

Country statistical profile: Belgium 2009

	Unit	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Gross domestic product									
Gross domestic product (GDP)	Bln USD curr. PPPs	282.2	292.3	309.3	312.7	323.3	335.8	354.3	375.8
GDP per capita	USD current PPPs	27 540	28 435	29 946	30 146	31 035	32 063	33 608	35 382
Gross national income (GNI) per capita	USD current PPPs	28 163	28 866	30 325	30 564	31 315	32 214	33 829	35 575
Economic growth									
Real GDP growth	Annual growth %	3.7	0.8	1.5	1.0	3.0	1.8	3.0	2.8
Net saving rate in household disposable income	%	10.9	11.8	11.1	9.6	8.2	7.5	8.0	8.6
Gross fixed capital formation	% of GDP	20.8	20.4	19.2	18.8	19.6	20.4	21.0	21.7
GDP per hour worked	Annual growth %	3.4	-2.1	1.5	1.2	3.9	-0.5	1.2	1.2
GDP deflator	Annual growth %	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.6	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4
Economic structure									
Real value added: agriculture, forestry, fishing	Annual growth %	4.2	-5.5	4.3	-7.6	5.3	-11.6	-4.3	3.4
Real value added: industry	Annual growth %	5.0	0.2	-1.0	-0.8	3.1	0.8	4.6	2.8
Real value added: services	Annual growth %	3.1	1.9	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.6
Government deficits and debt									
Government deficit	% of GDP	-0.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-2.7	0.3	-0.3
General government debt	% of GDP	113.5	111.8	108.3	103.5	98.6	95.7	91.2	87.6
Expenditure									
Public expenditure on health	% of GDP	6.1	6.3	6.3	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.2	..
Total expenditure on health	% of GDP	8.1	8.3	8.5	10.0	10.2	10.1	9.9	..
Public social expenditure	% of GDP	25.3	25.8	26.2	26.5	26.6	26.4	..	..
Public pension expenditures	% of GDP	..	..	..	..	..	..	8.1	..
Private pension expenditures	% of GDP	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.3	1.2
Net official development assistance (Aid)	% of GNI	0.36	0.37	0.43	0.60	0.41	0.53	0.50	0.43
Taxes									
Total tax revenue	% of GDP	44.9	44.9	45.0	44.6	44.8	44.8	44.5	44.4
Taxes on income and profits	% of GDP	17.3	17.5	17.3	16.9	16.9	17.2	16.8	16.7
Taxes on goods and services	% of GDP	11.4	11.0	11.1	11.0	11.2	11.3	11.4	11.2
Taxes on the average worker	% of labour cost	57.1	56.7	56.3	55.7	55.4	55.5	55.5	55.5
Trade									
Trade in goods and services	% of GDP	83.2	83.0	80.2	78.8	81.7	84.8	85.7	87.3
Goods trade balance: exports minus imports of goods	Bln USD	13.5	11.6	17.7	20.7	21.1	13.8	15.5	17.5
Imports of goods	Bln USD	171.7	178.7	198.1	234.8	285.4	320.2	353.7	413.4
Exports of goods	Bln USD	185.2	190.3	215.8	255.5	306.5	334.0	369.2	430.9
Service trade balance: exports minus imports of services	Bln USD	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.7	3.6	5.0	6.4	6.3
Imports of services	Bln USD	32.3	33.6	35.9	42.9	49.1	51.1	53.2	72.6
Exports of services	Bln USD	34.3	35.4	37.7	44.6	52.7	56.1	59.5	78.9
Current account balance of payments	% of GDP	4.0	3.4	4.6	4.1	3.5	2.6	2.7	1.7
Foreign direct investment (FDI)									
Outward FDI stocks	Mln USD
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Inflows of foreign direct investment	Mln USD	16 265	33 508	43 583	34 351	63 948	39 065
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Prices and interest rates									
Consumer Price Indices (CPI): all items	2000 = 100	100.0	102.5	104.2	105.8	108.0	111.0	113.0	115.1
Consumer Price Indices (CPI): food	2000 = 100	100.0	104.6	107.0	109.2	110.5	112.5	115.3	119.8
Consumer Price Indices (CPI): energy	2000 = 100	100.0	100.6	97.4	97.3	103.7	115.7	124.3	124.6
Producer Price Indices (PPI): manufacturing	2000 = 100	100.0	99.5	99.2	98.8	102.9	105.6	110.9	115.9
Long-term interest rates	%	5.57	5.06	4.89	4.15	4.06	3.37	3.81	4.33
Purchasing power and exchange rates									
Purchasing power parities	ISK per USD	0.89	0.89	0.87	0.88	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.89
Exchange rates	ISK per USD	1.09	1.12	1.06	0.89	0.81	0.80	0.80	0.73
Indices of price levels	OECD = 100	88	89	90	101	109	110	111	116
Energy supply and prices									
Total primary energy supply (TPES)	Mtoe	61.9	61.3	59.3	62.4	62.2	61.7	61.0	59.0
Total primary energy supply per capita	Toe per capita	6.04	5.97	5.74	6.01	5.97	5.89	5.79	5.60
TPES per unit of GDP at 2000 prices and PPPs	Toe per '000 USD	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.18
Renewables' contribution to total primary energy supply	%	4.8	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.5	6.0	6.3
Crude oil import prices	USD per barrel	27.87	24.20	24.35	27.72	35.35	50.06	61.06	70.35
Information and Communications Technology (ICT)									
ICT investment in non-residential fixed capital formation	%	24.2	23.3	20.3	19.9	20.1	..	..	..
ICT-related occupations: total employment	%	21.7
Households with access to the Internet	%	50.2	54.0	60.2

