

Population losses of Estonia since 1939. Estonian citizens and residents

<u>1 March 1934</u>	<u>Population census</u> Estonians 88.1%, Russians 8.2%, Germans 1.5%, Swedes 0,7%, Latvians 0.5%, Jews 0.4%	<u>1,126,413</u>
<u>1 Jan 1939</u>	<u>Estimated population</u>	<u>1,134,000</u>
<i>23 Aug 1939</i>	<i>Soviet-German non-aggression agreement</i>	
From Oct 1939	Resettlement of Baltic Germans (<i>Umsiedlung</i>)	~ 21,000
<i>17 June 1940</i>	<i>Occupation of Estonia by the Soviet Union</i>	
June 1940 - Sept 1941	Soviet political arrests More than 300 were sentenced and shot in Estonia. Remaining prisoners were transferred to the USSR prison camps. Shootings continued there; most of prisoners died in captivity, single survivors returned after 1956	< 8000
14 June 1941	Mass deportation ~ 3000 men were sentenced and sent to the USSR prison camps, ~ 7000 men, women and children to the forced settlement. About 60% died (most of the men in the camps). Survivors returned after Stalin's death	< 10,000
<i>22 June 1941</i>	<i>Germany attacked the Soviet Union.</i> <i>Battles in Estonia from 7 July to 21 October</i>	
July – Oct 1941	Civilians killed during the Soviet State Security raids and by the retreating Red Army units Without "normal" war casualties	~ 2000
July – Aug 1941	Mobilisation to the Red Army (1941–1942 in forced labour units where ca 25% died; 1942–1945 Red Army Estonian Rifle Corps, up to 10,000 killed in action or were sentenced by the Soviet State Security. Survivors returned in 1945)	< 33,000
July – Aug 1941	Evacuation to the Soviet Union Soviet activists and their families and members of NKVD destruction battalions, but also technical specialists, Jews a.o. Men were conscripted to the Estonian Rifle Corps since 1942. Majority of the evacuees returned after 1944	~ 25,000
<u>1 December 1941</u>	<u>Population registered by German occupying authorities</u>	<u>999,884</u>
<i>Summer 1941 – Autumn 1944 German occupation</i>		

1941–1944	Executed according to the orders of German State Security Forces ~ 6000 ethnic Estonians, ~ 1000 Jews, ~ 1000 others; Without people who were brought to the camps in Estonia from other countries	~ 8000
1941–1944	Political prisoners in Estonia and in the German concentration camps	several thousands
1941–1945	Estonians in the German Armed Forces Eastern battalions, police battalions, Waffen-SS-Division, border defence regiments, air force units, auxiliary forces; mostly mobilised in 1943–1944, but also volunteers in 1941–1942; 10,000–15,000 killed in action	~ 70,000
1943–1944	Evacuation of Estonian-Swedes to Sweden	~ 7000
autumn 1944	Escape or evacuation from Estonia (up to 25,000 to Sweden, other to Germany and Finland)	~ 70,000
<i>Autumn 1944</i>	<i>Red Army conquered Estonia from the German Forces</i>	
autumn 1944 – spring 1945	Mobilisation to the Red Army Estonian Rifle Corps Many those among them who served earlier in German units. Part of them were demobilised in 1945, but thousands were forced to remain in labour battalions until 1950s	~ 20,000
<u>November 1944</u>	<u>Population registered by the Soviet authorities</u>	< 900,000
1944–1950	Killed by the Soviet State Security during armed resistance	~ 2000
1942–1956	Soviet political arrests (1942–44 in the Red Army and Soviet rear). Prisoners were mostly transferred to the GULAG; ca 900 of them were sentenced to death and more than 4500 died in captivity. Other were released and returned after Stalin’s death	~ 36,000
15 August 1945	Deportation of the individuals of German nationality	407
25 March 1949	Mass deportation	> 20,000
May 1950	Deportation of Estonians and Latvians from Pskov oblast (from areas which up to 1944 belonged to Estonia and Latvia)	1563
1 April 1951	Deportation of Jehovah’ Witnesses	281
Mortality of the post-war deportees was more than 10%. Survivors returned since 1954		
<u>15 January 1959</u>	<u>Population census</u> Estonians 74.6%, Russians 20.1%, Finns (Ingrians) 1.4%, Ukrainians 1.3%, Belorussians 0.9%.	<u>1,196,791</u>