Getting the first and last record from a collection contained in a database db: ([see](https://stackoverflow.com/questions/10920651/get-the-latest-record-from-mongodb-collection))

db.collection.find().limit(1) # first record

db.collection.find().limit(1).sort({$natural: -1}) # last record

To count ([see](https://docs.mongodb.com/manual/reference/method/db.collection.count/)):

db.collection.count()