

# St. Pete to Hit 5M Residents This Weekend

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On Monday, the traditional midday artillery salute at St. Petersburg's Peter and Paul Fortress, above, will be done in honor of the five millionth resident.

**ST. PETERSBURG** — St. Petersburg's five millionth resident is expected to be born in the city this weekend.

Doctors and statisticians say the child will be born on Saturday or Sunday, Interfax reported.

Every day about 180 children are born in St. Petersburg. This weekend, the city's maternity homes will reportedly inform the relevant city committees online about newborn babies.

The calculations will be completed on Monday, after taking into account the number of people who died in St. Petersburg during those two days.

City officials have still not disclosed the nature of the gift they plan to present to the lucky baby, but have said that all babies born that day will get some kind of award.

It is planned that on Monday, the traditional midday artillery salute at the city's Peter and Paul Fortress will be executed in honor of the five millionth resident.

The Births Registration Office is preparing a special ceremony for the five millionth resident to which they may also invite the previous five millionth resident, who was born in the city in 1988, before the city's population dropped again.

That person was Pavel Rusakov, who recently got married, Interfax reported.

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