



Flag of the Novosibirsk Region

NOVOSIBIRSK REGION



Coat of arms of the Novosibirsk Region

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1. Information about the Novosibirsk Region



The Novosibirsk Region was formed on September 28, 1937. The region is a part of Siberian Federal District and is located almost in the heart of Russia. The area of the Novosibirsk Region is 178.2 thousand square kilometers. It has borders with the Omsk, Tomsk and Kemerovo Regions, the Altai territory and also with Kazakhstan. The administrative center of the region is the Novosibirsk city, the third most populous city in Russia, scientific, cultural, industrial, transport and business center of Siberia. The city is built near the river Ob.

The biggest towns of the Novosibirsk Region are Berdsk, Iskitim and Kuibyshev. The population of the Novosibirsk Region is around **2 million 650 thousand** people, including around 2 million 5 thousand in towns and 645 thousand in countryside.

The climate is continental. Summer is sunny and mild, winter is frosty and snowy. The average temperature of July is +22°C, the average temperature of January is -24°C.

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The state power in the Novosibirsk Region is based on the separation of legislative, executive and judicial power. The highest official in the Novosibirsk Region is the **Governor of the Novosibirsk Region**, who currently is **Vasily Yurchenko**. Legislative body of the state power of the Novosibirsk Region is the **Novosibirsk Regional Council of Deputies**. The highest executive body of the state power is the **Government of the Novosibirsk Region**, which comprises 11 Ministries.

The governmental divisions responsible for development of business and innovations are the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation policy of the Novosibirsk Region and the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Entrepreneurship of the Novosibirsk Region.



2. Economy

Economic advantages

1) The Novosibirsk Region is one of the largest transport hubs, transit and logistics centers in Russia and Siberia, located along the Trans-Siberian Railway and the Ob River. The "Novosibirsk-Glavnyy" railway station is the largest in the Ural. The capital of the region has several airports, including the one for international flights to European and Asian countries. Such a geographical and logistic position of the Novosibirsk Region provides excellent conditions for business and economic development.

2) The Novosibirsk Region is one of the most industrially developed regions in Russia, creating around 10% of the total industrial output in the country. Basic industrial sectors of the Novosibirsk

Region include electric and optical industry, metallurgical industry (ferrous and nonferrous), production of machinery and equipment, food industry, biotechnological industry and some other.

3) The Novosibirsk Region is the largest scientific and research center in Siberia, representing high innovative potential. There are 43 research centers and institutes of Siberian Branches of The Russian Academy of Sciences, The Academy of Medical Sciences and The Academy of Agricultural Sciences. The capital of the Region, Novosibirsk city, has 22 higher education institutions and 54 colleges providing education and training in a wide variety of areas.

4) In terms of gross agricultural output the Novosibirsk Region is among the top ten regions of the Russian Federation, producing grains, potatoes, vegetables, meat and milk.

Main statistic data

In 2009 **the gross regional product** of the Novosibirsk Region was 14.6 billion dollars, **foreign trade (turnover)** was 1 715.3 million US dollars, **total foreign investment** resulted in 216,100 thousand US dollars. **Export income in 2009** was 1.064 million US dollars. The main foreign partners of Novosibirsk enterprises are from Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Bulgaria, India, China, Japan, Germany, USA, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan. In the commodity structure of exports the largest sector (62.4%) is engineering products. Next in the rating are supplies of food products and agricultural raw materials (9,5%). **Import of goods** in 2009 amounted to 651.3 million US dollars. The largest importers to the Novosibirsk Region are companies from China, Germany, USA, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Switzerland, Ukraine, Japan, Uzbekistan, Republic of Korea.

