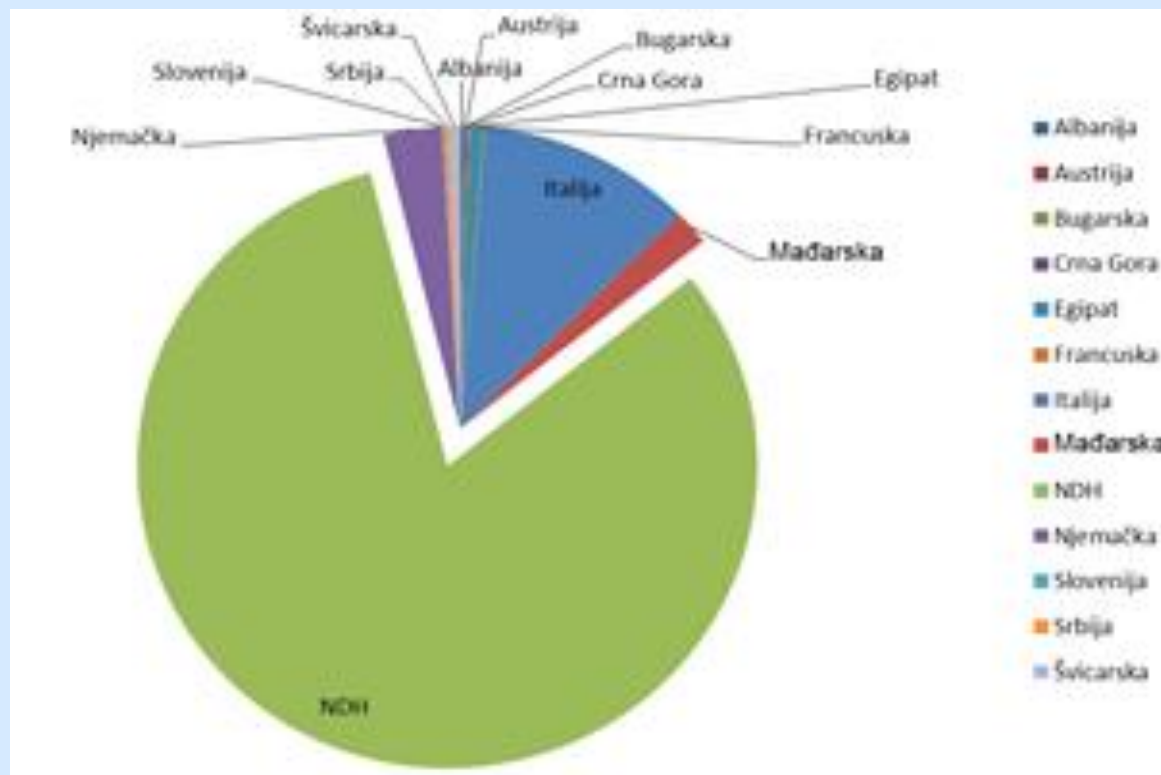
Survivors in Croatia according place where survived

Places	Total
hiding	1067
Kraljevica, Rab	21
Jasenovac	20
Auschwitz	13
Italija	12
Kraljevica, Rab	11
El Shat	7
Lopud, Rab	7
Lopud, Rab	7
Mađarska	6
Rab	6
Kupari, Rab	6
Hvar, Rab	5
Budimpešta, Mađarska	5
Brač, Rab	5
sakrivanje	5
skrivanje, logor	5
skrivanje, Split	5
jail	4
Dubrovnik	4



Database Holocaust survivors in Croatia (2015)

