



Listeners and readers in 21 countries, including Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Russia, rely on RFE's programs for a reliable account of events in their region and the world.

Fast Facts

- **RFE broadcasts to 21 countries in 28 languages:**
Albanian, Arabic, Armenian, Avar, Azerbaijani, Bashkir, Belarusian, Bosnian, Chechen, Circassian, Crimean Tatar, Croatian, Dari, Georgian, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Macedonian, Montenegrin, Pashto, Persian, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Tajik, Tatar, Turkmen, Ukrainian, Uzbek
- **Broadcast Hours:** Approximately 1,000 hours/week
- **Platforms:** Radio (AM, FM, UKW, SW, Cable, Satellite), Internet (22 websites), Television
- **Audience:** 21.1 million/week (FY 2011)
- **Budget:** \$96.2 million (FY 2010)
- **Employees:** In addition to 500+ employees in Prague and Washington, we maintain 20 local bureaus with a total of 240 journalists and over 700 freelancers and stringers.

Highlights

- RFE's newest service, Radio Mashaal, was launched in 2010 and broadcasts to Pakistan's Pashtun heartland along the border with Afghanistan. Radio Mashaal has quickly become a trusted source of news in the region.
- RFE's Afghan service Radio Azadi is one of the most popular media outlets in Afghanistan, with a market share of close to 50%. In 2010, the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. launched an exhibit of some of the thousands of handwritten scrolls and letters sent to Radio Azadi by listeners.
- The website of RFE's Persian-language service, Radio Farda, receives over 19 million page views every month – many of them via anti-filtering software - and also maintains one of the most popular Iranian Facebook pages.
- RFE/RL's Radio Svoboda is the leading international broadcaster in Russia and a key alternative to state-controlled media. Radio Svoboda is attracting a growing audience on the radio and the web, with an average of 3.5 million visitors and nearly 8 million page views per month in FY2011.
- Awards: "Highly Commended" in the "Best Investigative Documentary" category (AIB Awards 2010, Radio Azadi, RFE's Afghan Service) - "Silver Microphone" award recognizing achievements of women (February 2010, RFE's Armenian Service) – Rafto Prize for human rights reporting (2009, RFE's Azerbaijani Service) – Online News Association's award for excellence in online journalism (2009, RFE's Kazakh Service)

Recent Trends

- According to Freedom House's *Freedom of the Press 2010* survey, over the last decade, media freedom has declined in 8 out of the 21 RFE broadcast countries included in the study. Reporters Without Borders also documents this declining trend in their Press Freedom Index.

Organization/Oversight

- RFE/RL Inc. is a private, nonprofit corporation which receives federal funding as a grantee of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG). The BBG has oversight responsibility for all civilian U.S. government-funded international broadcasting activities.