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TERRITORY AND POPULATION

POPULATION ¹

Year	Popula- tion, million people	of which		As a percentage of total population	
		urban	rural	urban	rural
1940	194.1	63.1	131.0	32.5	67.5
1959	208.8	100.0	108.8	47.9	52.1
1970	241.7	136.0	105.7	56.3	43.7
1971	243.9	138.8	105.1	56.9	43.1
1976	255.6	155.1	100.5	60.7	39.3
1979	262.4 ²	163.6	98.8	62.3	37.7
1981	266.6	168.9	97.7	63.4	36.6
1982	268.8	171.7	97.1	63.9	36.1
1983	271.2	174.6	96.6	64.4	35.6
1984	273.8	177.5	96.3	64.8	35.2

¹ In this table and the consecutive ones the data for 1959 and 1970 are given according to the census as of January 15, the data for 1979 are given according to the census as of January 17, the data for the subsequent years are given at the beginning of the year.

² Present population; resident population is 262.1 million people.

POPULATION BY SEX

Year	Total population, million people	of which		As a percentage of total population	
		males	females	males	females
1940	194.1	93.0	101.1	47.9	52.1
1959	208.8	94.0	114.8	45.0	55.0
1970	241.7	111.4	130.3	46.1	53.9
1971	243.9	112.6	131.3	46.1	53.9
1976	255.6	118.7	136.9	46.5	53.5
1979	262.4	122.3	140.1	46.6	53.4
1981	266.6	124.5	142.1	46.7	53.3
1982	268.8	125.7	143.1	46.8	53.2
1983	271.2	126.9	144.3	46.8	53.2
1984	273.8	128.3	145.5	46.9	53.1

**TERRITORY AND POPULATION
OF THE UNION REPUBLICS**

	Territory, thousand square kilometres	Population, thousand people				
		1940	1959	1970	1979	1984
USSR	22402.2 ¹	194077	208827	241720	262436	273843
RSFSR	17075.4	110098	117534	130079	137551	142108
Ukrainian SSR	603.7	41 340	41 869	47 126	49 755	50 681
Byelorussian SSR	207.6	9 046	8 056	9 002	9 560	9 878
Uzbek SSR	447.4	6 551	8 119	11 799	15 391	17 496
Kazakh SSR	2717.3	6 148	9 295	13 009	14 684	15 654
Georgian SSR	69.7	3 612	4 044	4 686	5 015	5 171
Azerbaijan SSR	86.6	3 274	3 698	5 117	6 028	6 498
Lithuanian SSR	65.2	2 925	2 711	3 128	3 398	3 539
Moldavian SSR	33.7	2 468	2 885	3 569	3 947	4 083
Latvian SSR	63.7	1 886	2 093	2 364	2 521	2 589
Kirghiz SSR	198.5	1 528	2 066	2 934	3 529	3 875
Tajik SSR . .	143.1	1 525	1 981	2 900	3 801	4 366
Armenian SSR	29.8	1 320	1 763	2 492	3 031	3 263
Turkmen SSR	488.1	1 302	1 516	2 159	2 759	3 123
Estonian SSR	45.1	1 054	1 197	1 356	1 466	1 519

¹ Including the areas of the White Sea (90,000 square kilometres) and the Azov Sea (37,300 square kilometres) which do not embrace in the territory of separate republics.