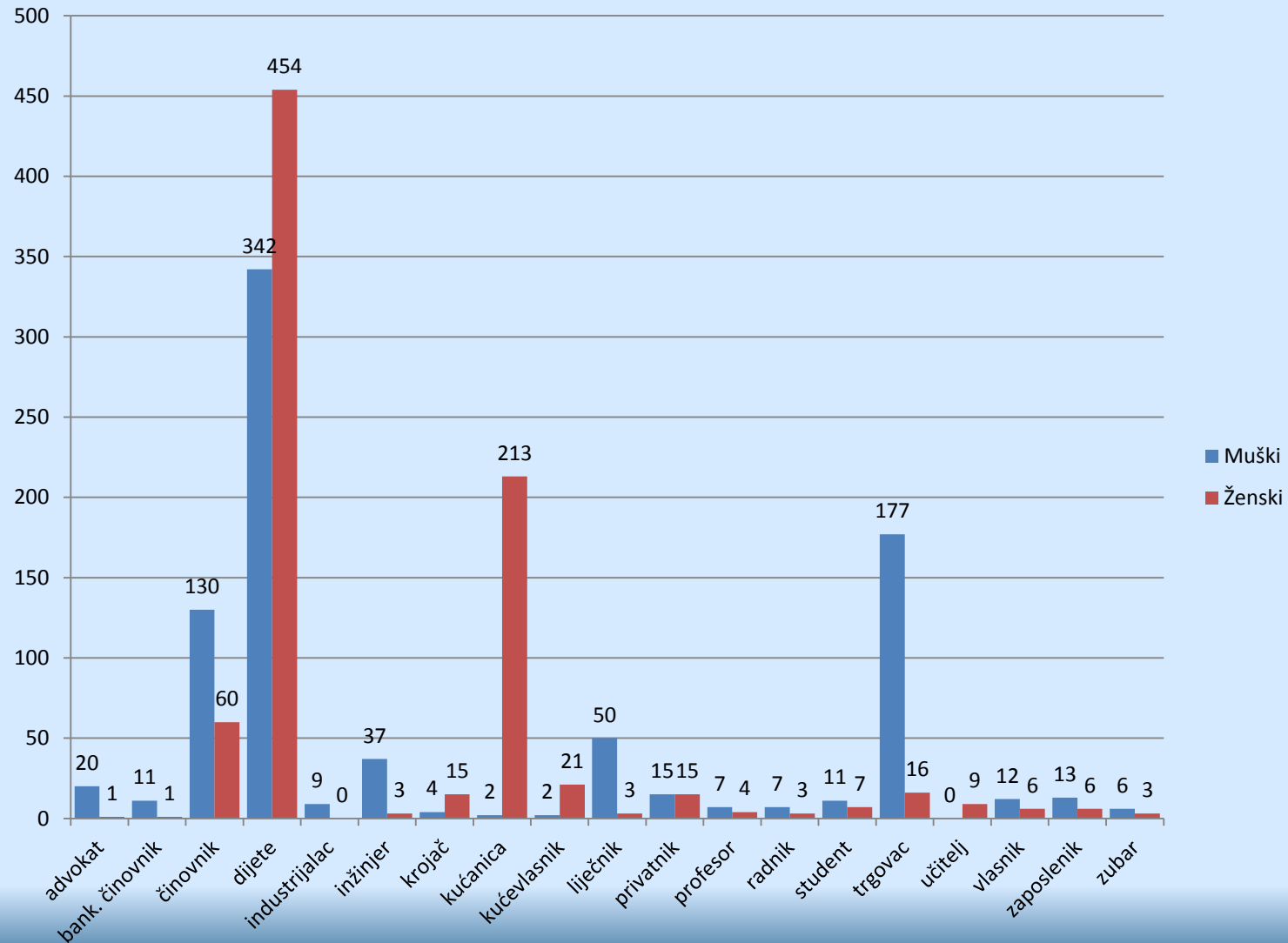
Survivors in Croatia according the country in which survived



Database for Holocaust survivors in Croatia (2015)

Profession of survivors before Holocaust (1941)

Most survived as „children” (dijete)



Database for Holocaust survivors in Croatia

Summary

Association of Holocaust survivors in Croatia (president dr. Švob) already 15 years work with survivors, helping them, researching and collecting their documents and memories.

According previously available data, number of survivors in Croatia was about 1,500-2,000 but our experience and new documentation showed that they represent bigger population which need to be recorded and investigated in database, specially population born after 1928 (holocaust child survivors)

Our research team develop special database which will be available on internet for searching basic data, and with possibility for more detailed answers on request.

We develop additional questionnaire about life before, suffer during Holocaust, lost, profession, family relations and life after Holocaust and we thank survivors for cooperation and Claims conference for support.

This presentation offer first preliminary results of this research.

