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Dear readers,

Are you interested in the Brussels-Capital Region? We are pleased to present the 2024 edition of Mini-Bru. This brochure provides a wealth of information to help you find out more about the Region's population, economy, territory, etc. This work reflects the diversity of subjects covered by the Brussels Institute for Statistics and Analysis (BISA) within Perspective, whether it be disseminating statistics, carrying out analyses or evaluating public policies relating to the Brussels Region and its occupants.

From 1 January to 30 June 2024, Belgium holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Perspective is playing an active role in this and is steering the presidency for urban affairs. To mark the occasion, Mini-Bru 2024 is publishing a special edition with additional information on European nationals in the Brussels Region. As the seat of the European institutions and at the heart of Europe, the Brussels Region is home to a large number of expatriates whose presence has grown over the years. Did you know that nearly a quarter of the population of Brussels is of European (but not Belgian) nationality? There's also a short quiz to test your knowledge of the 27 Member States of the European Union. Want to know which country is the champion of organic farming? You'll find the answer as you browse through Mini-Bru 2024!

We hope you enjoy reading it.

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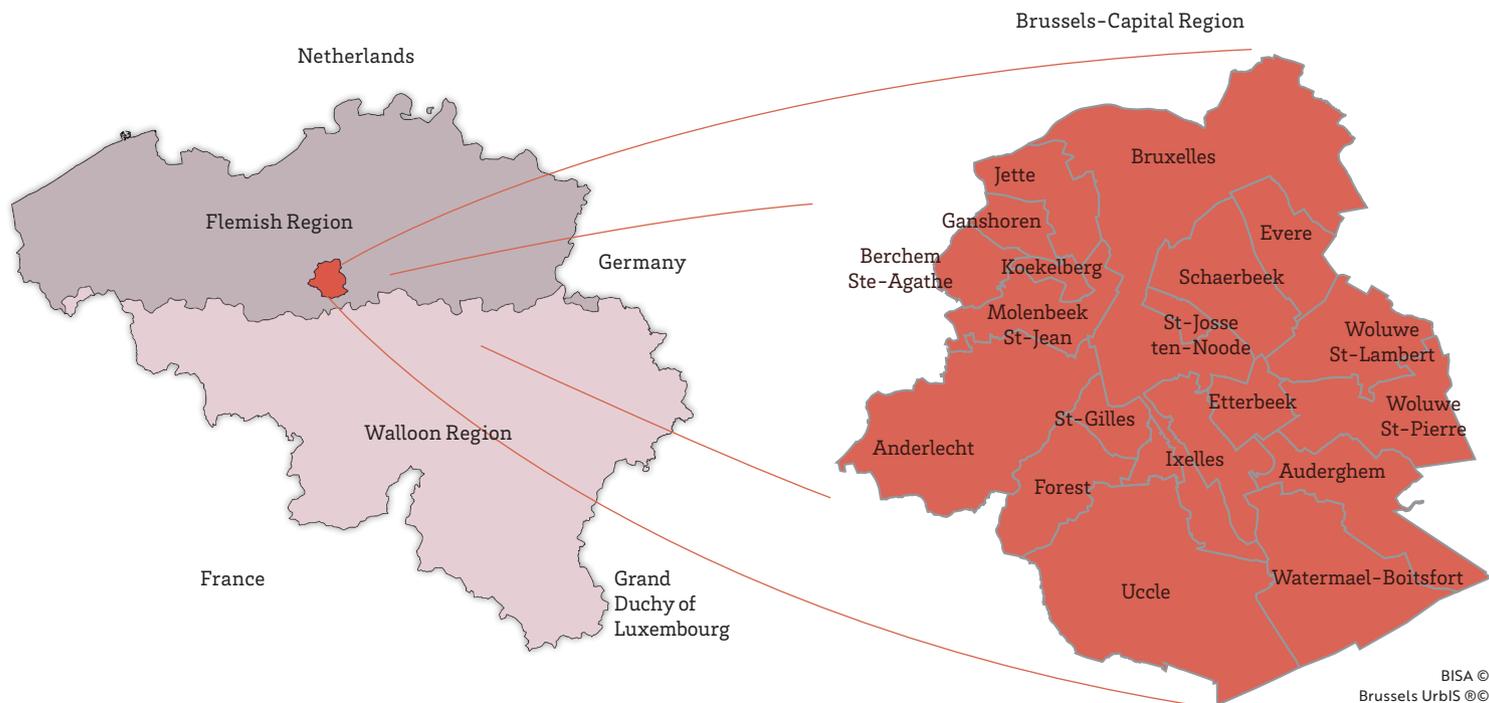


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Until 1500	1015-1020	First mention of <i>Bruocsella</i> as <i>portus</i> on the Senne
	1229	First urban charter
	1357-1379	Construction of an 8 km pentagon-shaped enclosure
	XIV th	Golden Age for the Brussels luxury drapery industry
1500 – 1800	1402	Start of construction of the City Hall on the Grand-Place
	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
	1871	Opening of the covered Senne and the City Centre boulevards
1900 – 2000	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
	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
As of 2000	2000	Brussels is the European Capital of Culture and hosts the opening game of the European Football Championship
	2005	The Brussels population surpasses the one-million mark
	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

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)	2023	1,241,175	11,697,557	448,387,872
Population density (number of inhabitants per km ²)	2023	7,642	381	109
Share of population under age 18 (%)	2023	22.1	20.0	18.1 ¹
Share of population aged 65 or over (%)	2023	13.0	19.8	21.1 ¹
Share of non-nationals in the population (%)	2023	36.9	13.4	8.4 ¹
Life expectancy at birth (number of years)	2022	81.6	81.7	80.7
Total fertility rate (number of children per woman)	2022	1.46	1.53	1.53 ²
Share of persons aged 25-64 with a high level of education ³ (%)	2022	53.5	45.8	34.3
Economy				
GDP (million euro)	2021	90,459	502,312	14,524,808
GDP per capita (euros)	2021	74,068	43,480	32,400
Labour market				
Employed population aged 15-64 (thousands of people)	2022	501	4,921	197,112
Employment rate (% of the population aged 15-64)	2022	59.9	66.5	69.8
ILO unemployment rate ⁴ (% of the population aged 15-64)	2022	11.5	5.6	6.3
Land				
Total area (km ²)		162	30,689	4,225,134

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

¹ 2022

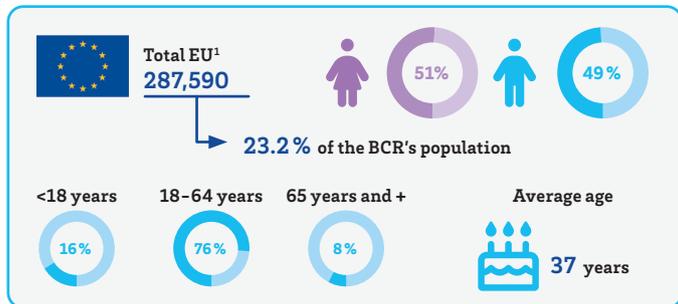
² 2021

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

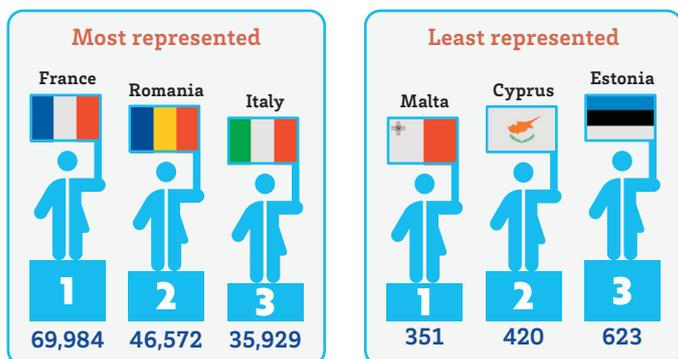
⁴ Survey data which differs from administrative data on unemployed job seekers

