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## 2019: An anniversary year

2019 marks the **30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the Brussels-Capital Region**. Over the course of these 30 years, the Brussels Region has experienced several important developments across a variety of fields. Amongst others, there has been the demographic boom during the 2000s, the financial and economic crisis of 2008–2009 and the transfer of several additional competencies to the region in 2014, which was part of the sixth state reform. There are many other changes that could be mentioned: the development of the European institutions, the structural decline of unemployment, the growing number of social assistance recipients, the increasing appeal of cycling, etc.

## 2019: An election year

2019 will also be marked by **elections** at the regional, federal and European levels. The Brussels-Capital Region is undoubtedly located at the heart of the challenges that will fuel the public debate. Within this framework of constant changes and significant challenges, the policy decision-makers, economic players, other social actors and the citizens of Brussels themselves must be able to base their opinions and their actions on reliable and relevant information. Within perspective.brussels, the Brussels Institute for Statistics and Analysis has this very task: collecting and disseminating statistics regarding the Brussels-Capital Region to a wide audience.

## 2019: a Mini-Bru year!

The **Mini-Bru 2019** is fully realised and designed to fulfil this mission. This brochure offers a maximum amount of figures regarding the Brussels Region and is constantly renewed to address the topics that make the news. The 2019 edition includes new information regarding the kilometre charge for transporting goods by road, public finances in Brussels, employment in international institutions and even green spaces.

We hope you enjoy your reading.



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Until 1500	1015-1020	First mention of <i>Bruocsellā</i> as <i>portus</i> on the Senne
	1229	First urban charter
	1357-1379	Construction of an 8 km pentagon-shaped enclosure
	XIV <sup>th</sup>	Golden Age for the Brussels luxury drapery industry
	1402	Start of construction of the City Hall on the Grand-Place
	1430	Philip the Good chooses Brussels as his primary residence
1500 - 1800	1506-1555	Reign of Charles V who regularly resides in Brussels
	XVI <sup>th</sup> -XVII <sup>th</sup>	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
	XVII <sup>th</sup> -XIX <sup>th</sup>	Golden Age for the Brussels lace industry
1800 - 1900	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
	1898	Start of construction of the Horta home in the Art nouveau style
1900 - 2000	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
	2000	Brussels is the European Capital of Culture and hosts the opening game of the European Football Championship
As of 2000	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 <sup>th</sup> State reform
	2019	The Brussels-Capital Region celebrates its 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary

# BRUSSELS IN BELGIUM AND THE EUROPEAN UNION



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Population, health, education	Year	BCR	Belgium	EU 28
Population (number of inhabitants on 1 January)	2018	1,198,726	11,376,070	512,710,966
Population density (number of inhabitants per km <sup>2</sup> )	2018	7,380	371	118
Share of population under age 18 (%)	2018	22.9	20.2	18.7 <sup>1</sup>
Share of population aged 65 or over (%)	2018	13.2	18.7	19.4 <sup>1</sup>
Share of non-nationals in the population (%)	2018	34.8	11.9	7.5 <sup>1</sup>
Life expectancy at birth (number of years)	2017	81.2	81.4	81.0 <sup>2</sup>
Fertility rate (number of children per woman)	2016	1.82	1.68	1.60
Share of persons aged 25-64 with a high level of education <sup>3</sup> (%)	2017	46.6	40.3	31.4
<b>Economy</b>				
GDP (million euro)	2016	75,894	423,048	14,907,852
Growth rate of GDP in volume (%)	2016	1.1	1.5	2.0
GDP per capita (euros)	2016	63,790	37,454	29,200
<b>Labour market</b>				
Employed population aged 15-64 (thousands of people)	2017	447	4,587	222,041
Employment rate (% of the population aged 15-64)	2017	56.2	63.1	67.6
ILO unemployment rate (% of the population aged 15-64) <sup>4</sup>	2017	15.0	7.1	7.8
<b>Land</b>				
Total area (km <sup>2</sup> )		162	30,688	4,469,668

Sources: Eurostat, HERMREG, NAI (Regional accounts, February 2018), Statbel, BISA calculations

<sup>1</sup> 2017

<sup>2</sup> 2016

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

<sup>4</sup> Survey data which differs from administrative data on unemployed job seekers

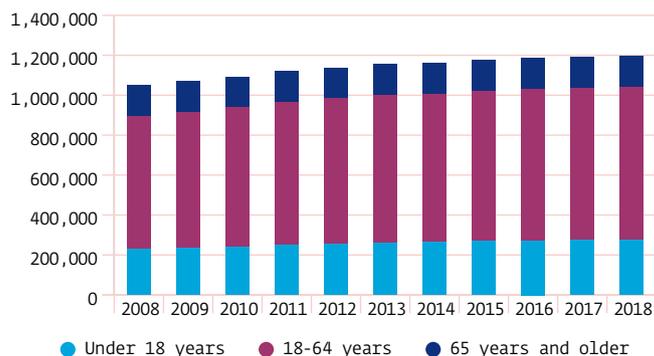
## POPULATION OBSERVED AND PROJECTED

Number of inhabitants on 1 January	2018	2025
Men	586,625	614,768
Women	612,101	638,252
0-2 years	51,883	59,227
3-5 years	50,469	54,058
6-11 years	93,729	92,615
12-17 years	78,808	89,655
18-29 years	205,331	213,602
30-44 years	286,879	288,443
45-64 years	273,945	288,417
65-79 years	108,034	118,955
80 years and older	49,648	48,048
<b>Total population</b>	<b>1,198,726</b>	<b>1,253,020</b>
<b>Average age (number of years on 1 January)</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>37.3</b>

Sources: BISA, FPB, Statbel (National Register and prospects, 2018)

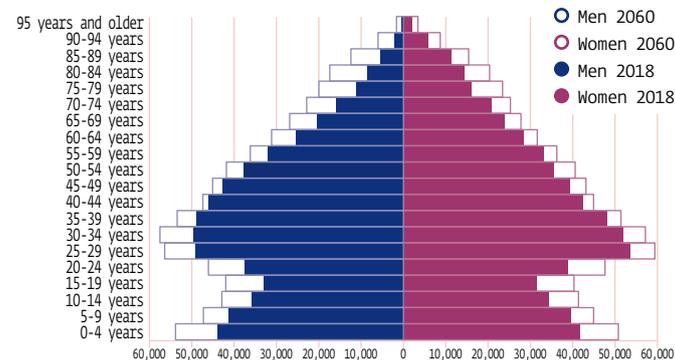
## EVOLUTION OF THE POPULATION BY AGE GROUP

Number of inhabitants on 1 January



Sources: BISA, Statbel (National Register)

## AGE PYRAMID: NUMBER OF MALES AND FEMALES IN 2018 AND 2060



Sources: BISA, FPB, Statbel (National Register and prospects, 2018)

## NON-NATIONAL POPULATION<sup>1</sup>

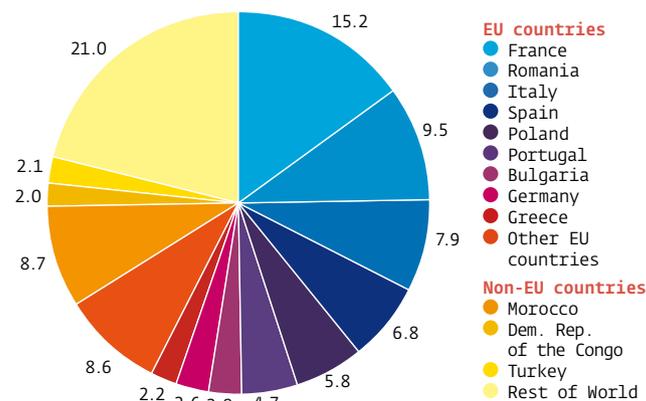
Number of inhabitants on 1 January	2018
Men	207,752
Women	209,355
Under 18 years	78,354
18-64 years	310,765
65 years and older	27,988
Nationality of an EU 28 country (without Belgium)	276,098
Other nationality	141,009
<b>Total non-national population</b>	<b>417,107</b>
<b>Number of foreign nationalities on 1 January</b>	<b>180</b>

