

Country statistical profile: Belgium 2013

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| Production and income | | | | | | | | | |
| GDP per capita | USD current PPPs | 31 190 | 32 204 | 34 254 | 35 667 | 37 033 | 36 744 | 37 728 | 38 711 |
| Gross national income (GNI) per capita | USD current PPPs | 31 534 | 32 415 | 34 547 | 36 025 | 37 564 | 36 512 | 38 396 | 39 374 |
| Household disposable income | Annual growth % | -0.2 | 0.1 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.8 | -1.3 | -1.1 |
| Economic growth | | | | | | | | | |
| Real GDP growth | Annual growth % | 3.3 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 1.0 | -2.8 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Net saving rate in household disposable income | % | 10.7 | 9.9 | 10.7 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 13.3 | 10.1 | 8.8 |
| Gross fixed capital formation | % of GDP | 7.8 | 6.4 | 2.5 | 6.3 | 1.9 | -7.9 | -0.8 | 5.2 |
| Economic structure | | | | | | | | | |
| Real value added: agriculture, forestry, fishing | Annual growth % | 5.3 | -12.2 | 10.4 | -1.2 | 3.9 | -0.1 | 4.2 | 7.9 |
| Real value added: industry | Annual growth % | 3.2 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 3.3 | -0.1 | -9.7 | 5.2 | 2.4 |
| Real value added: services | Annual growth % | 3.5 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 2.9 | -1.9 | 2.4 | 1.4 |
| Government deficits and debt | | | | | | | | | |
| Government deficit | % of GDP | -0.2 | -2.6 | 0.3 | -0.1 | -1.1 | -5.6 | -3.9 | -3.9 |
| General government debt | % of GDP | 98.2 | 95.9 | 91.6 | 87.9 | 92.8 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 102.4 |
| General government revenues | % of GDP | 48.9 | 49.3 | 48.8 | 48.1 | 48.7 | 48.1 | 48.6 | 49.4 |
| General government expenditures | % of GDP | 49.2 | 51.9 | 48.5 | 48.2 | 49.8 | 53.7 | 52.5 | 53.3 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | | | |
| Public expenditure on health | % of GDP | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 8.1 | 8.0 | .. |
| Private expenditure on health | % of GDP | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 | .. |
| Public social expenditure | % of GDP | 26.5 | 26.5 | 26.0 | 26.0 | 27.3 | 29.7 | 29.5 | 29.6 |
| Private social expenditure | % of GDP | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | .. | .. |
| Public pension expenditure | % of GDP | .. | 9.0 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 9.4 | 10.0 | .. | .. |
| Private pension expenditure | % of GDP | .. | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 2.9 | .. |
| Net official development assistance (Aid) | % of GNI | .. | .. | 0.50 | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.55 | 0.64 | 0.53 |
| Taxes | | | | | | | | | |
| Total tax revenue | % of GDP | 44.5 | 44.6 | 44.2 | 43.6 | 44.1 | 43.2 | 43.8 | .. |
| Taxes on income and profits | % of GDP | 16.9 | 16.3 | 15.9 | 15.7 | 16.0 | 14.6 | 15.0 | .. |
| Taxes on goods and services | % of GDP | 11.2 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 10.8 | 10.9 | 11.1 | .. |
| Taxes on the average worker | % of labour cost | 55.4 | 55.5 | 55.5 | 55.6 | 55.9 | 55.3 | 55.4 | 55.5 |
| Trade | | | | | | | | | |
| Imports of goods and services | % of GDP | 71.0 | 74.7 | 77.0 | 78.7 | 84.1 | 70.1 | 77.6 | 83.1 |
| Exports of goods and services | % of GDP | 75.9 | 78.7 | 80.8 | 82.5 | 84.9 | 72.8 | 79.9 | 84.3 |
| Goods trade balance: exports minus imports of goods | Bln USD | 21.0 | 13.8 | 15.4 | 17.3 | 6.5 | 18.2 | 21.0 | 12.7 |
| Imports of goods | Bln USD | 285.4 | 320.2 | 353.7 | 413.6 | 470.7 | 351.8 | 390.1 | 465.2 |
| Exports of goods | Bln USD | 306.4 | 334.0 | 369.1 | 430.9 | 477.2 | 370.0 | 411.1 | 477.9 |
| Service trade balance: exports minus imports of services | Bln USD | 3.6 | 5.0 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 4.7 |
| Imports of services | Bln USD | 49.0 | 51.2 | 53.2 | 68.6 | 83.0 | 77.3 | 82.4 | 89.8 |
| Exports of services | Bln USD | 52.7 | 56.1 | 59.5 | 74.5 | 88.1 | 85.8 | 90.6 | 94.5 |
| Current account balance of payments | % of GDP | 3.2 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.7 | -1.6 | -1.7 | 1.3 | -1.1 |