EUROPEANS¹ IN THE BRUSSELS-CAPITAL REGION

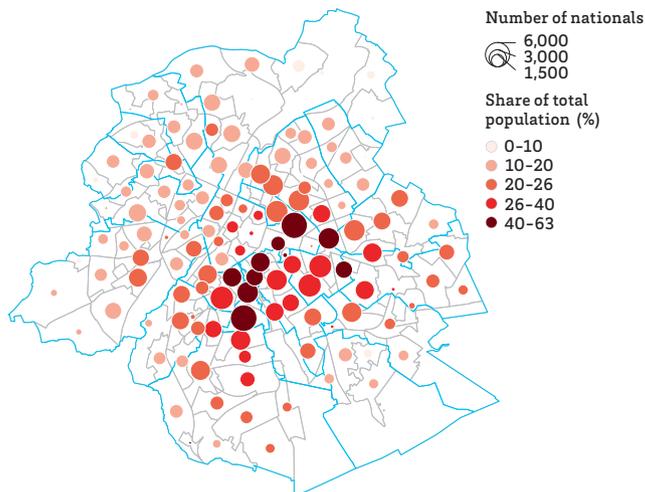
EUROPEAN¹ NATIONALS IN THE BCR IN 2023



TOP 3 EUROPEAN¹ NATIONALITIES IN THE BCR IN 2023



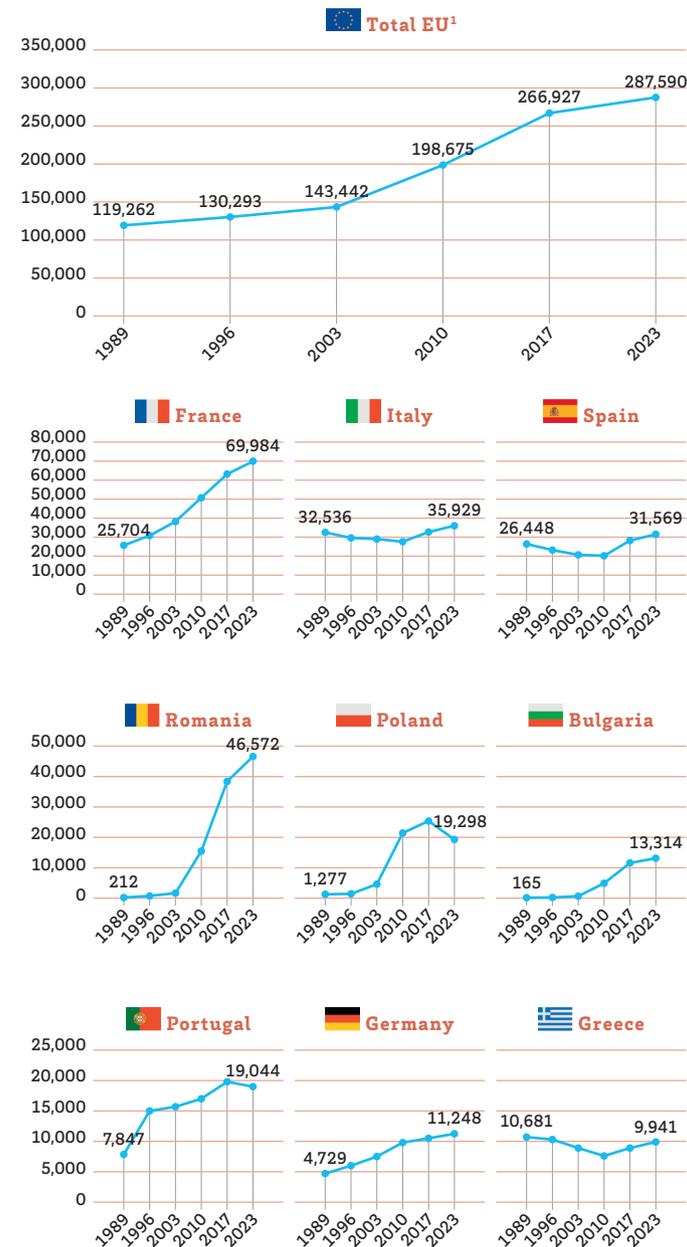
DISTRIBUTION OF EUROPEAN¹ NATIONALS IN THE BCR BY DISTRICT ON 1 JANUARY 2023



Sources: BISA & Statbel (National Register)

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EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF EUROPEAN¹ NATIONALS IN THE BCR

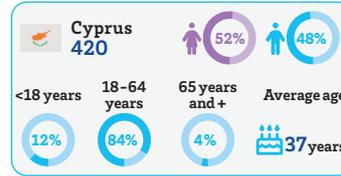
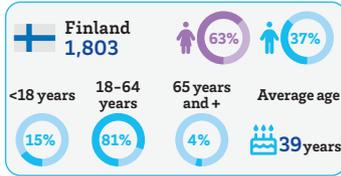
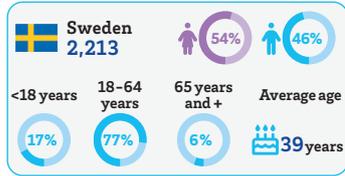
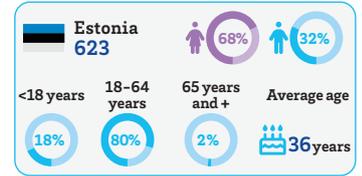
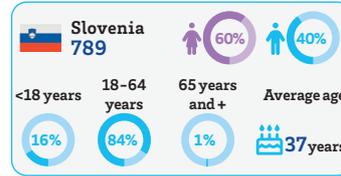
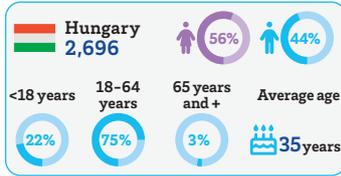
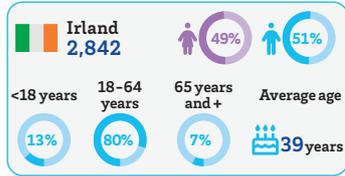
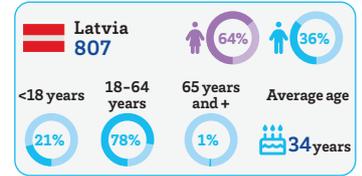
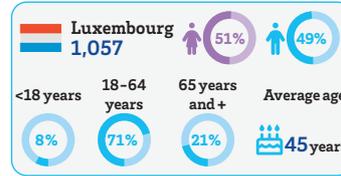
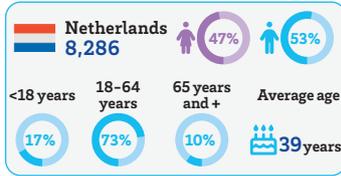
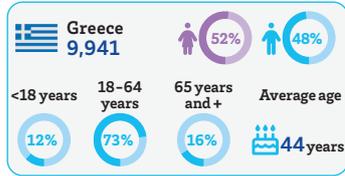
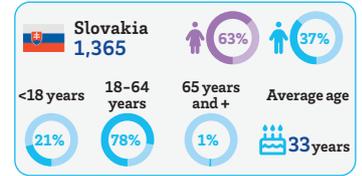
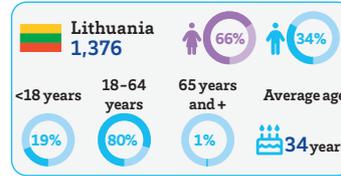
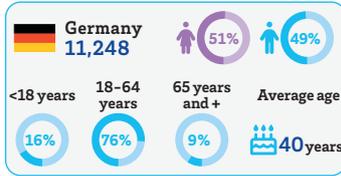
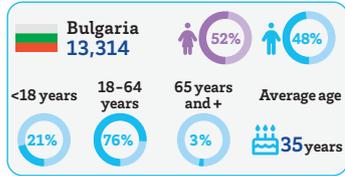
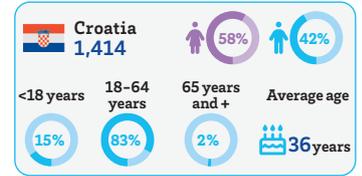
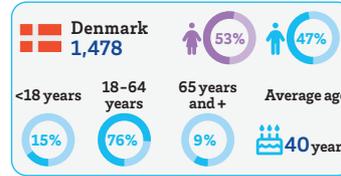
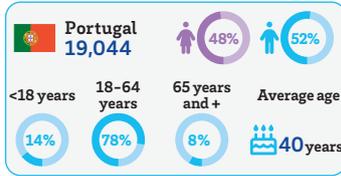
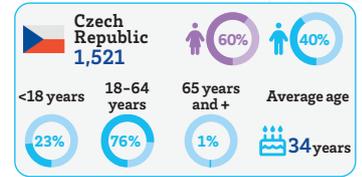
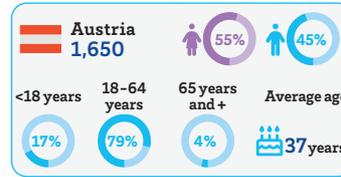
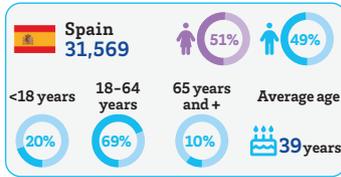
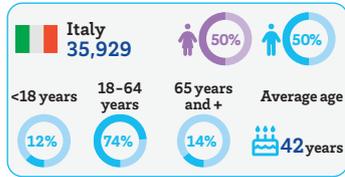
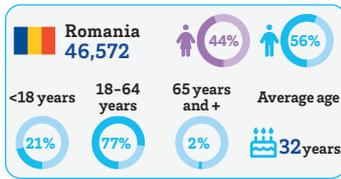
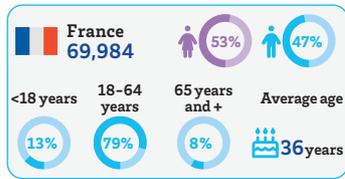


