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MI-216RUMANIAPOPULATION /4200/STATISTICAL DATA ON RUMANIAS POPULATIONSOURCE: MUNICH, Rumanian Evaluation Section.DATE OF OBSERVATION: May 5 1956.EVALUATION COMMENT: None.

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On May 5, the General Direction of Statistics published some preliminary results of the Rumanian population census of February 21 1956.

Following are some comparative figures:

	1939	1948 /January 25/	1956 /February 21/
Total population	19,933,802	15,873,000	17,489,694
	/295,000 km ² /	/237,000 km ² /	
Urban population	3,621,666	3,800,000	5,475,427 /31.3 percent/
Rural population	16,312,136	12,000,000	12,014,367 /68.7 percent/
Male population		7,700,000	8,502,298 /48.6 percent/
Female population		8,200,000	8,987,496 /51.4 percent/

The census showed that the urban population has hardly increased since 1953 when it was officially said to total 5.5 millions.

It should also be recalled that the population of Bessarabia and Northern Bucovina annexed by Soviet Russia in 1944 totaled 3,173,000 respectively 500,000.

The birth rate in recent years was about 400,000, the death rate approximately 200,000. The density of the population rose from 66.8 in 1948 to 74 per square kilometer in 1956.

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Following are comparative figures for major towns:

1941 1948 1956

BUCHAREST	992,536	1,042,000	1,236,905
CLUJ	110,936	117,915	154,752
TIMISOARA	110,840	111,987	142,251
BRASOV /STALIN/	84,557	83,984	123,882
FLOESTI	107,068	95,632	114,560
IASI	111,669	94,075	112,989
ARAD	89,674	87,291	106,457
BRAILA	99,531	95,514	102,491
CONSTANTA	80,028	78,586	99,690
ORADEA	92,943	82,282	99,007
CRAIOVA	77,051	84,574	96,929
GALATI	95,545	80,411	95,646
SIBIU	63,765	60,602	90,478
TARGUL MURES	44,946	47,043	65,118
BACAU	38,965	34,461	54,146
SATU MARE	52,006	46,519	52,099
BUZAU	44,511	43,365	47,593
RESITA	19,868 /1930/		41,241
PITESTI			38,333
HUNEDOARA			36,498
BAIA MARE	13,904		35,926
TURDA	20,023 /1930/		33,610
PIATRA NEAMT			32,646
GIURGIU		30,200 /1949/	32,607
MEDIAS	15,505 /1930/		32,503
TURNU SEVERIN		31,600 /1949/	32,485
BARLAD			32,043
LUGOJ	23,593 /1930/		30,258

Following is a breakdown by regions of the population

BUCHAREST	1,570,959	IASI	935,545
CRAIOVA	1,504,289	SUCEAVA	915,947
FLOESTI	1,349,148	BRASOV	901,825
CLUJ	1,259,176	/STALIN/	
TIMISOARA	1,195,880	ORADEA	858,835
PITESTI	1,121,319	Hungarian Auto-	
GALATI	1,024,619	nomous Region	731,361
BACAU	962,869	BAIA-MARE	712,510
		CONSTANTA	635,936
		HUNEDOARA	572,671

The capitals of two regions have a population of less than 30,000:

DEVA /Hunedoara/: 16,316 ; SUCEAVA: 20,942.

Following are for comparison the population figures of several East European countries:

Population /millions/ Surface /Square kilometers/

Soviet Russia	214	22,000,000
Poland	27.5	311,700
Rumania	17.5	237,500 /formerly 295,000/
Yugoslavia	17.5	252,000
Czechoslovakia	13.2	127,800
Hungary	9.9	93,000
Bulgaria	7.6	110,800
Albania	1.3	28,700
/East Germany/	17.0	107,700
Total: /Captive countries/:	94.0	1,017,000

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