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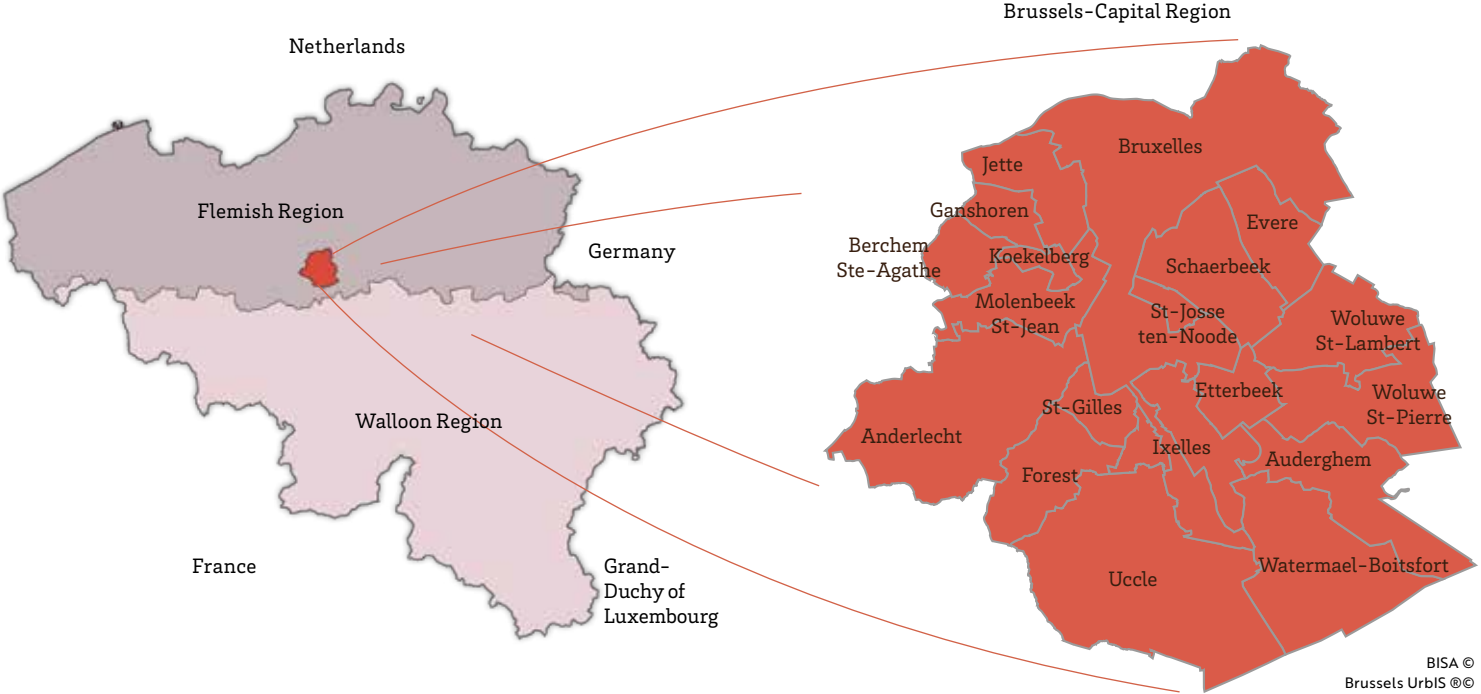
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Until 1500	1015-1020	First mention of <i>Bruocsella</i> as <i>portus</i> on the Senne
	1229	First urban charter
	1357-1379	Construction of an 8 km pentagon-shaped enclosure
	XIV th	Golden Age for the Brussels luxury drapery industry
	1402	Start of construction of the City Hall on the Grand-Place
1500 – 1800	1430	Philip the Good chooses Brussels as his primary residence
	1506-1555	Reign of Charles V who regularly resides in Brussels
	XVI th -XVII th	Golden Age for the Brussels tapestry manufacturers
	1549	Ommegang procession in honour of the son of Charles V
	1561	Opening of the Willebroek Canal linking Brussels to Antwerp
1800 – 1900	XVII th -XIX th	Golden Age for the Brussels lace industry
	1831	Brussels becomes the capital of independent Belgium
	1832	Opening of the Brussels-Charleroi Canal
	1834	Establishment of the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)
	1835	Opening of the Brussels-Malines railway
1900 – 2000	1871	Opening of the covered Senne and the City Centre boulevards
	1898	Start of construction of the Horta home in the Art nouveau style
	1929	Hergé publishes Tintin's first adventures
	1951	First edition of the Queen Elisabeth International Music Competition
	1952	Opening of the North-South railway junction, begun in 1911
As of 2000	1957	Treaty of Rome, Brussels becomes the headquarters of the European Economic Community
	1958	Opening of the Atomium for the World's Fair
	1967	NATO sets up its headquarters in Brussels
	1989	Creation of the Brussels-Capital Region within Federal Belgium
	2000	Brussels is the European Capital of Culture
	2005	The population of Brussels exceeds one million inhabitants
	2009	Opening of the Magritte Museum
	2013	François Englert (ULB) is awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics
	2014	Transfer of many competencies to the Brussels-Capital Region following the 6 th State reform
	2019	The Brussels-Capital Region celebrates its 30 th anniversary
	2025	The population of Brussels exceeds 1,250,000 inhabitants

BRUSSELS IN BELGIUM AND THE EUROPEAN UNION



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Population, health, education	Year	BCR	Belgium	EU 27
Population (number of inhabitants on 1 January)	2025	1,255,795	11,825,551	450,380,320
Population density (number of inhabitants per km²)	2025	7,732	385	110
Share of population under age 18 (%)	2025	21.4	19.6	17.8 ¹
Share of population aged 65 or over (%)	2025	13.1	20.3	21.6 ¹
Share of non-nationals in the population (%)	2025	37.2	13.8	9.6 ¹
Life expectancy at birth (number of years)	2024	82.2	82.4	81.7
Total fertility rate (number of children per woman)	2024	1.34	1.44	1.38 ²
Share of persons aged 25-64 with a high level of education ³ (%)	2024	53.7	45.0	36.1
Economy				
GDP (million euro)	2023	103,285	596,321	17,193,780
GDP per capita (euros)	2023	82,052	50,622	38,100
Labour market				
Employed population aged 15-64 (thousands of people)	2024	505	4,981	200,750
Employment rate (% of the population aged 15-64)	2024	58.9	66.7	70.8
ILO unemployment rate ⁴ (% of the population aged 15-64)	2024	11.9	5.8	6.0
Land				
Total area (km²)		162	30,690	4,225,104

Sources: Eurostat, NAI (Regional accounts), Statbel, BISA calculations

¹ 2024

² 2023

³ Tertiary education (levels 5 to 8 of the International Standard Classification of Education 2011)

⁴ Survey data which differs from administrative data on unemployed job seekers

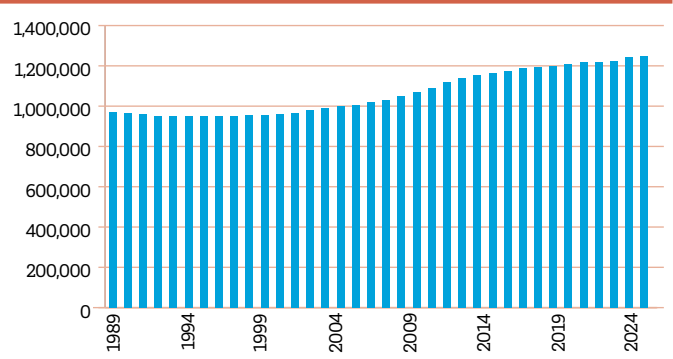
POPULATION BY AGE

Number of inhabitants on 1 January 2025	Women	Men	Total
0-2 years	20,243	20,935	41,178
3-5 years	21,465	22,475	43,940
6-11 years	44,743	46,802	91,545
12-17 years	45,066	47,011	92,077
18-29 years	116,539	110,005	226,544
30-44 years	149,215	146,250	295,465
45-64 years	147,057	152,938	299,995
65-79 years	65,781	52,464	118,245
80 years and older	30,341	16,465	46,806
Total population	640,450	615,345	1,255,795
Average age (number of years on 1 January)	39.0	37.1	38.1

Sources: BISA & Statbel (National Register, 2025)