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EUROPEANS¹ IN THE BRUSSELS-CAPITAL REGION

EUROPEAN¹ NATIONALS IN THE BCR IN 2023 BY NATIONALITY



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QUIZ ON THE 27 COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION



QUESTIONS

- 1 Which country invests the most in R&D as a percentage of GDP?
- 2 Which country has the highest proportion of women among ICT specialists?
- 3 Which country has the lowest unemployment rate?
- 4 Which country has the largest budget surplus?
- 5 Which country has the highest GDP?
- 6 Which country has the lowest public debt ratio?
- 7 Which country has the highest proportion of young people?
- 8 In which country is perceived health the best?
- 9 In which country is life expectancy highest?
- 10 Which country has the highest total fertility rate?
- 11 Which was the last country to join the European Union?
- 12 In which country are the fewest young people overweight?
- 13 Which country received the highest proportion of asylum applications?
- 14 Which country uses the train the most to transport goods?
- 15 Which country has the highest proportion of residents with a foreign nationality?
- 16 In which country is the oldest metro in the EU 27 located?
- 17 Which is the smallest country?
- 18 In which country is the most important cargo port located?
- 19 Which country has the highest proportion of organic farming?
- 20 Which country is the largest producer of apples?
- 21 In which country are there proportionately more only children?
- 22 Which country has the highest proportion of home ownership?
- 23 Which country has the largest part of its territory under Natura 2000 protection status?
- 24 In which country are there the most self-employed workers among young people in employment?
- 25 Which country has the largest area of woodland?
- 26 Which country has the highest proportion of renewable energy?
- 27 In which country is the primary sector's share of value added the highest?

- 1 Gross domestic expenditure on R&D represents 3.44% of Belgium's GDP (2022).
- 2 In Bulgaria, 29% of ICT specialists are women (2022).
- 3 In the Czech Republic, the unemployment rate for 15-74 year-olds is just 2.2% (2022).
- 4 In Denmark, the budget surplus is 3.3% of GDP (2022).
- 5 Germany's GDP is €3,877 billion (2022).
- 6 Estonia's consolidated gross government debt represents 18.5% of GDP (2022).
- 7 In Ireland, 24% of the population is under 18 (2022).
- 8 In Greece, 47.8% of people aged 16 or over perceive their health as very good (2022).
- 9 In Spain, life expectancy at birth is 83.2 years (2022).
- 10 In France, the total fertility rate is 1.84 (2021).
- 11 Croatia joined the European Union on 1 July 2023.
- 12 In Italy, 20% of young people aged between 15 and 29 are overweight (BMI \geq 25) (2019).
- 13 The number of first-time asylum seekers registered in Cyprus is 2,386 per 100,000 inhabitants (2022).
- 14 In Lithuania, 62.5% of domestic freight transport is by rail.
- 15 In Luxembourg, 47% of the population is of foreign nationality (2022).
- 16 The Budapest Metro in Hungary was inaugurated in 1896.
- 17 Malta has a population of 542,000 and an area of 313 km² (2023).
- 18 In the Netherlands, 427 million tonnes of goods were handled in the port of Rotterdam (incoming and outgoing flows, 2022).
- 19 In Austria, 26% of agricultural land is farmed organically (2021).
- 20 Poland accounts for 34% of apple production in the EU 27 (2022).
- 21 In Portugal, 61% of households with children are only-child households (2022).
- 22 In Romania, 95% of the population live in households that own their own home (2022).
- 23 In Slovenia, 38% of the land territory is part of the Natura 2000 network of protected areas (2020).
- 24 In Slovakia, 14% of employed young people aged between 15 and 29 are self-employed (2021).
- 25 Forests and other wooded areas cover 76% of Finland's total land area (2020).
- 26 In Sweden, 66% of final energy consumption comes from renewable energy sources (2022).
- 27 In Latvia, activities related to agriculture, fishing and forestry account for 5.7% of total value added (2022).

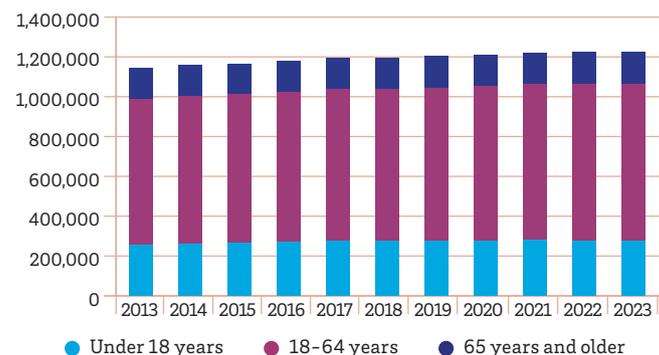
POPULATION OBSERVED AND PROJECTED

Number of inhabitants on 1 January	2023	2033
Men	608,262	604,830
Women	632,913	629,602
0-2 years	44,819	48,560
3-5 years	46,865	42,174
6-11 years	93,693	75,613
12-17 years	89,361	80,057
18-29 years	218,001	225,721
30-44 years	293,958	281,660
45-64 years	292,930	298,470
65-79 years	115,256	128,887
80 years and older	46,292	53,290
Total population	1,241,175	1,234,432
Average age (number of years on 1 January)	37.8	38.5

Sources: BISA, FPB, Statbel (National Register and regional prospects, 2023)

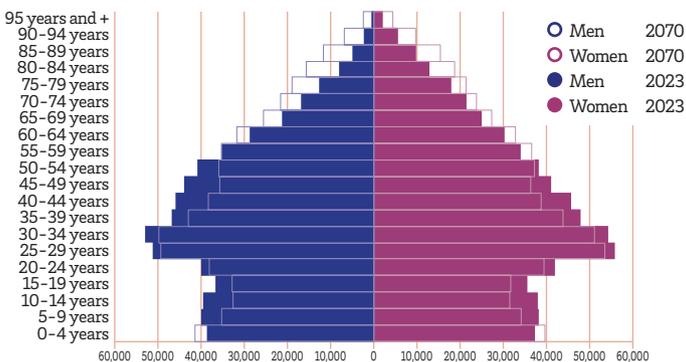
EVOLUTION OF THE POPULATION BY AGE GROUP

Number of inhabitants on 1 January



Sources: BISA & Statbel (National Register)

POPULATION PYRAMID: NUMBER OF MEN AND WOMEN IN 2023 AND 2070



Sources: BISA, FPB, Statbel (National Register and regional prospects, 2023)

NON-NATIONAL POPULATION¹

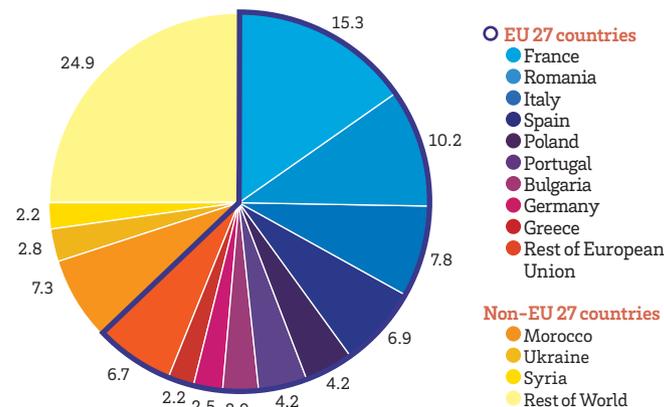
Number of inhabitants on 1 January	2023
Men	225,701
Women	232,451
Under 18 years	84,133
18-64 years	343,360
65 years and older	30,659
Nationality of an EU 27 country (without Belgium)	287,590
Other nationality	170,562
Total non-national population	458,152
Number of foreign nationalities on 1 January	181

Sources: BISA & Statbel (National Register)

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

MAIN FOREIGN NATIONALITIES IN 2023¹

% of the total non-national population on 1 January



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MOVEMENTS OF POPULATION

Number	2022
Natural balance	5,830
Births	14,744
Deaths	8,914
Internal net migration	-19,307
Internal arrivals	25,011
Internal departures	44,318
International net migration	31,685
International immigration ¹	62,522
International emigration ²	30,837

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

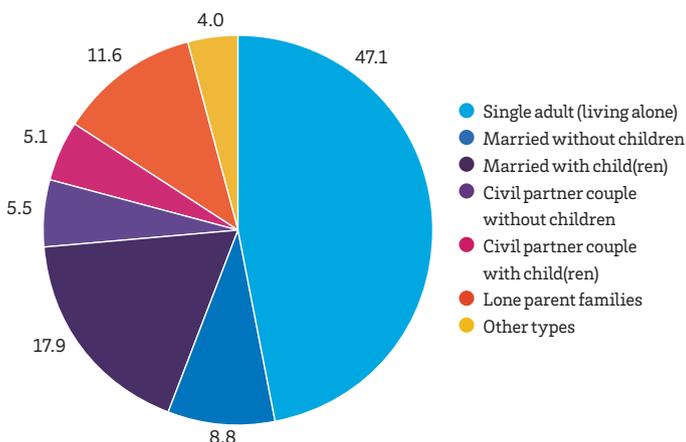
PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS BY SIZE