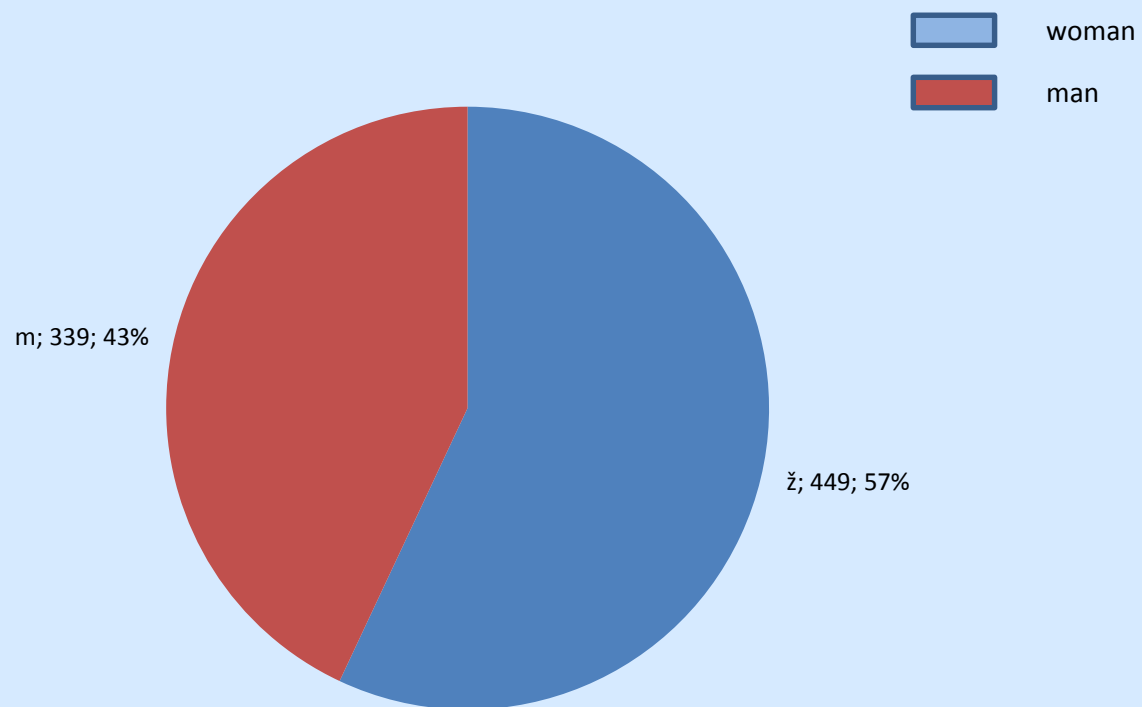
Research on child survivors

Recent investigations are resulted by the new data about the generation of survivors who has been born before 1.1.1928 (child survivors) and their suffering in Holocaust and their „lost Childhood”.

We developed new research on our child survivors generation, also supported by Claims conference, and here are first results.

Database Holocaust child survivors in Croatia

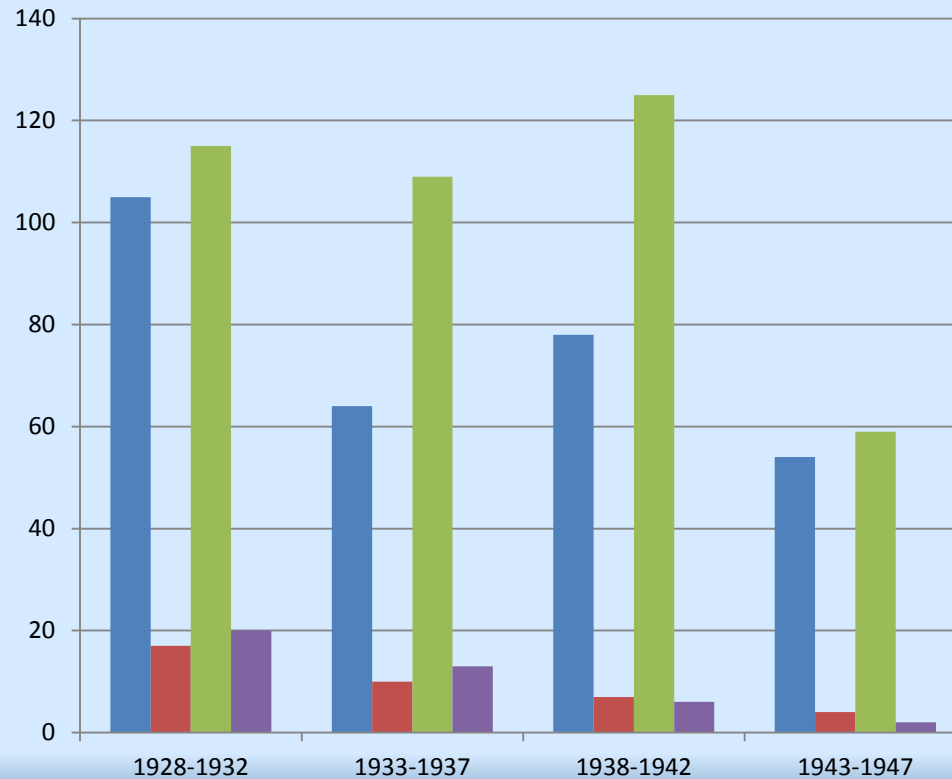
Holocaust child survivors (born after 1928) according sex distribution



