

Medal for Efforts in the First General Census of the Population, 1897.

In copper ("dark bronze"); measures 35.1 mm in height incl. eyelet, 29.2 mm in width. Weighs 14.7 g not including the ribbon and connecting link.

In very fine condition. The obverse is completely free of visible scratches or wear and its details are very crisp, almost pristine. There is very mild edge knock at approximately 3 o'clock, not too noticeable or detractive. The reverse has some scuffs but the raised lettering is overall well preserved. There is very attractive even toning to the copper throughout, while good amount of the original mint luster is clearly visible in recessed areas on both sides. Comes with a relatively modern ribbon (very stiff) and a replacement copper connecting link. Overall, an attractive example.

The census conducted in 1897 took years of preparation. It required enormous efforts and expenditure, due to both sheer size of the country and its lack of modern communications. The medals were awarded mostly to civilian volunteers who contributed in the count. St. Petersburg mint produced a total of 95000 medals.

/See Dimitri Romanov, ["The Orders, Medals and History of Imperial Russia"](#), pp. 232-233/, also Mikhail Diakov, ["Medals of the Russian Empire, Part 7, 1894-1917"](#), p. 1483/.

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