Number on 1 January	2023
One-person households (men)	137,731
One-person households (women)	134,913
Two-person households	128,225
Three-person households	69,104
Four-person households	57,857
Households of five persons and more	46,773
Total	574,603
Average size of the private households (number of persons per household)	2.14

Sources: BISA & Statbel (National Register)

PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE IN 2023¹

% 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 <https://ibsa.brussels>

WEDDINGS AND DIVORCES

Number of events	2022
Weddings	4,277
Divorces	1,965

Source: Statbel (National Register)

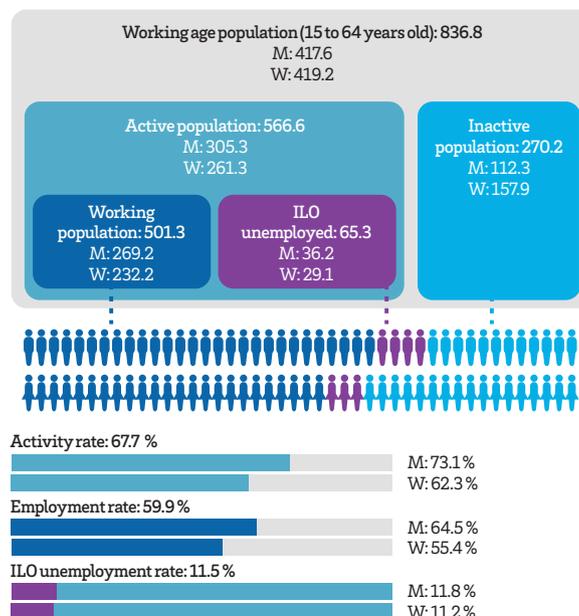
LEGAL COHABITATION

Number of events	2022
Legal cohabitation	3,136
Termination of legal cohabitation	1,579

Source: Statbel (National Register)

BREAKDOWN OF THE WORKING AGE POPULATION IN 2022¹

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

	Men	Women	Total
Total number	44,574	41,675	86,250
Under 25 years	4,871	3,808	8,680
25-49 years	25,921	27,881	53,802
50 years and older	13,782	9,986	23,768
Belgian	28,639	25,615	54,255
EU 27 foreigner	6,466	7,465	13,931
Non-EU 27 foreigner	9,470	8,594	18,064
Low level of diploma ²	10,200	6,534	16,734
Middle level of diploma ²	9,526	8,626	18,153
High level of diploma ²	6,626	8,206	14,832
Foreign diploma without equivalence certificate	18,222	18,309	36,531
< 1 year of unemployment	15,739	15,912	31,651
1 to 2 years of unemployment	6,309	6,257	12,566
> 2 years of unemployment	22,527	19,507	42,033

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

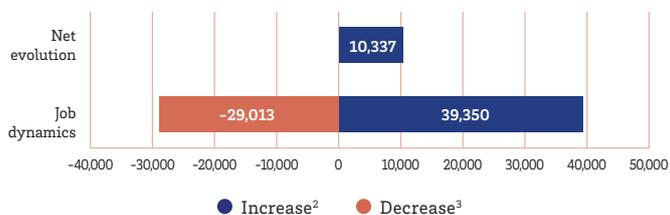
EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR¹

Number of workers, NACE Rev. 2	2021		
	Employees	Self-employed	Total
Primary sector (agriculture, forestry...)	114	27	141
Secondary sector	38,011	9,701	47,712
Mining and quarrying	87	0	87
Manufacturing	16,098	1,342	17,440
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	3,741	0	3,741
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	5,323	16	5,339
Construction	12,762	8,343	21,105
Tertiary sector	592,689	77,244	669,933
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	54,718	4,635	59,353
Transportation and storage	40,279	1,320	41,599
Accommodation and food service activities	23,702	1,198	24,900
Information and communication	30,721	2,750	33,471
Financial and insurance activities	48,578	310	48,888
Real estate activities	6,059	656	6,715
Professional, scientific and technical activities	36,721	50,953	87,674
Administrative and support service activities	58,333	3,042	61,375
Public administration	122,515	0	122,515
Education	63,522	1,054	64,576
Human health and social work activities	67,823	7,640	75,463
Other	39,718	3,686	43,404
Total	630,814	86,972	717,786

Source: NAI, BISA calculations

¹ Statistics based on administrative data and in accordance with the employment concept in the ESA 2010

EVOLUTION OF SALARIED EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN 2021 AND 2022¹



Source: Dynam-Reg

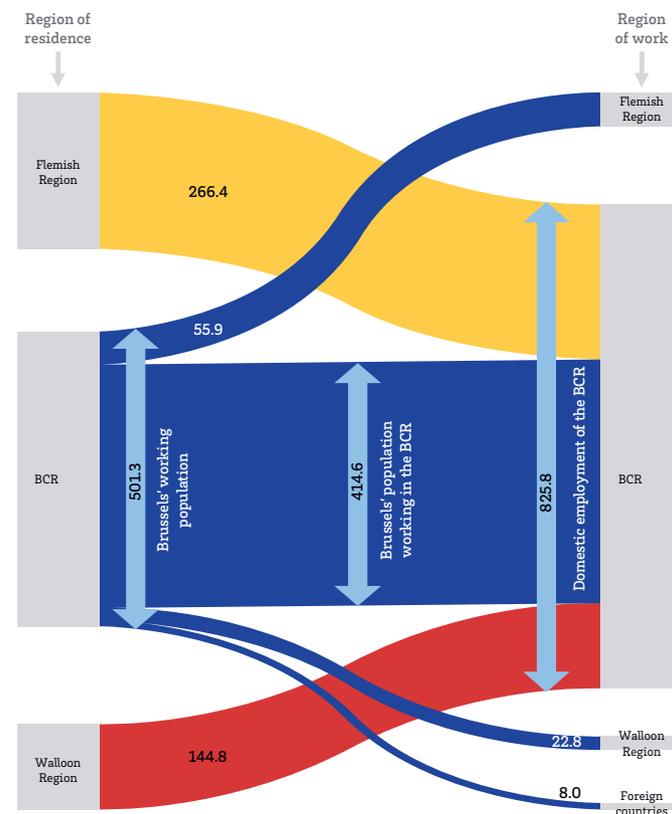
¹ Employment measured in number of jobs on 30 June

² Sum of new jobs created in BCR and existing job displacement to BCR

³ Sum of job destruction in BCR and existing job displacement to another region

LABOUR MARKET SITUATION IN THE BCR IN 2022¹

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	2022		
	Men	Women	Total
European Institutions	17,440	23,074	40,514
International Institutions	1,947	1,382	3,329
Embassies and diplomatic staff	4,389	2,722	7,111
European Schools	220	419	639
Total	23,996	27,597	51,593

Source: BISA

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

HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND SAVING

Average disposable income per inhabitant, 2020 (euros)	20,672
Average household saving rate (gross), 2020 (%)	15.7
Average total net taxable income per inhabitant, 2021 (euros) ¹	16,068
Median total net taxable income of tax returns, 2021 (euros) ¹	21,870

Sources: NAI, Statbel (Fiscal statistics on income)

¹ 2022 financial year, 2021 income

AVERAGE EXPENDITURE PER HOUSEHOLD

	2022	
	Euros	%
Food, beverages and tobacco	6,160	15.5
Clothing and footwear	1,822	4.6
Housing	12,763	32.2
Rentals (actual and imputed); maintenance and repair of the dwelling	10,110	25.5
Water, electricity, gas and other fuels; other costs	2,653	6.7
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	2,515	6.3
Health	2,189	5.5
Transport	2,881	7.3
Communications	1,173	3.0
Culture, recreation and education	3,548	9.0
Restaurants, hotels and cafes	2,977	7.5
Miscellaneous goods and services	3,609	9.1
Total consumption	39,638	100.0

Source: Statbel (HBS)

PRECARITY AND WELFARE BENEFITS

Share of population below the at-risk-of-poverty threshold, 2022 income (%) ¹	29.8
Recipients of social integration income (18 to 64 years), 2022 (number) ²	43,000
Share of population aged 18-64, 2022 (%) ²	5.4
Recipients of financial aid equivalent to social integration income (18 to 64 years), 2022 (number) ²	6,095
Share of population aged 18-64, 2022 (%) ²	0.8
Recipients of increased reimbursement for healthcare (entitled and dependent persons), January 2022 (number) ³	328,656
Share of total population, January 2022 (%) ³	26.9
Recipients of Guaranteed income for elderly persons (GRAPA), January 2023 (number) ⁴	21,476
Share of population of 65 years and older, January 2023 (%) ⁴	13.3
Private borrowers in default, December 2022 (number) ⁵	39,291
Share of population of 18 years and older, December 2022 (%) ⁵	4.1