Database Holocaust child survivors in Croatia

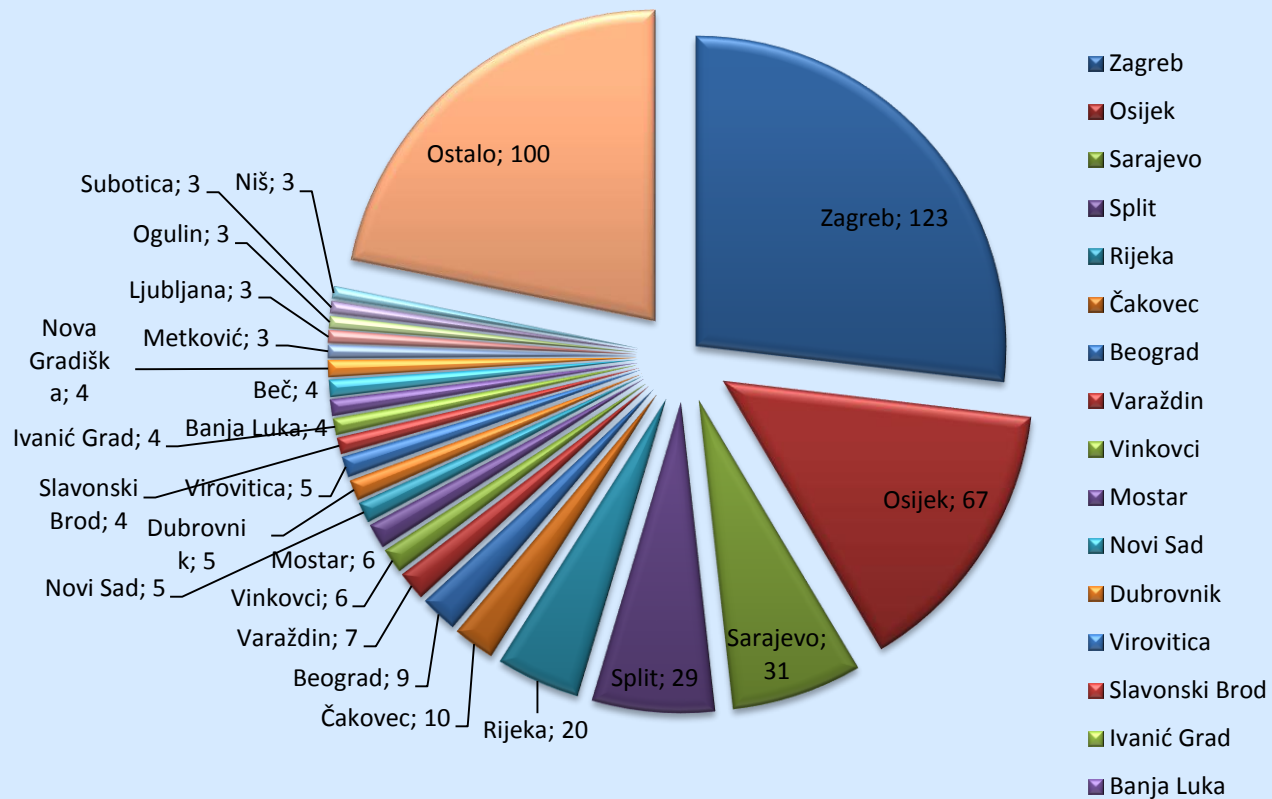
Years of birth of child survivors (and mortality)

	man		woman		Total Sum of living	Total Sum of dead
Year of birth	Sum of living ■	Sum of dead ■	Sum of living ■	Sum of dead ■		
1928-1932	105	17	115	20	220	37
1933-1937	64	10	109	13	173	23
1938-1942	78	7	125	6	203	13
1943-1947	54	4	59	2	113	6
Grand Total	301	38	408	41	709	79

