

# BELARUS

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## Geography

**Area :** 207,600 km<sup>2</sup>

**Land borders :** 3,542 km: Russia (1,312 km), Ukraine (1,111 km), Poland (418 km), Lithuania (640 km), Latvia (161 km)

**Capital :** Minsk



## Population

**Population:** 9,453,881 (2023)

**Population growth:** -0.3‰ (2023 est.)

**Migration rate:** 0.7‰ (2023 est.)

**Life expectancy:** men 69.2 years old, women 80.2 years old (2023 est.)

**Ethnic composition:** Belarusian 83.7%,

Russian 11.4%, Polish 3.1%, Ukrainian

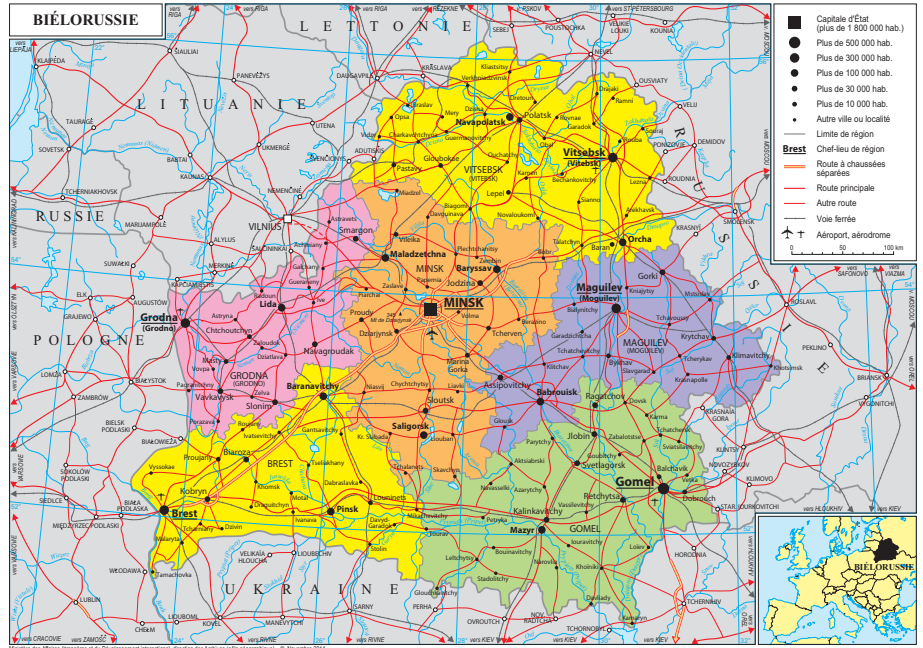
2.4%, other 3.2%

**Religions:** Eastern Orthodox 48.3%,

Catholics 7.1%, Muslims 0.2%, others 3.3%,

none 41.1%

Source : Eurostat



## Economy

**Currency:** Belarusian Ruble (BYR)  
(exchange rate in July 2023 : 1€ = 2.75 BYR)

**GDP:** \$ 71.86 billion (2023)

**GDP per capita:** \$ 7,829 (2023)

**GDP growth :** 6.1% (June 2023)

**Unemployment:** 3.6% (December 2022)

**Inflation:** 3.5% (October 2023)

**Public deficit:** -2.1% (2022 est.)

**Public debt:** 39.8% of GDP (2022)

**Stock of foreign direct investment from the entire world:** \$ -208,1 million (June 2023)

Source : Eurostat, Trading Economics, World Bank



## Political System

**Republic of Belarus; independent since 25th August 1991 (constitution of 15th March 1994 revised on November 24th 1996 and then on October 17th 2004), autocratic regime**

**Head of State:** Alexander Lukashenko since 20th July 1994; "re-elected" in 2001, 2006, 2010, 2015 and on 4th August 2020. Elected by direct universal suffrage in a vote that was contested by the opposition and international observers

**Prime Minister:** Roman Golovchenko, since 4th June 2020. Appointed by the President.

**The Belarusian Parliament is bicameral and comprises:**

**The House of Representatives** (Palata Pradstavitelei) with 110 members elected by a majority vote for a term of four years.

**The Council of the Republic** (Natsionalnoye sobranie) comprises 64 members, 56 of whom are elected by the local Soviets of Deputies of the six country's regions and 8 are appointed by the President of the Republic.



## Political Representation

**Composition of the Parliament in July 2024:**

- 51 seats Belaya Rus
- 40 seats independents
- 8 seats Republican Party of Labour and Justice
- 7 seats Communist Party
- 1 seat Liberal-democrat Party

**Composition of the Council of the Republic (in July 2024)**

- 46 Belaya Rus\*
- 17 seats Communist Party of Belarus
- 1 seat Liberal Democratic Party

**Female representation:**

- in the House of Representatives: 35/110
- in the Council of the Republic : 15/60
- in the Government : 1/11 (including 5 Deputy Prime Ministers)

**Next elections:** general elections in February 2029 and presidential election in 2025