¹ Source: Statbel (EU-SILC); Risk of monetary poverty; income 2021; confidence interval of 26.6 % to 33.0 %

² Source: PPS Social integration (annual mean - provisional data)

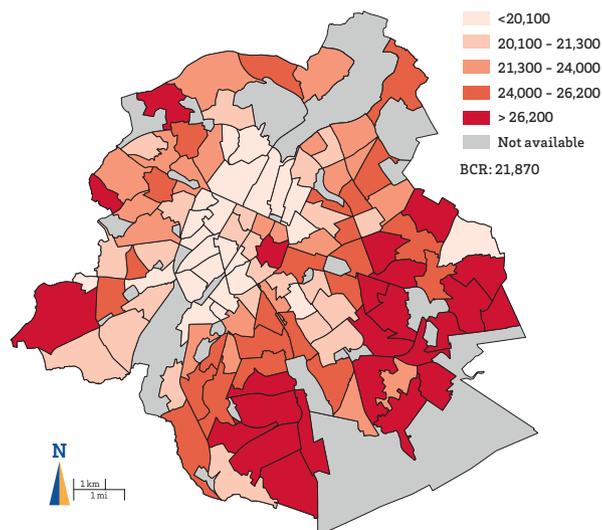
³ Sources: CBSS, National Register, BISA calculations

⁴ Source: Federal Pensions Service, National Register, BISA calculations. The recipients of the guaranteed income from the previous system are included

⁵ Source: NBB (Central Individual Credit Register)

MEDIAN TAXABLE INCOME OF TAX RETURNS BY DISTRICT IN 2021¹

Euros per tax return



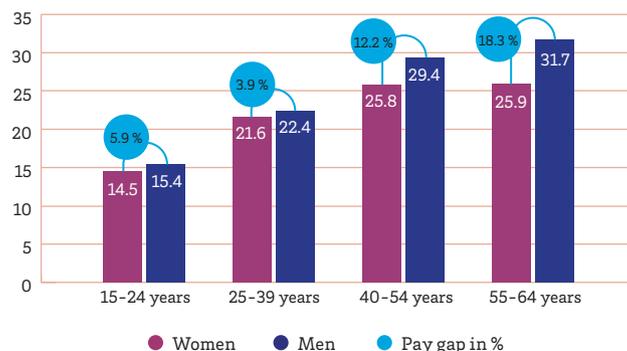
Sources: BISA & Statbel (Fiscal statistics on income)

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¹ 2022 financial year, 2021 income

AVERAGE GROSS HOURLY WAGE AND PAY GAP BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN WORKING IN THE BCR BY AGE IN 2021¹

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)

GROSS DOMESTIC EXPENDITURE ON R&D BY SECTOR OF PERFORMANCE

	2021	
	Million euro	% of GDP
Business enterprise	1,459.6	1.61
Government	230.2	0.25
Higher education	525.2	0.58
Private non-profit sector	41.4	0.05
Total	2,256.4	2.49

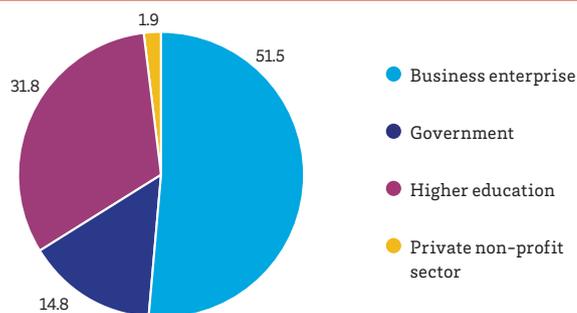
Sources: Belspo, NAI, BISA calculations

R&D PERSONNEL

	2021
Total R&D personnel (FTE)	15,213
Share of researchers (% of total R&D personnel)	65.2

Source: Belspo, BISA calculations

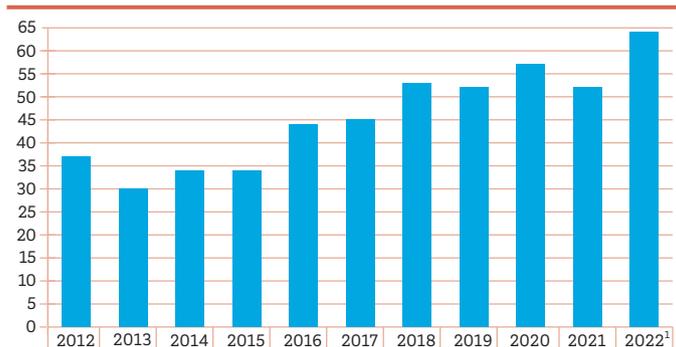
R&D PERSONNEL (FTE) BROKEN DOWN BY SECTOR OF PERFORMANCE IN 2021 (%)



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

EMPLOYEES IN THE ICT SECTOR¹

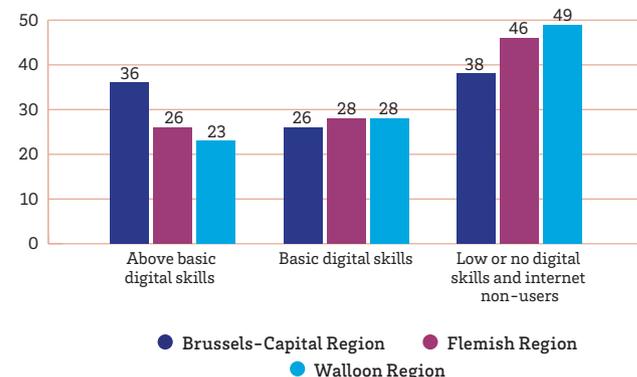
Number of jobs on 31 December	2021		
	Men	Women	Total
ICT manufacturing industries	12	11	23
ICT trade	1,461	573	2,034
ICT services	18,008	7,943	25,951
Total ICT sector	19,481	8,527	28,008

Source: NSSO, BISA calculations

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

DIGITAL SKILLS¹ OF THE INDIVIDUALS AGED 16 TO 74 YEARS IN 2021

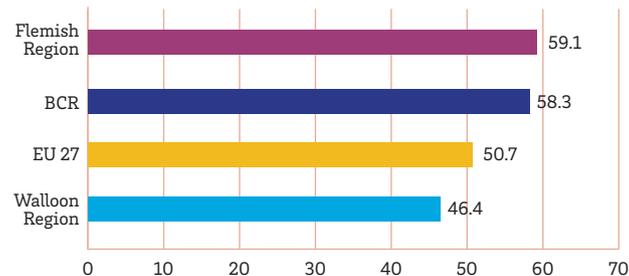
% of total number of individuals aged 16 to 74 years



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 PERFORMANCE INDEX (DESI) IN 2021¹



Sources: European Commission, IIS

¹ The Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) measures the digital performance of EU countries or regions. The index is calculated on the basis of around thirty indicators (internet access infrastructure, people digital skills, e-commerce, use of digital technologies by businesses, supply and use of digital public services, etc.).

MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

	2021
GDP (million euro)	90,459
GDP per capita (euros)	74,068
Compensation of employees (million euro)	44,701
Value added per worker (euros)	112,243

Source: NAI, BISA calculations

VALUE ADDED PER SECTOR

NACE Rev. 2	2021	
	Million euro	Share in %
Primary sector (agriculture, forestry...)	17.0	0.0
Secondary sector	5,936.4	7.4
Mining and quarrying	16.6	0.0
Manufacturing industry	2,126.9	2.6
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1,465.9	1.8
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	503.6	0.6
Construction	1,823.4	2.3
Tertiary sector	74,612.8	92.6
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	5,975.4	7.4
Transportation and storage	4,536.3	5.6
Accommodation and food service activities	916.3	1.1
Information and communication	6,255.4	7.8
Financial and insurance activities	16,502.1	20.5
Real estate activities	5,688.8	7.1
Professional, scientific and technical activities	8,631.4	10.7
Administrative and support service activities	4,118.0	5.1
Public administration	10,734.2	13.3
Education	4,938.4	6.1
Human health and social work activities	3,754.0	4.7
Other	2,562.5	3.2
Total	80,566.2	100.0

