

## FAST FACTS

HEADQUARTERS  
**Prague, Czech  
Republic**  
Washington, DC

ANNUAL BUDGET  
**\$124 million  
(FY2018)**

LANGUAGES  
**26**

AUDIENCE  
**33.9 million  
(FY2018)**

**Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) reaches 34 million people every week with locally-oriented, multimedia content that promotes democratic values and institutions in 20 countries where a free press is banned or not fully established.**



## PROGRAMS

Since its formal launch in February 2017, the 24/7 Current Time digital television network, led by RFE/RL and in cooperation with VOA, has claimed a space in the global Russian-language media market for balanced news, original features, under-reported stories, and fresh debate via satellite, cable, and online.

RFE/RL's Russian Service is one of Russia's most-cited multimedia outlets, providing an increasingly rare forum for independent opinion, investigation, and debate. In 2018, it averaged 7.8 million visits and 16.3 million page views monthly to its webpage; logged 93.5 million YouTube video views; and was active on Russian social networks and Facebook, where it has 620,000 followers.

RFE/RL's Balkan Service is unique among regional media in providing an informed alternative to ethnic narratives and disinformation in Bosnia, Serbia, Macedonia, Montenegro and Kosovo, while reporting on the local dynamics that drive division, extremism, and radicalism in the region.

IN FY2018

**508 MILLION**  
visits to RFE/RL websites

RFE/RL content was viewed  
**2.6 BILLION**  
times across social media

and RFE/RL had  
**366 MILLION**  
engaged users on Facebook

## JOURNALISTS UNDER THREAT

# 42 INCIDENTS

including physical assault, online harassment, interrogations, detentions, prison, and threats in connection with their reporting

ON APRIL 30, 2018,  
THREE RFE/RL  
JOURNALISTS

died in a suicide bombing  
that targeted journalists in  
Kabul, Afghanistan.

RFE/RL's Central Asian services provide unparalleled reporting about politics, the economy, religious movements, and conflict in this complex region. The research and documentary project "Not In Our Name" is the first regional program to address extremist recruitment in the region, and empower communities to work together to prevent the spread of violence and extremism.

### MISSION

RFE/RL promotes democratic values and institutions by reporting the news in countries where a free press is banned by the government or not fully established. RFE/RL's journalists provide what many people cannot get locally: uncensored news, responsible discussion, and open debate.

Based on the conviction that the first requirement of democracy is a well informed citizenry:

- RFE/RL's independent journalism provides fair and objective news, analysis, and discussion of domestic, regional, and international issues crucial to healthy democracies and free markets.
- RFE/RL strengthens civil societies by projecting democratic and pluralistic values.
- RFE/RL combats all forms of intolerance and promotes mutual understanding among peoples.
- RFE/RL provides a model for local media, assists in training to enhance media professionalism and independence, and develops partnerships with local media outlets.

### IMPACT

RFE/RL's breaking news and multimedia reporting across its target region earns daily citations in global media, including *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, CNN, and ABC.

The Ukraine Service's investigative program *Schemes* delivers high-impact reporting on corruption among Ukraine's political elites that has informed official investigations, led to high-level dismissals, and contributed to greater public accountability.

The Dari- and Pashto-language Afghan Service is one of Afghanistan's leading media outlets, and Radio Mashaal provides a sustained response to extremist propaganda in Pakistan's Taliban-dominated border regions with Afghanistan.

Distinguished for its coverage of human rights and political and societal issues that are otherwise underreported or taboo in Iran, Radio Farda provides an alternative to official censorship and a platform for informed discussion and debate for audiences in Iran.

In 2018, RFE/RL documented more than 42 incidents targeting its journalists in no fewer than 12 countries in connection with their work, up from 38 attacks in 10 countries in 2017.