BELARUS

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Aleksandr LUKASHENKO
Head of Government
Prime Minister Sergey RUMAS
Government Type
presidential republic, although in fact a dictatorship
Capital
Minsk
Legislature
bicameral National Assembly or Natsionalnoye Sobraniye (64 seats); House of Representatives or Palata Predstaviteley (110 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court (number of judges varies); Constitutional Court (consists of 12 judges)
Ambassador to US
Charge d'Affaires Pavel SHIDLOVSKIY
US Ambassador
Charge d'Affaires Jenifer MOORE

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
former Soviet republic; had well-developed industrial base; now outdated, inefficient, and dependent on subsidized Russian energy and preferential access to Russian markets; agricultural base is largely dependent on government subsidies.
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$179.4 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$18,900 (2017 est.)
Exports
$28.65 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Russia 43.9%, Ukraine 11.5%, UK 8.2% (2017)
Imports
$31.58 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Russia 57.2%, China 8%, Germany 5.1% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
9.53 million (July 2018 est.)
Population Growth
-0.24% (2018 est.)
Ethnicity
Belarusian 83.7%, Russian 8.3%, Polish 3.1%, Ukrainian 1.7%, other 2.4%, unspecified 0.9% (2009 est.)
Language
Russian (official) 70.2%, Belarusian (official) 23.4%, other 3.1% (includes small Polish- and Ukrainian-speaking minorities), unspecified 3.3% (2009 est.)
Religion
Orthodox 48.3%, Catholic 7.1%, other 3.5%, non-believers 41.1% (2011 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 79% of total population (2019)
rate of urbanization: 0.44% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

as of December 2019