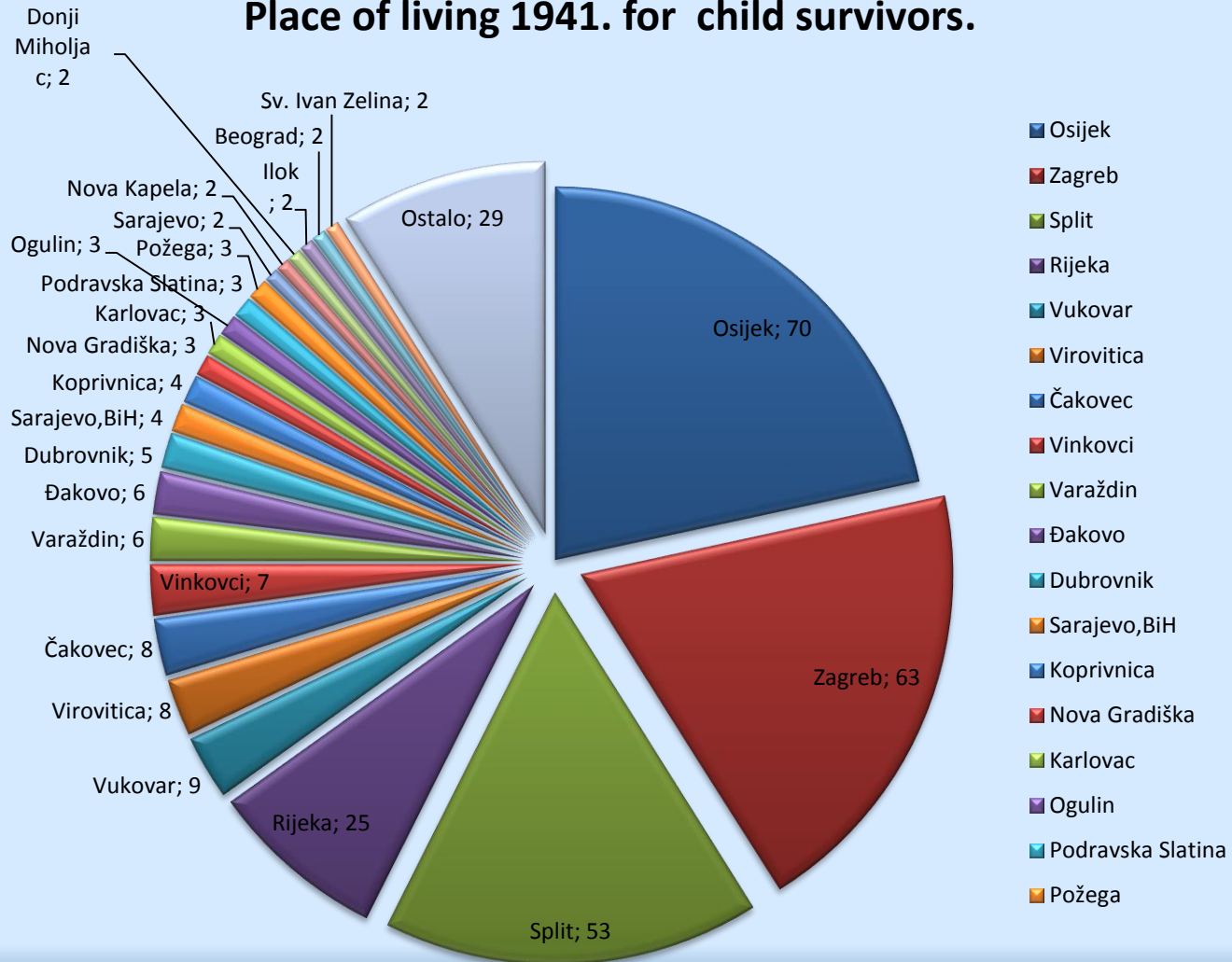


Database for holocaust child survivors

Place of birth

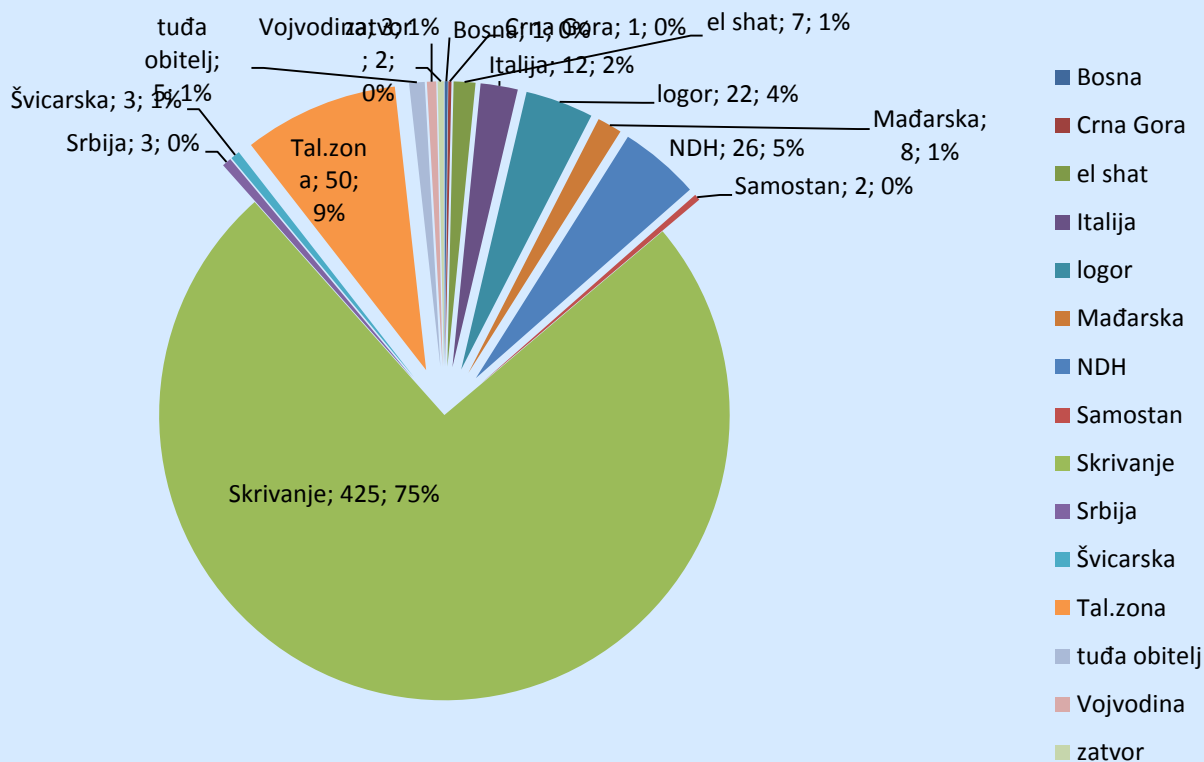


