

Sarmatian Review Data

Polish demography in 2011

Population of Poland: 38,3 million (includes noncitizens and permanent residents).

Percentage of people with postsecondary education: 17.5 percent (increase of 7.6 percent since 2002 census).

Urban vs. rural population: 59.4 percent and 40.6 percent (increase of 2.4 percent in the rural population, mainly because of moves from cities to suburbs).

Source: 2011 Central Statistics Office census, as reported by <wpolityce.pl>, accessed 26 December 2011.

Ethnic unity in Poland the highest in the European Union

Percentage of Polish citizens born abroad: 0.1 percent, or the lowest in the European Union.

Increase in applications for work permits in Poland in the last two years: 100 percent, with Ukrainians the most frequent applicants.

Source: Joanna Bronowicka, "Poland announces amnesty for illegal immigrants," <Townhall.com>, 29 December 2011 (accessed 30 December 2011).

Size of bureaucracy in Poland under Prime Minister Donald Tusk

Number of people who worked in the government bureaucracy in 2011: over 450,000 persons, or one person per 80 citizens, working or nonworking, of any age.

Source: Krzysztof Rybiński, "Dziennik," <wpolityce.pl>, accessed 24 December 2011.

Crude oil pollution in Russia: Comparisons and figures

Estimated number of tons of crude oil leaked into soil or rivers of the Russian Federation every year: from 5 million tons (Greenpeace estimate) to 20 million tons (Russian Economic Development Ministry estimate).

Confirmed number of tons of oil spilled into northern Russian rivers every year, heading for the Arctic: 500,000 tons (National Resources Ministry report).

Russia's ranking among world polluters: Russia is the world's worst oil polluter.

Comparison: a leak of 5 million tons per year is equivalent to one Deepwater Horizon-scale leak every two months.

Source: Nataliya Vasilyeva, "Oil fields in Russia slowly ooze disaster" (Associated Press), reprinted in *Houston Chronicle*, 18 December 2012.

Penetration of Bulgarian Churches by Soviet intelligence—new discoveries

Number of members of the Bulgarian Orthodox Synod of Bishops who were agents of the secret services: 11 out of 15.

Number of communist agents in the Higher Muslim Council: five out of 29 members.

Number of Catholic bishops who were agents: one, out of an undisclosed total number.

How this was discovered: one bishop and several younger Orthodox priests called for vetting of the clergy, and the governing Synod (and presumably other denominations as well) finally agreed to conduct it.

Source: Polish Press Agency (PAP), as reported by <niezalezna.pl>, 18 January 2012, accessed on the same day.

Military draft and ethnic conflict in the Russian Federation in 2011

Number of Russian Federation men drafted in 2011: 135,800.

Of these, the number of draftees from Chechnya: none.

Last time the Russians attempted to draft men from Chechnya: before the first Russian-Chechen war of 1994–1996.

Draft in Dagestan: the military planned to draft 3,320 young men from Dagestan in the fall of 2011, but ended up drafting only 121 people of "predominantly Slavic ethnicity."

Reasons for abandoning draft in the Muslim areas of the Russian Federation: ethnic conflicts with Russians.

Comparison to Afghanistan: in relative terms, the "peaceful" North Caucasus suffered proportionally more casualties in 2011 than Afghanistan.

Source: Valery Dzutsev, "Rising security concerns force Moscow to reduce number of draftees from the North Caucasus," *Eurasia Daily Monitor*, vol. 9, no. 22 (1 February 2012).

Sales of Polish weeklies in November 2011

Gość Niedzielny (Catholic), 145,421 copies; *Uwazam Rze* (center-right), 131,366 copies; *Polityka* (postcommunist left), 130,046 copies; *Newsweek Polska* (modeled on *Newsweek*), 100,732; *Wprost* (left wing), 97,964; *Tygodnik Powszechny* (postmodern leftist), 20, 777.

Source: Office for Control of Press Distribution, as reported by Lena Białkowska in *Donosy*, no. 5323 (6 February 2012).