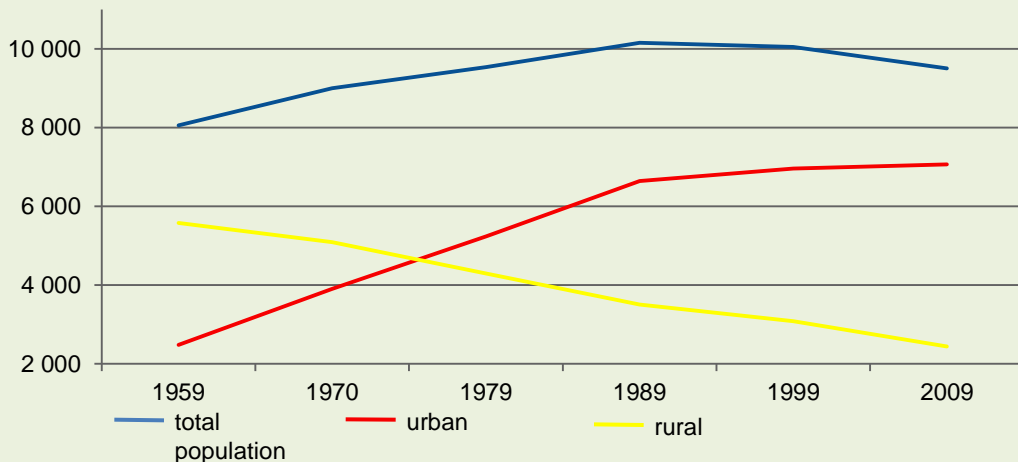


According to the census data, the population of the Republic of Belarus amounted to 9 503 807.

**Population dynamics based on the 1959-2009 censuses data
(thousand)**



The Republic of Belarus is characterized by high rate of population urbanization. Three fourths (74.3%) of the population live in cities and towns, and only one out of four is a rural resident. More than a half of the urban dwellers reside in the capital, regional centres and towns of regional subordination, the population of which has grown by 4.7% in 10 years.

**Urban and rural population as per previous censuses data
(thousand)**

