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This thesis describes the processes of social changes inside social structure in contemporary Belarus, which has developed by different ways during the interwar years in 1921–1939. Combination of two theoretical concepts like “ideal types” (Parsons's AGIL and Sztompka's typology of the process of social change) have been defined terminology and methods of operation for analyzing and comparing. First part focuses on the history of Belarusian land before 1921. The next part describes structural development of Western Belarus in Poland and Soviet Belarus in Soviet Union in the years 1921–1939. Last part has been explained the research of compares the situation of changing many elements of social structure in each of parts of contemporary Belarusian area with previous period of social reality.