Sources: BISA, Statbel (National Register)

<sup>1</sup> People of foreign nationality who do not own the Belgian nationality

## MAIN FOREIGN NATIONALITIES IN 2018<sup>1</sup>

% of the total non-national population on 1 January



Sources: BISA, Statbel (National Register)

<sup>1</sup> People of foreign nationality who do not own the Belgian nationality

## MOVEMENTS OF POPULATION

Number of inhabitants	2017
<b>Natural balance</b>	<b>8,678</b>
Births	17,709
Deaths	9,031
<b>Internal net migration</b>	<b>-14,301</b>
Internal arrivals	25,129
Internal departures	39,430
<b>International net migration</b>	<b>12,580</b>
International immigration <sup>1</sup>	50,773
International emigration <sup>2</sup>	38,193

Sources: BISA, Statbel (National Register)

<sup>1</sup> Including register changes (in) and re-registrations after removal from register

<sup>2</sup> Including register changes (out) and mandatory removals

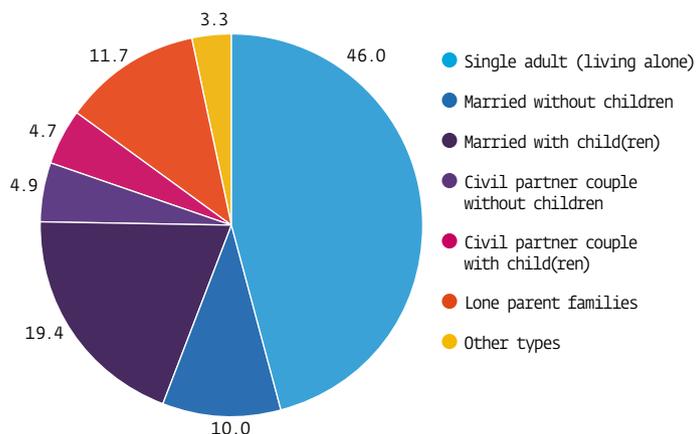
## PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS BY SIZE

Number on 1 January	2017
One-person households (men)	125,677
One-person households (women)	126,173
Two-person households	124,926
Three-person households	68,153
Four-person households	55,467
Households of five persons and more	44,749
<b>Total</b>	<b>545,145</b>
Average size of the private households (number of persons per household)	2.16

Sources: BISA, Statbel (National Register)

## PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE<sup>1</sup> IN 2017

% of the private households on 1 January



Sources: BISA, Statbel (National Register)

<sup>1</sup> Civil partner couples are determined on the basis of an algorithm.

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## WEDDINGS AND DIVORCES

Number of events	2017
Weddings	4,022
Divorces	5,408

Source: Statbel (National Register)

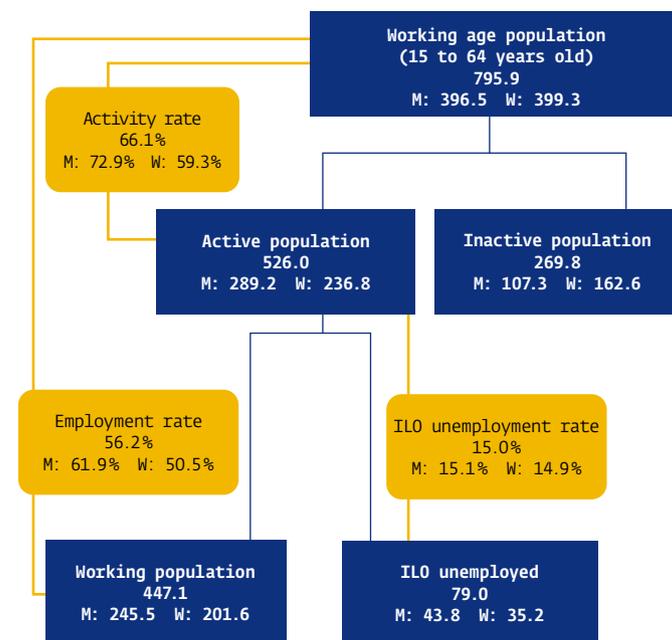
## LEGAL COHABITATION

Number of events	2017
Legal cohabitation	2,817
Termination of legal cohabitation	1,383

Source: Statbel (National Register)

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN 2017<sup>1</sup>

Thousands of people and %



Source: Statbel (LFS)

<sup>1</sup> Statistics based on survey data and in accordance with the concepts of the ILO (M = men, W = women)

## UNEMPLOYED JOB SEEKERS<sup>1</sup>

	2017		Total
	Men	Women	
<b>Total number</b>	<b>49,024</b>	<b>44,368</b>	<b>93,392</b>
Under 25 years	5,207	4,464	9,671
25-49 years	30,528	30,198	60,725
50 years and older	13,288	9,707	22,995
Belgian	31,328	28,825	60,153
EU-foreigner	6,977	7,482	14,460
Non-EU foreigner	10,718	8,061	18,779
Low level of diploma <sup>2</sup>	12,521	8,962	21,483
Middle level of diploma <sup>2</sup>	9,523	9,327	18,849
High level of diploma <sup>2</sup>	5,843	6,944	12,788
Other studies <sup>3</sup>	21,136	19,135	40,272
< 1 year of unemployment	17,890	16,621	34,511
1 to 2 years of unemployment	7,362	6,963	14,325
> 2 years of unemployment	23,771	20,784	44,555

Source: Actiris

<sup>1</sup> Administrative data, annual average

<sup>2</sup> Highest diploma obtained: low = maximum 2nd cycle of secondary education; middle = upper secondary education; high = higher education and university

<sup>3</sup> Foreign studies for which no equivalence certificate was obtained

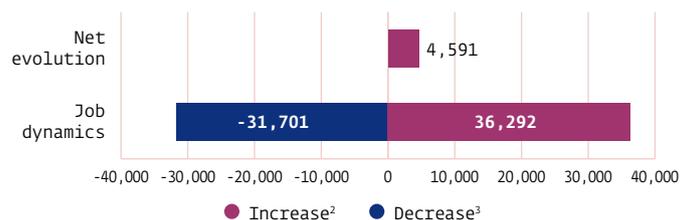
## EMPLOYMENT BY SECTOR<sup>1</sup>

Number of workers, NACE Rev. 2	2016		
	Employees	Self-employed	Total
<b>Primary sector</b> (agriculture, forestry...)	<b>99</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>143</b>
<b>Secondary sector</b>	<b>41,269</b>	<b>9,311</b>	<b>50,580</b>
Mining and quarrying	76	0	76
Manufacturing	18,555	1,468	20,023
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	3,748	0	3,748
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	5,009	16	5,025
Construction	13,881	7,827	21,708
<b>Tertiary sector</b>	<b>573,729</b>	<b>70,177</b>	<b>643,906</b>
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	58,854	5,273	64,127
Transportation and storage	35,426	813	36,239
Accommodation and food service activities	25,633	1,536	27,169
Information and communication	29,700	1,957	31,657
Financial and insurance activities	53,603	411	54,014
Real estate activities	5,692	667	6,359
Professional, scientific and technical activities	34,797	46,388	81,185
Administrative and support service activities	55,784	2,833	58,617
Public administration	117,933	0	117,933
Education	56,357	660	57,017
Human health and social work activities	62,656	6,587	69,243
Other	37,294	3,052	40,346
<b>Total</b>	<b>615,097</b>	<b>79,532</b>	<b>694,629</b>

Source: NAI, BISA calculations

<sup>1</sup> Statistics based on administrative data and in accordance with the employment concept in the ESA 2010

## EVOLUTION OF SALARIED EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN 2016 AND 2017<sup>1</sup>



Source: Dynam-Reg (based on NSSO data on salaried employees)