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Environment									
Water abstractions	Mln m ³	7 538	6 654	..
Fish landings in domestic and foreign ports	'000 tonnes	27	27	26	24	24	22	20	..
Aquaculture	'000 tonnes	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Municipal waste total	'000 tonnes	4 860	..	..	..	..	..	5 070	..
Municipal waste per capita	Kg	..	..	..	..	..	..	480	..
CO ₂ emissions from fuel combustion	Mln tonnes	127	128	119	127	124	120	117	..
Education									
University level: graduation rates in peer age group	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tertiary attainment in population aged 25-64	%	27.1	27.6	28.1	29.0	30.4	31.0	31.8	..
Employment									
Employment rate in population aged 15-24	%	30.3	28.5	28.5	27.1	28.1	26.6	26.2	26.8
Employment rate in population aged 25-54	%	77.9	76.6	76.6	76.1	77.3	78.3	78.2	79.3
Employment rate in population aged 55-64	%	25.0	25.2	25.8	28.1	30.1	32.1	30.4	33.8
Incidence of part-time employment	%	19.0	17.0	17.9	18.0	18.9	18.5	19.3	18.3
Self-employment rate: total civilian employment	%	14.0	14.1	14.1	14.1	14.1	13.8	13.8	13.8
Self-employment rate, men: male civilian employment	%	24.2	24.4	24.6	24.8	24.9	24.5	24.5	24.5
Self-employment rate, women: female civilian employment	%	33.1	33.6	33.3	32.9	32.4	31.6	31.6	31.6
Unemployment									
Unemployment rate: total civilian labour force	%	6.9	6.6	7.5	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.3	7.5
Unemployment rate, men: male civilian labour force	%	5.6	5.9	6.7	7.7	7.5	7.7	7.4	6.7
Unemployment rate, women: female civilian labour force	%	8.5	7.6	8.6	8.9	9.5	9.5	9.4	8.5
Long-term unemployment: total unemployed	%	56.3	51.7	49.6	46.3	49.6	51.6	55.6	50.0
Labour compensation and hours worked									
Labour compensation per hour, total economy	USD	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Average time worked per person in employment	Hours per year	1 554	1 577	1 579	1 575	1 549	1 565	1 571	1 566
Research and Development (R&D)									
Gross domestic expenditure on R&D	% of GDP	1.97	2.08	1.94	1.88	1.87	1.84	1.88	1.89
Researchers: full-time equivalent	Per '000 employed	7.5	7.8	7.4	7.5	7.8	7.9	8.2	8.3
Population									
Total population	'000 persons	10 251	10 287	10 333	10 376	10 421	10 479	10 548	10 626
Population growth rates	%	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7
Total fertility rates	Children	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	..
Ratio of population aged 65 and over to total	%	16.8	16.9	17.0	17.1	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.1
International migration									
Net migration rate	Per '000 inhabitants	2.5	3.4	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.5	4.8	..
Foreign-born population	% of population	10.3	10.8	11.1	11.4	11.7	12.1	12.5	..
Foreign population	% of population	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.6	8.8	..
Unemployment rate of native-born men	% of labour force	4.2	..	..	6.0	5.6	6.3	6.2	..
Unemployment rate of foreign-born men	% of labour force	14.7	..	..	18.3	14.9	14.8	15.8	..
Unemployment rate of native-born women	% of labour force	7.4	..	..	6.9	7.5	7.5	8.0	..
Unemployment rate of foreign-born women	% of labour force	17.5	..	..	17.3	15.0	20.3	19.3	..
Health									
Life expectancy at birth	Years	77.8	78.1	78.2	78.2	78.9	79.1	79.5	..
Life expectancy at birth: men	Years	74.6	75.0	75.1	75.3	76.0	76.2	76.6	..
Life expectancy at birth: women	Years	81.0	81.2	81.2	81.1	81.8	81.9	82.3	..
Infant mortality	Per '000	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.3	3.7	..	..
Society									
Suicide rates	Per 100 000 persons	..	..	..	..	18.4	..	..	..
Household expenditure on recreation and culture	% of GDP	5.2	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.7
Number of tourists	'000	5 163	5 117	5 323	5 261	5 385	5 409	5 665	5 713
Road fatalities	Per mln inhabitants	143	144	131	117	112	104	102	100

Note: | : Break in series

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