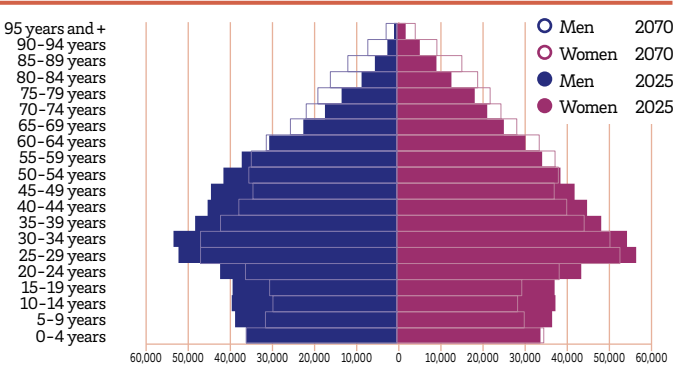
EVOLUTION OF THE POPULATION

Number of inhabitants on 1 January



Sources: BISA & Statbel (National Register)

POPULATION PYRAMID: NUMBER OF MEN AND WOMEN IN 2025 AND 2070



Sources: BISA, FPB, Statbel (National Register and regional prospects, 2025)

NON-NATIONAL POPULATION¹

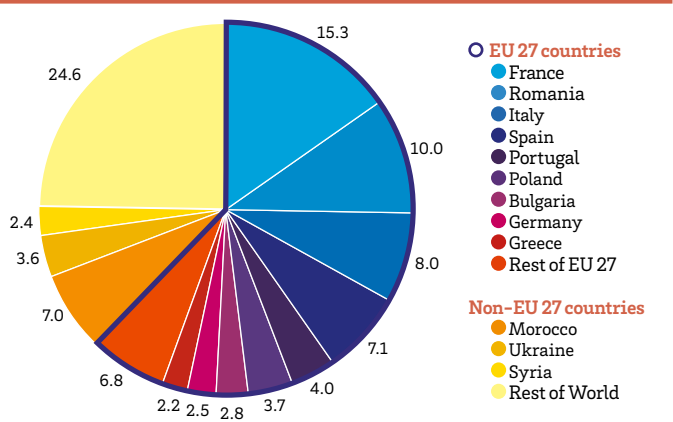
Number of inhabitants on 1 January	2025
Women	237,731
Men	229,324
Under 18 years	82,777
18-64 years	352,273
65 years and older	32,005
Nationality of an EU 27 country (without Belgium)	291,627
Other nationality	175,428
Total non-national population	467,055
Number of foreign nationalities on 1 January	183

Sources: BISA & Statbel (National Register)

¹ People of foreign nationality who do not own the Belgian nationality

MAIN FOREIGN NATIONALITIES IN 2025¹

% of the total non-national population on 1 January



Sources: BISA & Statbel (National Register)

¹ People of foreign nationality who do not own the Belgian nationality

MAIN FOREIGN NATIONALITIES TODAY AND AT BIRTH IN 2025¹

Number of inhabitants on 1 January	Of current foreign nationality	Born with a foreign nationality
France	71,597	77,242
Romania	46,518	49,753
Italy	37,222	42,401
Spain	33,276	33,075
Morocco	32,699	145,118
Turkey	8,774	30,833
Other	236,969	387,781
Total	467,055	766,203

Sources: BISA & Statbel (National Register)

¹ Nationalities held by more than 30,000 inhabitants in BCR, in current nationality or nationality at birth, excluding Belgium.

MOVEMENTS OF POPULATION

Number	2022	2023	2024
Natural balance	5,830	5,404	5,330
Births	14,744	13,987	13,830
Deaths	8,914	8,583	8,500
Internal net migration	-19,307	-18,752	-17,993
Internal arrivals	25,011	25,023	25,109
Internal departures	44,318	43,775	43,102
International net migration	31,685	21,443	19,398
International immigration ¹	62,522	56,166	54,267
International emigration ²	30,837	34,723	34,869

Sources: BISA & Statbel (National Register)
¹ Including register changes (in) and re-registrations after removal from register
² Including register changes (out) and mandatory removals

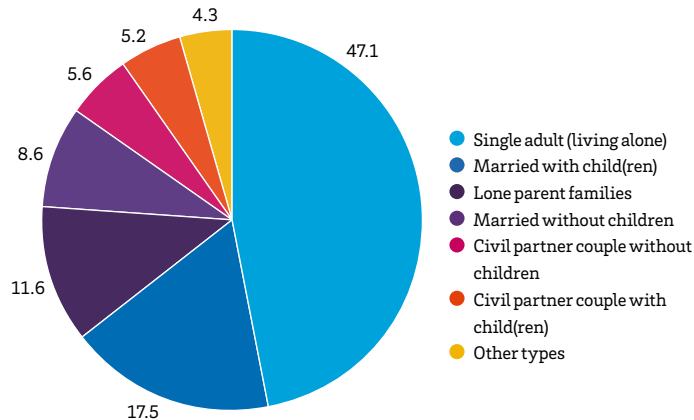
PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS BY SIZE

Number on 1 January	2025
One-person households (women)	136,773
One-person households (men)	139,301
Two-person households	130,420
Three-person households	70,178
Four-person households	58,615
Households of five persons and more	46,683
Total	581,970
Average size of the private households (number of persons per household)	2.14

Sources: BISA & Statbel (National Register)

PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE IN 2025¹

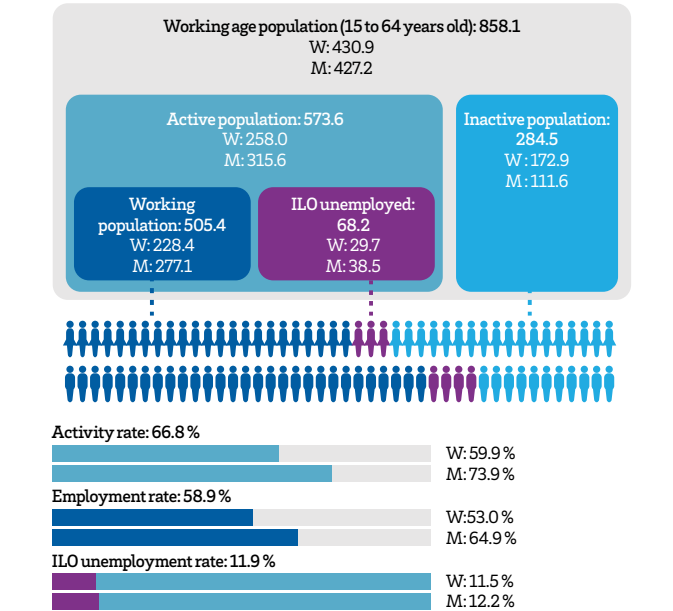
% of the private households on 1 January



Sources: BISA & Statbel (National Register)
¹ Civil partner couples are determined on the basis of an algorithm. More information at <http://ibsa.brussels>

BREAKDOWN OF THE WORKING AGE POPULATION IN 2024¹

Thousands of people and %



Source: Statbel (LFS)
¹ Annual averages based on survey data and in accordance with the concepts of the ILO (M = men, W = women)

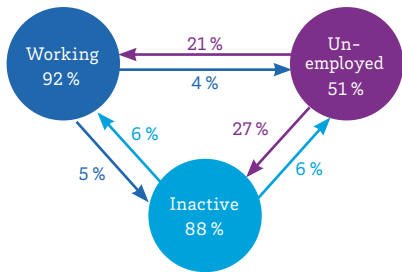
UNEMPLOYED JOB SEEKERS¹

	Women	Men	Total
Total number	44,350	47,278	91,628
Under 25 years	4,583	5,619	10,202
25-49 years	30,027	28,079	58,106
50 years and older	9,741	13,579	23,320
Belgian	25,944	29,844	55,789
EU 27 foreigner	8,300	7,105	15,406
Non-EU 27 foreigner	10,105	10,328	20,433
Low level of diploma ²	5,985	9,923	15,908
Middle level of diploma ²	8,769	10,253	19,022
High level of diploma ²	9,092	7,579	16,671
Foreign diploma without equivalence certificate	20,504	19,522	40,027
< 1 year of unemployment	17,253	18,102	35,355
1 to 2 years of unemployment	7,199	7,423	14,621
> 2 years of unemployment	19,899	21,753	41,652

Source: Actiris
¹ Administrative data, annual average
² Highest diploma obtained: low = maximum 2nd cycle of secondary education; middle = upper secondary education; high = higher education and university

TRANSITIONS ON THE LABOUR MARKET BETWEEN 2023 AND 2024¹

Population aged 15 to 64 years (%)



Source: Statbel (LFS)
Reading note: Of the people who were working in 2023, 92% are still working in 2024, 4% are unemployed and 5% are inactive.

