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YEAR

OF THE BELARUSIAN

WOMAN

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
GOALS IN BELARUS



STATISTICAL PORTRAIT OF A WOMAN LIVING IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS (BASED ON THE LATEST AVAILABLE DATA)



Belarusian*	84.8%
Urban resident	79.9%
Average age	44.6 years
Has higher or secondary specialized education*	56.9%
Gets married (for the first time) at	26.7 years
Average age at childbirth <i>at the birth of the first child</i>	30.5 years 27.6 years
Works in the services sector**	74.1%
Engages in sports in free time***	31.6%
Uses social media***	91.5%

* Data from the 2019 population census.

** Data from the household sample survey on employment issues.

*** Data from the household sample survey on living standards.



KEY DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS FOR WOMEN

FEMALE POPULATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

4,881,457
PEOPLE

(as of January 1, 2026)

53.9%
of the total
population
of the country

AVERAGE AGE

44.6 years

URBAN AREA



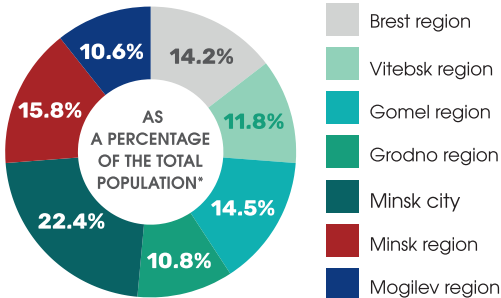
43.7
years

RURAL AREA



48.5
years

DISTRIBUTION BY TERRITORY



*Differences between the total and the sum are due to rounding

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH OF BELARUSIAN WOMEN

79.8 years **2025**

2nd place among CIS countries after Armenia (81.7 years)

World average – 76 years
(according to the World Bank for 2024)

RATIO OF WOMEN AND MEN (AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026)

ACROSS THE REPUBLIC

1,169 women
per 1,000 men

URBAN AREA



RURAL AREA

1,196 women
per 1,000 men

1,074 women
per 1,000 men

AMONG YOUTH

14-30 years

954 girls
per 1,000 boys

URBAN AREA



RURAL AREA

973 girls
per 1,000 boys

862 girls
per 1,000 boys

**MOST ACTIVE
WORKING AGES**

30-45 years

1,030 women
per 1,000 men

ABOVE WORKING AGE

2,339 women
per 1,000 men

URBAN AREA   **RURAL AREA**

1,067 women
per 1,000 men

864 women
per 1,000 men

URBAN AREA   **RURAL AREA**

2,466 women
per 1,000 men

2,028 women
per 1,000 men

IN 2025, ENTERED MARRIAGE

52,044
women

of them, first time —
32,037
women

ALMOST EVERY 4TH WOMAN
GOT MARRIED
AT THE AGE OF
20-24 YEARS



AVERAGE AGE AT FIRST MARRIAGE

FIRST MARRIAGE

26.7 years



REMARRIAGE

40.5 years



NUMBER OF CHILDREN (0-17 YEARS) IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026 — **1,716,303** PEOPLE

IN 2025, THE AVERAGE AGE OF WOMEN AT CHILDBIRTH

30.5 years

at the birth
of the first child
27.6
years

In the ranking of countries
most comfortable
for motherhood
the Republic
of Belarus ranks **25TH**
among 179 countries
worldwide



GENDER EQUALITY

Belarus ranks **27th**
among **172** countries worldwide
in the Gender Inequality Index



In Belarusian society, a culture of respectful attitudes toward women is growing, and stereotypes are shifting toward gender equality

OPINIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN ON GENDER ROLES IN FAMILY LIFE*

Caring for the home and children is a shared responsibility	believe	53.4 %
Making all major decisions in the family is a shared responsibility	believe	77.0 %
Obtaining higher education is more important for both genders	believe	77.7 %

DECISION-MAKING IN THE FAMILY*

Decisions on joint management of financial resources	make	8 out of 10 families
Joint decisions on making major purchases	make	9 out of 10 families
Joint decisions regarding the upbringing and education of children	make	9 out of 10 families



