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Some of Hamburg's 1,300 Sinti and Roma lived on the traditional caravan site in the suburb of Harburg; others lived scattered around the city. In 1940, 500 of them were deported to camps and ghettos in Poland. In March 1943 the National Socialist authorities also deported 328 Roma and Sinti from Hamburg to Auschwitz. The last group was sent there in April 1944.

Did you know

... that the first Sinti and Roma were forcibly relocated, and in some cases imprisoned, years before the first Jews were relocated and deported?

...that similar camps were set up in the cities of Hanover, Braunschweig, Oldenburg and Osnabrück?

For you to do

Find out about the forced relocation or deportation of people in Europe. Who decides where people may live and why? Which organisations protest?

The photo

Inmates of the Hamburg-Harburg "Gypsy" Camp being interviewed in 1938 by police or perhaps by employees of the "race researcher" Robert Ritter. German Federal Archives, Koblenz, Germany.