¹ Annual averages based on survey data and in accordance with the concepts of the ILO

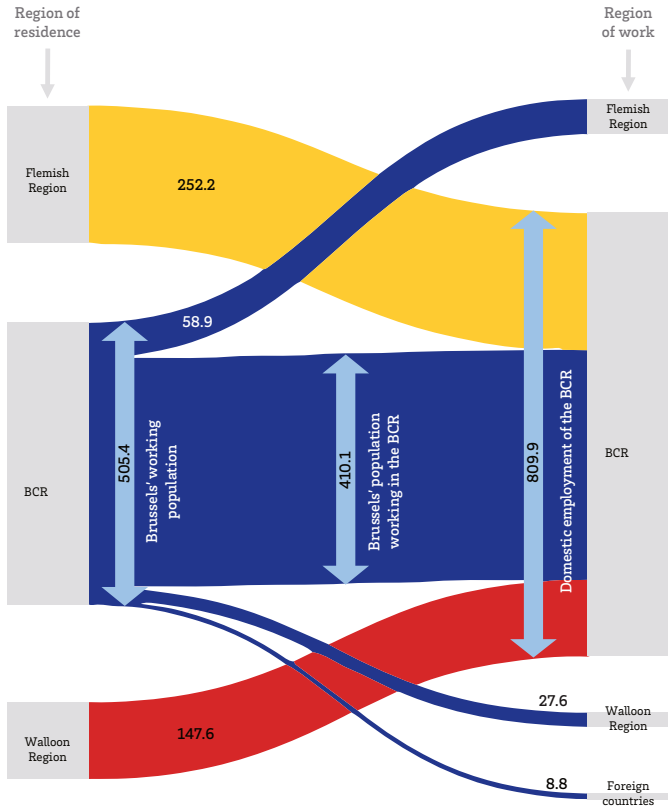
EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR¹

Number of workers, NACE Rev. 2	2023		
	Employees	Self-employed	Total
Primary sector (agriculture, forestry...)	105	21	126
Secondary sector	39,614	7,549	47,163
Mining and quarrying	6	2	8
Manufacturing	17,236	906	18,142
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	3,792	0	3,792
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	5,366	11	5,377
Construction	13,214	6,630	19,844
Tertiary sector	601,457	78,986	680,443
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	53,397	3,045	56,442
Transportation and storage	40,973	946	41,919
Accommodation and food service activities	25,550	859	26,409
Information and communication	31,681	1,715	33,396
Financial and insurance activities	48,477	172	48,649
Real estate activities	5,993	411	6,404
Professional, scientific and technical activities	38,901	59,697	98,598
Administrative and support service activities	60,402	2,155	62,557
Public administration	126,373	0	126,373
Education	64,763	875	65,638
Human health and social work activities	67,841	6,231	74,072
Other	37,106	2,880	39,986
Total	641,176	86,556	727,732

Source: NAI, BISA calculations
¹ Statistics based on administrative data and in accordance with the employment concept in the ESA 2010

EMPLOYMENT BY REGION OF RESIDENCE AND OF WORK IN 2024¹

Population aged 15 to 64 years (in thousands of people)



Source: Statbel (LFS)
¹ Annual averages based on survey data and in accordance with the concepts of the ILO

EMPLOYMENT IN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS¹

Number of employees on 31 December	2024		
	Women	Men	Total
European Institutions	23,840	17,935	41,775
International Institutions	1,481	1,978	3,459
Embassies and diplomatic staff	2,909	4,359	7,268
European Schools	404	203	607
Total	28,633	24,476	53,109

Source: BISA
¹ These employees include neither military staff nor local staff under Belgian contract (subject to NSSO contributions)

HOUSEHOLD INCOME, PRECARIITY AND WELFARE BENEFITS

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Average disposable income per inhabitant, 2023 (euros) ¹	24,975
Average total net taxable income per inhabitant, 2023 (euros) ²	18,529
Median total net taxable income of tax returns, 2023 (euros) ²	24,488

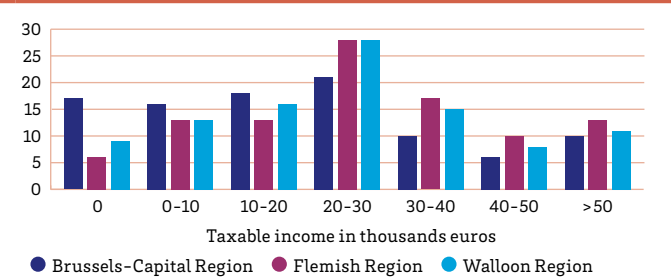
Sources: NAI, Statbel (Fiscal statistics on income)

¹ Provisional figure

² 2024 financial year, 2023 income

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONAL INCOME TAX FILERS BY TAXABLE INCOME IN 2023¹

Frequency in %

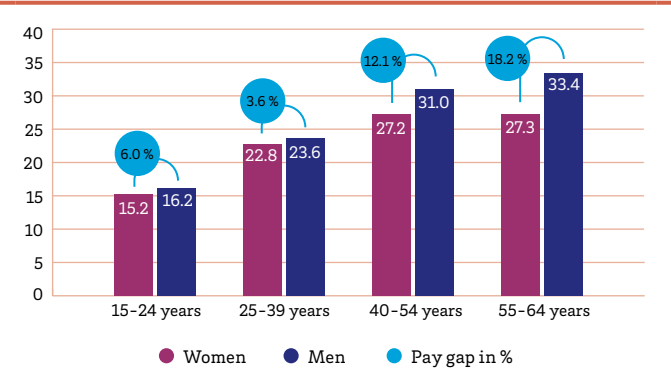


Source: BISA & Statbel (Fiscal statistics on income)

¹ 2024 financial year, 2023 income. Total net taxable income per tax filer, corrected for marital quotient

AVERAGE GROSS HOURLY WAGE AND PAY GAP BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN WORKING IN THE BCR BY AGE IN 2022¹

Euros and %

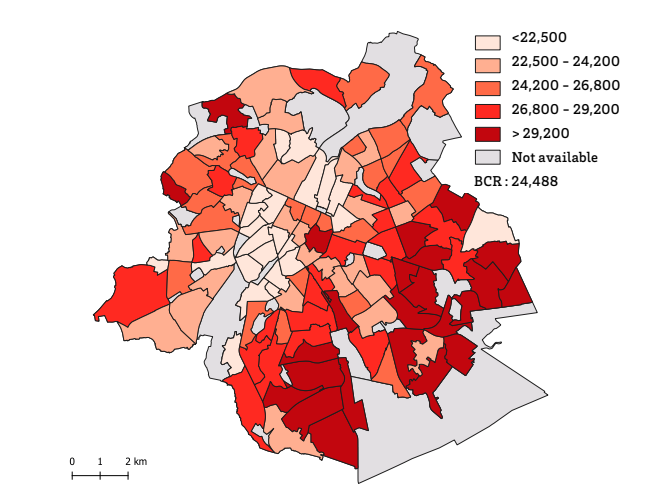


Source: Statbel (Structure of Earnings Survey)

¹ The statistical population covers private sector employees working for enterprises with 10 or more employees that are active in the market sector (sections B to N of the Nace-Bel 2008 classification)

MEDIAN TAXABLE INCOME OF TAX RETURNS BY DISTRICT IN 2023¹

Euros per tax return



Sources: BISA & Statbel (Fiscal statistics on income)

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¹ 2024 financial year, 2023 income

PRECARIITY AND WELFARE BENEFITS

Share of population below the at-risk-of-poverty threshold, 2024 (%) ¹	26.3
Share of population at risk of poverty or social exclusion, 2024 (%) ²	37.3
Recipients of social integration income (18 to 64 years), 2024 (number) ³	45,576
Share of population aged 18-64, 2024 (%) ³	5.6
Recipients of financial aid equivalent to social integration income (18 to 64 years), 2024 (number) ³	7,265
Share of population aged 18-64, 2024 (%) ³	0.9
Recipients of an allowance for disabled persons (ARR-AI), December 2024 (number) ⁴	22,990
Share of population of 18 years and older, December 2024 (%) ⁴	2.3
Recipients of increased reimbursement for healthcare (entitled and dependent persons), January 2024 (number) ⁵	352,839
Share of total population, January 2024 (%) ⁵	28.2
Recipients of Guaranteed income for elderly persons (GRAPA), January 2025 (number) ⁶	23,503
Share of population of 65 years and older, January 2025 (%) ⁶	14.2

¹ Source: Statbel (EU-SILC); Risk of monetary poverty; income 2023; confidence interval of 23.4 % to 29.2 %

² Source: Statbel (EU-SILC); confidence interval of 34.3 % to 40.3 %

³ Source: PPS Social integration (annual mean - provisional data)

⁴ Sources: FPS Social security - DGPB, National Register, BISA calculations

⁵ Source: CBSS, National Register, BISA calculations

⁶ Sources: Federal Pensions Service, National Register, BISA calculations. The recipients of the guaranteed income from the previous system are included

