

A newsletter from East View highlighting census data from around the world

## DEMOGRAPHIC WOES IN RUSSIA



Russia's demographic challenges have been making headlines again, with new figures confirming that the country's population decline is not only continuing but accelerating. The government recently launched what it calls a "demographic special forces unit" to coordinate family policy and demographic measures at the regional level. Expanded cash payments, tax breaks, and other pro-natalist incentives are being offered in the hopes of encouraging larger families, but analysts are skeptical that these will be enough to reverse long-term trends. The labor ministry has warned of a looming shortfall of up to 11 million workers by 2030 as retirements, war losses, and outward migration hollow out the workforce.

In 2024 the country recorded its lowest annual births since 1999, while mortality remained high. This natural decrease, combined with low fertility, causes mounting concerns in Moscow.

## Accessing Critical Demographic Data With Global Census Archive

At the same time, Russia's statistics agency has sharply curtailed the release of demographic data. Monthly updates on births, deaths, marriages, and divorces have been discontinued, and regional mortality tables are no longer publicly available. While officials frame these restrictions as a matter of state security, the effect has been to obscure the true scale of the crisis. For researchers and policymakers alike, this lack of transparency raises serious questions about the severity and trajectory of the demographic decline.

Russia, 2020. General Census Information. Infographics. Healthy Lifestyles. <https://gca.eastview.com/CENSUS-141880480.1.1>



Russia, 2020. Yaroslavl Region. Census Results. Infographics. v09. Birth Rate. <https://gca.eastview.com/CENSUS-141727180.1.3>

The value of reliable, accessible demographic data in contemporary scholarship cannot be overstated. Global Census Archive not only preserves historical censuses but also makes current censuses available and research-ready for the new generation of scholars. Users can now access all historical and contemporary census results from Russia. Researchers can consult the complete collection of Russian census materials, including thousands of downloadable Excel tables, text-searchable PDFs, and supplementary documents such as methodology reports, infographics, and legal decrees—resources that provide the critical context for informed analysis. For researchers seeking clarity in the face of shrinking transparency, the Global Census Archive offers a trusted source of demographic insight.

Russia, 2020. Crimea, Republic. Census Results.  
v01. Population Size & Distribution.  
<https://gca.eastview.com/1407778YQ>

| 1.1. ЧИСЛЕННОСТЬ НАСЕЛЕНИЯ РЕСПУБЛИКИ КРЫМ,<br>ГОРОДСКИХ ОКРУГОВ, МУНИЦИПАЛЬНЫХ РАЙОНОВ, ГОРОДСКИХ И СЕЛЬСКИХ<br>ГОРОДСКИХ НАСЕЛЕННЫХ ПУНКТОВ, СЕЛЬСКИХ НАСЕЛЕННЫХ ПУНКТОВ<br>С НАСЕЛЕНИЕМ 3000 ЧЕЛОВЕК И БОЛЕЕ<br>(по состоянию на 1 октября 2021 года) |                      |         |          |   |         |
|--|----------------------|---------|----------|---|---------|
|  | Мужчины и<br>женщины | Мужчины | Женщины  | В общей численности<br>населения, процентов |         |
|  |                      |         |          | мужчины                                     | женщины |
| РЕСПУБЛИКА КРЫМ  | 1934 630             | 895 954 | 1038 676 | 46.3  | 53.7    |
| Городское население  | 976 459              | 444 180 | 532 279  | 45.5  | 54.5    |
| Сельское население   | 958 171              | 451 774 | 506 397  | 47.1  | 52.9    |
| Городской округ Симферополь  | 360 260              | 164 105 | 196 155  | 45.6  | 54.4    |
| Городское население - г. Симферополь   | 340 540              | 155 103 | 185 437  | 45.5  | 54.5    |
| Сельское население   | 19 720               | 9 002   | 10 718   | 45.6  | 54.4    |
| пгт Аграрное   | 3 467                | 1 653   | 1 814    | 47.7  | 52.3    |
| пгт Грозковский  | 10 156               | 4 617   | 5 539    | 45.5  | 54.5    |
| пгт Комсомольское  | 4 195                | 1 855   | 2 340    | 44.2  | 55.8    |
| прочие сельские населенные пункты  | 1 902                | 877     | 1 025    | 46.1  | 53.9    |
| Городской округ Алушта   | 56 112               | 25 602  | 30 510   | 45.6  | 54.4    |
| Городское население - г. Алушта  | 31 364               | 13 966  | 17 398   | 44.5  | 55.5    |
| Сельское население   | 24 748               | 11 636  | 13 112   | 47.0  | 53.0    |
| пгт Партизит   | 6 472                | 2 837   | 3 635    | 43.8  | 56.2    |
| прочие сельские населенные пункты  | 18 276               | 8 799   | 9 477    | 48.1  | 51.9    |
| Городской округ Армянск  | 22 909               | 10 255  | 12 654   | 44.8  | 55.2    |
| Городское население - г. Армянск   | 20 892               | 9 200   | 11 692   | 44.5  | 55.5    |
| Сельское население   | 2 217                | 1 055   | 1 162    | 47.6  | 52.4    |
| Городской округ Джанкой - городское<br>население - г. Джанкой  | 37 014               | 16 611  | 20 403   | 44.9  | 55.1    |
| Городской округ Евпатория  | 121 647              | 55 765  | 65 882   | 45.8  | 54.2    |
| Городское население - г. Евпатория   | 107 877              | 49 695  | 58 182   | 46.1  | 53.9    |
| Сельское население   | 13 770               | 6 070   | 7 700    | 44.1  | 55.9    |
| пгт Заозерное  | 4 814                | 2 189   | 2 625    | 45.5  | 54.5    |
| пгт Мирный   | 3 871                | 1 711   | 2 160    | 44.2  | 55.8    |
| пгт Новоозерное  | 5 085                | 2 170   | 2 915    | 42.7  | 57.3    |
| Городской округ Керчь - городское<br>население - г. Керчь  | 154 621              | 71 756  | 82 865   | 46.4  | 53.6    |
| Городской округ Красноперекопск -<br>городское население - г.<br>Красноперекопск   | 25 569               | 11 296  | 14 273   | 44.2  | 55.8    |
| Городской округ Саки - городское<br>население - г. Саки  | 24 285               | 10 668  | 13 617   | 43.9  | 56.1    |
| Городской округ Судак  | 34 584               | 16 423  | 18 161   | 47.5  | 52.5    |

Further reading on Russia’s demographic trends:

- “Russia’s Birth Rate Plunges to 200-Year Low,” The Moscow Times: <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2025/04/14/russias-birth-rate-plunges-to-200-year-low-a88709>
- “Russia Faces A Future Labor Shortage, Which War Makes More Complex,” : Forbes Magazine: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/ilanberman/2025/08/12/russia-faces-a-future-labor-shortage-which-war-makes-more-complex/>
- “Russia Limits Access to Key Economic and Demographic Data Amid Downturn Concerns,” The Moscow Times: <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2025/08/01/russia-limits-access-to-key-economic-and-demographic-data-amid-downturn-concerns-a90068>



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