

# Basic statistics of Belgium

2019 or latest available year (OECD values in parenthesis)<sup>1</sup>

PEOPLE AND SOCIETY				
Population (million)	12		Population density per km <sup>2</sup>	376 (36)
Share of population by type of region			Population annual growth rate, latest 5 years	0.6 (0.6)
Predominantly urban (%)	53	(48)	Income inequality (Gini coefficient)	0.26 (0.32)
Intermediate (%)	38	(28)	Poverty rate (% of pop. with less than 50% med. income)	8 (11)
Rural (%)	9	(24)	Life expectancy	82 (81)
ECONOMY AND EXTERNAL ACCOUNTS				
Total GDP (National currency, billion)	476		Imports of goods and services (% of GDP)	88 (27)
Total GDP (USD billion, current PPPs)	631		Main exports (% of total merchandise exports)	
GDP compound annual real growth rate, latest 5 years	1.7	(2.2)	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	13
GDP per capita (1 000 USD current PPPs)	55	(47)	Road vehicles	12
Value added shares (%)			Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	7
Agriculture	1	(2)	Main imports (% of total merchandise imports)	
Industry including construction	21	(25)	Road vehicles	13
Services	78	(74)	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	11
Exports of goods and services (% of GDP)	88	(27)	Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	10
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Per cent of GDP				
Expenditure	52	(40)	Education expenditure	6.2 (5.0)
Revenue	50	(37)	Health expenditure	7.6 (7.7)
Gross financial debt	120	(108)	Environmental protection expenditure	1.3 (0.5)
Fiscal balance	-1.9	-(2.9)	Environmental taxes (% of GDP)	2.2 (1.6)
			(% of total tax revenue)	5.0 (5.3)
LABOUR MARKET, SKILLS AND INNOVATION				
Unemployment rate (% of civilian labour force)	5.4	(5.4)	Patent in environment-related technologies (% of all technologies, average of latest 3 years) <sup>2</sup>	9.9 (10.3)
Tertiary educational attainment of 25-64 year-olds (%)	41	(38)	Environmental management	4.9 (4.1)
Gross expenditure on R&D (% of GDP)	2.7	2.4	Water-related adaptation technologies	0.6 (0.5)
			Climate mitigation technologies	7.1 (7.9)
ENVIRONMENT				
Energy intensity TPES per capita (toe/cap.)	4.8	(4.1)	Road vehicle stock (vehicles/100 inhabitants)	65.9
TPES per GDP (toe/1 000 USD 2015 PPPs)	0.11	(0.09)	Water stress (abstraction as % of available resources)	16.7 (8.8)
Renewables (% of TPES)	7.8	(10.8)	Water abstraction per capita (m <sup>3</sup> /cap./year)	354 (710)
Carbon intensity (energy-related CO <sub>2</sub> )			Municipal waste per capita (kg/capita)	409 (525)
Emissions per capita (t/cap.)	7.9	(8.7)	Material productivity (USD, 2015 PPPs/DMC, kg)	4.5 (2.9)
Emissions per GDP (t/1 000 USD 2015 PPPs)	0.16	(0.20)	Land area (1 000 km <sup>2</sup> )	30
GHG intensity <sup>3</sup>			% of arable land and permanent crops	29 (12)
Emissions per capita (t CO <sub>2</sub> eq/cap.)	10.3	(12.0)	% of permanent meadows/pastures	16 (22)
Emissions per GDP (t CO <sub>2</sub> eq/1 000 USD 2015 PPPs)	0.25	(0.30)	% of forest area	23 (31)
Mean population exposure to air pollution (PM <sub>2.5</sub> ), µg/m <sup>3</sup>	12.7	(13.9)	% of other land (built-up/other land)	33 (34)

1. Values earlier than 2014 are not considered. OECD value: where the OECD aggregate is not provided in the source database, a simple average of latest available data is calculated where data exist for a significant number of countries.

2. Patent applications for higher value inventions that have sought protection in at least two jurisdictions.

3. Excluding emissions/removals from land use, land-use change and forestry. Emissions expressed in CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent.

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