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

GROSS DOMESTIC EXPENDITURE ON R&D BY SECTOR OF PERFORMANCE

	2023	
	Million euro	% of GDP
Business enterprise	1,498.0	1.45
Government	322.3	0.31
Higher education	659.0	0.64
Private non-profit sector	53.6	0.05
Total	2,532.9	2.45

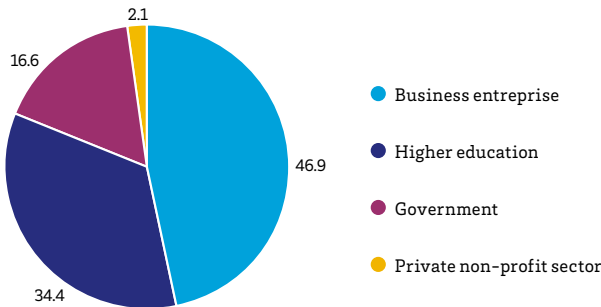
Sources: Belspo, NAI, BISA calculations

R&D PERSONNEL

	2023
Total R&D personnel (FTE)	15,367
Share of researchers (% of total R&D personnel)	71.9

Source: Belspo, BISA calculations

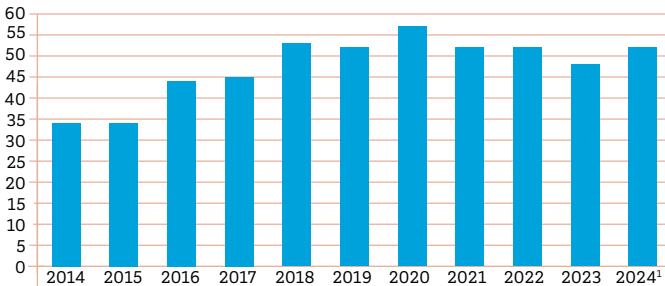
R&D PERSONNEL (FTE) BROKEN DOWN BY SECTOR OF PERFORMANCE IN 2023 (%)



Source: Belspo, BISA calculations

EVOLUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS OR OUTLAYS FOR R&D OF THE BCR

Million euro



Source: Belspo

¹ Based on initial budget data

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

EMPLOYEES IN THE ICT SECTOR¹

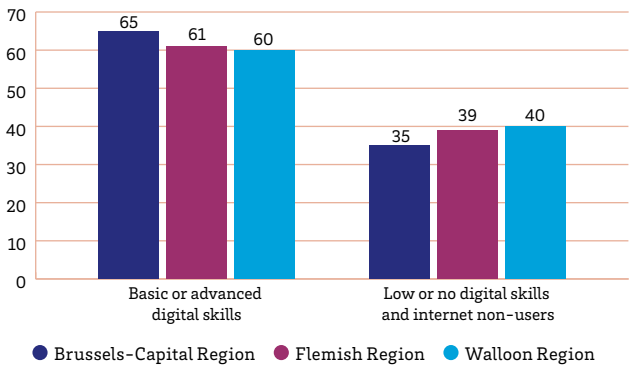
Number of jobs on 31 December	2023		
	Women	Men	Total
ICT manufacturing industries	18	30	48
ICT trade	415	1,077	1,492
ICT services	8,431	18,140	26,571
Total ICT sector	8,864	19,247	28,111

Source: NSSO, BISA calculations

¹ Based on the OECD definition (2007) and NACE Rev. 2

DIGITAL SKILLS¹ OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN 2025

% of total number of individuals aged 16 to 74 years

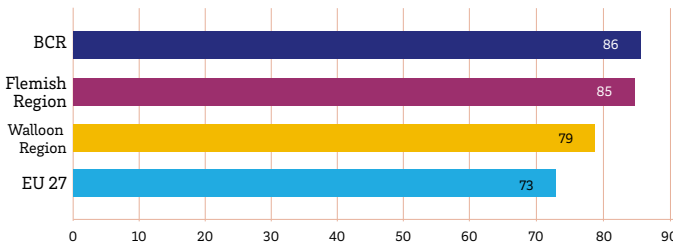


Source: Statbel (Survey on ICT usage by households and individuals)

¹ According to Eurostat, digital skills encompass knowledge and abilities necessary to carry out the following activities: searching for information on the internet, online communication, digital content creation, problem solving and safety.

DIGITAL INTENSITY¹ OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES IN 2024

% of SMEs using at least 4 digital technologies (basic level of digital intensity)



Sources: European Commission, Statbel

¹ Digital intensity is based on the number of digital technologies that enterprises use, out of 12, such as access to the internet, e-commerce sales, adoption of ICT security measures, remote access to internal resources, artificial intelligence, etc. Enterprises using at least 4 of those 12 technologies reach the basic level of digital intensity.

MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

	2023
GDP (million euro)	103,285
GDP per capita (euros)	82,052
Compensation of employees (million euro)	53,396
Value added per worker (euros)	128,302

Source: NAI, BISA calculations

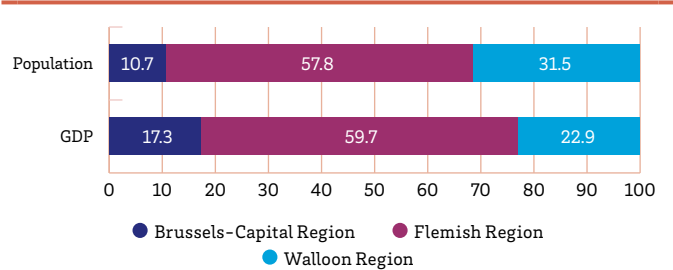
VALUE ADDED PER SECTOR

NACE Rev. 2	2023	
	Million euro	Share in %
Primary sector (agriculture, forestry...)	1.1	0.0
Secondary sector	6,761.4	7.2
Mining and quarrying	0.3	0.0
Manufacturing industry	1,984.3	2.1
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	2,201.1	2.4
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	509.5	0.5
Construction	2,066.2	2.2
Tertiary sector	86,606.8	92.8
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	6,786.0	7.3
Transportation and storage	5,628.7	6.0
Accommodation and food service activities	1,769.4	1.9
Information and communication	7,300.8	7.8
Financial and insurance activities	17,442.7	18.7
Real estate activities	7,405.8	7.9
Professional, scientific and technical activities	9,808.2	10.5
Administrative and support service activities	3,988.7	4.3
Public administration	12,892.0	13.8
Education	5,778.2	6.2
Human health and social work activities	4,872.9	5.2
Other	2,933.4	3.1
Total	93,369.3	100.0

Source: NAI, BISA calculations

REGIONS' SHARE OF BELGIAN POPULATION AND GDP IN 2023

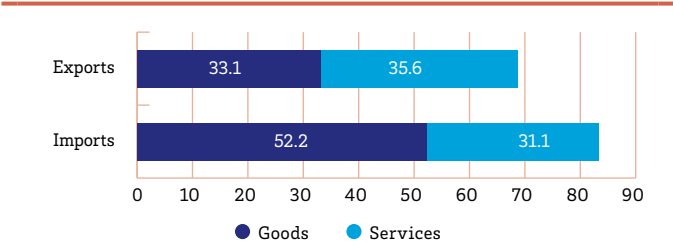
% of total for Belgium



Source: NAI, BISA calculations

FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES IN 2023¹

Billion euro

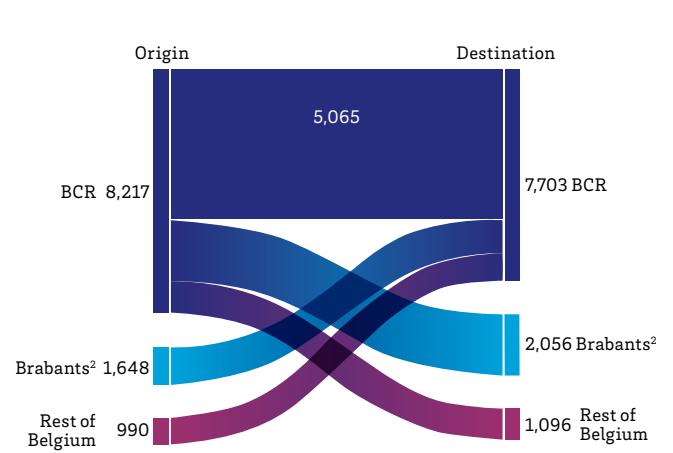


Source: NAI

¹ Regional distribution of Belgian imports and exports of goods and services according to the regional accounts