Place of living 1941. for child survivors.



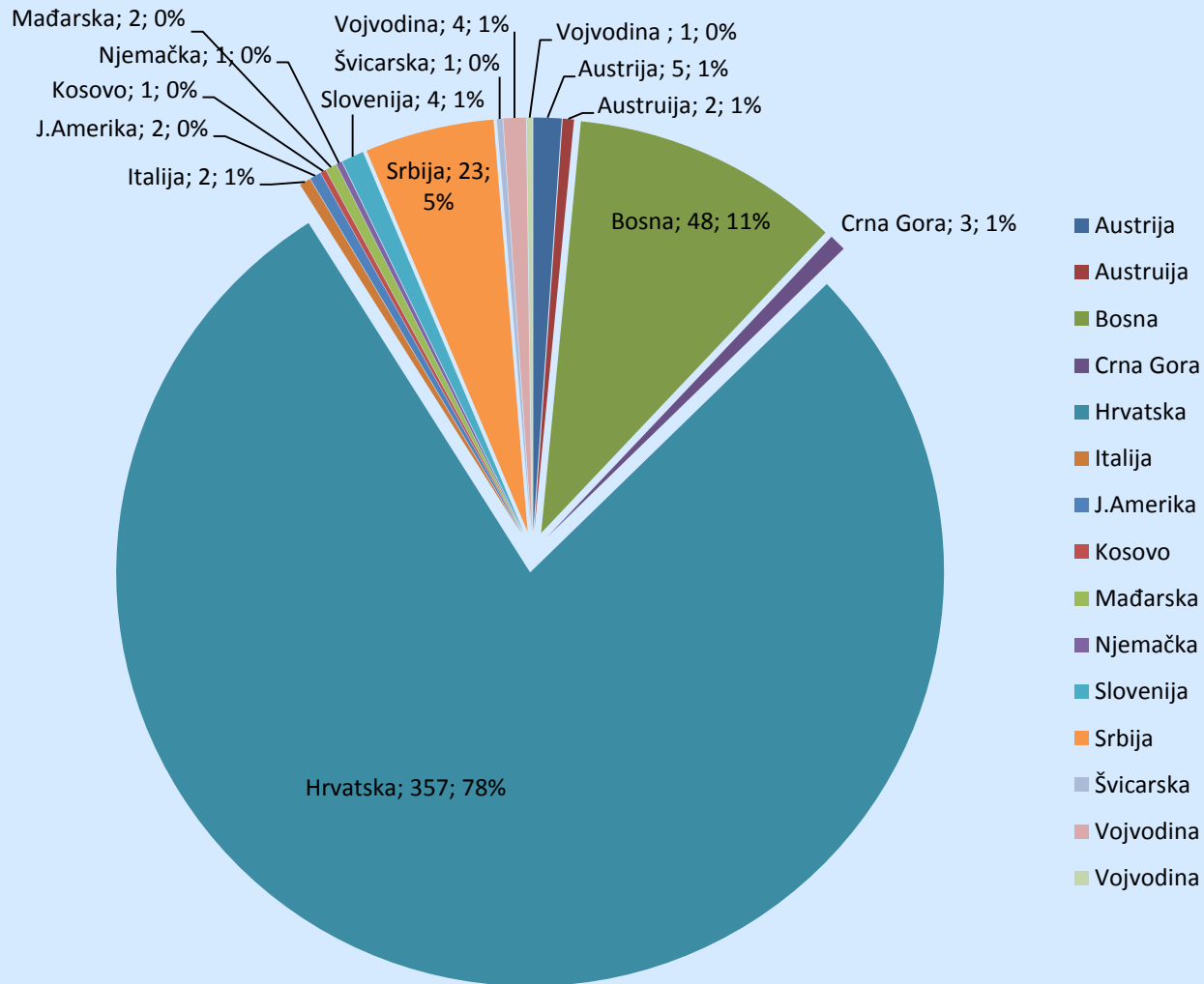
Database for holocaust Child survivors way and place where survived