**TERRITORY AND POPULATION
OF THE AUTONOMOUS REPUBLICS**

	Terri- tory, thou- sand square kilo- metres	Population, thousand people				
		1940	1959	1970	1979	1984
RSFSR						
Bashkirian ASSR . .	143.6	3 226	3 340	3 818	3 849	3 841
Buryat ASSR	351.3	553	673	812	900	986
Daghestan ASSR . .	50.3	1 024	1 063	1 429	1 628	1 717
Kabardinian-Balkar ASSR	12.5	359	420	588	674	709
Kalmyk ASSR	75.9	184	185	268	294	315
Karelian ASSR . . .	172.4	478	651	713	736	768
Komi ASSR	415.9	324	815	965	1 119	1 197
Mari ASSR	23.2	588	648	685	703	722
Mordovian ASSR . .	26.2	1 171	1 002	1 029	991	972
North-Ossetian ASSR	8.0	406	451	552	597	610
Tatar ASSR	68.0	2 942	2 850	3 131	3 436	3 489
Tuva ASSR	170.5		172	231	267	276
Udmurt ASSR	42.1	1 246	1 338	1 418	1 494	1 549
Checheno-Ingush ASSR	19.3	743	710	1 065	1 154	1 203
Chuvash ASSR	18.3	1 090	1 098	1 224	1 292	1 313
Yakut ASSR	3103.2	414	487	664	839	965
Uzbek SSR						
Kara-Kalpak ASSR	164.9	488	510	702	904	1 041
Georgian SSR						
Abkhazian ASSR . .	8.6	318	405	487	505	522
Ajarian ASSR	3.0	204	245	310	354	375
Azerbaijan SSR						
Nakhichevan ASSR	5.5	131	141	202	239	262

**POPULATION OF THE CAPITALS
OF THE UNION REPUBLICS
AND CITIES WITH A POPULATION
OF OVER 500,000 INHABITANTS**

(thousand people)

	1939	1959	1970	1979	1984
Alma-Ata	222	456	730	910	1 046
Ashkhabad	127	170	253	312	347
Baku	773	968	1 266	1 550	1 661
of which without urban-type settle- ments under the jurisdiction of Baku City Soviet	544	643	852	1 022	1 084
Barnaul	148	303	439	533	567
Vilnius	215	236	372	481	535
Vladivostok	206	291	441	550	591
Volgograd	445	591	815	929	969
Voronezh	344	447	660	783	841
Gorky	644	941	1 170	1 344	1 392
Dniepropetrovsk	543	690	904	1 066	1 140
Donetsk	474	708	879	1 021	1 064
Dushanbe	83	227	374	494	539
Yerevan	204	493	764	1 019	1 114
Zhdanov	222	284	417	503	520
Zaporozhye	289	449	658	781	844
Izhevsk	176	285	422	549	603
Irkutsk	250	366	451	550	590
Kazan	406	667	869	993	1 039
Karaganda	154	383	523	572	608
Kiev	848	1 106	1 627	2 137	2 411
Kishinev	110	212	349	503	605
Krasnodar	193	310	460	560	603
Krasnoyarsk	190	412	648	796	860
Krivoi Rog	196	408	581	650	680
Kuibyshev	390	806	1 038	1 206	1 251

	1939	1959	1970	1979	1984
Leningrad	3 421	3 367	4 027	4 588	4 832
of which without urban-type settle- ments under the jurisdiction of Leningrad City Soviet	3 119	3 003	3 550	4 073	4 297
Lvov	340	411	553	667	728
Minsk	237	509	906	1 260	1 442
Moscow	4 544	6 053	7 119	8 072	8 546
of which without urban-type settle- ments under the jurisdiction of Moscow City So- viet	4 537	6 009	6 942	7 831	8 284
Novokuznetsk	166	380	496	541	572
Novosibirsk	404	885	1 161	1 312	1 386
Odessa	599	664	892	1 046	1 113
Omsk	289	581	821	1 014	1 094
Orenburg	172	267	344	459	513
Penza	160	255	374	483	522
Perm	306	629	850	999	1 049
Riga	348	580	732	835	875
Rostov-on-Don	510	600	789	934	983
Samarkand	136	196	267	475	515
Saratov	372	579	757	856	894
Sverdlovsk	423	779	1 025	1 211	1 288
Tallinn	159	282	361	430	458
Tashkent	556	927	1 385	1 780	1 985
Tbilisi	519	703	901	1 066	1 140
Togliatti	—	72	251	502	576
Tula	285	351	462	514	529
Ulyanovsk	98	206	351	464	524
Ufa	258	547	780	979	1 048
Frunze	93	218	429	533	590
Khabarovsk	207	323	436	528	569
Kharkov	840	953	1 223	1 444	1 536
Chelyabinsk	273	689	875	1 030	1 086
Yaroslavl	309	407	517	597	623