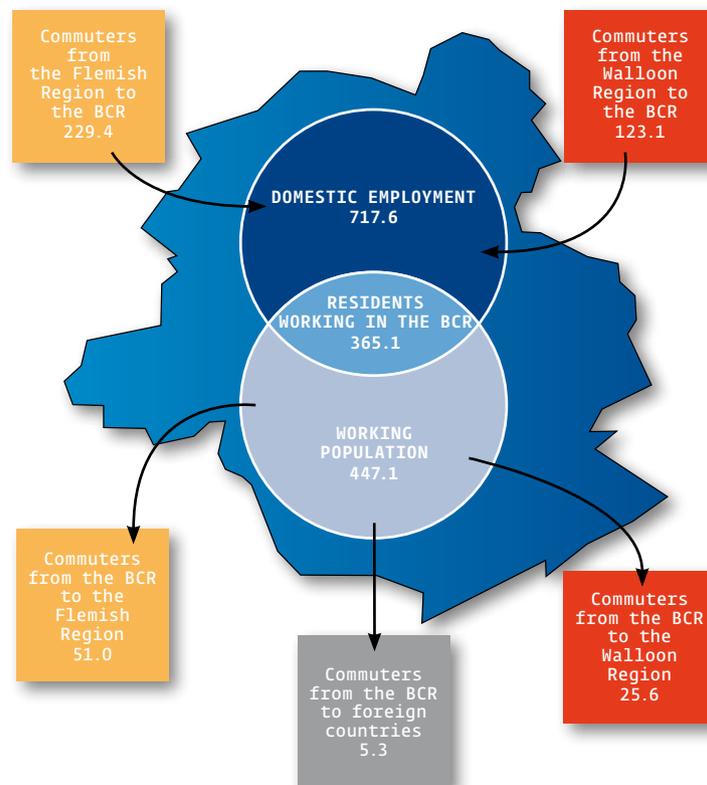
<sup>1</sup> Employment measured in number of jobs on the 30th of June

<sup>2</sup> Sum of new jobs created in BCR and existing job displacement to BCR

<sup>3</sup> Sum of job destruction in BCR and existing job displacement to another region

## LABOUR MARKET SITUATION IN THE BCR IN 2017<sup>1</sup>

Population aged 15 to 64 years (in thousands of people)



Source: Statbel (LFS)

<sup>1</sup> Statistics based on survey data and in accordance with the concepts of the ILO

## EMPLOYMENT IN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS<sup>1</sup>

Number of employees on 31 December	2017		
	Men	Women	Total
European Institutions	16,058	20,763	36,821
International Institutions	1,920	1,244	3,164
Embassies and diplomatic staff	4,840	2,833	7,673
European Schools	234	397	631
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,052</b>	<b>25,237</b>	<b>48,289</b>

Source: BISA

<sup>1</sup> These employees are civil servants or contractual employees and do not include the military nor employees under Belgian contract (subject to NSSO contributions)

# HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

## HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND SAVING

Average disposable income per inhabitant, 2015 (euros)	16,924
Average household saving rate (gross), 2015 (%)	6.1
Average total net taxable income per inhabitant, 2016 (euros) <sup>1</sup>	13,980
Median total net taxable income of tax returns, 2016 (euros) <sup>1</sup>	19,072

Sources: NAI, Statbel (Fiscal statistics on income)

<sup>1</sup> 2017 financial year, 2016 income

## AVERAGE EXPENDITURE PER HOUSEHOLD

	2016	
	Euros	%
Food, beverages and tobacco	4,749	15.9
Clothing and footwear	1,276	4.3
Housing	10,138	33.8
Rentals (actual and imputed); maintenance and repair of the dwelling	7,977	26.6
Water, electricity, gas and other fuels; other costs	2,161	7.2
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	1,530	5.1
Health	1,396	4.7
Transport	2,388	8.0
Communications	1,031	3.4
Culture, recreation and education	2,707	9.0
Restaurants, hotels and cafes	2,003	6.7
Miscellaneous goods and services	2,738	9.1
<b>Total consumption</b>	<b>29,956</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Statbel (HBS)

## INSECURITY AND WELFARE BENEFITS

Share of population below the at-risk-of-poverty threshold, 2016 income (%) <sup>1</sup>	33.3
Recipients of social integration income (18 to 64 years), 2017 (number) <sup>2</sup>	36,784
Share of population aged 18-64, 2017 (%) <sup>2</sup>	4.8
Recipients of financial aid equivalent to social integration income (18 to 64 years), 2017 (number) <sup>2</sup>	4,558
Share of population aged 18-64, 2017 (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.6
Recipients of increased reimbursement for healthcare (entitled and dependent persons), January 2018 (number) <sup>3</sup>	331,725
Share of total population, January 2018 (%) <sup>3</sup>	27.7
Recipients of Guaranteed income for elderly persons (GRAPA), January 2018 (number) <sup>4</sup>	18,596
Share of population of 65 years and older, January 2018 (%) <sup>4</sup>	11.8
Private borrowers in default, December 2018 (number) <sup>5</sup>	50,172
Share of population of 18 years and older, December 2018 (%) <sup>5</sup>	5.4

<sup>1</sup> Source: Statbel (Quality report Belgian SILC 2017) via HSO (Social Barometer 2018); confidence interval of 29.6 % to 37 %

<sup>2</sup> Source: PPS Social Integration (annual mean - provisional data)

<sup>3</sup> Sources: CBSS, National Register, HSO and BISA calculations

<sup>4</sup> Sources: Federal Pensions Service via HSO (Social Barometer 2018), National Register, BISA calculations. The recipients of the guaranteed income from the previous system are included

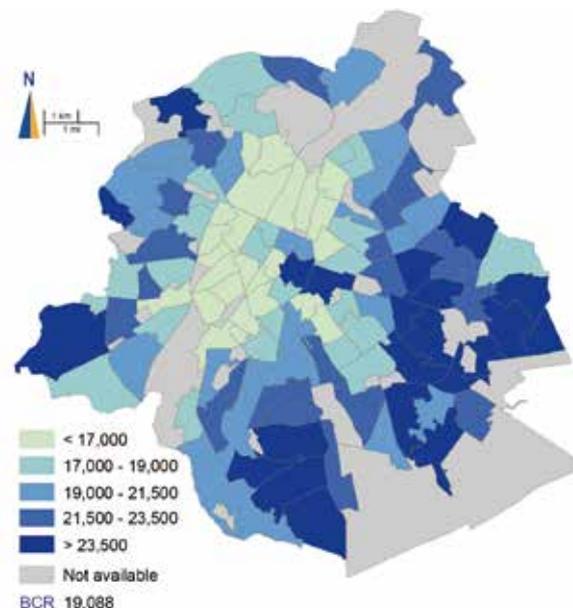
<sup>5</sup> Source: NBB (Central Individual Credit Register)

# HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

## MEDIAN TAXABLE INCOME OF TAX RETURNS

### BY DISTRICT IN 2015<sup>1</sup>

Euros per tax return



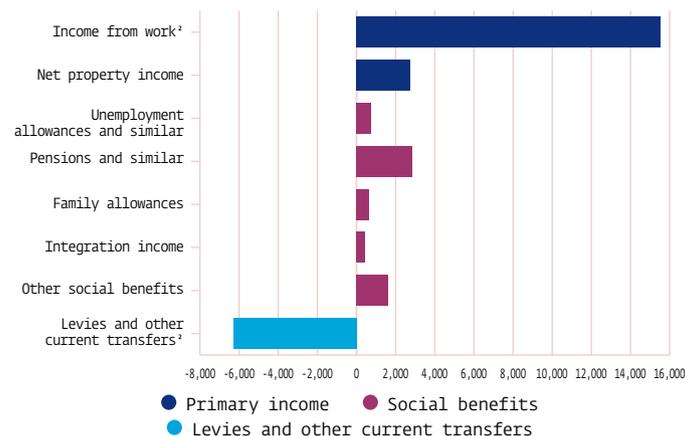
Sources: BISA, Statbel (Fiscal statistics on income)

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<sup>1</sup> 2016 financial year, 2015 income

## COMPONENTS OF DISPOSABLE INCOME PER CAPITA IN 2018<sup>1</sup>

Euros



Source: HERMREG, BISA calculations

<sup>1</sup> Estimate

<sup>2</sup> Net of employers' social contributions

## GROSS DOMESTIC EXPENDITURE ON R&D BY SECTOR OF PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

	2016	
	Million euro	% of GDP
Business enterprise	798.0	1.05
Government	157.7	0.21
Higher education	438.0	0.58
Private non-profit sector	36.3	0.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,430.0</b>	<b>1.88</b>

