

The Final Solution: The Nazi Policy of Genocide

Before the Nazis governed Germany, the total world Jewish population was approximately 15.3 million people. Nine and one-half million Jews lived in Europe.

Although the exact number may never be known, approximately 6 million Jews and millions of others persecuted by the Nazi Regime died in countries under Nazi occupation.

Of the 566,000 Jews who lived in Germany, between 134,500 and 141,500 fell victim to the Nazi policy of genocide.

In the tiny rural village of Roth, 15 of its 31 Jewish residents were murdered in the Holocaust. Of the five Jewish families who lived there in 1933, two were completely annihilated. Since 1942, no Jews have lived in Roth.

Jewish women and children from Carpathia-Ruthenia await selection on the railway ramp at Auschwitz-Birkenau, 1944.



5,860,000 Estimated Jewish Losses in the Holocaust

COUNTRY	INITIAL JEWISH POPULATION	MINIMUM LOSS	MAXIMUM LOSS
Austria	185,000	50,000	50,000
Belgium	65,700	28,900	28,900
Bohemia & Moravia	118,310	78,150	78,150
Bulgaria	50,000	0	0
Denmark	7,800	60	60
Estonia	4,500	1,500	2,000
Finland	2,000	7	7
France	350,000	77,320	77,320
Germany	566,000	134,500	141,500
Greece	77,380	60,000	67,000
Hungary	825,000	550,000	569,000
Italy	44,500	7,680	7,680
Latvia	91,500	70,000	71,500
Lithuania	168,000	140,000	143,000
Luxembourg	3,500	1,950	1,950
Netherlands	140,000	100,000	100,000
Norway	1,700	762	762
Poland	3,300,000	2,900,000	3,000,000
Romania	609,000	271,000	287,000
Slovakia	88,950	68,000	71,000
Soviet Union	3,020,000	1,000,000	1,100,000
Yugoslavia	78,000	56,200	63,300
Total	9,796,840	5,596,029	5,860,129
Rounded	9,797,000	5,596,000	5,860,000

Non-Jewish Victims of the Holocaust

Physically and Mentally Challenged

Considered "genetically defective" and "threat to biological purity of Aryan" race."
300,000 - 400,000 sterilized.
Approximately 250,000 died (110,000 by poisoning or gassing).



Rom (Gypsies), also known as Roma and Sinti
Considered "racially inferior", "threat to biological purity of Aryan" race, and "social outcasts."
196,000 - 220,000 died by gassing, execution, torture, starvation, disease, or physical exhaustion in Nazi Concentration Camps.

Poles

Non-Jewish Poles considered "racially inferior." Nazis also did not want Poland to be an independent country.
Between 1.8 million and 1.9 million Poles died as direct victims of Nazi persecution and not as wartime casualties. Many political, religious, and intellectual leaders murdered to deter resistance.



Children judged "racially suitable" for becoming "Aryan Nazis" kidnapped and "adopted" into German families.



Homosexuals
Gay men considered "socially deviant." Persecuted to "cure the disease of homosexuality." Lesbian women not targeted unless they were Jewish.
Approximately 100,000 gay men arrested by the Nazis. 50,000 sent to regular prisons and 5,000 - 15,000 sent to Concentration Camps. Exact number of deaths unknown.

Jehovah's Witnesses

Persecuted for religious beliefs (unable to pledge allegiance to Hitler or serve in military).
6,000 - 10,000 sent to Concentration Camps, and 1,650 died.



Political Prisoners
People who engaged in anti-Nazi resistance activities or members of the Communist or Social Democratic party in Germany.
Approximately 1 million sent to Concentration Camps. Number of deaths unknown.

African Germans

Considered "racially inferior" and "threat to biological purity of Aryan" race.
Approximately 500 bi-racial teenagers sterilized.

Soviet Prisoners-of-War

Considered "racially inferior" and hated as citizens of a Communist nation.
Unlike captured British or American soldiers, they were sent to Nazi Concentration Camps.
Approximately 3 million died.