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Summary: Russia's population has been in decline for years, and the war in Ukraine has made matters worse. At least 150,000 Russians are dead on the battlefield, according to Western estimates. Nearly a million fled the country after the war began. Births are at their lowest level in more than two decades, with bigger-than-average drops in babies born in some regions closest to the fight. The Russian president has called raising the birthrate a national priority. Putin has pledged to spend up to \$157 billion on measures to support families and children over the next six years. Russian society itself, he said, has to change, with large families becoming more common. "Motherhood is an exquisite purpose for women," he said in an address on International Women's Day in March. Family, he added, is "the most important thing for any woman, no matter what career path she chooses or what professional heights she attains."

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