Sources: Belspo, NAI, BISA calculations

<sup>1</sup> Data extrapolated from preliminary data on Belgium established by Belspo and published by Eurostat

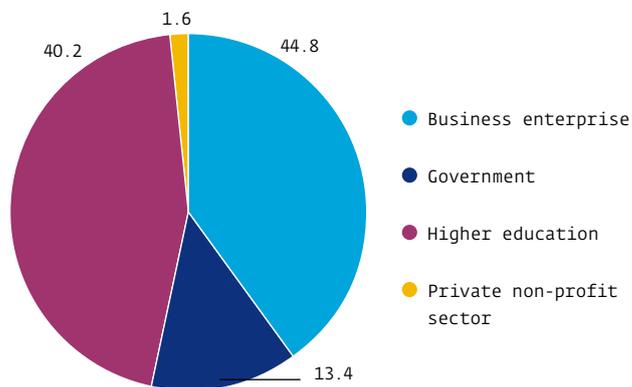
## R&D PERSONNEL<sup>1</sup>

	2016
Total R&D personnel (FTE)	12,180
Share of researchers (% of total R&D personnel)	72.9

Source: Belspo, BISA calculations

<sup>1</sup> Data extrapolated from preliminary data on Belgium established by Belspo and published by Eurostat

## R&D PERSONNEL (FTE) BROKEN DOWN BY SECTOR OF PERFORMANCE IN 2016 (%)<sup>1</sup>

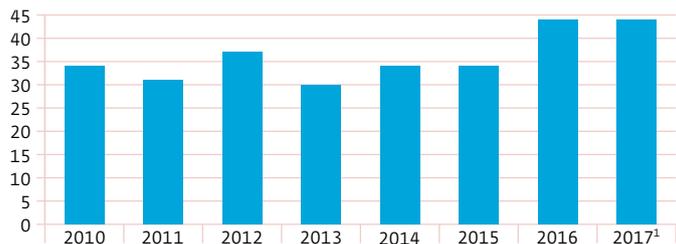


Source: Belspo, BISA calculations

<sup>1</sup> Data extrapolated from preliminary data on Belgium established by Belspo and published by Eurostat

## EVOLUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS OR OUTLAYS FOR R&D OF THE BCR

Million euro



Source: Belspo

<sup>1</sup> Based on initial budget data

## EMPLOYEES IN THE ICT SECTOR<sup>1</sup>

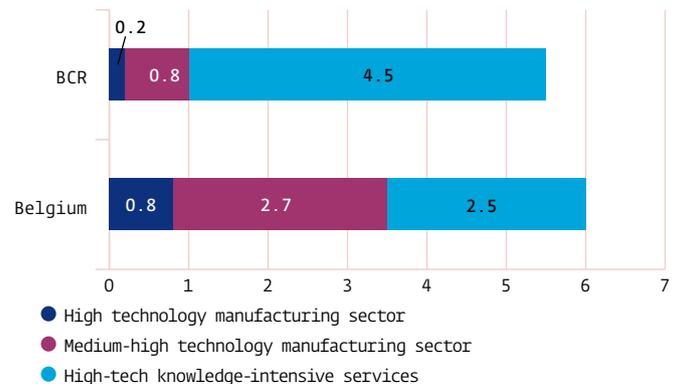
Number of jobs on 31 December	2016		
	Men	Women	Total
ICT manufacturing industries	13	9	22
ICT trade	1,884	700	2,584
ICT services	16,729	7,034	23,763
Software publishing	418	92	510
Telecommunications	7,188	3,633	10,821
Computer programming, consultancy and related activities	7,240	2,526	9,766
Data processing, hosting and related activities; web portals	1,836	772	2,608
Repair of computers and communication equipment	47	11	58
<b>Total ICT sector</b>	<b>18,626</b>	<b>7,743</b>	<b>26,369</b>

Source: NSSO, BISA calculations

<sup>1</sup> Based on the OECD definition (2007) and NACE Rev. 2

## EMPLOYMENT IN HIGH- AND MEDIUM-HIGH TECHNOLOGY<sup>1</sup> SECTORS IN 2016

% of total employment



Source: NAI, BISA calculations

<sup>1</sup> Based on the Eurostat definition and NACE Rev. 2

## INNOVATIVE ENTERPRISES BY TYPE OF INNOVATION<sup>1</sup>

% of all enterprises	2014-2016
Technological and non-technological innovation	47
Only technological innovation	15
Only non-technological innovation	3
<b>Total innovative enterprises</b>	<b>65</b>

Source: Belspo (Community Innovation Survey - CIS)

<sup>1</sup> Enterprises with at least 10 employees in sectors covered by the Community Innovation Survey

## MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

	2016
GDP (million euro)	75,894
GDP per capita (euros)	63,790
GDP growth rate in volume (%)	1.1
Compensation of employees (million euro)	39,406
Value added per worker (euros)	97,529

Sources: HERMREG, NAI, BISA calculations

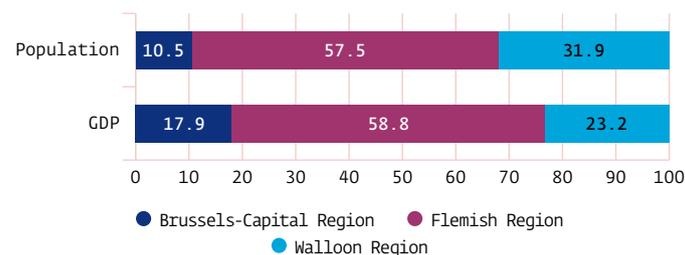
## VALUE ADDED PER SECTOR

NACE Rev. 2	2016	
	Million euro	Share in %
<b>Primary sector</b> (agriculture, forestry..)	<b>16.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Secondary sector</b>	<b>5,846.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>
Mining and quarrying	12.4	0.0
Manufacturing	2,387.6	3.5
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1,239.2	1.8
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	467.9	0.7
Construction	1,739.5	2.6
<b>Tertiary sector</b>	<b>61,883.2</b>	<b>91.3</b>
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	6,031.5	8.9
Transportation and storage	3,386.5	5.0
Accommodation and food service activities	1,344.1	2.0
Information and communication	5,047.6	7.5
Financial and insurance activities	11,854.8	17.5
Real estate activities	4,742.3	7.0
Professional, scientific and technical activities	6,948.6	10.3
Administrative and support service activities	2,773.7	4.1
Public administration	9,537.4	14.1
Education	4,018.4	5.9
Human health and social work activities	3,641.6	5.4
Other	2,556.7	3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,746.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: NAI, BISA calculations

## REGIONS' SHARE OF BELGIAN POPULATION AND GDP IN 2016

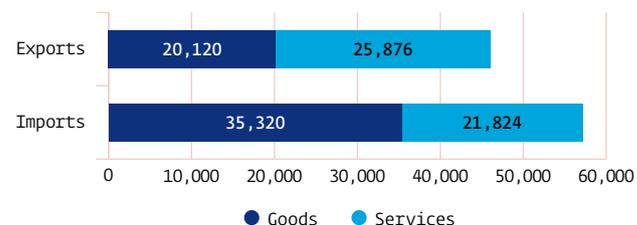
% of total for Belgium



Source: NAI, BISA calculations

## FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES IN 2015<sup>1</sup>

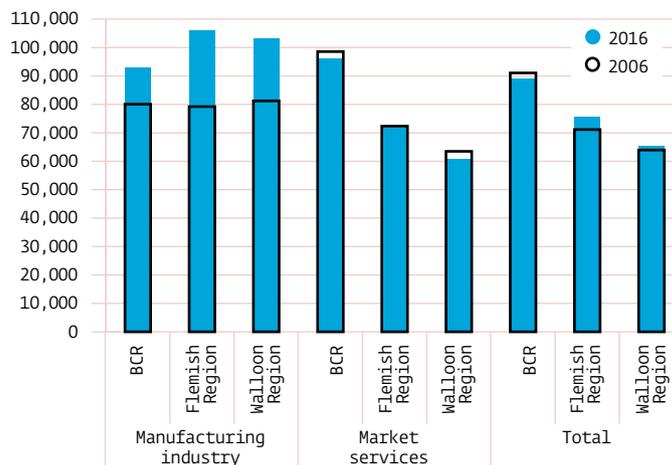
Million euro



Source: NAI

<sup>1</sup> Regional distribution of Belgian imports and exports of goods and services according to the regional accounts

