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Russia to Conduct ‘Micro-Census’ in October

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Russia is to conduct a "micro-census" next month involving 2.5 million people that will have a broader scope than an ordinary census, the State Statistics Service, or Rosstat, said in a statement.

The population survey will take place in all regions of Russia between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31, according to Rosstat. The results of the survey will be available at the end of 2016, government daily Rossiiskaya Gazeta reported Monday.

“The micro-census of the population will contain a whole series of extra questions about the linguistic elements of the population, the reproduction plans of the population, migration and the population and an appraisal of the health situation,” Rosstat said.

Russia’s last census — its second since the collapse of the Soviet Union — was in 2010.

“This information is essential for good decision-making when developing social and demographic policy,” Rosstat said.

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