



What it meant to be a «foreign doctor» in Russia: European hiring of doctors for the empire (XVIIIth–first third of the XIXth century)

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Needs and deficiencies



Recruiting



Number of doctors in public service in the 18th century

Years of service	Total number	Foreigners		Russian	
		Number	%	Number	%
1689—1700	12	12	100,0	-	-
1701—1710	15	12	80,0	3	20,0
1711—1720	16	14	87,5	2	12,5
1721—1730	15	11	73,3	4	26,7
1731—1740	27	25	92,6	2	7,4
1741—1750	28	15	53,6	13	46,4
1751—1760	31	18	58,1	13	41,9
1761—1770	48	22	45,8	26	54,2
1771—1780	58	29	50,0	29	50,0
1781—1790	146	86	58,9	60	41,1
1791—1800	49	24	49,0	25	51,0

Shortage of doctors in the civil service

Year	Value of the deficit
1780	262
1802	475
1803	514
1810	609

Availability of doctors in the Russian Empire from 1802 to 1913

Year	Population of the Russian Empire	Number of doctors	Availability of doctors (per 10,000 population)
1802	38 125 300	1 519	0,398
1810	40 666 900	2 623	0,645
1820	48 646 500	3 189	0,656
1830	56 127 200	4 396	0,783
1840	62 460 300	6 855	1,097
1850	68 513 100	7 974	1,164
1870	84 521 380	9 709	1,149
1880	97 705 100	11 115	1,138
1890	117 787 500	12 521	1,063
1900	132 960 400	19 836	1,492
1910	160 748 400	25 991	1,617
1913	170 902 900	29 438	1,722

Availability of doctors in Russia and Europe in 1886—1890

Country	Availability of doctors (per 10,000 population)
England	6,38
Scotland	6,4
Ireland	5,38
Switzerland	5,22
Belgium	4,51
France	3,11
Germany	3,09
Russia	1,06



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