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SUBJECT Ethnic Statistics for Bessarabia / Moldavia, 1812 - 1991

(Thousa)

	1812	1862	1897	1910
Moldavian / Romanian	86%	75%	47%	1,162,076
Russian			8%	} 678,724
Ukrainian (+ Ruthenian)			19.5%	
Jewish			11.8%	288,019
Bulgarian				
German				
Gagauzian				
Gypsy				
Polish				
Greek				
Albanian				
Armenian				
Hungarian				
Turkish				
Czechoslovak				
Yugoslav				
Other				312,518
Total	?	?	?	2,441,200
See note	1	2	3	4

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1914/5	Rom. Census Bessarabia 1930	Rom. Census Bessarabia 1940	Moldavian A.S.S.R 1940	Moldavian S.S.R 1940	1959	1970	1979	1989	1991					
	70%	1.610.8	562	30%	1.736	665	1.886	654	2.305	644	2.526	634	2.688	645
}	30%	351.9	123		188	72	294	102	414	116	506	128	510	130
		314.2	110		253	97	421	146	507	142	567	142	600	138
		204.9	72		200	77	95	33	96	27	80	20	87	20
		163.7	57		177	68			75	21	81	20	65	15
		81.1	28											
		98.2	34						125	35	138	35	152	35
		13.5	0.5											
		8.1	0.3											
		2.0	-											
		1.8												
		1.5												
		0.8												
		0.5												
		0.5												
		0.3												
		10.4	0.4		54.8	2.1			46.4	1.3	83.0	2.1	74	1.7
		2864	100		2611	100	2884	100	3569	100	3950	100	4341	100
		4367	100		4367	100								
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14					

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Notes to Ethnic Statistics

Please note that all ethnic statistics are inherently unreliable. Ethnicity is subjective and has in the twentieth-century been severely abused, as have ethnic statistics and ethnic cartography, particularly in this corner of Europe. For information on the history of this within the Carpathian Basin, see "Fälschung und Wahrheit".

As can be seen from the table, available ethnic data is, moreover, fragmentary. Many of the figures were found quoted in isolation, without references. This is particularly true of the Pre 1915 figures. No figures were found for Bessarabia & the Moldavian ASSR before the administrative reshuffle of 1940. Detachments of territory from both these ~~map~~ regions mean that the Moldavian SSR does not compare directly either to Bessarabia or the sum of Bessarabia + the Moldavian A.S.S.R.

Note 1.

"Russian figures"

Newman P.186

Note 2

Reduction due to 'Russian + German colonists'

Newman P.186

Note 3

This Russian census "counted as Russians all those who understood any Russian"

Newman P.186

Note 4

lukinich compares 1910 & 1930 figures, confirming some of Newman's figures for the 1930 census.

### Note 5

"In 1915 the Russian figures showed over 70% of the population as Roumanian"

A few lines earlier, Newman states that "only 30% of the population was Russian or Ukrainian, including troops + officials". This relates to the wartime years, but specifies no further. Newman p.186

### Note 6

Again, these figures are from Newman, but are drawn on extensively by van Leisen, Lutznich and others. The 1930 Romanian census appears to have been carried out with not a little aggression by the police authorities, especially in the territories acquired after World War One. Nationality was decided rather arbitrarily in many cases. Yet given the uncertain nature of the data presented by the police authorities to the census board, the census is relatively reliable.

### Note 7

So far no information on the Romanian census for 1940 - or probably 1941, when a census was held in Southern Transylvania - has come to hand.

### Note 8

A passing reference in Katz/Rogers/Harned. "The boundaries (of the M.A.S.S.R.) were drawn so as to include a substantial segment of the Romanian population east of the Dniestr, but by no means all Romanian-speaking inhabitants of Transdunstra (sic) and the Ukraine: only 30% of the Republic's population was Romanian. It has been suggested this was done to 'prove' relative proportion of Moldavians in the area stretching from Romanian Moldavia to Odessa was similar, thus invalidating

Rumania's claim that its seizure of Bessarabia was justified by the overwhelmingly Rumanian character of that province".

Katz . p. 417

Note 9.

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Two counties (out of nine) were detached from S. Bessarabia and attached to Odessa Oblast, Ukraine. One <sup>N. Bessarabian</sup> county was combined with N. Bukovina (Cernauti + Storozinet) and joined Ukraine as Chernovtsy <sup>Oblast</sup>. The remaining six counties formed the core of the Moldavian SSR. To this core was added the western fringe of the Moldavian ASSR, a unit simultaneously disbanded. 1,900 sq miles of <sup>the latter's</sup> ~~its~~ previous 3,200 sq. miles area was allocated to the Ukraine.

RFE Report on the USSR. 1990.

Statistics for M.S.S.R. from Kozlov. P 90

Note 10

Kozlov, p. 90

Katz, Rogers, Harned p. 418.

Note 11

Katz, Rogers, Harned p. 418

Note 12

Kozlov p. 86

Additionally, 143,000 Moldovans lived in Odessa Oblast, 266,000 in all Ukraine and 102,000 in Russia.

Note 13

The Commonwealth of Independent States + Eastern Europe, 1992 p. 476

Note 14

As note 13

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### Additional notes on ethnic statistics.

I have requested from Radio Rumania International a transcript of a broadcast sent out in October 1992 which gave the results of two further censuses, in 1918 and 1944. ~~The~~ Reception was poor + I was unable to transcribe fully.

Recent events have to some degree invalidated census results. A press report from June 1992 spoke of Bender as being practically abandoned.

There have been contradictory statements as to the ethnic composition of the population of left- & right-bank Moldova.

Mircea Snegur; for example claimed <sup>June 9, '92</sup> within one interview (Current Digest of the P-SF Vol XLIV.24 p.14) that:

1. 75% of the Russians ~~live~~ in Moldova live on the right bank
2. Moldovans predominate on the left bank: 40% Moldovans, 28% ~~Russ~~ Ukrainians 25% Russian
3. 100,000 Russians live on the left bank, 460,000 on the right (that makes 82% of the whole)

While the Moldovan Parliament on March 25, 1992 (XLIV.12.p25) spoke of a "Moldovan majority" on the left bank (the qualifier "relative" conveniently disregarded, Izvestia (XLIV.9.p21) describes the Dnestro Republic as "predominantly Russian"

On June 26, 1992 (XLIV.26.p15), Snegur speaks of a "heterogenous" population of 600,000 in the Dnestro region. Using his above ratios, that should give 240,000 (40%) Moldavians, 168,000 Ukrainians and 150,000 Russians, yet he has already referred to 100,000 Russians. Izvestia, meanwhile on 15 July (Where is left-bank Moldavian's loyalty) quotes a figure of 300,000 Moldavians.

# Rumäniers Gebietszunahme nach dem Ersten Weltkrieg

Lukinich p. 197

Historische Gebietsteile	Fläche in km <sup>2</sup>	Bevölkerung	Bevölkerungsdichte / km <sup>2</sup>
Von <u>Ungarn</u> Siebenbürgen, Banat Körös-Mdranaros	103.093	5 257.467	51.0
Von <u>Österreich</u> Bukowina	10.442	800.098	76.6
Von <u>Rußland</u> Bessarabien	44.422	2.441.200	55.0
Von <u>Bulgarien</u> Neu-Dobruđa	7.726	260.774	33.7
Altreich (Regat)	130.177	7 237.910	55.6
	295.860	15 994.159	54.1