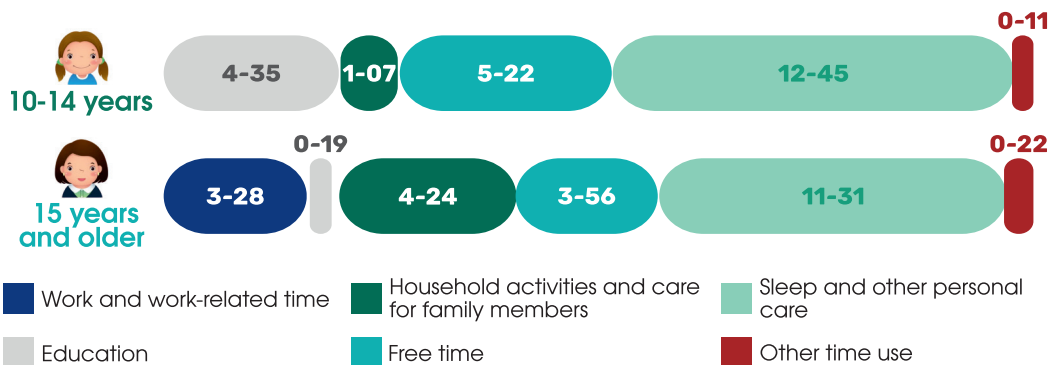
9 out of 10 women
are satisfied with the distribution
of responsibilities in the family

* Data from the 2025 household sample survey on living standard.

DAILY TIME FUND OF WOMEN

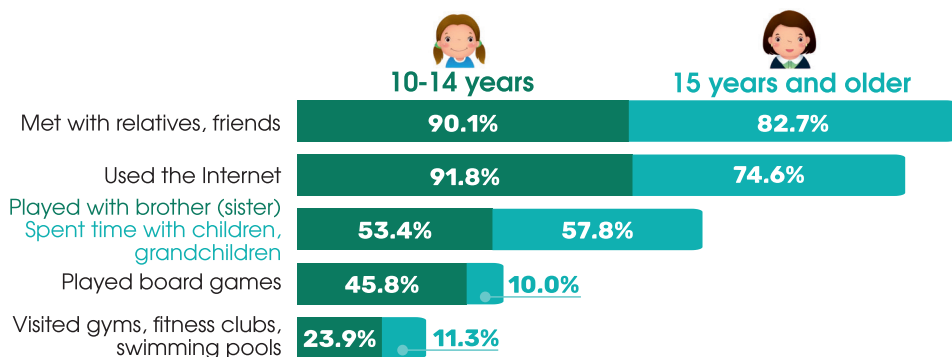
STRUCTURE OF THE DAILY TIME USE OF WOMEN*

(ON AVERAGE PER DAY OF THE WEEK; HOURS-MINUTES)



WHAT WOMEN USUALLY DID IN THEIR FREE TIME*

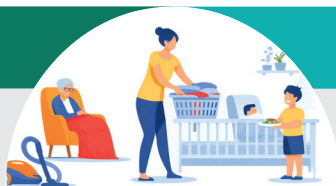
(ON AVERAGE PER DAY OF THE WEEK)



TIME SPENT BY BELARUSIAN WOMEN ON HOUSEWORK AND CARE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS*

in 2015

2 times more than men



in 2025

1.7 times more than men

* Data from the household sample survey on population time use.

EMPLOYMENT AND DECISION-MAKING IN SOCIETY

FEMALE EMPLOYMENT RATE IN 2025

64.7%

74.2%
employed in the
services sector



EMPLOYMENT RATE IN WORKING AGE (16-58 YEARS)

MEN
84.5%



WOMEN
85.6%

EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE

93 women
aged under 30 years



per
100
employed
men



115 women
aged 45-54 years

FEMALE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN 2025



2.1%

SHARE OF WOMEN AMONG THE UNEMPLOYED IN 2025



42.6%

AMONG EMPLOYED WOMEN HAVE HIGHER EDUCATION

41.8%



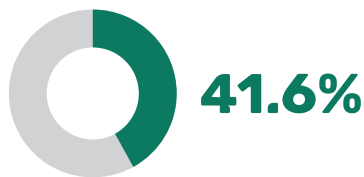
TOP 6 "FEMALE" FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

	1 HEALTHCARE	84.8%
	2 EDUCATION	83.5%
	3 ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICE ACTIVITIES	75.5%
	4 FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES	72.3%
	5 PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES	65.3%
	6 TRADE	64.8%

SHARE OF WOMEN AMONG THE EMPLOYED WITH ADDITIONAL WORK



SHARE OF WOMEN AMONG ENTREPRENEURS IN BELARUS



FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR

54.4%

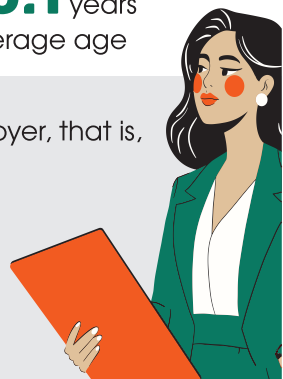
has higher education

69.5%

is married

40.1 years
average age

In 2025 in Belarus **every 9TH** female entrepreneur is an employer, that is, employs workers on a permanent basis.



