

Communications

Telephone system: 1,849,000 telephones (December 1991); 18 telephones/100 persons; telephone service inadequate for the purposes of either business or the population; about 70% of the telephones are in homes; over 750,000 applications from households for telephones remain unsatisfied (1992); new investment centers on international connections and business needs; the new BelCel NMT 450 cellular system (a joint venture) is now operating in Minsk

local: NA

intercity: NA

international: international traffic is carried by the Moscow international gateway switch and also by 2 satellite earth stations near Minsk - INTELSAT (through Canada) and EUTELSAT (through the UK)

Radio:

broadcast stations: AM NA, FM NA, shortwave 0

radios: 3.14 million (5,615,000 with multiple speaker systems for program diffusion)

Television:

broadcast stations: NA

televisions: 3.538 million