## EVOLUTION OF THE PRODUCTIVITY PER CAPITA IN VOLUME PER SECTOR AND REGION<sup>1</sup>



Source: HERMREG

<sup>1</sup> Value added per worker in chained euros, reference year 2010

## ENTERPRISES<sup>1</sup>

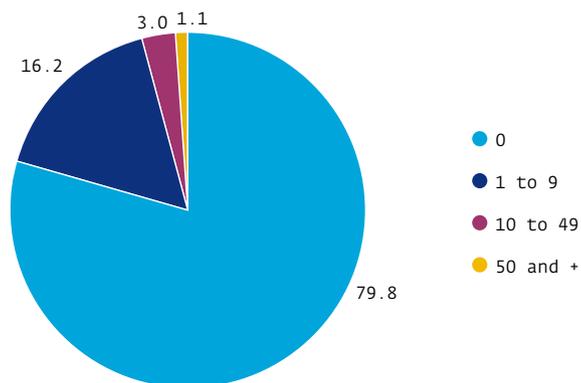
Number	2017
Active enterprises (at the end of the year)	104,705
Enterprise births	12,273
Enterprise deaths	7,979

Source: Statbel

<sup>1</sup> VAT-registered businesses; localisation according to head office

## BREAKDOWN OF ENTERPRISES<sup>1</sup> BY NUMBER OF WORKERS IN 2017

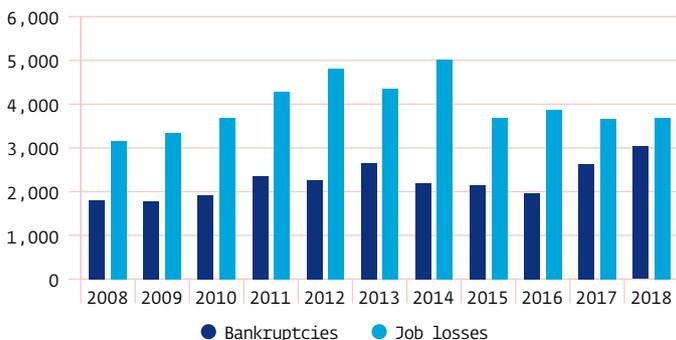
% of total number of enterprises



Source: Statbel

<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>1</sup> RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE AND OVERALL BALANCE

	2017	
	Million euro	Share in %
<b>Total of the receipts of the BCR</b>	<b>4,638</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Fiscal and parafiscal receipts</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>48</b>
Direct taxes to households	930	20
Indirect taxes	827	18
Taxes on capital (endowment and inheritance tax)	490	11
<b>Non-fiscal and non-parafiscal receipts</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Current transfers of fiscal receipts coming from other government</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Other current and capital transfers coming from other government</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total of the expenditure of the BCR</b>	<b>4,790</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Current expenditure excluding interest charges</b>	<b>3,973</b>	<b>83</b>
Compensation of employees	1,170	24
Intermediate consumption and paid taxes	723	15
Social benefits and subsidies	875	18
Current transfers	1,206	25
<b>Interest charges</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Capital expenditure</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Overall balance<sup>2</sup> of the BCR</b>	<b>-152</b>	

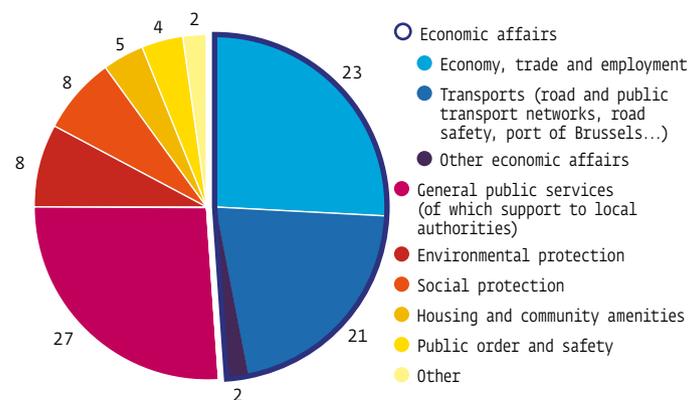
Source: NAI

<sup>1</sup> According to the framework of the ESA 2010. In this framework, is the BCR composed of the BRPS and the autonomous administrative authorities which depend on it.

<sup>2</sup> 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<sup>1</sup> SPENDING BY FUNCTION IN 2017 (%)



Source: NAI

<sup>1</sup> According to the framework of the ESA 2010. In this framework, is the BCR 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

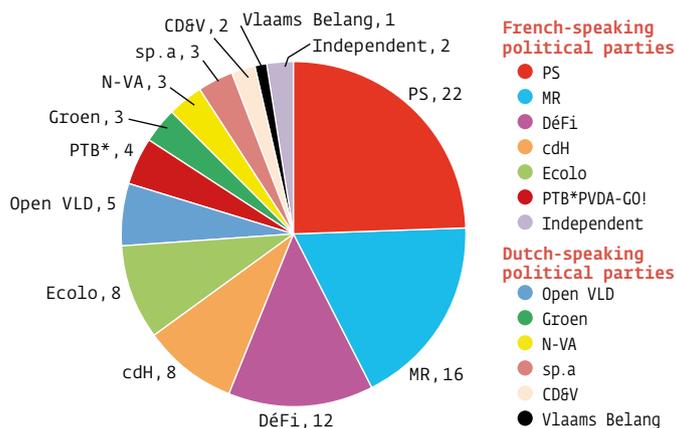
## COMPOSITION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE BCR

Number of seats

French-speaking elected representatives	72
Dutch-speaking elected representatives	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>

Source: Parliament of the BCR

## BREAKDOWN OF NUMBER OF SEATS IN THE PARLIAMENT OF THE BCR<sup>1</sup>



Source: Parliament of the BCR  
<sup>1</sup> Situation on 8 November 2018

## EARLY CHILDCARE FACILITIES

On 31 December	2017	
	Number of places	Number of facilities
<b>By community organisation</b>		
ONE	12,661	470
Kind en Gezin	7,195	231
<b>By type of care</b>		
Collective	19,204	561
Family	580	138
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>19,784</b>	<b>699</b>

Sources: BISA, Kind en Gezin, ONE

<sup>1</sup> The total amount of places and facilities differs from the sum per community organisation seeing as 2 establishments, representing 72 places, have been accredited by both ONE and Kind en Gezin.

