

Republic of Belarus



Capital City:

Minsk

Area:

207,595 sq km/80,153 sq mi

Population:

10,322,151 (2003 estimate)

GDP:

\$12 billion (2001)

Form of Government:

Republic

Official Language[s]:

Belarusian, Russian

Monetary unit:

Belarusian *ruble*

Religion[s]:

Eastern Orthodox 80%; Roman Catholic 18%; Other 2%

Major Cities:

Minsk, Homyel', Mahilyow, Vitebsk, Hrodna, Babruysk, Brest, Baranavicy, Barysaw, Orsa, Pinsk, Mazyr', Salihorsk, Polatsk, Navapolatsk

Industries:

Tractors, metal-cutting machine tools, dump trucks, wheel-type earthmovers, high-flotation trucks (for use in tundra and roadless areas), equipment for animal husbandry and livestock feeding, motorcycles, television sets, chemical fibers, fertilizer, line

Agriculture:

Grain, potatoes, vegetables, meat, milk

Natural Resources:

Forest land, peat deposits, small deposits of oil and natural gas

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