3. Industries

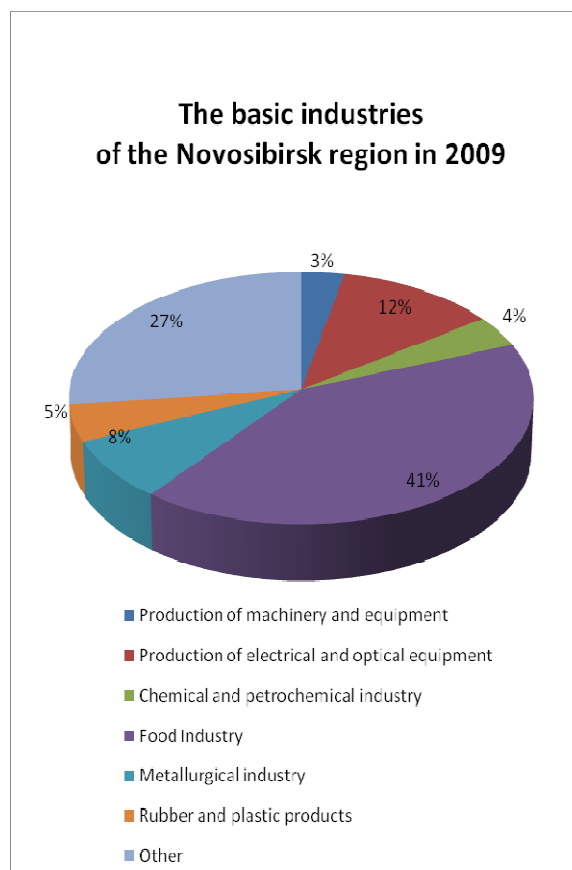
Industrial sectors of the Novosibirsk Region include electric and optical industry, metallurgical industry (ferrous and nonferrous), production of machinery and equipment, metalwork, building industry, fuel industry, chemical industry, biotechnological and medical industry, forestry and woodwork industries, pulp and paper industry, food industry. Ferrous industry is represented by a big steel plant. Nonferrous industry includes the only stannum (tin) melting factory in Russia, gold refinery factory, rare metals factory. The main products in machinery sector are electrical machinery (generators and turbines, large electric steel furnace), instruments and machine tools, agricultural machinery.

In 2009 the volume of industrial production in the Novosibirsk Region decreased to 5% due to financial crisis. However, it still exceeded the average level of industrial production in Russia. The diagram below represents the most developed industries of the Novosibirsk Region.

Biotechnological and medical industry

Biotechnological and medical industry is developed in close cooperation with research organizations and universities.

The key indicators of biotechnological and medical industry



achievements are the following:

- 75 % of the total production volume of medical diagnostic test-systems in Russia;
- 60 % of the total production volume of medical X-ray machines in Russia.



The core of biotechnological and medical industry of the Novosibirsk Region is a cluster of more than 20 innovative biotechnological companies in the Science Town of Koltsovo. The scientific and technological center of the cluster is State Research Center of Virology and Biotechnology VECTOR, one of the leading research institutions in Russia. The companies of the Science Town of Koltsovo produce new effective and safe medicines, natural cosmetics, diagnostic test systems, dietary foods, dietary supplements and feed additives for animals.

4. Activities of the Novosibirsk Region Government for support of small and medium-sized enterprises, including innovative companies

In 2009 the Novosibirsk Region won the competition as the best region of the Russian Federation on development of small and medium business and creation of favorable conditions for development of innovations. The competition was organized by the Federation Council, the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs. In 2009 a new regional special-purpose program was adopted for support of small and medium enterprises in the Novosibirsk region for the period from 2009 to 2013. The purpose of the program is part reimbursement of the following company expenses:

- rental payments;
- expenses for modernization or update of the fixed assets;
- expenses for technological connection to electricity networks;
- expenses for patenting (registration of intellectual property rights in the territory of the Russian Federation and abroad).

Besides, it was also decided to subsidize the company expenses for business planning. In order to provide easier lending to small and medium-sized enterprises the Fund for Development of Small and Medium Enterprises in the Novosibirsk Region was established. In behalf of start-up innovative companies support a regional business incubator was formed in 2007.