ENTERPRISE¹ MIGRATIONS IN THE BCR IN 2024

Number of movements



Source: Statbel, BISA calculations

¹ VAT-registered businesses; localisation according to head office

² Flemish Brabant and Walloon Brabant

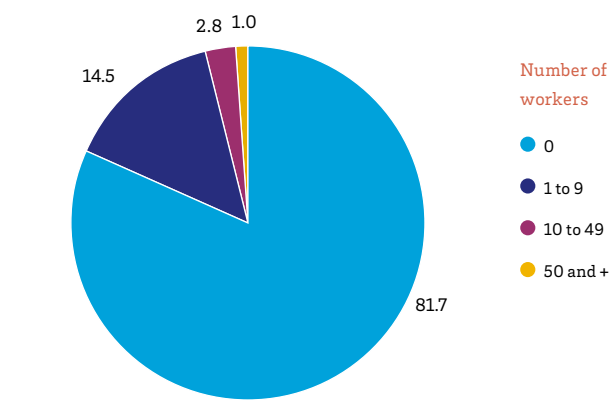
ENTERPRISES¹

Number	Natural person	2024 Legal person	Total
Active enterprises (at the end of the year)	40,597	82,128	122,725
Enterprise births	7,638	6,772	14,410
Enterprise deaths	5,483	4,761	10,244
Enterprise immigrations	922	1,716	2,638
Enterprise emigrations	1,404	1,748	3,152

Source: Statbel
¹ VAT-registered businesses; localisation according to head office

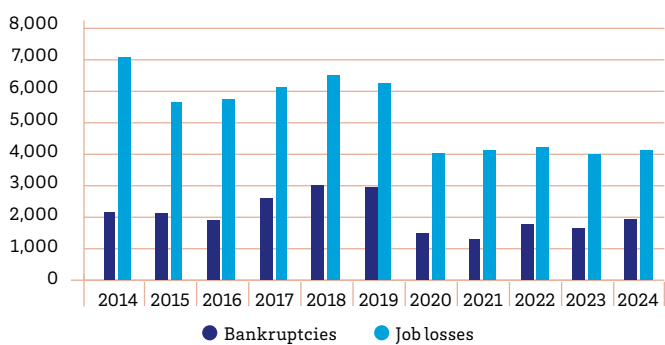
BREAKDOWN OF ENTERPRISES BY NUMBER OF WORKERS IN 2024¹

% of the total number of enterprises



Source: Statbel
¹ VAT-registered businesses. For enterprises established in several regions, all the employment is allocated to the head office

BANKRUPTCIES AND RELATED JOB LOSSES



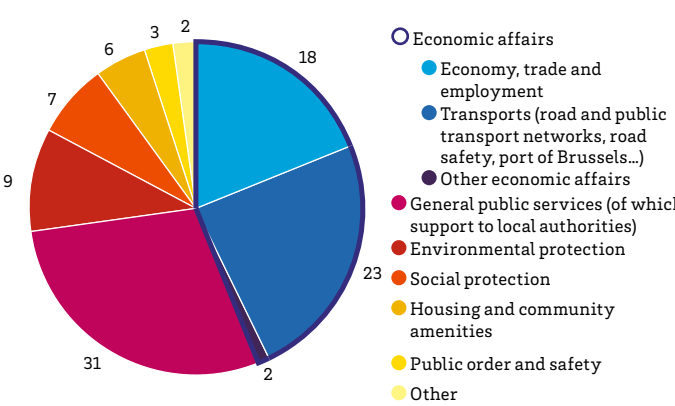
Source: Statbel

BCR RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE AND OVERALL BALANCE¹

	2024	
	Million euro	Share in %
Total of the receipts of the BCR	6,146	100
Fiscal and parafiscal receipts	2,818	46
Direct taxes to households	1,266	21
Indirect taxes	1,040	17
Taxes on capital (endowment and inheritance tax)	512	8
Non-fiscal and non-parafiscal receipts	1,093	18
Transfers coming from other government	2,234	36
Current transfers of fiscal receipts	1,338	22
Non-fiscal current transfers and capital transfers	896	15
Total of the expenditure of the BCR	7,710	100
Current expenditure excluding interest charges	6,006	78
Compensation of employees	1,927	25
Intermediate consumption and paid taxes	1,092	14
Social benefits and subsidies	1,133	15
Current transfers	1,854	24
Interest charges	391	5
Capital expenditure	1,312	17
Overall balance of the BCR²	-1,564	

Source: NAI
¹ According to the framework of the ESA 2010. In this framework, the BCR is composed of the BRPS and the autonomous administrative authorities which depend on it.
² The overall balance equals the difference between the receipts and the expenditure. A positive balance indicates net lending while a negative balance shows net borrowing.

BREAKDOWN OF THE TOTAL BCR SPENDING BY FUNCTION IN 2024¹ (%)



Source: NAI
¹ According to the framework of the ESA 2010. In this framework, the BCR is composed of the BRPS and the autonomous administrative authorities which depend on it.

COMPETENCIES OF THE BCR

Land-use planning (plans, planning permission, urban renewal, real estate policy, monuments and sites)
Animal welfare
Economy, foreign trade and development cooperation
Employment
Energy
Environment, water and nature conservation policy
Taxation, finances and budget
Civil service, equal opportunities policy
Sport facilities
Housing
Fire-fighting and emergency medical assistance
Urban Policy
Local authorities and subsidiary authorities (municipalities, intermunicipality organisations...)
Environmental maintenance, waste collection and treatment
Scientific research
External relations
Safety and prevention
Regional statistics
Tourism
Transport and mobility
Public works

Sources: BRPS, Parliament of the BCR

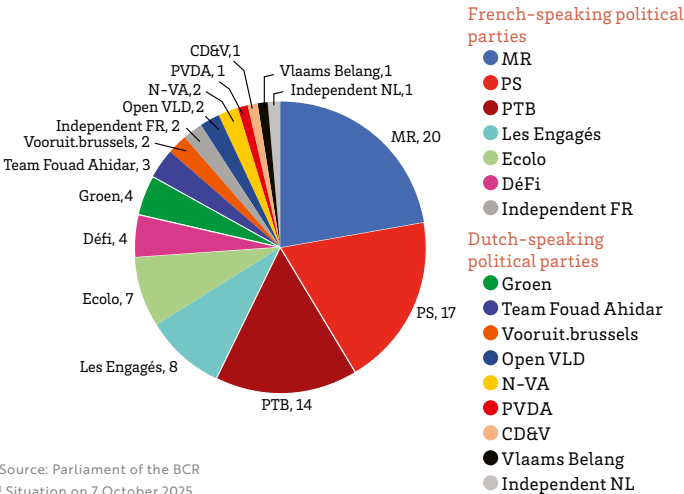
COMPOSITION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE BCR

Number of seats

French-speaking elected representatives	72
Dutch-speaking elected representatives	17
Total	89

Source: Parliament of the BCR

BREAKDOWN OF NUMBER OF SEATS IN THE PARLIAMENT OF THE BCR¹



CHILDCARE FACILITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

On 31 December	2023	
	Number of facilities	Number of places
By authorising organisation		
ONE	447	14,176
Kind en Gezin	191	6,659
By type of care		
Family	93	425
Collective	543	20,338
Total¹	636	20,763

Sources: BISA, Kind en Gezin, ONE

¹ The total number of facilities and places differs from the sum by authorising organisation since 2 facilities, representing 72 places, are authorised by both ONE and Kind en Gezin.

SCHOOL POPULATION IN THE FRENCH-SPEAKING AND DUTCH-SPEAKING EDUCATION SYSTEMS

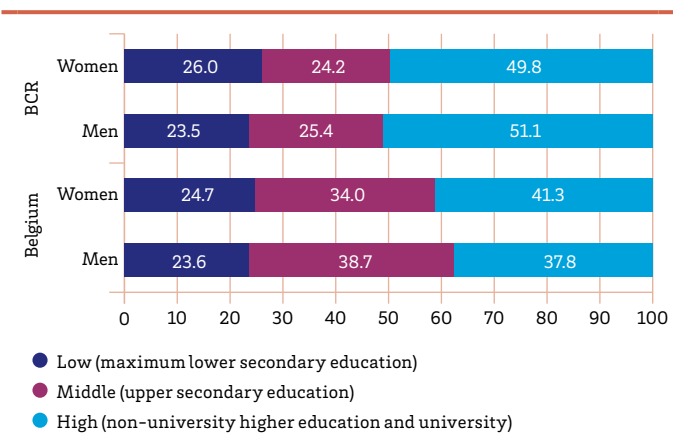
Number of pupils or students	2023-2024	
	French-speaking education	Dutch-speaking education
Kindergarten	38,482	14,352
Primary	76,216	21,201
Secondary	89,641	20,952
Non-university higher education	36,955	21,538
University (principal registrations)¹	49,057	25,677

Sources: BISA, Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles, Flemish Community, Fondation Universitaire