Source: NAI, BISA calculations

REGIONS' SHARE OF BELGIAN POPULATION AND GDP IN 2021

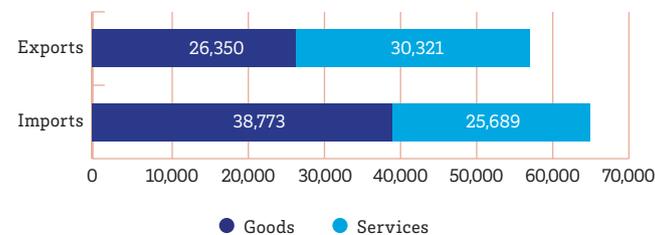
% of total for Belgium



Source: NAI, BISA calculations

FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES IN 2021¹

Million euro

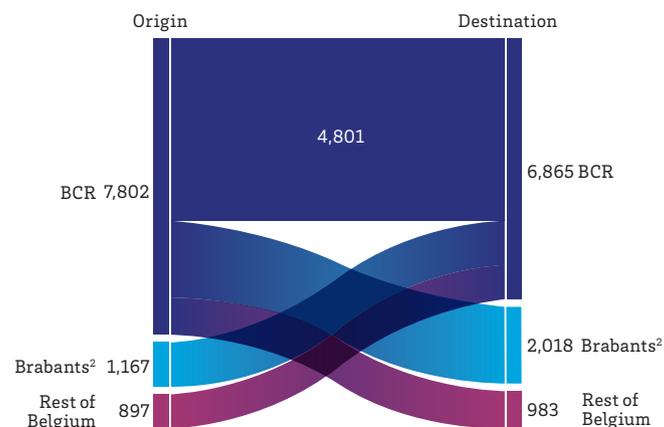


Source: NAI

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

ENTERPRISE' MIGRATIONS IN THE BCR IN 2022

Number of movements



Source: Statbel, BISA calculations

¹ VAT-registered businesses; localisation according to head office

² Flemish Brabant and Walloon Brabant

ENTERPRISES¹

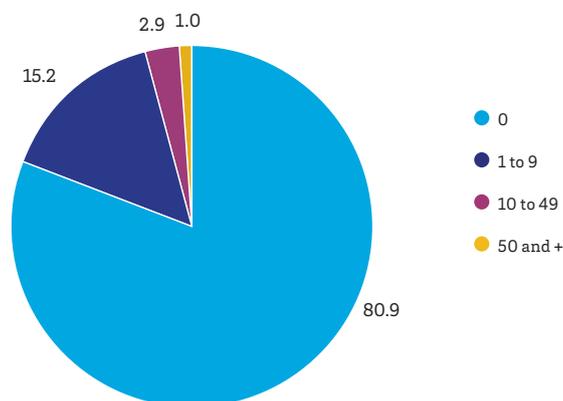
Number	Natural person	2022	
		Legal person	Total
Active enterprises (at the end of the year)	39,099	79,187	118,286
Enterprise births	5,917	6,528	12,445
Enterprise deaths	4,569	4,177	8,746
Enterprise immigrations	912	1,152	2,064
Enterprise emigrations	1,491	1,510	3,001

Source: Statbel

¹ VAT-registered businesses; localisation according to head office

BREAKDOWN OF ENTERPRISES BY NUMBER OF WORKERS IN 2022¹

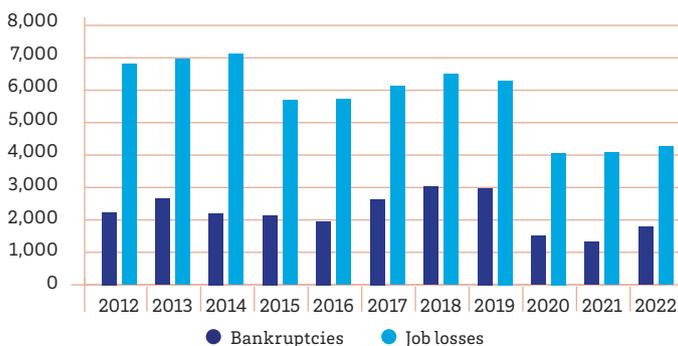
% of total number of enterprises



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

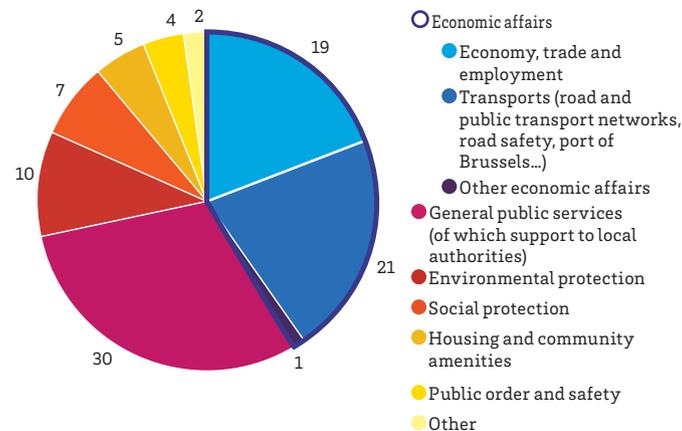
	2022	
	Million euro	Share in %
Total of the receipts of the BCR	5,633	100
Fiscal and parafiscal receipts	2,706	48
Direct taxes to households	1,092	19
Indirect taxes	1,093	19
Taxes on capital (endowment and inheritance tax)	521	9
Non-fiscal and non-parafiscal receipts	938	17
Transfers coming from other government	1,989	35
Current transfers of fiscal receipts	1,237	22
Non-fiscal current transfers and capital transfers	753	13
Total of the expenditure of the BCR	6,848	100
Current expenditure excluding interest charges	5,700	83
Compensation of employees	1,738	25
Intermediate consumption and paid taxes	1,005	15
Social benefits and subsidies	1,099	16
Current transfers	1,858	27
Interest charges	142	2
Capital expenditure	1,006	15
Overall balance of the BCR²	-1,215	

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 2022¹ (%)



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

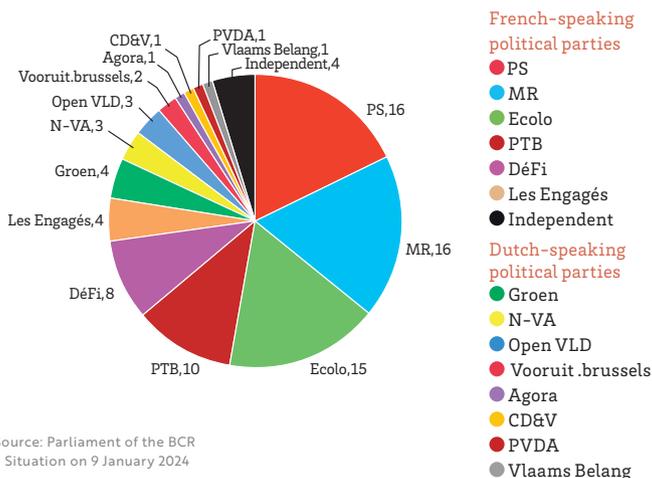
COMPOSITION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE BCR

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



Source: Parliament of the BCR
¹ Situation on 9 January 2024

CHILDCARE FACILITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

On 31 December	2021	
	Number of facilities	Number of places
By authorising organisation		
ONE	480	14,247
Kind en Gezin	199	6,632
By type of care		
Family	116	509
Collective	563	20,370
Total¹	677	20,807

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

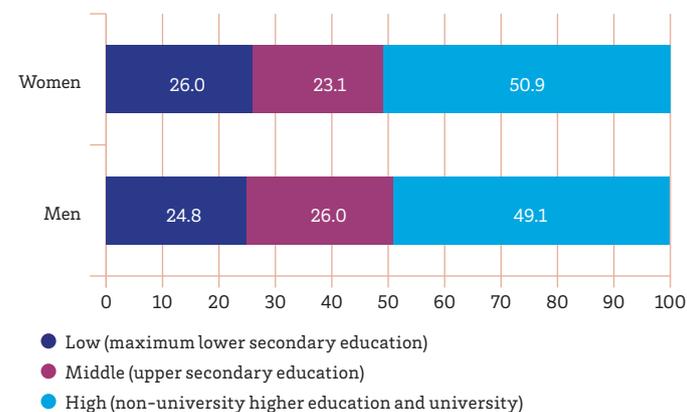
SCHOOL POPULATION IN THE FRENCH-SPEAKING AND DUTCH-SPEAKING EDUCATION SYSTEMS

Number of pupils or students	2021-2022	
	French-speaking	Dutch-speaking
Kindergarten	40,554	14,520
Primary	77,803	20,726
Secondary	87,567	19,954
Non-university higher education	36,454	20,216
University (principal registrations)	49,057	25,677

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

HIGHEST DIPLOMA OBTAINED BY GENDER IN 2022

% of the population aged 25 and over



Source: Statbel (LFS)

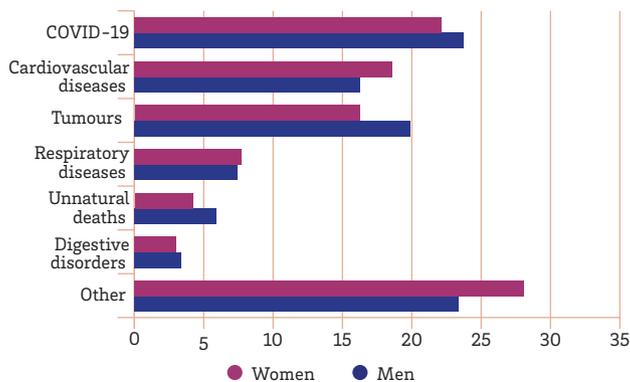
DEMOGRAPHICS

	Men	Women
Life expectancy at birth (in 2022)	79 years and 11 days	83 years and 11 months
Births (number in 2022)	7,447	7,297
Deaths (number in 2022)	4,220	4,694

