

## BOOKS AND PRINT MEDIA

*A room without books  
is like a body without a soul.*

Marcus Tullius Cicero  
(Roman orator and writer, 106-43 BC)

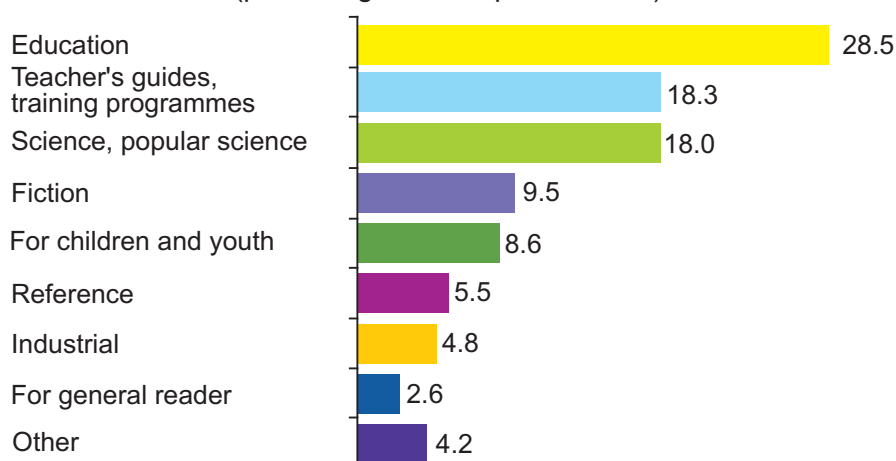
Books are the most important means of storage and communication of information, enriching knowledge, support of research, education, and promotion of the national and world culture. With its help, each person can satisfy the needs for education, cultural and intellectual development.

### RELEASE OF BOOKS AND BROCHURES

Indicator	1990	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013
Printed titles of books and brochures	2 823	7 686	10 784	11 040	11 084	11 344	11 441
of which in Belarusian	435	761	992	951	940	1 073	1 153
Print run, mln copies	54.9	61.6	40.3	43.1	34.3	33.1	31.4
of which in Belarusian	9.3	5.9	2.9	4.0	2.9	4.0	3.9
Books published per 1,000 population, copies	5 388	6 173	4 169	4 545	3 625	3 494	3 319

### RELEASE OF BOOKS AND BROCHURES BY DESIGNATED PURPOSE in 2013

(percentage of total printed titles)



## RELEASE OF BOOKS AND BROCHURES BY LANGUAGE OF EDITION

Language of edition	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013
Printed titles of books and brochures	7 686	10 784	11 040	11 084	11 344	11 411
of which in:						
Russian	6 527	9 094	9 461	9 452	9 578	9 443
Belarusian	761	992	951	940	1 073	1 153
English	230	410	437	494	462	546
German	68	95	70	69	83	99
French	25	44	21	37	45	54
Spanish	14	21	11	14	20	22
Latin	7	15	11	11	15	10
Polish	8	13	16	13	13	10
Italian	6	10	6	4	5	10
Chinese	1	1	4	2	4	10
other languages	39	89	52	48	46	84

In 2013, 82.5% of books and brochures were published in Russian, and 10.1% in Belarusian.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014, 1 556 print media (410 state and 1 146 non-state) were listed in the State Register of Mass Media. Among them 712 newspapers, 793 magazines, 38 bulletins, 11 catalogues, and 2 almanacs.

Nine news agencies, 2 state and 7 non-state, are functioning in Belarus.

*Annual print run of published magazines and other periodicals has been growing each year in Belarus.*

*In 2013, 921 titles of magazines and other periodicals were issued, of which 133 titles in Belarusian.*

## ISSUE OF MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS

Indicator	1990	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Magazines and other periodicals (including compilations and bulletins issued periodically)</b>							
Number of magazines and other periodicals	129	354	563	885	918	897	921
of which in Belarusian	36	111	120	147	160	151	133
Annual circulation, mln copies	54.1	16.7	28.1	59.1	60.5	65.4	75.7
of which in Belarusian	33.3	4.3	3.4	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.4
Magazines issued per 1,000 population (annual circulation), copies	5 309	1 673	2 906	6 225	6 382	6 911	8 000
<b>Newspapers</b>							
Number of newspapers (titles)	224	610	729	713	693	662	654
of which in Belarusian	135	202	197	185	183	187	189
Single circulation, mln copies	5.7	11.4	10.3	8,1	7.3	6.5	6.6
of which in Belarusian	2.3	1.8	1.1	1,2	1.3	1.2	1.2
Annual circulation, mln copies	985.0	635.4	591.9	510.3	494.9	467.3	455.0
of which in Belarusian	312.0	215.6	138.9	130.4	134.4	127.3	121.3
Newspapers issued per 1,000 population (single circulation), copies	559	1 142	1 064	849	766	689	700