¹ 2021-2022

HIGHEST DIPLOMA OBTAINED IN 2024

% of the population aged 25 to 89



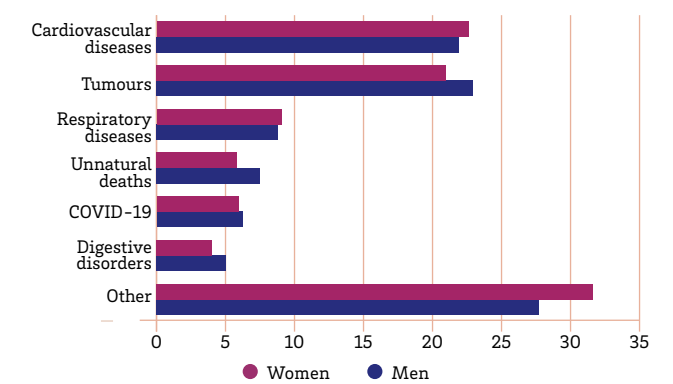
DEMOGRAPHICS

	Women	Men
Life expectancy at birth (years in 2024)	84.3	79.7
Births (number in 2024)	6,776	7,054
Deaths (number in 2024)	4,468	4,032

Sources: BISA & Statbel (National Register)

CAUSES OF DEATH IN 2022

% of number of deaths



Source: Statbel

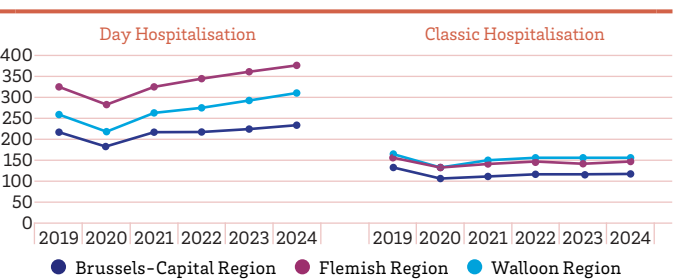
PRACTITIONERS OF A MEDICAL PROFESSION

Based on place of residence on 31 December	2024	
	Number	Density (per 10,000 inhabitants)
Nurses	9,992	80
Doctors	7,100	57
Nursing auxiliaries	6,706	53
Physiotherapists	3,561	28
Clinical psychologists	2,199	18
Pharmacists	2,133	17
Dentists	1,479	12
Midwives	919	7

Source: FPS Public Health

HOSPITAL STAYS BY TYPE OF HOSPITALISATION

Number of stays per 1,000 habitants, by region of residence



Source: FPS Public Health

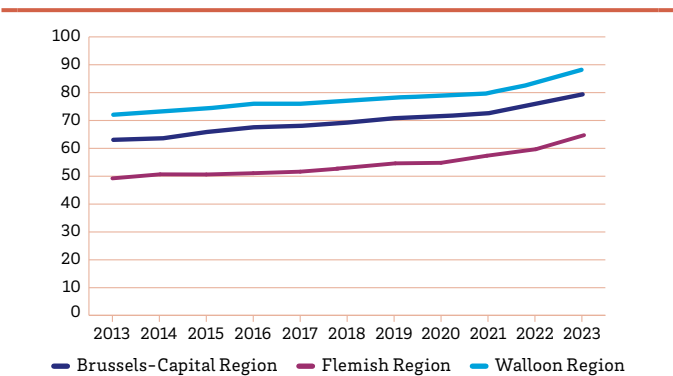
ACCOMODATION SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IN REST HOMES AND NURSING HOMES BY SECTOR

On 31 December	2024	
	Number of institutions	Number of beds
Public sector	27	3,290
Non-profit private sector	26	2,659
Commercial private sector	77	8,199
Total	130	14,148

Source: Infor-Homes Bruxelles

EVOLUTION OF THE PREVALENCE OF DIAGNOSED DIABETES

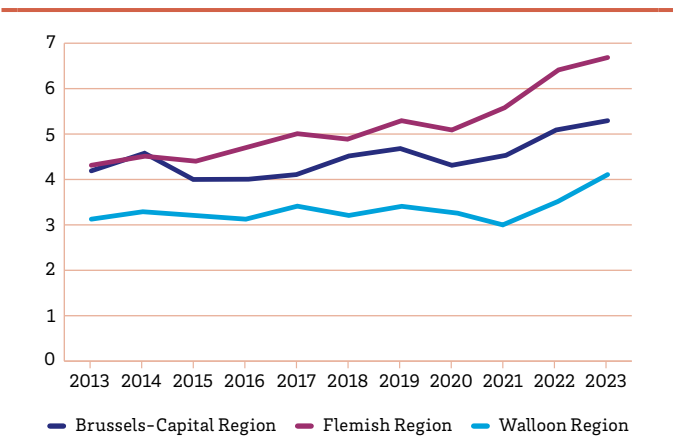
age-corrected, number of cases per 1,000 habitants



Source: Intermutualistic Agency, Calculations Healthy Belgium

EVOLUTION IN THE USE OF FERTILITY TREATMENTS

Percentage of pregnancies as a consequence of IVF and ICSI¹



¹ IVF: In Vitro Fertilisation, ICSI: Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection

Sources: Centre d'Épidémiologie Périnatale, Healthy Belgium, UGent

LAND USE PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE

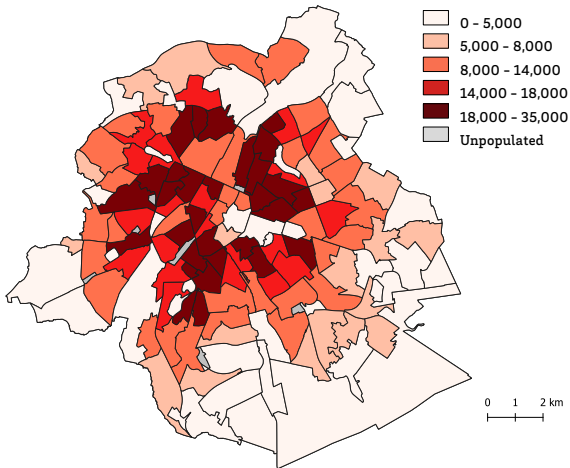
POPULATION, AREA AND DENSITY BY MUNICIPALITY

On 1 January	Population (inhabitants)	2025 Area (km ²)	Density (inhab./km ²)
Anderlecht	128,724	17.9	7,186
Auderghem	35,698	9.0	3,982
Berchem-Sainte-Agathe	25,803	3.0	8,747
Bruxelles	198,314	33.1	5,994
Etterbeek	49,131	3.2	15,478
Evere	45,892	5.1	8,955
Forest	58,675	6.3	9,325
Ganshoren	25,693	2.4	10,540
Ixelles	89,897	6.4	14,022
Jette	54,390	5.2	10,481
Koekelberg	22,979	1.2	19,442
Molenbeek-Saint-Jean	98,713	6.0	16,409
Saint-Gilles	48,827	2.5	19,270
Saint-Josse-Ten-Noode	27,258	1.2	23,486
Schaerbeek	129,775	7.9	16,424
Uccle	87,194	22.9	3,812
Watermael-Boitsfort	25,327	13.0	1,953
Woluwe-Saint-Lambert	60,956	7.3	8,357
Woluwe-Saint-Pierre	42,549	8.9	4,757
Total BCR	1,255,795	162.4	7,732

Sources: BISA, FPS Finance - GAPD, Statbel (National Register)

POPULATION DENSITY BY DISTRICT ON 1 JANUARY 2025

Number of inhabitants per km²



Sources: BISA, FPS Finance - GAPD, Statbel (National Register)
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LAND OCCUPATION ACCORDING TO THE LAND REGISTER

Area in ha on 1 January	2025
Non built-up parcels	5,051
Built-up parcels	7,803
Not surveyed	3,388
Total	16,242

Sources: FPS Finance - GAPD, Statbel

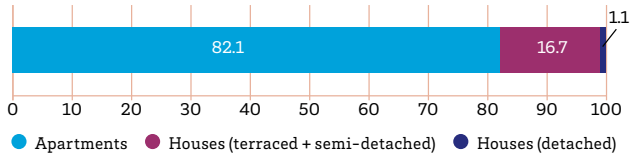
MEDIAN PROPERTY PRICES BY TYPE

Euros per sale (new build not included)	2024
Apartments	260,000
Houses (terraced + semi-detached)	495,000
Houses (detached)	1,100,000

Sources: FPS Finance - GAPD, Statbel

PROPERTIES SOLD BY TYPE IN 2024

% of the total number of properties sold (new build not included)