Sources: BISA & Statbel (National Register)

CAUSES OF DEATH IN 2020

% of number of deaths



Source: Statbel

PRACTITIONERS OF A MEDICAL PROFESSION

Based on place of residence on 1 January	2023	
	Number	Density (per 10,000 inhabitants)
Doctors	6,584	53
Pharmacists	2,024	16
Dentists	1,263	10
Nurses	10,003	81
Physiotherapists	3,385	27
Nursing auxiliaries	6,601	53
Midwives	810	7

Source: FPS Public Health

HOSPITAL SERVICES

On 1 January	2023
Number of hospitals ¹	23
Private	18
Public	5
Total number of beds ²	8,351

Source: FPS Public Health

¹ Number of main sites² Sum of beds in all sites in the Brussels-Capital Region

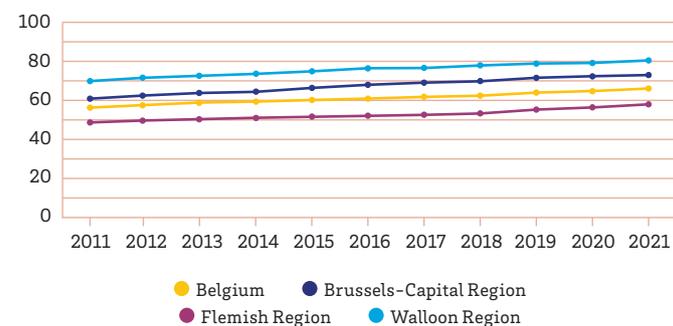
ACCOMODATION SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IN REST HOMES AND NURSING HOMES BY SECTOR

On 31 December	2022	
	Number of institutions	Number of beds
Public sector	27	3,596
Non-profit private sector	27	2,994
Commercial private sector	92	10,102
Total	146	16,692

Source: Infor-Homes Bruxelles

PREVALENCE OF DIAGNOSED DIABETES

age-corrected, per 1,000 habitants



Source: Inter-mutualistic Agency, Calculations Healthy Belgium

VISIT TO THE DENTIST'S¹

Share of population (%)	2019-2021
Brussels-Capital Region	47.4
Flemish Region	57.6
Walloon Region	48.7
Belgium	53.8

Source: Inter-mutualistic Agency

¹ Inhabitants with at least 2 visits to the dentist's in 2 different years within a 3 year period

LAND USE PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE

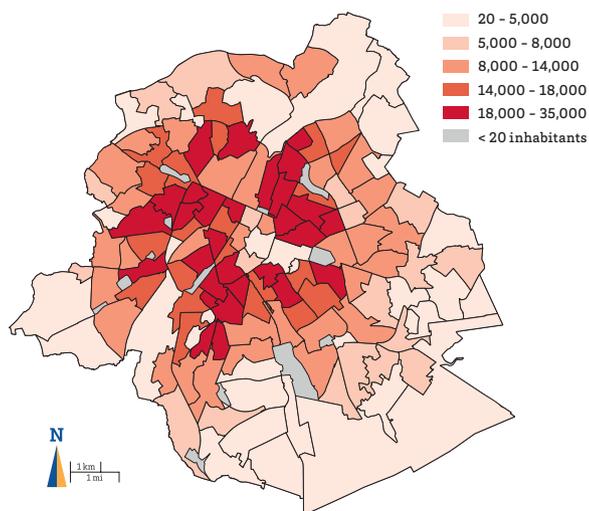
POPULATION, AREA AND DENSITY BY MUNICIPALITY

On 1 January	Population (inhabitants)	2023 Area (km ²)	Density (inhab./km ²)
Anderlecht	125,065	17.9	6,981
Auderghem	35,346	9.0	3,942
Berchem-Sainte-Agathe	25,396	3.0	8,609
Bruxelles	194,291	33.1	5,872
Etterbeek	49,558	3.2	15,613
Evere	44,255	5.1	8,635
Forest	57,724	6.3	9,174
Ganshoren	25,548	2.4	10,481
Ixelles	88,521	6.4	13,807
Jette	53,704	5.2	10,349
Koekelberg	22,563	1.2	19,090
Molenbeek-Saint-Jean	98,270	6.0	16,336
Saint-Gilles	49,323	2.5	19,466
Saint-Josse-Ten-Noode	27,068	1.2	23,322
Schaerbeek	130,775	7.9	16,551
Uccle	86,101	22.9	3,764
Watermael-Boitsfort	25,392	13.0	1,958
Woluwe-Saint-Lambert	59,778	7.3	8,196
Woluwe-Saint-Pierre	42,497	8.9	4,751
Total BCR	1,241,175	162.4	7,642

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

POPULATION DENSITY BY DISTRICT ON 1 JANUARY 2023

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	2023
Non built-up parcels	5,073
Built-up parcels	7,796
Not surveyed	3,373
Total	16,242

Sources: FPS Finance - GAPD, Statbel

MEDIAN PROPERTY PRICES BY TYPE

Euros per sale (new build not included)	2022
Houses (terraced + semi-detached)	491,750
Houses (detached)	1,150,000
Apartments	254,750

Sources: FPS Finance - GAPD, Statbel

PROPERTIES SOLD BY TYPE IN 2022

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



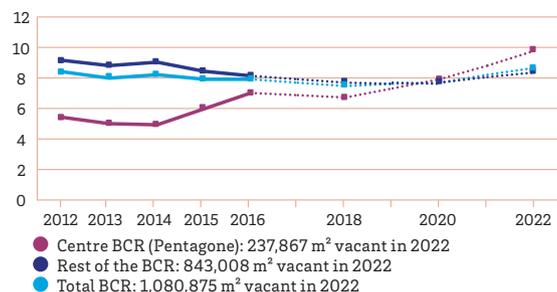
Sources: FPS Finance - GAPD, Statbel

BUILDINGS BY TYPE

Cadastral nature (situation on 1 January)	2023
Terraced	104,136
Semi-detached	15,590
Detached	5,821
Apartment buildings	40,296
Merchant houses	14,677
Other buildings	14,327
Total number of buildings (land register)	194,847
Total number of housing units (land register)	601,872
Number of social housing (31/12/2022)	40,505

Sources: FPS Finance - GAPD, SLRB, Statbel

OFFICE VACANCY RATE¹ (%)



Sources: citydev.brussels, perspective.brussels (Office Property Observatory)

¹ Missing years 2017, 2019 and 2021

FINAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION

	2021	
	GWh	Share in %
By sector		
Industry	579	3
Tertiary	6,480	35
Housing	7,422	40
Transport	3,804	21
Non-energy purposes	119	1
By vector		
Natural gas	8,708	47
Electricity	4,705	26
Oil products	4,292	23
Other ¹	699	4
Total energy consumption	18,405	100

Source: Brussels Environment (Energy audit of the BCR)

¹ Including biofuels

CONSUMPTION OF TAP WATER¹



Sources: Statbel, Vivaqua, BISA calculations

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

GREEN SPACES¹

Type of zone	2023	
	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	2022
Waste recovered for energy	286,769
Selective collections	156,194
Paper/cardboard	49,005
PMC packaging	18,529
Glass	27,359
Biodegradable waste ¹	19,577
Other ²	41,725
Total	442,963

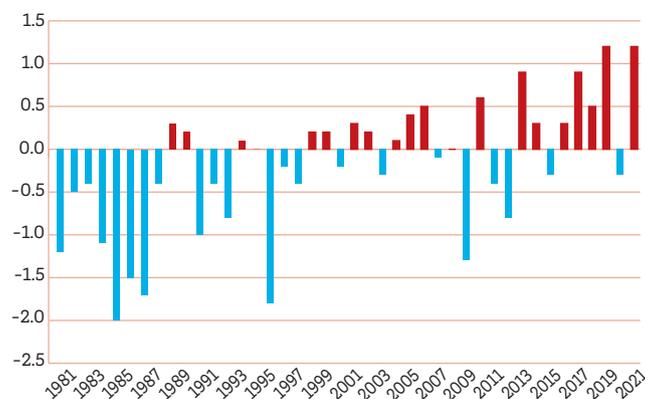
Source: Bruxelles-Propreté

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

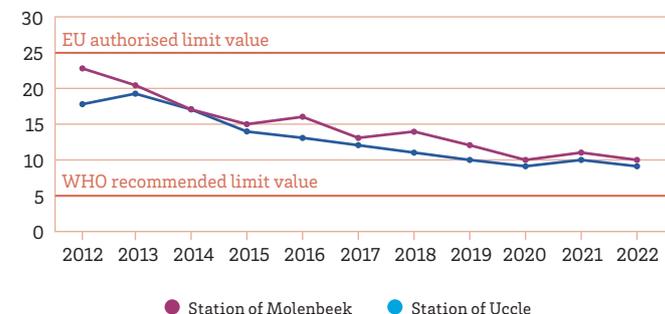
Deviation from the climate normals 1991-2020 (°C)



