

# Belarus

## (1) Migration stocks and flows

### Emigrant Stocks

Table 1: Stock of emigrants in 2010 (thousands)

Destination	Emigrant stock
<b>CIS</b>	
Russian Federation	958.7
Ukraine	276.1
Kazakhstan	55.6
Lithuania	35.5
Latvia	11.5
Estonia	10.8
<b>EU</b>	
Poland	112.2
Germany	29.1
<b>Other</b>	
Israel	49.2
United States	32.0
Other countries	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1765.9</b>

Note: Data is for foreign-born population in the destination country. Foreign-nationality data is used where this data is not available.

Source: Migration and Remittances Factbook 2011

Table 2: Stock of Belarussian emigrants by destination and by educational attainment, 2000 (persons)

Destination	Low	Medium	High	Total
America	2,613	6,984	21,712	31,308
Europe (including EU15)	64,050	31,548	21,548	117,146
EU15	5,424	2,322	3,706	11,452
Asia and Oceania	253	188	536	977

Note: Low – primary or 0-8 years of education; Medium – secondary or 9-12 years of education; High – tertiary or 13 years or more of education. This data is for migrants of age 25+ in most cases.

Source: Docquier, Frédéric and Abdeslam Marfouk, International Migration by Educational Attainment - Release 1.1. March 2005.

**Table 3: Emigration of Physicians, stocks**

Year	Number of physician emigrants	Number of physicians in Belarus	Medical Brain Drain
1991	40	36,458	0.10%
1992	56	37,168	0.20%
1993	67	41,736	0.20%
1994	78	42,365	0.20%
1995	98	42,352	0.20%
1996	107	43,543	0.20%
1997	125	44,157	0.30%
1998	144	44,618	0.30%
1999	153	45,674	0.30%
2000	165	45,817	0.40%
2001	186	44,831	0.40%
2002	201	44,628	0.40%
2003	219	44,430	0.50%
2004	243	44,430	0.50%

Source: Bhargava, Alok, Frédéric Docquier and Yasser Moullan. Revised panel data set on physician emigration (1991-2004). February 2010.

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**Table 4: Immigrant stock in 2010 (foreign-nationals, thousands)**

Origin	Emigrant stock
<b>CIS</b>	
Russian Federation	680.5
Ukraine	141.3
Armenia	6.1
Georgia	1.8
Other countries	260.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1090.4</b>

Source: Migration and Remittances Factbook 2011

**Table 5: Immigrant stock in 1999 by gender and age group (foreign-born, thousands)**

Age group	Male	Female	Total
0-4	3	3	6
5-9	15	15	29
10-14	28	27	55
15-19	26	28	54
20-24	27	30	58
25-29	32	39	72
30-34	46	51	97
35-39	60	64	124
40-44	55	63	118
45-49	47	54	101
50-54	38	42	79
55-59	40	42	82
60-69	62	81	143
70-79	36	61	96
80+	8	19	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>1140</b>

Source: Belarus Census 1999 via UN Global Migration Database.

## Migration flows

**Table 6: Flows of international migrants, persons**

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total immigrants	17,413	19,892	17,169	17,510
of which:				
from CIS countries <sup>1</sup>	14,239	15,582	14,303	14,690
from non-CIS countries <sup>2</sup>	3,174	4,310	2,866	2,820
Total emigrants	9,268	7,643	6,866	7,610
of which:				
to CIS countries <sup>1</sup>	6,856	5,313	5,040	5,799
to non-CIS countries <sup>2</sup>	2,412	2,330	1,826	1,811
Net migration	8,145	12,249	10,303	9,900
of which:				
CIS countries <sup>1</sup>	7,383	10,269	9,263	8,891
non-CIS countries <sup>2</sup>	762	1,980	1,040	1,009

1: Since 2009, excluding Georgia.

2: Since 2009, including Georgia.

Source: Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus ([www.belstat.org](http://www.belstat.org)). Belarus in Figures 2010.

[http://belstat.gov.by/homep/en/publications/belarus\\_in\\_figures/2012/about.php](http://belstat.gov.by/homep/en/publications/belarus_in_figures/2012/about.php)

## Refugee population

**Table 7: Refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons**

	Country of asylum: Belarus	Country of origin: Belarus
Refugees	595	5,925
People in refugee-like situations	..	..
Total refugees and people in refugee-like situations	595	5,925
Asylum-seekers (pending cases)	50	897
Returned refugees	..	..
IDPs protected/ assisted by UNHCR, incl. people in IDP-like situations	..	..
Returned IDPs	..	..
Stateless persons	7,391	..
Various	..	..
<b>Total population of concern</b>	<b>8,036</b>	<b>6,822</b>

Source: UNHCR 2011 Global Trends (June 2012)

## (2) Remittance flows and channels

### Remittance flows

**Table 8: Quarterly remittance flows (BPM5 Framework)\***

(US \$, millions)