| Foreign direct investment (FDI) | | | | | | | | | |
| Outward FDI stocks | Mln USD | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 891 802 | 901 924 | 970 371 |
| Inward FDI stocks | Mln USD | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 946 549 | 899 252 | 998 836 |
| Inflows of foreign direct investment | Mln USD | .. | .. | 50 713 | 80 141 | 220 595 | 9 207 | 55 710 | 70 772 |
| Outflows of foreign direct investment | Mln USD | .. | .. | 58 926 | 93 448 | 193 575 | 61 748 | 81 197 | 89 222 |
| Prices and interest rates | | | | | | | | | |
| Inflation rate: all items | Annual growth % | 2.1 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 4.5 | -0.1 | 2.2 | 3.5 |
| Inflation rate: all items non food non energy | Annual growth % | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 1.7 |
| Inflation rate: food | Annual growth % | 1.5 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 3.6 | 5.8 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 2.4 |
| Inflation rate: energy | Annual growth % | 6.5 | 11.5 | 7.5 | 0.2 | 19.9 | -14.0 | 9.4 | 16.8 |
| Producer Price Indices (PPI): manufacturing | Annual growth % | 4.2 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 5.7 | -4.9 | 6.3 | 6.8 |
| Long-term interest rates | % | 4.06 | 3.37 | 3.81 | 4.33 | 4.40 | 3.82 | 3.35 | 4.18 |
| Purchasing power and exchange rates | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchasing power parities | EUR per USD | 0.90 | 0.90 | 0.88 | 0.89 | 0.87 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.87 |
| Exchange rates | EUR per USD | 0.81 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.73 | 0.68 | 0.72 | 0.76 | 0.72 |
| Indices of price levels | OECD = 100 | 109 | 110 | 111 | 117 | 121 | 117 | 111 | 113 |
| Energy supply and prices | | | | | | | | | |
| Total primary energy supply (TPES) | Mtoe | 58.9 | 58.7 | 58.1 | 57.0 | 58.6 | 57.1 | 60.9 | 55.9 |
| TPES per unit of GDP at 2000 prices and PPPs | Toe per '000 USD | 0.18 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.15 |
| Renewables' contribution to total primary energy supply | % | 1.6 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.8 |
| Crude oil import prices | USD per barrel | 35.35 | 50.06 | 61.06 | 70.35 | 96.01 | 61.77 | 79.65 | 110.50 |
| Information and Communications Technology (ICT) | | | | | | | | | |
| ICT investment in non-residential fixed capital formation | % | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| ICT related occupations: business sector employment | % | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5.0 | .. | .. |
| Households with access to the Internet | % | .. | 50.2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 72.7 | 76.5 |

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| Environment | | | | | | | | | |
| Water abstractions | Mln m ³ | .. | 6 390 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 220 | .. |
| Fish landings in domestic and foreign ports | '000 tonnes | 24 | 22 | 20 | 22 | 20 | 19 | .. | .. |
| Aquaculture | '000 tonnes | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Municipal waste total | '000 tonnes | .. | 5 020 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 070 | 5 070 |
| Municipal waste per capita | Kg | .. | 480 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 470 | .. |
| CO ₂ emissions from fuel combustion | Mln tonnes | 117 | 113 | 110 | 106 | 111 | 101 | 106 | .. |
| Education | | | | | | | | | |
| Tertiary attainment in population aged 25-64 | % | .. | 31.0 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 35.0 | .. |
| Expenditure per student: non-tertiary, 2009 prices | USD constant PPPs | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 783 | .. | .. |
| Expenditure per student: tertiary, 2009 prices | USD constant PPPs | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15 443 | .. | .. |
| Youths 15-19 not in education nor employment | % | .. | .. | 7.1 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.9 | .. |
| Youths 20-24 not in education nor employment | % | .. | .. | 16.9 | 15.4 | 14.1 | 16.1 | 18.0 | .. |
| Employment | | | | | | | | | |