The National State Television and Radio Company of Belarus, which is the leader of Belarusian media industry, comprises TV channels “Belarus 1”, “Belarus 2”, “Belarus 3”, “Belarus 5”, “Belarus 24”, TV channel “NTV-Belarus” as well as the First Channel of Belarusian radio, radio channel “Culture”, Radio “Belarus”, radio stations “Stalitsa” and “Radius-FM”, and 5 regional television and radio companies.

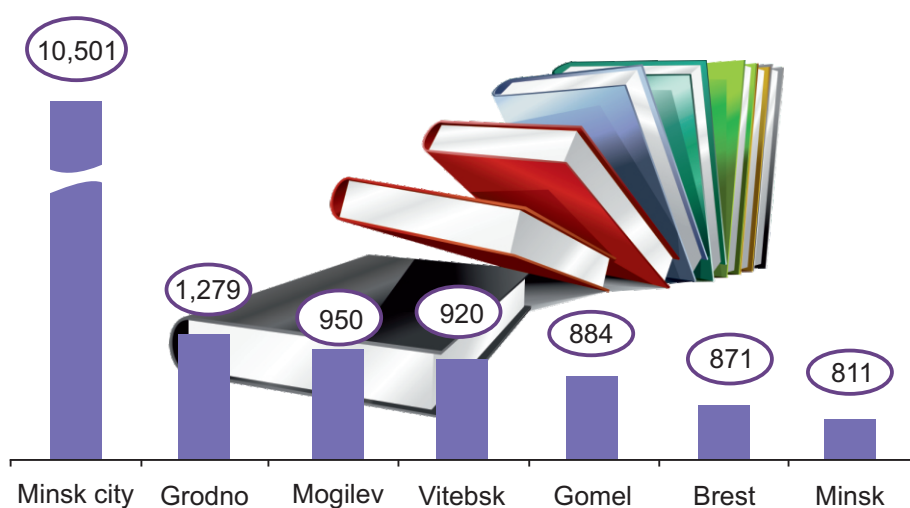
Besides, Belarus is covered by the second nationwide TV channel ONT and Minsk Capital Television (STV) broadcasts. Altogether, 169 radio and 93 television programmes are translated in the country.

## KEY INDICATORS OF LIBRARIES

Indicator	1990	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of public libraries	6 239	5 200	4 584	3 849	3 738	3 606	3 458
Library stock, mln units	96.3	77.6	71.8	67.0	67.7	66.5	65.8
average per library, thous. units	15.0	14.9	15.7	17.4	18.1	18.4	19.0
average per user, units	19	17	17	18	18	18	18
Number of users, mln	4.8	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6
users per library	773	866	913	990	1 007	1 028	1 051
Books and magazines lent, mln units	98.3	83.5	76.7	70.4	69.6	69.0	67.7
units lent per user	20	19	18	18	18	19	19

### AVERAGE NUMBER OF USERS PER LIBRARY in 2013

(persons)



The main coordination centre in the field of library science and bibliography in the country is the National Library of Belarus.

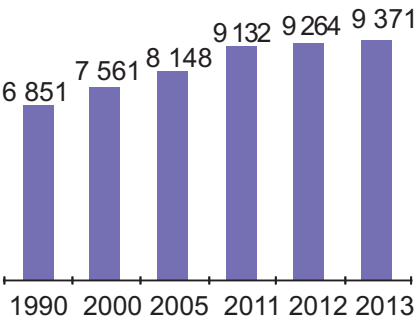


*The National Library of Belarus is a depository of the universal stock comprising over 9 million units of various information carriers for all knowledge areas. The library stores more than 5 million copies of books and brochures, over 3 million copies of periodicals, and over 9 thousand electronic documents.*

**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF BELARUS**

Indicator	1990	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013
Library stock, mln units	6.9	7.6	8.1	9.0	9.1	9.3	9.4
units per user	177	106	69	55	62	76	91
Number of users, thous.	38.8	71.1	118.2	163.0	147.5	121.2	103.5
Books and magazines lent annually, mln units	2.8	3.1	2.4	2.8	2,7	2.6	2.6
units lent per user	72	43	20	17	18	22	25

**LIBRARY STOCK  
OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY**  
(thousand units)



**NUMBER OF USERS  
OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY**  
(thousand people)