	Inflows				Outflows			
	Workers' remittances	Compensation of employees	Migrants' transfers	Migrant remittances	Workers' remittances	Compensation of employees	Migrants' transfers	Migrant remittances
2009-Q1	..	49.8	57.3	107.1	..	2.0	22.7	24.7
2009-Q2	..	73.0	65.5	138.5	..	2.1	26.4	28.5
2009-Q3	..	115.3	63.4	178.7	..	2.9	27.5	30.4
2009-Q4	..	95.6	68.9	164.5	..	3.0	25.8	28.8
2010-Q1	..	60.6	56.7	117.3	..	2.6	22.4	25.0
2010-Q2	..	71.1	52.4	123.5	..	3.0	22.5	25.5
2010-Q3	..	118.0	59.1	177.1	..	2.9	23.7	26.6
2010-Q4	..	103.6	67.7	171.3	..	3.4	23.6	27.0
2011-Q1	..	75.1	63.7	138.8	..	3.2	18.1	21.3
2011-Q2	..	113.5	63.4	176.9	..	3.7	18.3	22.0
2011-Q3	..	145.6	67.3	212.9	..	3.1	20.9	24.0
2011-Q4	..	101.0	67.1	168.1	..	2.4	18.2	20.6

Source: IMF Balance of Payments Database

\* BPM5: The fifth edition of the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual was published in 1993 and serves as the standard framework for statistics on the transactions and positions between an economy and the rest of the world.

**Table 9: Annual remittance flows (BPM5 Framework)\****(US \$, millions)*

	Inflows				Outflows			
	Workers' remittances	Compensation of employees	Migrants' transfers	Migrant remittances	Workers' remittances	Compensation of employees	Migrants' transfers	Migrant remittances
2001	..	16.9	132.3	149.2	..	0.7	76.0	76.7
2002	..	20.5	119.8	140.3	..	0.6	67.1	67.7
2003	..	89.2	133.2	222.4	..	0.7	64.3	65.0
2004	..	126.3	130.4	256.7	..	0.5	81.1	81.6
2005	..	120.1	134.5	254.6	..	0.3	94.2	94.5
2006	..	175.4	164.4	339.8	..	2.5	90.2	92.7
2007	..	156.6	197.6	354.2	..	5.0	104.2	109.2
2008	..	413.8	266.0	679.8	..	11.3	129.7	141.0
2009	..	333.7	255.1	588.8	..	10.0	102.4	112.4
2010	..	353.3	235.9	589.2	..	11.9	92.2	104.1
2011	..	435.2	261.5	696.7	..	12.4	75.5	87.9

Source: IMF Balance of Payments Database

\* BPM5: The fifth edition of the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual was published in 1993 and serves as the standard framework for statistics on the transactions and positions between an economy and the rest of the world.

**Table 10: Annual remittance flows (BPM6 Framework)\***

	Inflows	Outflows
Compensation of employees	n.a.	n.a.
Personal transfers	n.a.	n.a.
o.w. Workers' remittances	n.a.	n.a.
Personal remittances	n.a.	n.a.
Total remittances	n.a.	n.a.
Total remittances and transfers	n.a.	n.a.

Note: This section is currently blank but will be filled when BPM6 is implemented in Belarus

\* BPM6: The sixth edition of the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual was published in 2007 and is currently being implemented by countries around the world.

## Channels of remittances flows providers

Information flows through commercial banks, post offices, savings cooperatives, microfinance institutions, mobile money transfers is currently unavailable.

## Remittance costs

**Table 11: Cost of sending remittances to Belarus**

Amount sent=>		\$200	\$500
	2008	2.57	2.55
Q1-2009		2.09	2.09
Q3-2009		2.49	2.20
Q1-2010		2.58	2.29
Q3-2010		2.61	2.31
Q1-2011		2.46	2.23
Q3-2011		2.40	2.16
Q1-2012		2.19	2.08

Source: World Bank Remittance Price Database

## (3) Regulations pertaining to migration and remittances

**Table 12: Regulations pertaining to migration**

Immigration topic	Regulation
Institutions responsible for immigration	Ministry of Internal Affairs ( <a href="http://www.mvd.org.by">www.mvd.org.by</a> ) Department of citizenship and migration
Immigration regulations and laws	Law of the Republic of Belarus # 105-3 as of 04.01.2010 "On legal status of foreign citizens and persons without citizenship in the Republic of Belarus "
Immigration quotas by nationality of origin	Not available
Types of visas available for immigrants	B-transit visa C-short-term visa (valid for 90 days) D-long-term visa (valid for 1 year allows up to 90 days of stay)
Types of occupations in which immigrants are allowed	Yes

Emigration topic	Regulation
Institutions responsible for emigration	Ministry of Internal Affairs ( <a href="http://www.mvd.org.by">www.mvd.org.by</a> ) Department of citizenship and migration
Restrictions on emigration	Law of the Republic of Belarus # 49-3 as of 20.09.2009 "On procedures of entry and exit of citizens of the Republic of Belarus from the Republic of Belarus"
Cost of passports and visas	Not available
Dual citizenship	Not allowed

**Table 13: Regulations pertaining to remittances**

<b>Remittances topic</b>	<b>Regulation</b>
Institutions responsible for monitoring and regulating remittances	National Bank of the Republic of Belarus ( <a href="http://www.nbrb.by">www.nbrb.by</a> )
Types of private sector firms allowed to perform inward and outward remittance transactions	Money transfer firms (Western Union, MoneyGram, etc)
Reporting requirement for remittances data by commercial banks and other types of remittance service providers	Reporting requirements exist but are different by type of provider.
Restrictions on inward/outward transfers	Not available
Anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML-CFT) requirements	Law of the Republic of Belarus # 426-3 as of 19.07.2000 "On anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism "