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Russian Empire Census of 1897 was the first and the only census carried out in the Imperial Russia. In recorded demographic data as of 28 January [O.S. 15 January 15] 1897. Previously, the Central Statistical Bureau issued statistical tables based on fiscal lists. The project of the census was suggested by a famous Russian geographer and chief of the Central Statistical Bureau Pyotr Semenov-Tyan-Shansky in 1877. It was approved by tsar Nicholas II in 1895. The census was performed in two stages. At the first stage (December 1896 — January 1897) the counters (135,000 persons: literate soldiers, teachers and priests) visited all households and filled the questionnaires, which were verified by local census managers. At the second stage (December 28 (O.S.), 1897) the counters simultaneously visited all households to verify and update the questionnaires. The data processing took 8 years using the Hollerith card machines. The publishing of the results started in 1898 and ended in 1905. In total, 119 volumes for 89 guberniyas, as well as a two-volume summary were issued.