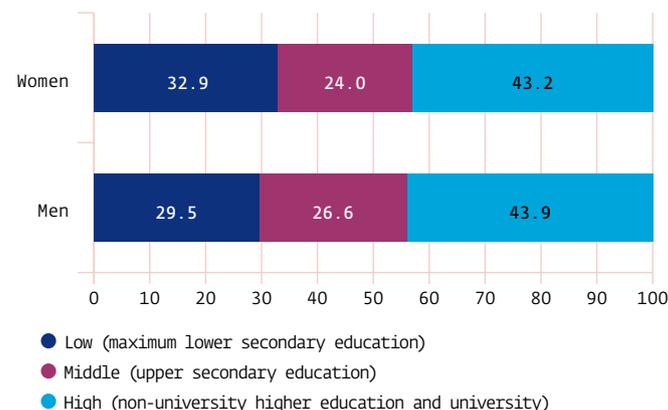
## SCHOOL POPULATION IN THE FRENCH-SPEAKING AND DUTCH-SPEAKING EDUCATION SYSTEMS

Number of pupils or students	2016-2017	
	French-speaking	Dutch-speaking
Kindergarten	45,917	13,092
Primary	79,904	18,180
Secondary	82,325	14,816
Non-university higher education	35,943	18,040
University (principal registrations) <sup>1</sup>	33,639	17,200

Sources: BISA, Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles, Flemish Community, Fondation Universitaire  
<sup>1</sup> 2013-2014

## HIGHEST DIPLOMA OBTAINED BY GENDER IN 2017

% of the population aged 25 and over



Source: Statbel (LFS)

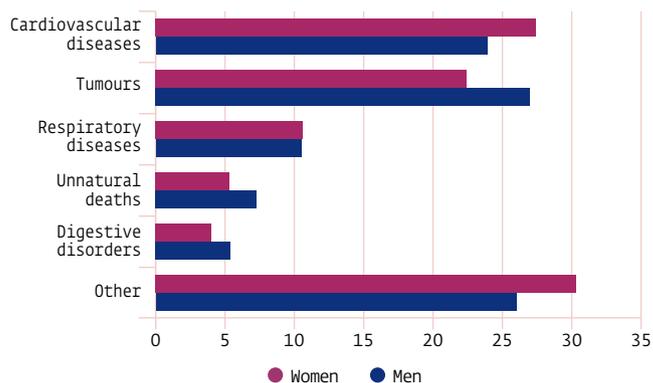
## DEMOGRAPHICS

	Men	Women
Average age (number of years on 1 January 2018)	36.2	38.7
Life expectancy at birth (number of years in 2017)	78.5	83.6
Births (number in 2017)	9,062	8,647
Deaths (number in 2017)	4,316	4,715

Sources: BISA, Statbel (National Register)

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN 2016

% of number of deaths



Source: Statbel

## PRACTITIONERS OF A MEDICAL PROFESSION

Based on place of residence on 1 January	2018	
	Number	Density (per 10,000 inhabitants)
Doctors	7,219	60
Pharmacists	1,869	16
Dentists	1,172	10
Nurses	9,844	82
Physiotherapists	3,258	27
Nursing auxiliaries	7,858	66
Midwives	835	7

Source: FPS Public Health

## HOSPITAL SERVICES

On 1 January	2018
Number of hospitals <sup>1</sup>	23
Private	18
Public	5
Total number of beds <sup>2</sup>	8,953

Source: FPS Public Health

<sup>1</sup> Number of main sites

<sup>2</sup> Sum of beds in all sites

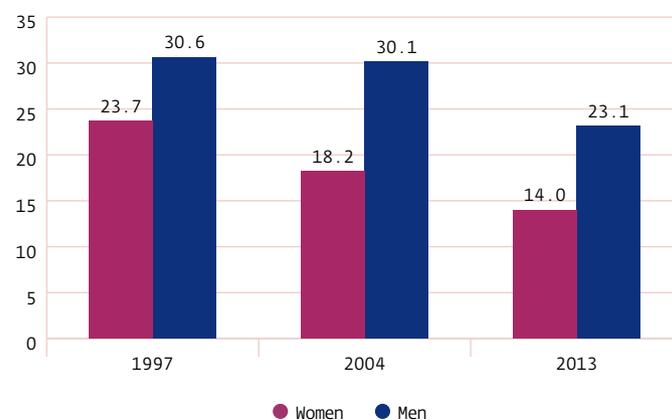
## ACCOMODATION SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

On 1 January	2018	
	Number of institutions	Number of beds
Assisted living residences	32	1,642
Rest homes and nursing homes	156	16,535
Public sector	27	3,564
Non-profit private sector	24	2,588
Commercial private sector	105	10,383
<b>Total</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>18,177</b>

Source: Infor-Homes Bruxelles

## DAILY SMOKERS

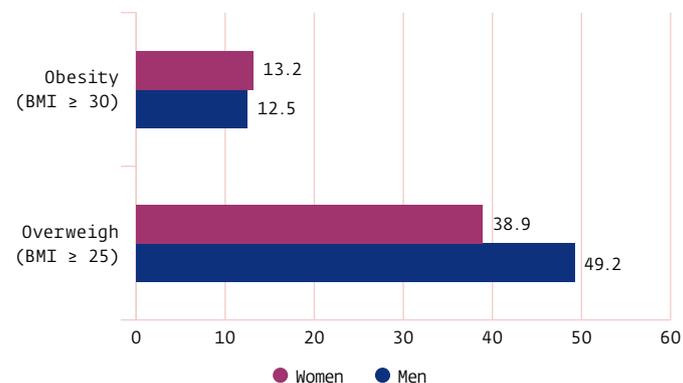
% of the population aged 15 and older



Source: Scientific Institute of Public Health (Health Interview Surveys 1997, 2004 and 2013)

## OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY IN 2013

% of the population aged 18 and older



Source: Scientific Institute of Public Health (Health Interview Survey 2013)

# LAND USE PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE

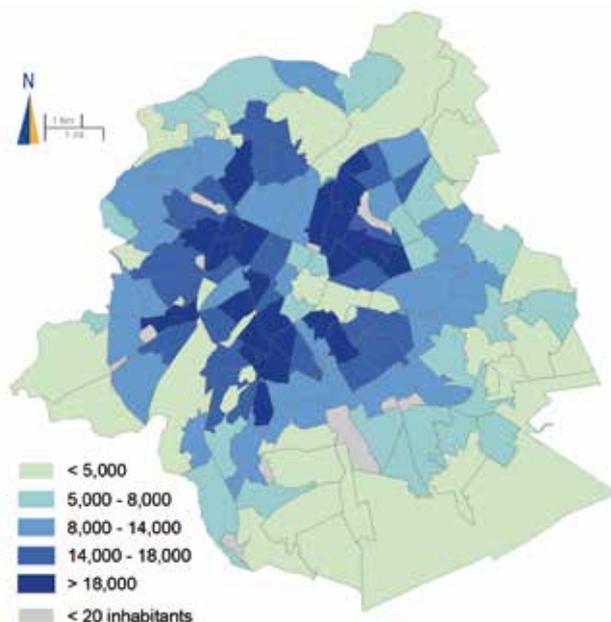
## POPULATION, AREA AND DENSITY BY MUNICIPALITY

On 1 January	Population (inhabitants)	2018 Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Density (inhab./km <sup>2</sup> )
Anderlecht	118,382	17.9	6,609
Auderghem	33,740	9.0	3,761
Berchem-Sainte-Agathe	24,830	2.9	8,423
Bruxelles	179,277	33.1	5,420
Etterbeek	47,786	3.2	15,049
Evere	41,131	5.1	8,020
Forest	56,008	6.3	8,885
Ganshoren	24,865	2.4	10,217
Ixelles	86,513	6.4	13,504
Jette	52,201	5.2	10,060
Koekelberg	21,774	1.2	18,333
Molenbeek-Saint-Jean	97,005	6.0	16,152
Saint-Gilles	50,002	2.5	19,787
Saint-Josse-Ten-Noode	27,032	1.2	22,963
Schaerbeek	133,010	7.9	16,841
Uccle	82,275	22.9	3,598
Watermael-Boitsfort	25,012	13.0	1,927
Woluwe-Saint-Lambert	56,303	7.3	7,712
Woluwe-Saint-Pierre	41,580	8.9	4,651
<b>Total BCR</b>	<b>1,198,726</b>	<b>162.4</b>	<b>7,380</b>

Sources: BISA, Statbel (National Register)

## POPULATION DENSITY BY DISTRICT ON 1 JANUARY 2017

Number of inhabitants per km<sup>2</sup>



Sources: BISA, Statbel (National Register)  
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## LAND OCCUPATION ACCORDING TO THE LAND REGISTER

Area in ha	2018
Non built-up parcels	5,180
Built-up parcels	7,670
Not surveyed	3,392
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,242</b>

Source: Statbel

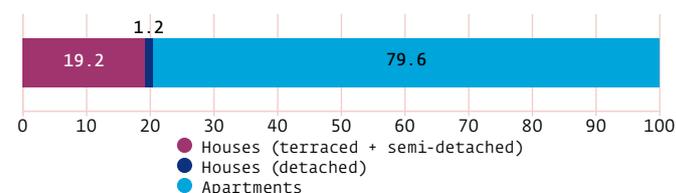
## MEDIAN PROPERTY PRICES BY TYPE

Euros per sale (new build not included)	2017
Houses (terraced + semi-detached)	362,000
Houses (detached)	820,000
Apartments	190,000

