



# Investment potential of Gomel region



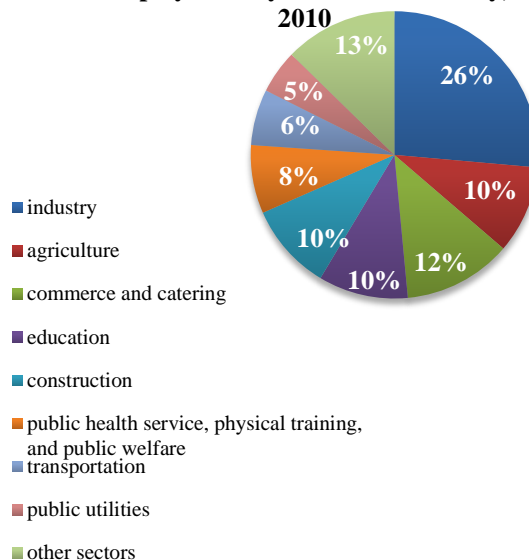
## 1. Labour resources

Quantity of population active in sectors of economy, 2010 (thousand persons)	
Total active	665,6
including:	
Industry	175,9
Agriculture	65,9
Commerce and catering	81,2
Education	67,5
Construction	65,0
Public health service, physical training, and public welfare	51,5
Transportation	42,0
Communications	9,6
Forestry	6,3
Research and research services	3,6

*Source: National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Belarus, 2012*

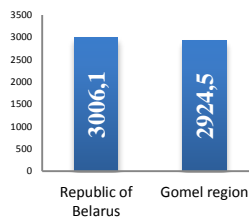
The population of Gomel Region is mostly active in the industry (26%), commerce and catering (12%), agriculture (10%).

### Employment by sectors of economy, 2010

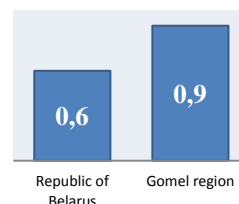


The official unemployment level in the region is 0.9% of the economically active population, which exceeds the national index by 0.3%. The average monthly salary in the region amounts to 97% of the relevant index in the country.

### Average salary in Q1 of 2012 (thousand rubles)



### Unemployment level, 2011 (%)



Out of the total workforce of Gomel Region, around 22% has higher education, 45% has either a vocational or specialised secondary education.

WORKFORCE QUALIFICATIONS, 2010	
Workforce, total	599 236
workforce with the following education:	
higher	133 281
vocational	137 166
specialised secondary	134 012
general secondary	177 569

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## 2. Region's economy

Industry is the base of the region's economy. The region occupies the 1<sup>st</sup> place in the country as to the industrial production per capita.

In Gomel Region all the finished ferrous metals of Belarus, phosphate fertilisers, forage harvesters, window glass, edible salt, oil, and produced gas are produced. The industry of the region produces a significant share of motor gasoline, diesel oil fuel, cardboard, plywood, chip boards.

Gross regional product (GRP), 2011		
	Total (billion rubles)	per capita (million rubles)
Gomel region	30 779,5	21,5
GRP share in GDP of Belarus	11,2%	
Real GRP growth rate	104,4%	

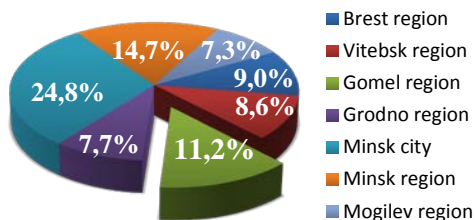
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With its volume of the gross regional product Gomel Region occupies the 3<sup>rd</sup> place (after the city of Minsk and Minsk Region).

**Weight of regions' and Minsk's GRP in GDP, 2011**



## Largest enterprises by industries:

- *fuel and power* (Svetlogorsk, Mozyr, and Gomel combined heat-and-power plants);
- *chemical* (Svetlogorsk Khimvolokno OJSC, Gomel Chemical Plant OJSC);
- *oil-extracting and oil-processing* (Mozyr Oil Refinery OJSC, Belorusneft MG RUC);
- *food* (Spartak OJSC JV, Zhlobin Meat-Processing Factory AFMC OJSC, Mozyrsol OJSC, Rogachyov Milk Canning Factory OJSC, Milk Products OJSC, Gomel meat-Processing Factory OJSC, Gomel Fat-Processing Factory OJSC);
- *wood-processing* (Gomeldrev OJSC);
- *pulp and paper* (Svetlogorsk Pulp and Cardboard Factory OJSC, Gomeloboi PMUC);
- *ferrous industry* (Belarusian Steel Works OJSC, Rechitsa Hardware Plant OJSC, Gomel Casting and Standard Parts Factory RUC);
- *engineering* (Gomselmash MG);
- *light* (8 March OJSC, BelFA OJSC);
- *production of jewellery products* (Kristall Gomel MG OJSC).