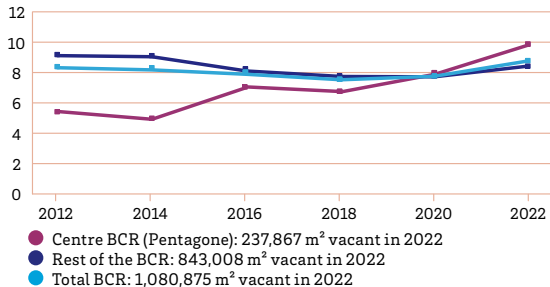
Sources: FPS Finance - GAPD, Statbel

BUILDINGS BY TYPE

Cadastral nature (situation on 1 January)	2025
Terraced	102,971
Semi-detached	15,547
Detached	5,841
Apartment buildings	42,388
Merchant houses	14,014
Other buildings	14,104
Total number of buildings (land register)	194,865
Total number of housing units (land register)	609,150
Number of social housing (31/12/2024)	41,014

Sources: FPS Finance - GAPD, SLRB, Statbel

OFFICE VACANCY RATE¹ (%)



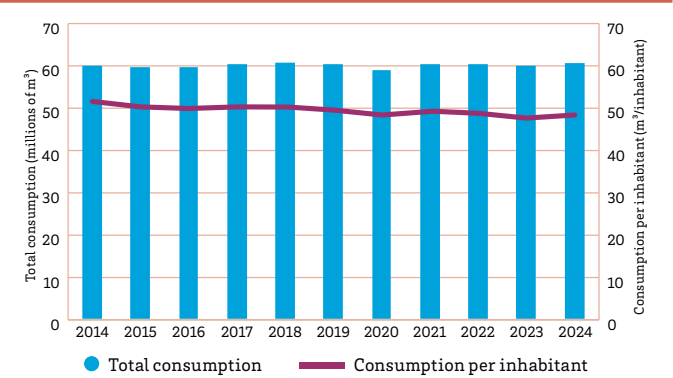
Sources: citydev.brussels, perspective.brussels (Office Property Observatory)
¹ Sinds 2016 data is updated every two years

FINAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION

	2023	
	GWh	Share in %
By sector		
Industry	653	4
Housing	6,645	38
Services	6,014	35
Transport	3,903	23
Other	114	1
By vector		
Natural gas	6,833	39
Electricity	4,488	26
Oil products	5,230	30
Biomass, heat, coal	778	4
Total energy consumption	17,330	100

Source: Brussels Environment (Energy audit of the BCR)

CONSUMPTION OF TAP WATER¹



Sources: Statbel, Vivaqua, BISA calculations

¹ Volumes consumed by subscribers (estimate based on the average daily consumption measured by the meters)

GREEN SPACES¹

Type of zone	2025	
	Area (ha)	Portion of total area of the BCR (%)
Forest zones	1,680	10.3
Park zones (including Royal Domain)	1,100	6.8
Outdoor sports or recreational zones	336	2.1
Green zones	304	1.9
Agricultural zones	228	1.4
Green zones of high biological value	179	1.1
Cemetery zones	152	0.9
Total	3,979	24.5

Source: perspective.brussels

¹ According to the Regional Zoning Plan

WASTE COLLECTED BY BRUXELLES-PROPRETÉ

Metric tons	2024
Waste recovered for energy	268,229
Selective collections	174,919
Paper/cardboard	50,300
PMC packaging	22,904
Glass	27,363
Biodegradable waste ¹	33,456
Other ²	40,895
Total	443,148

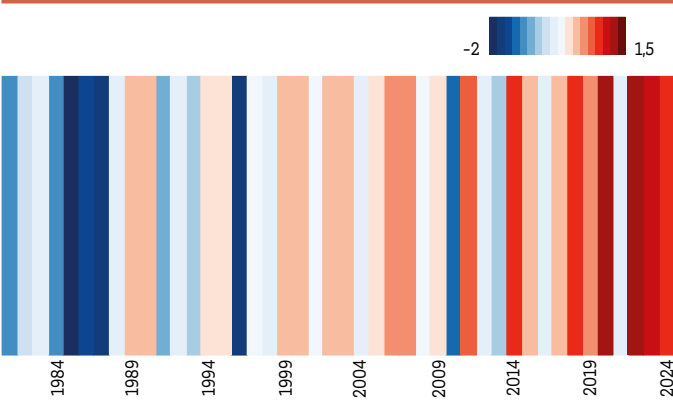
Source: Bruxelles-Propreté

¹ Green waste, food waste and mixed green/food waste

² Mainly bulky waste, wood, metal, chemical and electronic products, etc.

ANNUAL MEAN TEMPERATURE IN UCCLE

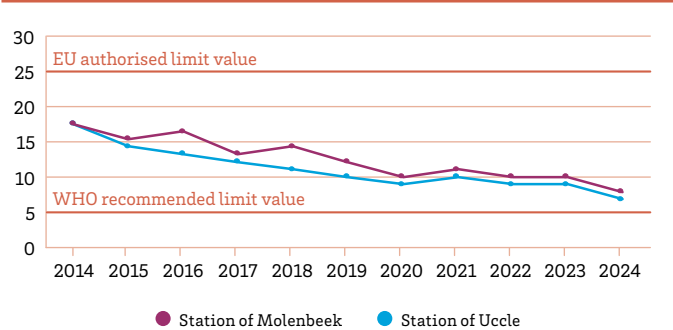
Deviation from the climate normals 1991-2020 (°C)



Source: Royal Meteorological Institute

AIR QUALITY: CONCENTRATIONS IN FINE PARTICULATE MATTER (PM_{2,5})

Evolution of annual means in Uccle and Molenbeek (µg/m³)

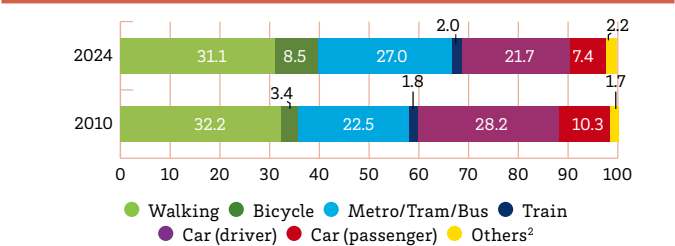


Source: Brussels Environment

MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT

MODAL SPLIT OF JOURNEYS¹

% of number of journeys



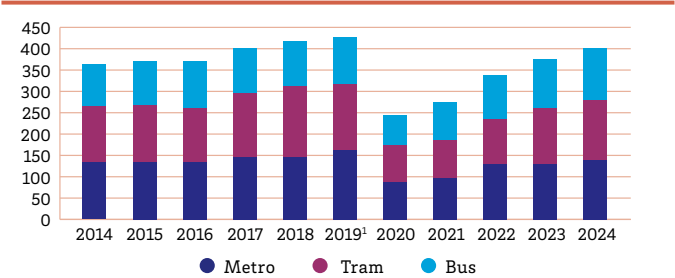
Source: FPS Mobility and Transport (BELDAM) and Brussels Mobility (ECD)

¹ Distribution of average number of journeys per person per day according to main mode of transport, on an average day

² Other = motorcycles, taxis, electric scooters, etc.

EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF JOURNEYS ON THE STIB PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK

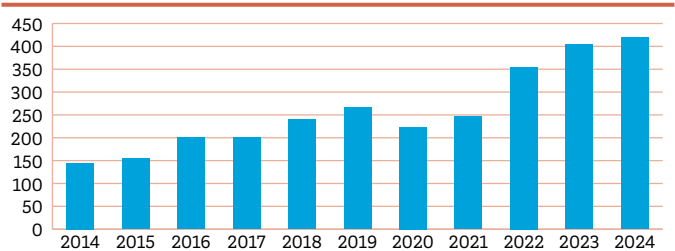
Millions



Source: STIB

¹ Break in time series

EVOLUTION OF THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF CYCLISTS PER COUNTING POINT¹



Source: Brussels Mobility (Bicycle Observatory of the BCR - Pro Velo asbl)

¹ Counting carried out on a section of a crossroads, at 26 counting points, on a Tuesday or Thursday between 8am and 9am, in January, May, September and November

SHARE OF HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT A CAR

% on 1 January	2024
Brussels-Capital Region	56
Flemish Region	24
Walloon Region	25
Belgium	28

Source: Statbel

MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT

VEHICLE FLEET

Number on 1 August	2015	2025
Cars	514,651	402,498
Trucks, vans, tankers	73,861	59,343
Motorcycles	32,328	34,708
Buses and coaches	1,980	2,050
Other (tractors, special vehicles...)	16,068	25,381
Total	638,888	523,980

Source: Statbel

EVOLUTION OF THE USE OF SHARED MOBILITY SERVICES¹

Average number of uses ² per day	2021	2022	2023	2024
E-scooters in drop-zones	7,962	31,733	28,669	24,789
Bicycles in drop-zones	329	3,387	3,367	5,422
Station-based bicycles	2,314	2,736	2,659	2,565
Total bicycles	2,643	6,123	6,026	7,987
Cars in free-floating	482	792	2,925	4,751
Station-based cars	782	922	1,008	976
Total cars	1,264	1,714	3,933	5,727

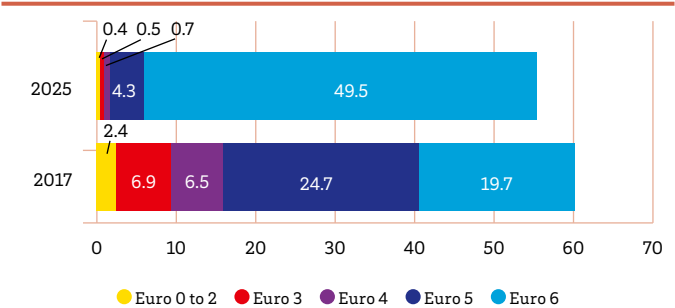
Sources: Brussels Mobility and parking.brussels

¹ Figures based on data provided by the main operators. The operators vary depending on the year.