| Employment rate in population aged 15-24 | % | 27.8 | 27.5 | 27.6 | 27.5 | 27.4 | 25.3 | 25.2 | 26.0 |
| Employment rate in population aged 25-54 | % | 77.3 | 78.3 | 78.4 | 79.7 | 80.5 | 79.8 | 80.0 | 79.3 |
| Employment rate in population aged 55-64 | % | 30.0 | 31.8 | 32.0 | 34.4 | 34.5 | 35.3 | 37.3 | 38.7 |
| Incidence of part-time employment | % | 18.5 | 18.5 | 18.7 | 18.1 | 18.3 | 18.2 | 18.3 | 18.8 |
| Self-employment rate: total employment | % | 14.9 | 15.2 | 15.1 | 14.8 | 14.2 | 14.8 | 14.4 | .. |
| Self-employment rate, men: male employment | % | 17.2 | 17.5 | 17.6 | 17.4 | 17.0 | 17.7 | 17.3 | .. |
| Self-employment rate, women: female employment | % | 12.0 | 12.3 | 11.8 | 11.5 | 10.8 | 11.3 | 10.8 | .. |
| Unemployment | | | | | | | | | |
| Unemployment rate: total labour force | % | 8.4 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 7.2 |
| Unemployment rate, men: male labour force | % | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 7.1 |
| Unemployment rate, women: female labour force | % | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.3 | 8.5 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 7.2 |
| Long-term unemployment: total unemployed | % | 49.0 | 51.7 | 51.2 | 50.4 | 47.6 | 44.2 | 48.8 | 48.3 |
| Labour compensation and hours worked | | | | | | | | | |
| Labour compensation per unit labour input, total economy | Annual growth % | 1.6 | 1.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 3.1 |
| Average time worked per person in employment | Hours per year | 1 549 | 1 565 | 1 566 | 1 560 | 1 568 | 1 550 | 1 551 | 1 577 |
| Research and Development (R&D) | | | | | | | | | |
| Gross domestic expenditure on R&D | Mln USD | 6 149 | 6 171 | 6 440 | 6 750 | 7 081 | 7 090 | 7 109 | .. |
| Researchers: full-time equivalent | Per '000 employed | 7.7 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 8.5 | .. |
| Population | | | | | | | | | |
| Total population | '000 persons | 10 421 | 10 479 | 10 548 | 10 626 | 10 710 | 10 796 | 10 896 | .. |
| Population growth rates | % | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | .. |
| Total fertility rates | Children | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | .. |
| Youth population aged less than 15 | % of population | 17.2 | 17.1 | 17.0 | 16.9 | 16.9 | 16.9 | 16.9 | 17.0 |
| Elderly population aged 65 and over | % of population | 17.2 | 17.2 | 17.2 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.2 | 17.4 |
| International migration | | | | | | | | | |
| Foreign-born population | % of population | .. | 12.1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14.4 | .. |
| Foreign population | % of population | .. | 8.6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9.2 | .. |
| Unemployment rate of native-born men | % of labour force | .. | .. | .. | 5.5 | .. | .. | .. | 5.7 |
| Unemployment rate of foreign-born men | % of labour force | .. | .. | .. | 9.9 | .. | .. | .. | 15.5 |
| Unemployment rate of native-born women | % of labour force | .. | .. | .. | 7.5 | .. | .. | .. | 14.6 |
| Unemployment rate of foreign-born women | % of labour force | .. | .. | .. | 17.1 | .. | .. | .. | 6.0 |
| Health | | | | | | | | | |
| Life expectancy at birth | Years | 79.0 | 79.0 | 79.5 | 79.8 | 79.8 | 80.0 | 80.3 | .. |
| Life expectancy at birth: men | Years | 76.0 | 76.2 | 76.6 | 77.1 | 76.9 | 77.3 | 77.6 | .. |
| Life expectancy at birth: women | Years | 81.9 | 81.9 | 82.3 | 82.6 | 82.6 | 82.8 | 83.0 | .. |
| Infant mortality | Per '000 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.5 | .. |
| Overweight and obese aged 15 and over | % of population | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 46.9 | .. |
| Suicide rates | Per 100 000 persons | 9.6 | 9.7 | 9.5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Goods transport | Mln tonne-km | 65 561 | 62 124 | 62 149 | 60 733 | 57 021 | 49 207 | 49 476 | .. |
| Passenger transport | Mln passenger-km | 135 476 | 136 110 | 137 597 | 142 232 | 141 676 | 144 504 | 143 981 | .. |
| Road fatalities | Per mln inhabitants | 112 | 104 | 102 | 100 | 100 | 88 | 76 | .. |

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