SHARE OF FEMALE MANAGERS

(AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MANAGERS)



49.7% — of them

49.1%

heads of organizations
(top executives)

44.2%

have minor children

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE POLITICAL LIFE OF THE COUNTRY (2025)

32.7%
WOMEN



2025
in the Parliament
of the **8th** convocation

66.5% Women judges

57.3% Women senior civil servants

14%
WOMEN



1997
in the Parliament
of the **1st** convocation

47.7% Women in local executive bodies

SHARE OF FEMALE VOLUNTEERS



77.9% — of them

64.3%

are employed in their main job

TOP 5 AREAS OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

1 ASSISTANCE TO ANIMALS

47.7%

2 SOCIAL WORK

13.4%

3 LEGAL ADVICE; PROVISION OF MEDICAL CARE; CONDUCTING UNPAID CLASSES AND TRAINING

10.3%

4 IMPROVEMENT AND CLEANING OF SETTLEMENT AREAS

8.1%

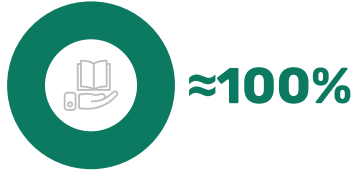
5 ASSISTANCE TO NURSERIES, KINDERGARTENS, ETC.

6.5%

EDUCATION OF WOMEN. WOMEN IN SCIENCE

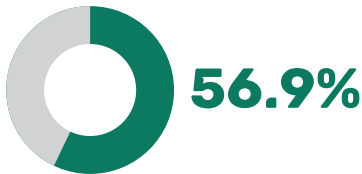
LITERACY RATE OF WOMEN AGED 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(ACCORDING TO THE 2019 POPULATION CENSUS)



SHARE OF WOMEN WITH HIGHER OR SPECIALIZED SECONDARY EDUCATION

ACCORDING TO THE 2019 POPULATION CENSUS



SHARE OF WOMEN AGED 15–64 ENGAGED IN LIFELONG LEARNING

2025



SCIENCE-ORIENTED EDUCATION (2025)*

NUMBER OF WOMEN RECEIVING SCIENCE-ORIENTED EDUCATION

 **2,774**
PEOPLE

SHARE OF WOMEN






among
postgraduate students

56.4%

among
doctoral students

53.5%

TOP 5 “FEMALE” FIELDS OF SCIENCE

	1 PSYCHOLOGY	79.0%
	2 PHILOLOGY	76.0%
	3 PEDAGOGY	70.6%
	4 BIOLOGY	67.8%
	5 CULTURAL STUDIES	67.1%

*According to the State Committee on Science and Technology of the Republic of Belarus.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (2025)

WOMEN RESEARCHERS ENGAGED IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT



6,927
WOMEN

38.1%

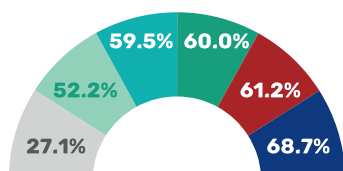
of the total number of researchers

45.3%

carried out research activities in the field of engineering and technology

SHARE OF WOMEN RESEARCHERS BY FIELDS OF SCIENCE

(OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RESEARCHERS)



Engineering and technology

Social and economic sciences

Natural sciences

Humanities

Agricultural sciences

Medical sciences

WOMEN RESEARCHERS HOLDING ACADEMIC DEGREES OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE AND CANDIDATE OF SCIENCE



1,224
WOMEN

37.8%

of the total number of researchers with academic degrees



Every **5**th woman researcher belongs to the category of **“YOUNG SCIENTISTS”**

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REGIONAL INDICATORS OF THE
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GENDER
STATISTICS



GE  STATISTICS
Information and analytical system



ИАС БД
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STATISTICAL
DATABASE



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