Sources: FPS Finance - GAPD (November 2017 version), Statbel

## PROPERTIES SOLD BY TYPE IN 2017

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



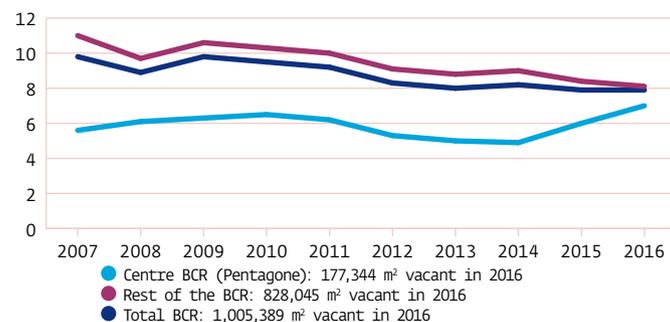
Sources: FPS Finance - GAPD (November 2017 version), Statbel

## BUILDINGS BY TYPE

Cadastral nature (situation on 1 January)	2018
Terraced	106,601
Semi-detached	15,541
Detached	5,793
Apartment buildings	35,608
Merchant houses	16,139
Other buildings	14,929
<b>Total number of buildings (land register)</b>	<b>194,611</b>
<b>Total number of housing units (land register)</b>	<b>577,200</b>
<b>Number of social housing (31/12/2016)</b>	<b>39,742</b>

Sources: FPS Finance - GAPD, SLRB, Statbel

## OFFICE VACANCY RATE (%)



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

## FINAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION

	2016	
	GWh NCV	Share in %
<b>By sector</b>		
Industry	719	4
Tertiary	7,244	36
Housing	7,600	38
Transport	4,413	22
Non-energy purposes	259	1
<b>By vector</b>		
Natural gas	8,783	43
Electricity	5,316	26
Oil products <sup>1</sup>	5,516	27
Other	620	3
<b>Total energy consumption</b>	<b>20,235</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Brussels Environment (Energy audit of the BCR 2016)

<sup>1</sup> Including oil-based fuels and biofuels

## CONSUMPTION OF TAP WATER



Sources: Hydrobru, Statbel, BISA calculations

## GREEN SPACES<sup>1</sup>

Type of zone	2018	
	Area (ha)	Portion of total area of the BCR (%)
Green zones	296	1.8
Green zones of high biological value	179	1.1
Forest zones	1,680	10.4
Park zones (including Royal Domain)	1,101	6.8
Agricultural zones	228	1.4
Outdoor sports or recreational zones	340	2.1
Cemetery zones	152	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,976</b>	<b>24.6</b>

Source: Perspective.brussels

<sup>1</sup> According to the Regional Zoning Plan

## DOMESTIC AND RELATED WASTE

Metric tons	2017
Unsorted domestic and commercial waste	<b>308,227</b>
<b>Selective collections</b>	
Paper/cardboard	52,818
PMC packaging	14,945
Glass	25,831
Biodegradable waste <sup>1</sup>	21,602
Other <sup>2</sup>	46,996
<b>Total</b>	<b>470,419</b>

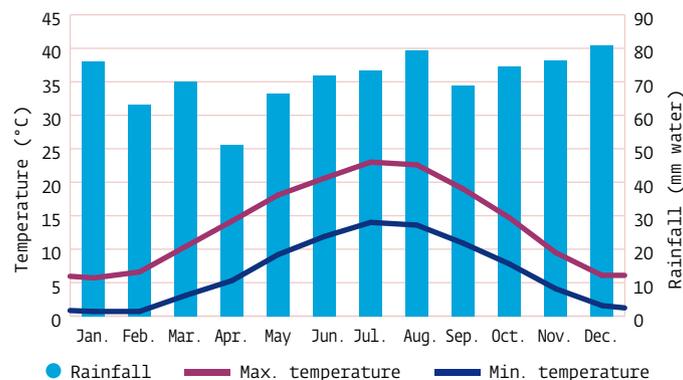
Source: Bruxelles-Propreté

<sup>1</sup> Green waste, food waste and mixed green/food waste

<sup>2</sup> Mainly bulky waste, wood, metal, chemical and electronic products, etc.

## AVERAGE TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL IN UCCLE

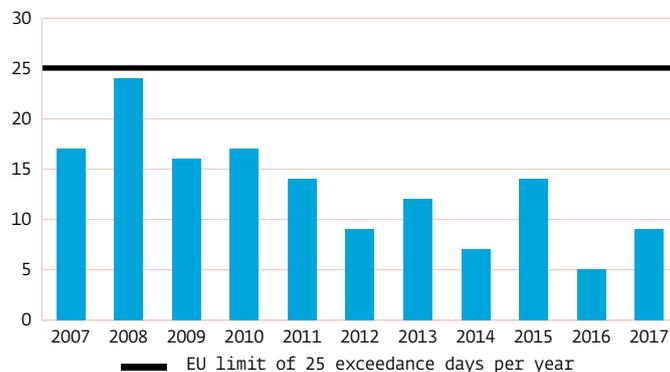
Monthly normal values 1981-2010



Source: Royal Meteorological Institute

## NUMBER OF DAYS OF OZONE EXCEEDANCE OF EU TARGET VALUE 120 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

Per 8-hour period (monitoring station in Uccle)



Source: Brussels Environnement

# MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT

## VEHICLE FLEET

Number on 1 August	2018
Cars	492,284
Motorcycles	34,581
Buses and coaches	2,001
Trucks, vans, tankers	74,151
Other (tractors, special vehicles...)	22,692
<b>Total</b>	<b>625,709</b>

Source: Statbel

## SHARE OF HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT A CAR

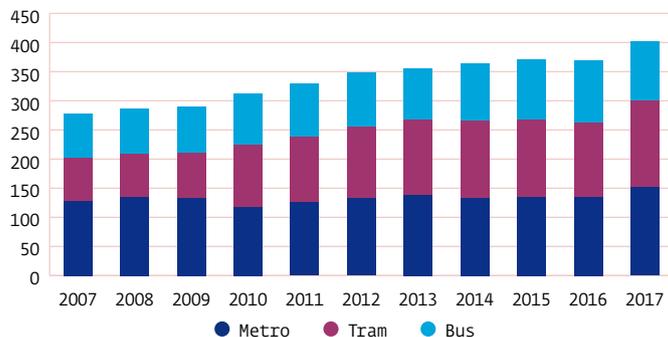
%	2012-2016 <sup>1</sup>
Brussels-Capital Region	45
Flemish Region	13
Walloon Region	16
<b>Belgium</b>	<b>17</b>

Source: Statbel (HBS)

<sup>1</sup> Average calculated from three surveys: 2012, 2014 and 2016

## NUMBER OF JOURNEYS ON THE STIB PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK

Millions



Source: STIB

## SHARED TRANSPORT OF PERSONS

	2018
Villo! shared bike users (number of annual subscribers) <sup>1</sup>	37,524
Villo! shared bicycle fleet (number of bicycles) <sup>1</sup>	4,334
Villo! bike-sharing stations (number of stations) <sup>1</sup>	357
Carsharing stations (number of stations Cambio, Zen Car, Ubeeqo) <sup>2</sup>	238
Carsharing vehicles (number of vehicles Cambio, Zen Car, Ubeeqo, Zipcar, DriveNow) <sup>3</sup>	850

Sources: Cambio, DriveNow, Ubeeqo, Villo!, Zen Car, Zipcar

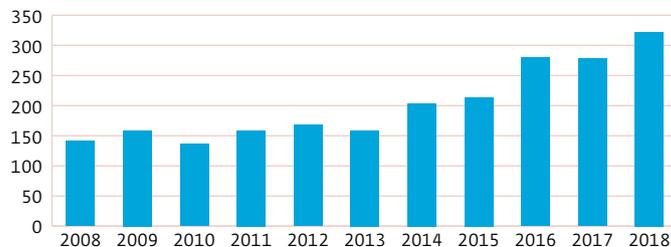
<sup>1</sup> On 31/12/2017

<sup>2</sup> On 01/01/2018

<sup>3</sup> Estimation on 01/11/2017, offer for individual customers only

# MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT

## EVOLUTION OF THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF CYCLIST PER CROSSROAD<sup>1</sup>



Source: Brussels Mobility (Bicycle Observatory of the BCR - Pro Velo asbl)