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

VEHICLE FLEET

Number on 1 August	2023
Cars	499,068
Trucks, vans, tankers	81,485
Motorcycles	34,996
Buses and coaches	1,868
Other (tractors, special vehicles...)	24,872
Total	642,289

Source: Statbel

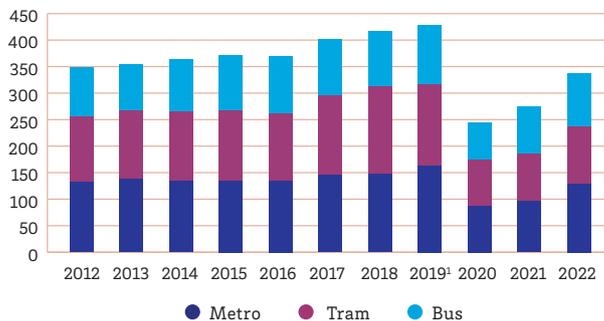
SHARE OF HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT A CAR

%	2022
Brussels-Capital Region	55
Flemish Region	23
Walloon Region	25
Belgium	27

Source: Statbel

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

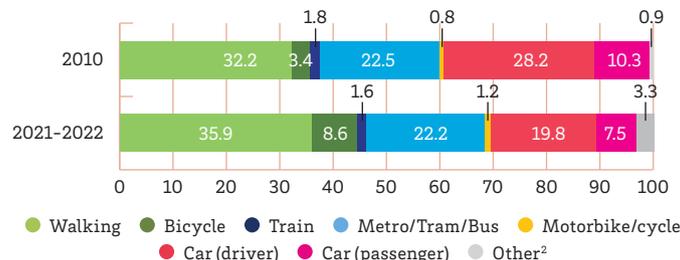
Millions



Source: STIB
¹ Break in time series

MODAL SPLIT OF JOURNEYS¹

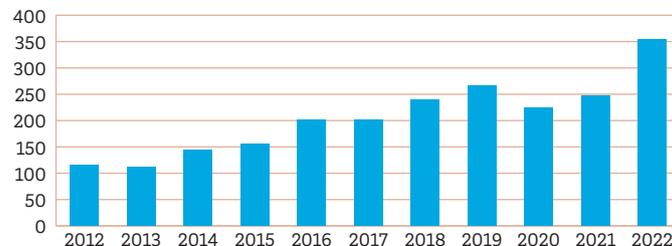
% of number of journeys



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 = taxis, electric scooters, etc.

MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT

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

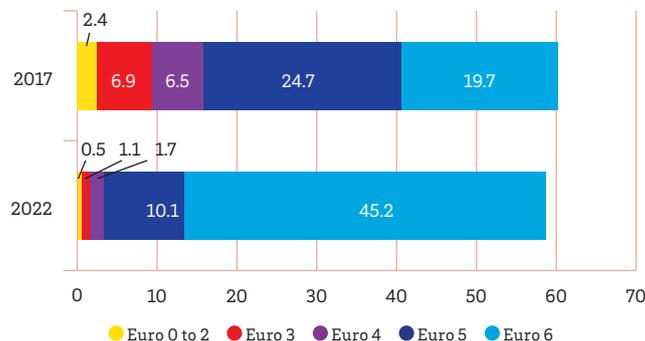
NEW CARS ADMITTED TO TRAFFIC BY FUEL TYPE

	2012		2022	
	Number	%	Number	%
Diesel	63,536	76.1	7,298	15.6
Gasoline	19,057	22.8	15,753	33.8
Electric	147	0.2	4,792	10.3
Hybrid ¹	681	0.8	18,629	39.9
Natural gas	8	0.0	38	0.1
Other	10	0.0	123	0.3
Total	83,439	100.0	46,633	100.0

Source: Statbel
¹ Hybrid = gasoline-electric or diesel-electric

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	2022
With deaths (within 30 days)	22
With serious injuries	195
With minor injuries	3,955
Total	4,172

Source: Statbel

TOURIST ACCOMMODATIONS

	Number of establishments	2022 Number of rooms	Number of bed-places
Hotels and similar establishments	206	19,006	41,534
Youth accommodation	9	433	1,360
Bed and Breakfast	159	287	666

Source: Statbel

NUMBER OF OVERNIGHT STAYS IN HOTELS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS

By trip purpose	2022
Overnight stays for leisure	3,023,821
Conferences - Conventions - Seminars	1,839,325
Other professional reasons	1,104,980
Total	5,968,126

Source: Statbel

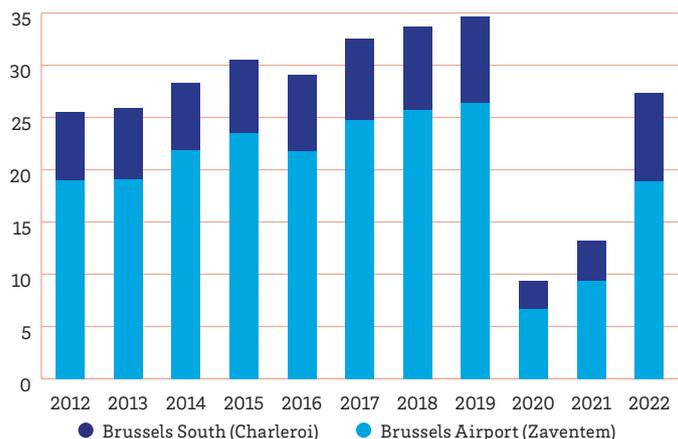
TOP 5 OVERNIGHT STAYS IN HOTELS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS

By country of residence of the visitors	2022
Belgium	1,471,226
France	781,900
Germany	423,085
Spain	375,055
United States	341,884

Source: Statbel

EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AT AIRPORTS

Millions



Sources: Brussels Airport, Brussels South Charleroi Airport

TOP 20 MUSEUMS AND ATTRACTIONS IN 2022

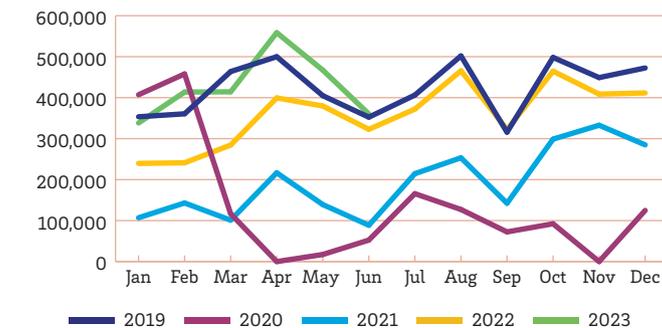
600,000-650,000 visitors	Atomium
	Royal Museums of Fine Arts ¹
300,000-350,000 visitors	Natural Sciences Museum
	Mini-Europe
250,000-300,000 visitors	European Parliament hemicycle
200,000-250,000 visitors	Parlamentarium
	Comics Art Museum
	BOZAR
	Choco Story Brussels
150,000-200,000 visitors	Autoworld
100,000-150,000 visitors	Train World
	House of European History
	Art and History Museum (Cinquantenaire Museum)
50,000-100,000 visitors	Musical Instruments Museum
	Brussels City Museum (The King's House)
	Horta Museum
	MIMA
25,000-50,000 visitors	BELvue Museum
	Planetarium
	Coudenberg

Source: visit.brussels (Brussels Tourism Observatory)

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

BAROMETER OF MUSEUMS AND ATTRACTIONS¹

Number of visitors



Source: visit.brussels (Brussels Tourism Observatory)

¹ Attendance data collected from a selection of museums and attractions in the BCR

BCR	Brussels-Capital Region
BELDAM	BELgian DAily Mobility
Belspo	Belgian Federal Science Policy
BISA	Brussels Institute for Statistics and Analysis
BRPS	Brussels Regional Public Service
CBSS	Crossroads Bank for Social Security
ECD	Enquête sur les comportements de déplacement (Travel behaviour survey)
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
HBS	Household Budget Survey
ICT	Information and communications technologies
IIS	Interfederal Institute of Statistics
ILO	International Labour Office
LFS	Labour Force Survey
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:** Proportion of the active population (working population and unemployed population) in the working age population (15 to 64 years).
- **Employment rate:** Resident working population as a percentage of 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:** Proportion of ILO unemployed persons in the economically-active population (working population and unemployed persons) 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.
- **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.
- **Unemployed job seeker:** Person without paid employment registered as a job seeker with a public employment service.



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