

Russia Reports 147M Population in 2021

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An enumerator talks to a forester during the 2021 Russian Census in the town of Baltiysk in Kaliningrad, western Russia on Nov. 14, 2021. **Vitaly Nevar/TASS**

Russia's population in 2021 hit 147.2 million, the state-owned Rossiiskaya Gazeta daily [reported](#) Monday, citing census data.

The Rosstat statistics agency said Russia's population increased 1.4% since the previous census conducted in 2010.

The growth came as a result of migration - without migrants moving to Russia, the population would have recorded a significant decline.

Former Soviet countries, led by Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan, contributed to 93.5% of the migrants who settled in Russia over the 11-year period, Rossiiskaya Gazeta reported.

The census data also [showed](#) that four more cities in Russia have passed the 1-million population mark, bringing the total number of such cities to 16.

The new cities include the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk; Voronezh south of Moscow;

Krasnodar in southern Russia; and Perm, which is close to the Ural mountains.

If migration is discounted, Russia's population has been in near-constant decline for decades. Losses were exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic, which led last year to Russia's [largest natural population decline](#) since the end of the Soviet Union.

Rosstat carried out the census between Oct. 15 and Nov. 14, 2021.

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