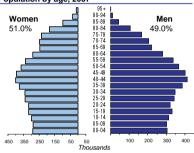


Capital (population, 2009)	Brussels (153 514)
Two largest cities	Antwerp (478 170)
	Gent (240 191)
Area (km²)	30 528
Total population, 2009	10 788 500
Population density (per km2	<b>), 2009</b> 353
Official languages	Dutch, French and German
Date joined UN	27 December 1945
National currency	Euro (EUR)
National statistical office	

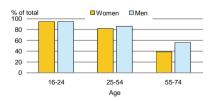
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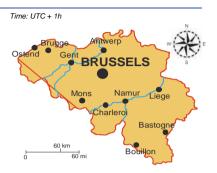




Life expectancy (in years), 2007	at birth	at 65
Women	83	21
Men	77	17
Total fertility rate, 2007 average number of children per woman		1.8
Adolescent fertility rate, 2007 number of live births per 1000 women aged	10	
Mean age of women at birth of first child age in years	27.7	

# Computer use by age and sex, 2009



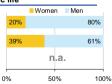


Women in the labour force, 2009 percentage of total for both sexes	45%	
Gender pay gap		
monthly earnings		
hourly wage, 2008	9%	
Women in part-time employment, 2009 percentage of total of women employed	41%	
Female tertiary students, 2007 percentage of total for both sexes	55%	
Women victims of homicide percentage of total for both sexes		
Women researchers, 2007 percentage of total for both sexes	31%	

### Women and men in selected occupation groups

		Women	Men
Legislators, senior officials and managers		n.a.	
Professionals	56%		44%
Clerks	64%		36%
Craft and related trade workers	<mark>7</mark> %		93%
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	<mark>16%</mark>		84%
	0%	50%	1005
Women and men in pu	blic life		

Government ministers, 2006
Members of parliament, 2010
Judges





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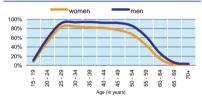
	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Employment (% change over previous year)	2.0	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.7	-0.4
Unemployment rate (%)	6.9	8.5	8.3	7.5	7.0	7.9
Youth unemployment rate (%)	16.7	21.5	20.5	18.8	18.0	21.9

	% of GDP
Exports of goods and services, 2009	73.0
Imports of goods and services, 2009	70.2
External trade balance, 2009	2.7
Gross External Debt, 2009	304.8

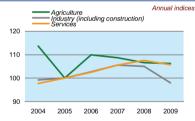
# Real GDP growth rate



#### Economic activity rate, 2009



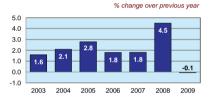
# GDP in agriculture, industry, services (2005=100)



Forest resources	
Area of Forest percentage of land area	22.2
Road accidents	
Persons injured	
in road accidents, 2008 Persons killed	55 643
in road accidents, 2008	944
in road accidents, 2008	944

	0.0	0.0	0.0			1.0
	16.7	21.5	20.5	18.8	18.0	21.9
GD	P at currei	nt prices				
n	nillions of US	S Dollars, P	PP, 2009		39	3 437
n	nillions of EL	JR, 2009			33	89 162
GD	P at currei	nt prices,	per capita	а		
ι	JS Dollars, F	PP, 2009			3	36 463
E	UR, 2009				3	31 433
Fina	l consumpti	on expendi	iture at curr	ent prices,	per capita	
L	JS Dollars, F	PP, 2009			2	28 110
Pur	chasing P	ower Pari	ity (PPP)			
E	UR per USI	D, US=1, 20	009			0.862
Exc	hange rate	e				
A	Annual avera	ge, EUR pe	er USD, 200	9		0.719

### Consumer price index



GDP by major sectors, 2009

## Employment in major sectors, 2009



2% 13% 34% 6% 24%

- 21% Agriculture, hunting & forestry; fishing (ISIC A-B)
- Industry, including energy (ISIC C-E)
- Construction (ISIC F)
- Wholesale & retail trade, repairs; hotels & restaurants;
- transport & communications (ISIC G-I) Financial intermediation; real estate, renting & business activities (ISIC J-K) Other service activities (ISIC L-P)

#### Transport infrastructure

Railways	
total length in kilometres , 2008	3 513
Motorways	
total length in kilometres, 2008	1 763

