

## BELARUS

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**Capital:** Minsk Time: GMT + 2

**Background:** After seven decades as a constituent republic of the USSR, Belarus attained its independence in 1991. It has retained closer political and economic ties to Russia than any of the other former Soviet republics. Belarus and Russia signed a treaty on a two-state union on 8 December 1999 envisioning greater political and economic integration but, to date, neither side has actively sought to implement the accord.

**Location:** Eastern Europe, east of Poland

**Map References:** Commonwealth of Independent States

**Area:** total: 207,600 sq km land: 207,600 sq km water: 0 sq km

**Climate:** cold winters, cool and moist summers; transitional between continental and maritime

**Terrain:** generally flat and contains much marshland

**Natural Resources:** forests, peat deposits, small quantities of oil and natural gas

**Population:** 10,366,719 (July 2000 est.)

**Nationality:** noun: Belarusian(s) adjective: Belarusian

**Ethnic Groups:** Byelorussian 77.9%, Russian 13.2%, Polish 4.1%, Ukrainian 2.9%, other 1.9%

**Religions:** Eastern Orthodox 80%, other (including Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, and Muslim) 20% (1997 est.)

**Languages:** Byelorussian, Russian, other

**Economy:** Belarus has seen little structural reform since 1995, when President LUKASHENKO launched the country on the path of "market socialism." In keeping with this policy, LUKASHENKO re-imposed administrative controls over prices and currency exchange rates and expanded the state's right to intervene in the management of private enterprise. In addition to the burdens imposed by high inflation, businesses have been subject to pressure on the part of central and local governments, e.g., arbitrary changes in regulations, numerous rigorous inspections, and retroactive application of new business regulations prohibiting practices that had been legal. Further economic problems are two consecutive bad harvests, 1998-99, and persistent trade deficits. Close relations with Russia, possibly leading to reunion, color the pattern of economic developments. For the time being, Belarus remains self-isolated from the West and its open-market economies.

**Industries:** metal-cutting machine tools, tractors, trucks, earth movers, motorcycles, TV sets, chemical fibers, fertilizer, textiles, radios, refrigerators

**Currency:** Belarusian rubel (BR)

**Railways:** total: 5,563 km broad gauge: 5,563 km 1.520-m gauge (894 km electrified)

Highways: total: 63,355 km paved: 60,567 km unpaved: 2,788 km (1998 est.)

Waterways: NA km; note - Belarus has extensive and widely used canal and river systems

**Ports and Harbors:** Mazyr

**Airports:** 118 (1996 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 36 over 3,047 m: 2 2,438 to 3,047 m: 18 1,524 to 2,437 m: 5 under 914 m: 11 (1996 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 82 over 3,047 m: 1 2,438 to 3,047 m: 6 1,524 to 2,437 m: 4 914 to 1,523 m: 9 under 914 m: 62 (1996 est.)

**Visa:** required by all except nationals of the CIS

**Duty Free:** goods permitted: 1000 cigarettes or 1000g of tobacco products, 5 litres of alcoholic beverages, a reasonable quantity of perfume for personal use, 20 litres of petrol, other goods up to US\$10,000

**Health:** no special precautions

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