(hiding - green, NDH (blue), Italian zone(orange), camps (deep green)..



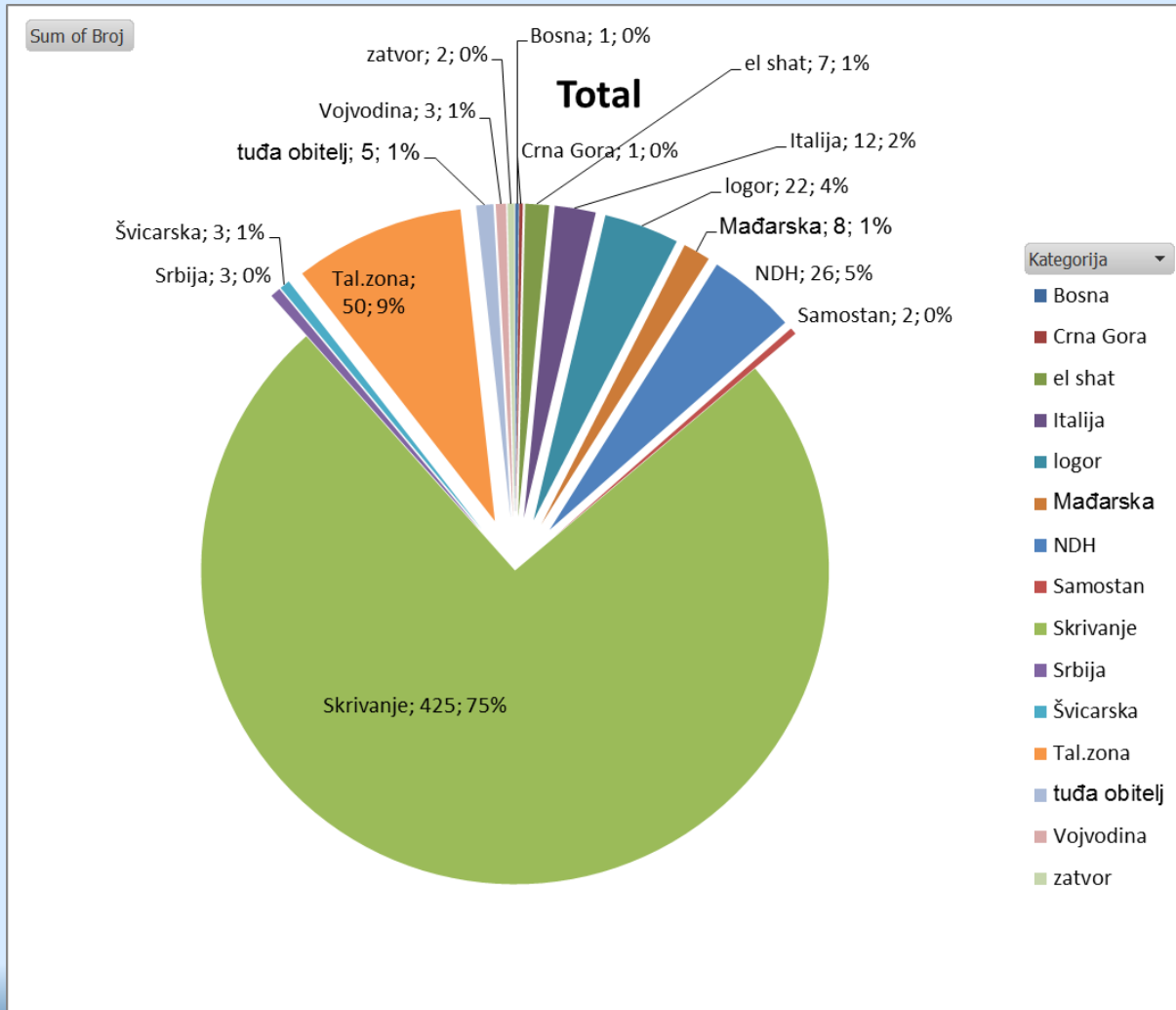
Database of Holocaust child survivors

Country of birth



Database for holocaust Child survivors

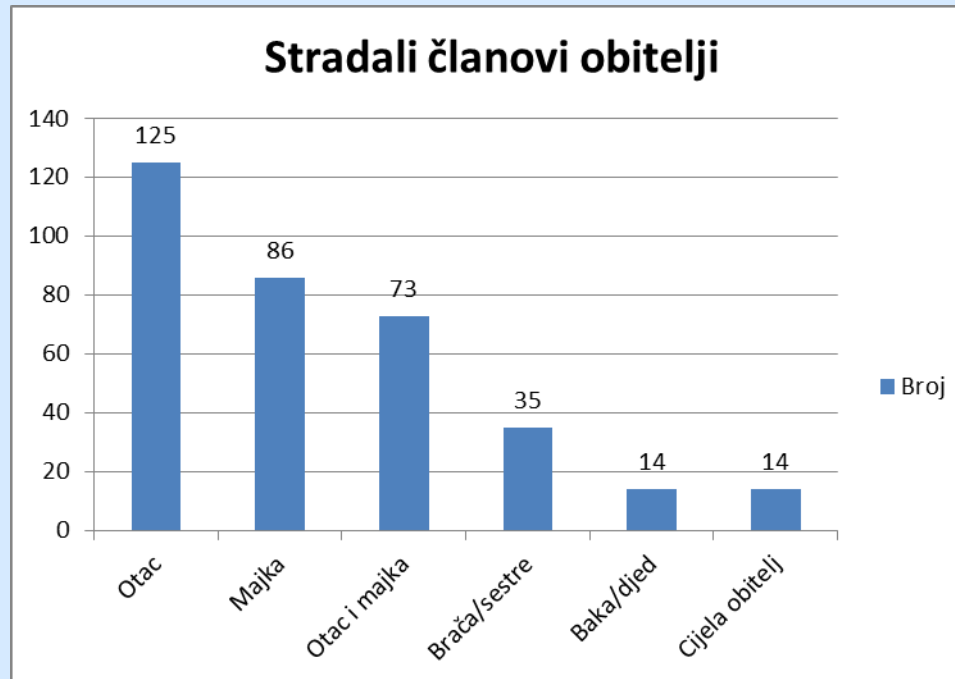
Place children survived



Database for Holocaust child survivors

members of family who are killed in Holocaust

father, mother, both parents, brother/sister, grandparents, all family



From the life and activities of
Holocaust survivors

Synagogue in Community Zagreb- education lesson



Holocaust education – survivor speak to school children in Opatija



Holocaust commemoration on Zagreb Jewish cemetery



Commeration in camp Jasenovac



Exhibition about Djakovo concentration camp



Commemoration in Đakovo- cemetery of Jewish children and women victims



Senior club - survivors



International Jewish woman conference, Prague



Jewish Old age home – garden party



Jewish old age home- singing chorus



Computer workshop for Holocaust survivors



Recreation and gymnastic for holocaust survivors



Jewish books – exhibition Cendo



Cultural activity- workshop on Jewish books



Organization of Exhibitions about Holocaust in Croatia, abroad (Strasbourg, Amsterdam), and in country, on Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust, during the conferences and events

CHILDREN IN THE WAR



Members of the Atlas family, killed in camps. Donated by Jakob Atlas who escapes from camp Jasenovac



«School» in the refugee camp El Shat



Identity cards from Kraljevica camp for Berger Family



Graves of the prisoners (596) in camp Dakovo



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International conference of Holocaust survivors in Berlin



Visitors from Claims conference



Holocaust survivors gathering in Opatija

