BELGIUM

Capital: Brussels
Area (km²): 30,528
Total population (thousands, 2020): 11,544
Population density (per km²): 378
National currency: Euro (EUR)
National statistical office: www.statbel.fgov.be

Directorate General Statistics (Statistics Belgium)

Women in the labour force, 2021
percentage of total for both sexes: 47%
Gender pay gap
monthly earnings, 2018: 20%
hourly wage, 2020: 5%
Women in part-time employment, 2021
percentage of employed women: 40%
Female tertiary students, 2019
percentage of total for both sexes: 56%
Female victims of homicide
percentage of total for both sexes: --
Women researchers, 2019
percentage of total for both sexes: 33%

Life expectancy at birth, 2021
females, years: 84.4
males, years: 79.5
Life expectancy at 65, 2021
females, years: 22.2
males, years: 18.6
Total fertility rate, 2020
average number of children per woman: 1.6
Adolescent fertility rate, 2020
number of live births per 1000 women aged 15-19: 4.9
Mean age of women at birth of first child, 2020
age in years: 29.2

Women and men in selected occupation groups, 2021

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Employment (% change over previous year)
2016: 1.3, 2017: 1.6, 2018: 1.5, 2019: 1.6, 2020: 0.0, 2021: 1.8

Unemployment rate (%)

Youth unemployment rate (%)

Internet use by age and sex, 2021

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### Economic activity rate, 2021, %

#### Men

#### Women

### Consumer price index

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### Forest resources

- **Area of forest (percentage of land area, 2015):** 23
- **Wood volume (m³ per inhabitant, 2015):** 17

### GDP in agriculture, industry, services (2010 = 100)

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### Transport infrastructure, road accidents and traffic

- **Railways**
  - Total length in kilometres, 2009: 3 578

- **Motorways**
  - Total length in kilometres, 2010: 1 763

- **Persons injured in road accidents**
  - Per million inhabitants, 2019: 4 104

- **Persons killed in road accidents**
  - Per million inhabitants, 2019: 56

- **Traffic, railways**
  - Million passenger-kilometres, 2010: 10 565
  - Million tonne-kilometres, 2020: 5 729

### Employment in major sectors, 2021

- **Agriculture:** 1%
- **Industry (including construction):** 23%
- **Services:** 76%

### Unemployment in major sectors, 2021

- **Agriculture:** 81%
- **Industry (including construction):** 18%
- **Services:** 1%

### Traffic, roads

- **Million passenger-kilometres, 2013:** 132 615
- **Million tonne-kilometres, 2020:** 34 506

### Persons killed in road accidents, per million inhabitants

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