² One use corresponds to one trip for bicycles and e-scooters, and to one rental period (which may include several trips) for cars

DISTRIBUTION OF KILOMETERS TRAVELLED BY TRUCKS (> 3,5 TONS) ON THE ENTIRE BRUSSELS ROAD NETWORK BY EURO NORM

Millions of km



Source: Viapass

ROAD ACCIDENTS INVOLVING DEATH AND INJURY

Number	2024
With deaths (within 30 days)	11
With serious injuries	188
With minor injuries	3,505
Total	3,704

Source: Statbel

TOURIST ACCOMMODATIONS

	Number of establish- ments	2024 Number of rooms	Number of bed-places
Hotels and similar establishments	204	19,171	42,373
Youth accommodation	8	420	1,286
Bed and Breakfast	149	278	643

Source: Statbel

NUMBER OF OVERNIGHT STAYS IN HOTELS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS

By trip purpose	2024
Overnight stays for leisure	3,246,350
Conferences - Conventions - Seminars	2,235,322
Other professional reasons	1,518,608
Total	7,000,280

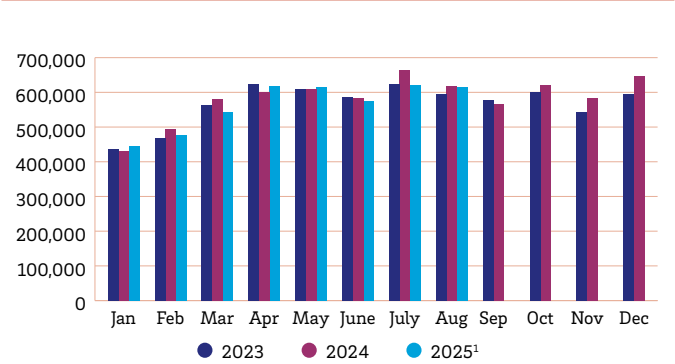
Source: Statbel

TOP 5 OVERNIGHT STAYS IN HOTELS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS

By country of residence of the visitors	2024
Belgium	1,585,037
France	785,369
United States	507,647
Germany	494,975
United Kingdom	458,983

Source: Statbel

NUMBER OF MONTHLY OVERNIGHT STAYS IN HOTELS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS



Source: Statbel

¹ Provisional

TOP 20 MUSEUMS AND ATTRACTIONS IN 2024

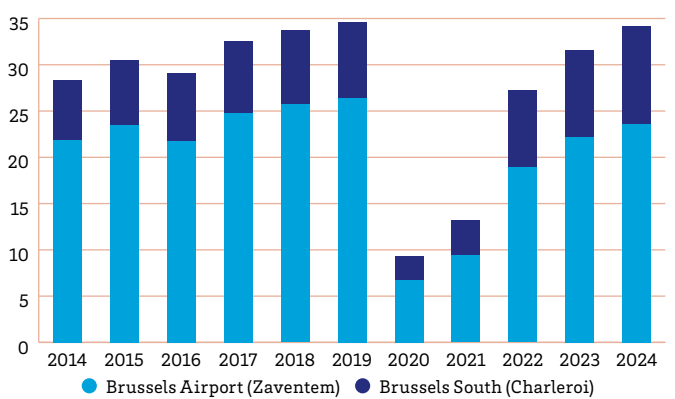
> 800,000 visitors
Atomium
> 700,000 visitors
Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium ¹
350,000-400,000 visitors
Mini-Europe
European Parliament hemicycle
Royal Institute of Natural Sciences
300,000-350,000 visitors
Parlamentarium
Bozar
200,000-250,000 visitors
Comics Art Museum
Choco Story Brussels
Autoworld
150,000-200,000 visitors
House of European History
Design Museum Brussels
100,000-150,000 visitors
Halles Saint-Géry
Musical Instruments Museum
Brussels City Museum (The King's House)
50,000-100,000 visitors
Boghossian Foundation - Villa Empain
Royal military museum
Art and History Museum (Cinquantenaire Museum)
Horta Museum
Train World

Sources: Brussels Museums, visit.brussels (Brussels Tourism Observatory)

¹ Includes the museums Magritte, Fin-de-Siècle, Old Masters, Modern, Meunier and Wiertz

EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AT AIRPORTS

Millions



Sources: Brussels Airport, Brussels South Charleroi Airport

AI	Integration allowance (for disabled persons)
ARR	Income replacement allowance (for disabled persons)
BCR	Brussels-Capital Region
Belspo	Belgian Federal Science Policy
BISA	Brussels Institute for Statistics and Analysis
BRPS	Brussels Regional Public Service
CBSS	Crossroads Bank for Social Security
DGPH	General Department Disabled Persons
ECD	Enquête sur les comportements de déplacements
ESA	European system of national and regional accounts
EU	European Union
EU-SILC	European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions
FPB	Federal Planning Bureau
FPS	Federal Public Service
FTE	Full-time equivalent
GAPD	General Administration of Patrimonial Documentation
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GWh	Gigawatt-hours
ICT	Information and communications technologies
IIS	Interfederal Institute of Statistics
ILO	International Labour Office
LFS	Labour Force Survey
MTB	Metro, tram or bus
NACE Rev. 2	Latest version of the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community
NAI	National Accounts Institute
NBB	National Bank of Belgium
NSSO	National Social Security Office
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
ONE	Office de la Naissance et de l'Enfance
PM	Particulate Matter
PMC	Plastic, Metal and beverage Cartons
PPS	Public Planning Service
R&D	Research and Development
SLRB	Société du logement de la Région bruxelloise
STIB	Société des Transports Intercommunaux de Bruxelles
VAT	Value Added Tax
WHO	World Health Organization
µg/m³	Micrograms per Cubic Metre

- **Activity rate:** Share of the active population (working population and unemployed population) in the working-age population (15 to 64 years).
- **Employment rate:** Share of the working population in the working-age population (15 to 64 years).
- **Enterprise births:** Number of enterprises that are VAT registered on 31 December, whereas the year before, on the same date, they were not.
- **Enterprise deaths:** Number of enterprises that are no longer VAT registered on 31 December, whereas the year before, on the same date, they were.
- **Enterprise emigrations:** change of location of VAT-registered enterprises from the BCR to other Belgian Regions (on 31 December of two successive years).
- **Enterprise immigrations:** change of location of VAT-registered enterprises from other Belgian Regions to the BCR (on 31 December of two successive years).
- **ILO unemployed:** Economically active persons who are without work, available for work and actively seeking employment.
- **ILO unemployment rate:** Share of ILO unemployed population in the active population (working population and unemployed population) aged 15 to 64 years.
- **Internal net migration:** Difference between the total number of internal arrivals (from other Belgian Regions to the BCR) and the number of total internal departures (from the BCR to other Belgian Regions).
- **International net migration:** Difference between the total number of international immigrations and the total number of international emigrations.
- **Marital quotient:** Tax measure aimed at married couples and legal cohabitants, which enables to transfer a part of a partner's professional income to the partner with very low or no professional income, to reduce the amount of tax due.
- **Natural balance:** Difference between the number of births and number of deaths recorded over a given period.
- **Office vacancy rate:** Surface of built offices that are for rent or sale on the office market, in relation to the total surface area of the existing office park.
- **Private household:** Group of people habitually living together in the same dwelling, who has no collective character (monastic communities, retirement and nursing homes, prisons...).
- **Total fertility rate:** Number of children that would be born to a woman over her lifetime if she was to experience the age-specific fertility rates recorded for the year under consideration.
- **Total net taxable income:** Sum of net taxable income from the 4 tax categories (professional income, including replacement income, income from real estate, income from capital and movable assets and miscellaneous income), less deductible expenses. The notion of net income is used to mean that expenses incurred to acquire or maintain this income have been deducted from gross income.
- **Unemployed job seeker:** Person without paid employment registered as a job seeker with a public employment service.

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