NATIONAL COMPOSITION OF THE POPULATION

(according to the census as of January 17, 1979)

	Population by nationality, thousand people		Population by nationality, thousand people		Population by nationality, thousand people
Total population	262 085				
Russians	137 397	Lesghins	383	Koreans	389
Ukrainians	42 347	Dargins	287	Bulgarians	361
Uzbeks	12 456	Kumyks	228	Buryats	353
Byelorussians	9 463	Laks	100	Greeks	344
Kazakhs	6 556	Tabasarans	75	Yakuts	328
Tatars	6 317	Nogaians	60	Komi	327
Azerbaijanians	5 477	Rutuls	15	Kabardinians	322
Armenians	4 151	Tsakhurs	14	Kara-Kalpaks	303
Georgians	3 571	Aguls	12	Uighurs	211
Moldavians	2 968	Letts	1 439	Gypsies	209
Tajiks	2 898	Bashkirs	1 371	Ingushi	186
Lithuanians	2 851	Mordvinians	1 192	Gagauzes	173
Turkmens	2 028	Poles	1 151	Hungarians	171
Germans	1 936	Estonians	1 020	Tuvinians	166
Kirghiz	1 906	Chechens	756	Northern nationalities	158
Jews	1 811	Udmurts	714	of whom:	
Chuvashi	1 751	Mari	622	Nentsi	29.9
Daghestan nationalities	1 657	Ossets	542	Evenks	27.3
of whom:				Khanty	20.9
Avars	483				

	Population by nationality, thousand people		Population by nationality, thousand people		Population by nationality, thousand people
Chukchi . . .	14.0	Kets	1.1	Abkhazians	91
Evens	12.5	Nganasans	0.9	Finns	77
Nanaians	10.5	Yukaghirs	0.8	Khakas	71
Koryaks . . .	7.9	Tophalars	0.8	Balkars	66
Mansi	7.6	Aleuts . . .	0.5	Altai	60
Dolghans	5.1	Nehidalsy	0.5	Dungans	52
Nivkhi	4.4	Komi-Permyaks	151	Circassians	46
Selkups	3.6	Kalmyks . . .	147	Persians	31
Ulchi	2.6	Karelians . . .	138	Abazians	29
Saami	1.9	Karachais . . .	131	Assyrians	25
Udegheins	1.6	Rumanians	129	Tats	22
Eskimoes	1.5	Kurds	116	Shorians	16
Itelmens . . .	1.4	Adyghei	109	Other nationalities	136
Orochi	1.2	Turks	93		

Over 100 nations and nationalities live and work in the USSR.

In the steady process of drawing closer together all Soviet nations, strengthen of their fraternal friendship and unity the Russian language plays an important role. On the basis of the 1979 census 153.5 million people called Russian as their mother-tongue of whom 137.2 million are Russians and 16.3 million are other nationalities. Besides, 61.3 million people stated that they had free complete command of Russian as their second language. Thus, 82 per cent of the USSR population know the Russian language as their mother-tongue.

SOCIAL CLASS COMPOSITION OF THE POPULATION
(as a percentage)

	1939	1959	1970	1979	1983
Total population (including non-working dependants)	100	100	100	100	100
of whom:					
workers and employees	50.2	68.3	79.5	85.1	87.1
including workers . .	33.7	50.2	57.4	60.0	61.2
collective farmers and co-operated handicraftsmen ¹	47.2	31.4	20.5	14.9	12.9
individual farmers and non-co-operated handicraftsmen	2.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0

In the USSR there are two friendly classes: the working class and the collective-farm peasantry. Intelligentsia (brain workers) makes up a considerable part of the population. In 1939 about 13 million people were engaged mainly in mental labour but at the present time their number is over 42 million.

¹ Co-operated handicraftsmen, i.e., the members of small producers' artels of co-operation including non-working dependants made up 2.3 per cent of total population in 1939. Beginning with 1959 they have been transferred to the system of state enterprises and accounted as workers and employees.