

## PERFORMING ARTS

*Art is a whole, but its expressions are numerous.*

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Theatre art has one of essential places in the cultural life of Belarus. In 2013, 28 professional theatres of various genres were functioning in the country.

### KEY INDICATORS OF THEATRES

Indicator	1990	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of theatres	21	27	28	27	27	28	28
of which:							
opera and ballet	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
drama and musical	12	17	18	18	18	19	19
children's and youth	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Theatre attendance, thous. visits	2 604	2 047	1 842	1 981	1 852	1 891	1 858
visits per 1,000 population	256	205	191	209	195	200	196
Average attendance per theatre, thous. visits:							
opera and ballet	169	164	101	259	238	254	240
drama and musical	137	75	69	72	68	65	63
children's and youth	98	56	50	54	50	50	52

In 2013, theatres of the country were visited by 1 858 thousand spectators; the theatres of the city of Minsk accounted for nearly half of all visits.

### TOP THREE MOST VISITED MINSK THEATRES in 2013

(percentage of total theatre visits for the country)



Belarusian State  
Academic  
Musical Theatre  
(8.9%)



National Academic  
Bolshoi  
Opera and Ballet  
Theatre  
(12.9%)

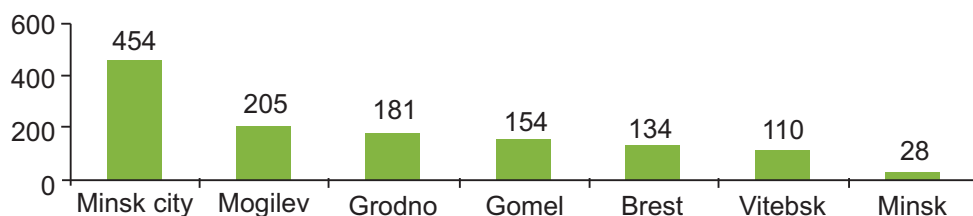


A.M. Gorky National  
Academic  
Drama Theatre  
(6%)

## THEATRE ATTENDANCE PER 1 000 POPULATION

in 2013

(number of visits)



The companies of professional theatres presented 8.6 thousand performances, concerts and recital events. The repertoire of theatres comprised 940 stage plays in 2013.

Our country is ranked first among the CIS countries for the number of events per theatre – 310 (261 in Ukraine, 241 in Russia, and 203 in Kazakhstan).

A specific trend in modern theatre art is stage plays for children. The repertoire of professional theatres in 2013 included 397 children's stage plays, which made up 42.2% of the total theatre repertoire.

There are two circuses in the country. In 2013 the circuses presented 463 performances which were visited by 680 thousand spectators.

## KEY INDICATORS OF STATIONARY CIRCUSES

Indicator	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Belarusian State Circus, city of Minsk</b>						
number of performances	274	359	161	263	284	317
attendance, thous. visits	439.8	476.0	149	386.0	392.7	461.5
<b>Gomel State Circus</b>						
number of performances	177	147	145	145	142	146
attendance, thous. visits	175.3	167.5	219	216.4	203.2	218.1

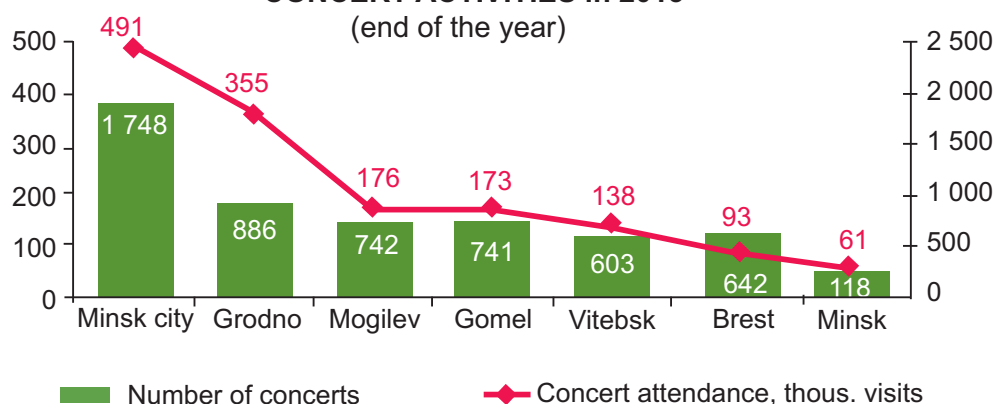
**A concert organisation** is a cultural organisation that organises concert activities (a philharmonic hall, a concert association, a concert hall), or an independent group (musical, choir, dance, etc.).

## ACTIVITY OF CONCERT ORGANISATIONS

Indicator	1990	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of concert organisations	12	13	15	16	17	18	19
Number of concerts	17 310	11 325	7 718	8 965	7 282	6 729	6 128
of which concerts given in Belarus	13 754	9 801	6 754	8 042	6 584	6 048	5 480
Concert attendance, thous. visits	4 910	1 935	1 399	1 931	1 429	1 529	1 487
visits per 1,000 population	482	194	145	203	151	162	157

## CONCERT ACTIVITIES in 2013

(end of the year)



A number of international festivals is held annually in Belarus, among which:

- arts festival «Slavyansky Bazar» (city of Vitebsk);
- film festival «Listapad» (city of Minsk);
- theatre festival «Belaya Vezha» (city of Brest);
- Yury Bashmet festival (city of Minsk);
- children's festival «Zolotaya Pchyolka» (city of Klimovichi);
- folk festival «Venok Druzhby» (city of Bobruysk), and other.

Cinema is one of the youngest, but still the most popular arts. There were 9.6 million cinema visits in 2013.

**A cinema theatre** is an organisation with fixed film projection units installed in halls with seats which are not used for other purposes.

## KEY INDICATORS OF CINEMAS

Indicator	1990	2000	2005	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of cinemas	208	162	143	131	129	124	113
Number of seats in audience halls, thous.	—	63.7	52.9	42.7	39.3	37.0	32.5
Annual film show attendance, thous. visits.	57 000	6 908	6 561	8 406	9 058	8 785	9 597
visits per 1,000 population	5,594	692	679	886	956	928	1 014

## CINEMA THEATRES ACTIVITIES in 2013 (end of year)