<sup>1</sup> 26 counting points, on a Tuesday or Thursday during the peak hour (8-9 am) in January, May, September and November

## ROAD ACCIDENTS INVOLVING DEATH AND INJURY

Number	2017
With deaths within 30 days	24
With serious injuries	182
With minor injuries	3,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,846</b>

Source: Statbel

## RAIL TRANSPORT: TRAVELLERS BOARDING A TRAIN IN THE STATION<sup>1</sup>

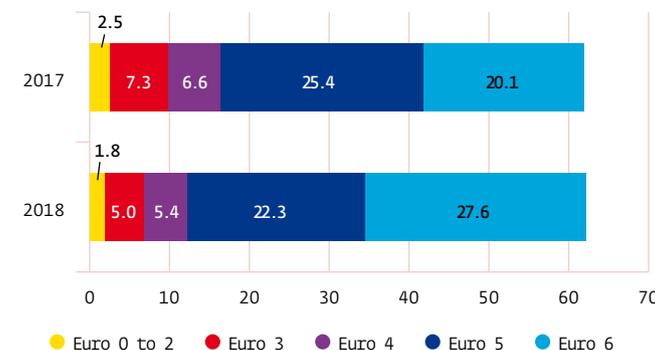
Number per day	2017
Three main train stations:	
Bruxelles-Nord / Brussel-Noord	61,179
Bruxelles-Central / Brussel-Centraal	59,258
Bruxelles-Midi / Brussel-Zuid	58,461
<b>Total 34 train stations</b>	<b>221,607</b>

Source: SNCB

<sup>1</sup> Counts for an average business day

## KILOMETERS TRAVELED BY TRUCKS (> 3,5 TONS) ON THE ENTIRE BRUSSELS ROAD NETWORK BY EURO NORM

Millions of km



Source: Viapass

## TOURIST ACCOMMODATIONS

	2017		
	Number of establishments	Number of rooms	Number of bed-places
Hotels and similar establishments	177	17,088	35,246
Youth accommodation	9	439	1,482
Bed and Breakfast	111	217	499

Source: Statbel

## NUMBER OF OVERNIGHT STAYS IN HOTELS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS

By trip purpose	2017
Overnight stays for leisure	2,624,050
Conferences - Conventions - Seminars	2,477,938
Other professional reasons	905,658
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,007,646</b>

Source: Statbel

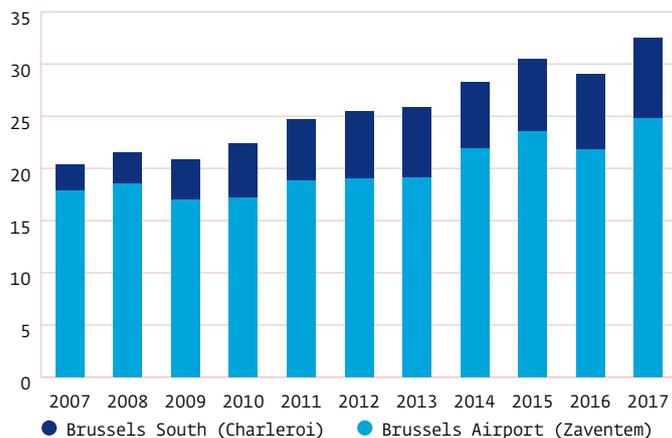
## TOP 5 OVERNIGHT STAYS IN HOTELS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS

By country of residence of the visitors	2017
Belgium	1,236,063
France	659,619
Spain	454,575
United Kingdom	421,811
Germany	409,111

Source: Statbel

## EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AT AIRPORTS

Millions



Sources: Brussels Airport, Brussels South Charleroi Airport

## TOP 15 MUSEUMS AND ATTRACTIONS IN 2017

> 600,000 visitors
Royal Museums of Fine Arts <sup>1</sup>
500,000-600,000 visitors
Atomium
250,000-350,000 visitors
Mini-Europe
Natural Sciences Museum
Parlamentarium
150,000-250,000 visitors
Océade
Comics Art Museum
European Parliament hemicycle
BOZAR
100,000-150,000 visitors
Cinquantenaire Museum
Train World
Musical Instruments Museum
Autoworld
50,000-100,000 visitors
House of European History
Choco-Story Brussels

Source: visit.brussels (Brussels Tourism Observatory)

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

## ORGANISED EVENTS

Number of visitors	2017
<b>Regular paid events</b>	
Brussels Summer Festival	117,000
Couleur Café	60,000
Anima Festival	46,000
Memorial Van Damme	40,000
Brosella	35,000
<b>Regular free events</b>	
Plaisirs d'Hiver	2,300,000
Foire du Midi	1,500,000
Bruxelles-les-Bains	375,000
Brussels Jazz Marathon	325,000
Iris Festival	110,000
<b>Trade fairs and shows</b>	
European Motor Show	437,000
Batibouw	297,000
Salon de l'Alimentation	106,000
Brussels Holiday Show	101,000
Made in Asia	80,000

Source: visit.brussels (Brussels Tourism Observatory)

# ABBREVIATIONS

<b>BCR</b>	Brussels-Capital Region
<b>Belspo</b>	Belgian Federal Science Policy
<b>BISA</b>	Brussels Institute for Statistics and Analysis
<b>BMI</b>	Body Mass Index
<b>BRPS</b>	Brussels Regional Public Service
<b>CBSS</b>	Crossroads Bank for Social Security
<b>ESA</b>	European system of national and regional accounts
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>FPB</b>	Federal Planning Bureau
<b>FPS</b>	Federal Public Service
<b>FTE</b>	Full-time equivalent
<b>GAPD</b>	General Administration of Patrimonial Documentation
<b>GDP</b>	Gross Domestic Product
<b>GWh</b>	Gigawatt-hours
<b>HBS</b>	Household Budget Survey
<b>HSO</b>	Brussels-Capital Health and Social Observatory
<b>ICT</b>	Information and communications technologies
<b>ILO</b>	International Labour Office
<b>LFS</b>	Labour Force Survey
<b>NACE Rev. 2</b>	Latest version of the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community
<b>NAI</b>	National Accounts Institute
<b>NBB</b>	National Bank of Belgium
<b>NCV</b>	Net calorific value
<b>NSSO</b>	National Social Security Office
<b>OECD</b>	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
<b>ONE</b>	Office de la Naissance et de l'Enfance
<b>PMC</b>	Plastic, Metal and beverage Cartons
<b>PPS</b>	Public Planning Service
<b>R&amp;D</b>	Research and Development
<b>SILC</b>	Survey on Income and Living Conditions
<b>SLRB</b>	Société du logement de la Région bruxelloise
<b>SNCB</b>	Société nationale des chemins de fer belges
<b>STIB</b>	Société des Transports Intercommunaux de Bruxelles
<b>VAT</b>	Value Added Tax
<b>µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	Micrograms per Cubic Metre

# DEFINITIONS

- **Activity rate:** Proportion of the active population (employed and unemployed population) in the working age population (15 to 64 years).
- **Chained euros:** Way to measure the change in volume after removing the effects of the price changes for the calculation of various economic aggregates (source: NBB).
- **Employment rate:** Resident employed population as a percentage of persons of working age (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.
- **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 (total fertility rate).
- **HERMREG:** Multi-sectoral macroeconomic model offering medium term projections of the different aggregates at Belgian regional level.
- **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 (employed 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...).
- **Technological and non-technological innovation:** Technological innovation is the introduction of a new or improved product or process. Non-technological innovation consists in the implementation of a new marketing or organizational method.
- **Unemployed job seeker:** Person without paid employment registered as a job seeker with a public employment service.

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