## 3. Foreign trade

Organisations of Gomel Region co-operate with foreign-trade partners from 115 countries of the world. Trade develops most actively with Russia, Germany, Ukraine, Poland, Italy, France, the Baltic countries.

**Volume of foreign trade in products and services, 2011 (million US dollars)**

Region	Gomel region	Republic of Belarus
Turnover	10 450,0	86 041,1
Exports	4 797,8	40 294,0
Imports	5 652,2	45 747,1
Balance	-854,4	-5 453,1

*Source: National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Belarus, 2012*

75% of all the products manufactured is exported. Metals and their products as well as mineral products prevail in the goods composition of the exports. From the non-CIS countries, machines and equipment, finished food products, chemical products are imported.

## 4. Foreign investment

In the region companies established with foreign capital from 41 countries of the world, including Austria, Russia, Netherlands, France, the United States of America, and Germany. The priority investment areas are construction, power engineering, tourism, commerce, and services.

**FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT, net, 2011 (thousand US dollars)**

Republic of Belarus	3 973 953,9
Gomel region	45 591,7

*Source: National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Belarus, 2012*

In the territory of Gomel-Raton FEZ a high-tech base of radio electronics, instrumentation, mechanical-engineering, electrotechnical, and cable industries enterprises. Those enterprises have free manufacturing premises, warehouses, developed infrastructure, a full set of engineering communications. The manufacturing of FEZ residents concentrates on production of export products, mastering new and high technologies.

## 5. Transport and communications

The region is crossed by large international motorways connecting European countries with Russia and Ukraine;

- the length of general motorways is 12.4 thousand km;
- the length of general railway operating tracks is 910 km;
- in the territory of the region a 3<sup>rd</sup>-class airport (4 km to the north from Gomel) designed for annual aircraft operation is located. The Belarusian Gomelavia airline operates from Gomel airport on a regular basis. There is also an airport in Mozyr;
- all the most important transportation directions are duplicated by gas pipelines and power supply lines;
- the distance from Gomel to Minsk is 302 km.

## 6. Education and science

In Gomel regional branches of the Belarusian Engineering Academy, Belarusian Research and Industry Association, Republican Technology Transfer Centre as well as Gomel Research and Technology Park, Gomel Business Innovation Centre operate.





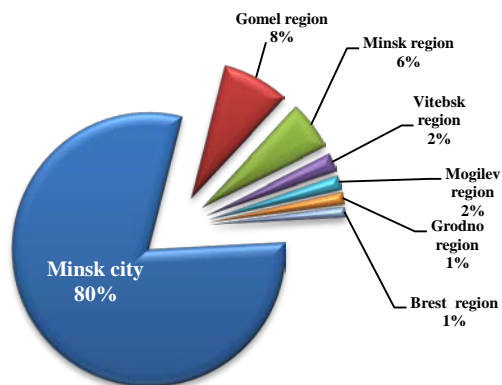
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EDUCATION AND SCIENCE	
No. of higher educational institutions	7
No. of R&D organisations	35
Personnel engaged in R&D	1480
Expenses for R&D (million rubles)	85 154
No. of organisations active in innovations	46

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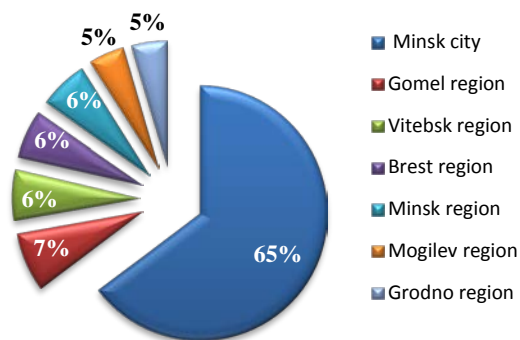
Among the regions, Gomel Region leads as to the expenses for R&D.

Expenses for R&D in regions and Minsk, 2010



Gomel Region occupies the 2<sup>nd</sup> place after Minsk as to the number of R&D organisations.

Distribution of R&D organisations by regions and Minsk, 2010



In the overall volume of expenses for R&D in Gomel Region around half falls within development and 39% within applied research.

Distribution of expenses for R&D, million rubles

