

# Belarus



## General Information



### Population

9.491.823 (Eurostat 2018)

9.475.000 (STAT BY 2019)



### Immigration

1.078.652 (UN Immigration Stock 2017)

261.422 (STAT BY 2018)



### Emigration

1.484.875 (UN Emigration Stock 2017)

252.060 (STAT BY 2018)



### Working-age population

6.502.424 (World Bank 2017)

5.434.000 (STAT BY 2019)



### Unemployment rate

5.7% (ILO 2018)

4.8% (STAT BY 2018)



### GDP

54.456 bn, current prices USD (World Bank 2017)

105.7 bn, current prices BYN (STAT BY 2018)



### Refugees and IDPs

Refugees:

2.160 (UN Refugee Stock 2017)

Asylum seekers:

288 (UN Asylum Stock 2017)



### Citizenship

By Birth: No

By Descent: Yes

Dual Citizenship: No

Years of Residency: 7



### Territory

207.600 km<sup>2</sup> (CIA World Factbook)

# Migration Authorities

## Responsible Ministry

Ministry of Internal Affairs

## Responsible Minister

Yuri Karayev

## Line Ministries

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Labour & Social Protection

## Agencies

- Department of Citizenship & Migration
- State Border Committee
- State Security Committee

## Key Policy Documents

- 2012 Law on Combatting Trafficking of People
- 2010 Law on External Labour Migration
- 2010 Law on the Legal Status of Aliens and Stateless Persons
- 2008 Law on Asylum

## Migration Profiles

- PP MPL 2013
- UN DESA 2014

## ICMPD Projects

- MPF (European Commission, 01/2016-11/2018)

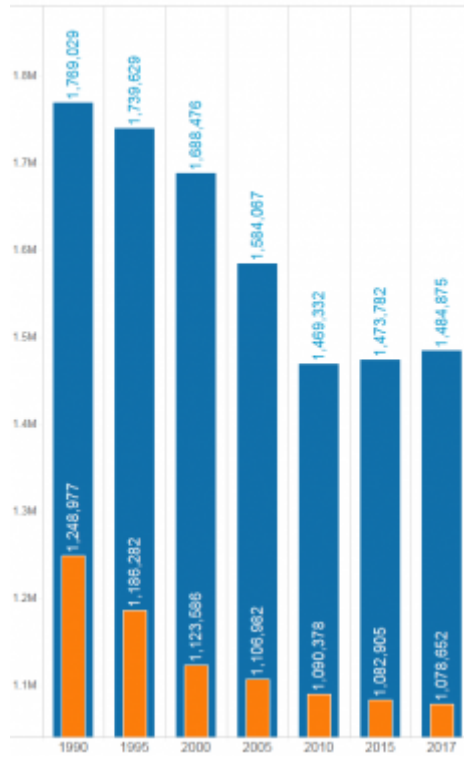
The main countries of destination are Russia, Israel, the USA, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland. According to the 2014 official data of National Statistical Committee, the number of immigrants totalled 232,1 thousand persons, while the number of emigrants totalled 247,8 thousand persons. The balance of net migration totalled 15,7 thousand persons in 2014.

The key policy instruments pertaining to migration are:

- 2009 Procedure of Entry and Exit for the Citizens of the Republic of Belarus
- 2010 Law on "Legal status of foreign citizens and persons without citizenship"
- 2010 Law on "External labour migration"

The Department of Citizenship and Migration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs is responsible for the implementation of the national migration policy.

**Immigrant Stock vs Diaspora**  
**Belarus 1990-2017 (UN DESA 2017)**



**Inflow vs Outflow of Remittances (million US\$)**  
**Belarus 2009-2016 (World Bank 2017)**

