

**Table 4. Independent Media**  
Ratings History and Regional Breakdown

	1999–2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
New EU Members									
Bulgaria	3.50	3.25	3.25	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.25	3.50	3.50
Czech Republic	1.75	2.00	2.50	2.25	2.25	2.00	2.00	2.25	2.25
Estonia	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Hungary	2.00	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Latvia	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.75
Lithuania	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
Poland	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.75	1.75	1.50	1.75	2.25	2.25
Romania	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.00	3.75	3.75
Slovakia	2.25	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.50
Slovenia	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25
<b>Average</b>	<b>2.15</b>	<b>2.15</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>2.40</b>
<b>Median</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>1.88</b>	<b>1.88</b>	<b>1.88</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>1.88</b>	<b>1.88</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>2.25</b>
The Balkans									
Albania	4.50	4.25	4.00	4.00	3.75	4.00	3.75	3.75	3.75
Bosnia	5.00	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25
Croatia	5.00	3.50	3.50	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.00	3.75
Macedonia	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25
Yugoslavia	5.75	4.50	3.50	3.25	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Serbia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.50	3.25	3.25	3.50	3.75
Montenegro	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.50	3.75
Kosovo	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50
<b>Average</b>	<b>4.80</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>3.80</b>	<b>3.85</b>	<b>4.04</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>3.96</b>	<b>4.07</b>	<b>4.14</b>
<b>Median</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>3.75</b>
Non-Baltic Former Soviet States									
Armenia	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.25	5.50	5.50	5.75	5.75
Azerbaijan	5.50	5.75	5.50	5.50	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.25	6.25
Belarus	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75
Georgia	3.75	3.50	3.75	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.25
Kazakhstan	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.25	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75
Kyrgyzstan	5.00	5.00	5.75	6.00	6.00	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.00
Moldova	4.00	4.25	4.50	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.25	5.50
Russia	4.75	5.25	5.50	5.50	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.25	6.25
Tajikistan	5.75	5.50	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.00	6.25	6.25	6.00
Turkmenistan	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Ukraine	5.00	5.25	5.50	5.50	5.50	4.75	3.75	3.75	3.50
Uzbekistan	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00
<b>Average</b>	<b>5.35</b>	<b>5.48</b>	<b>5.63</b>	<b>5.73</b>	<b>5.83</b>	<b>5.85</b>	<b>5.83</b>	<b>5.90</b>	<b>5.92</b>
<b>Median</b>	<b>5.25</b>	<b>5.38</b>	<b>5.63</b>	<b>5.63</b>	<b>5.75</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>6.25</b>	<b>6.13</b>

NOTES: The ratings are based on a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 representing the highest level of democratic progress and 7 the lowest. The 2008 ratings reflect the period January 1 through December 31, 2007.

In *Nations in Transit 2008*, Freedom House provides separate ratings for Serbia and Kosovo in order to provide a clearer picture of processes and conditions in the different administrative areas. Doing so does not indicate a position on the part of Freedom House regarding Kosovo's status during the study year.