

1 School population in Flemish education

Full-time education	
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾	
Nursery education	263,789
Special nursery education	1,986
Primary education	438,779
Special primary education	24,380
Total	728,934
SECONDARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾	
Full-time regular secondary education	421,975
Special secondary education	20,331
Total	442,306
TERTIARY EDUCATION	
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	6,706
Higher vocational adult education ⁽³⁾	16,610
Specific teacher training ⁽³⁾	7,810
University colleges ⁽⁴⁾	120,526
Universities ⁽⁴⁾	110,334

Part-time secondary education	
Part-time vocational secondary education ⁽¹⁾	8,980
Adult education	
Secondary adult education ⁽³⁾	306,428
Adult basic education ⁽³⁾	65,660
Part-time arts education	
Part-time arts education ⁽⁵⁾	180,402

- (1) Elementary and secondary education: number of pupils enrolled (all enrolments) on 1 February 2018.
 (2) Associate degree nursing: number of pupils enrolled on 1 February 2018.
 (3) Higher vocational adult education, specific teacher training, secondary adult education and adult basic education: number of unique enrolments on a programme for the reference period 1/4/2017 - 31/3/2018.
 (4) University colleges and universities: Bachelor's and Master's programmes. Data refer to all active enrolments in a degree contract in an institution for higher education on 30 June 2018. A student may have several enrolments.
 (5) Part-time arts education: number of students eligible for funding. Individuals enrolled on more than one course of study are counted more than once.

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Part-time secondary education						
Part-time vocational secondary education ⁽¹⁾	8,636	8,867	8,807	8,754	8,864	8,980
Adult education						
Secondary adult education ⁽³⁾	328,087	324,903	325,870	316,860	311,779	306,428
Adult basic education ⁽³⁾	45,780	47,861	52,506	58,850	65,950	65,660
Part-time arts education						
Part-time arts education ⁽⁵⁾	174,102	175,251	175,804	177,798	178,624	180,402

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 (2) Associate degree nursing: number of pupils enrolled on 1 February.
 (3) Higher vocational adult education, specific teacher training, secondary adult education and adult basic education: number of unique enrolments on a programme for the reference period 1 April - 31 March.
 (4) University colleges and universities: Bachelor's and Master's programmes. Data refer to all active enrolments in a degree contract in an institution for higher education on 30 June. A student may have several enrolments.
 (5) Part-time arts education: number of students eligible for funding. Individuals enrolled on more than one course of study are counted more than once.

2 Changes in the school population by level of education

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Full-time education						
NURSERY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾						
Regular	265,953	269,197	268,453	267,756	266,379	263,789
Special	2,023	2,042	2,000	1,984	1,967	1,986
Total	267,976	271,239	270,453	269,740	268,346	265,775
PRIMARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾						
Regular	392,351	399,729	411,097	422,911	432,291	438,779
Special	28,481	28,307	27,483	25,578	24,645	24,380
Total	420,832	428,036	438,580	448,489	456,936	463,159
Total elementary education	688,808	699,275	709,033	718,229	725,282	728,934
SECONDARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾						
Regular	418,817	417,469	416,847	418,228	419,207	421,975
Special	20,177	20,495	20,661	20,333	20,130	20,331
Total secondary education	438,994	437,964	437,508	438,561	439,337	442,306
TERTIARY EDUCATION						
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	6,869	7,383	7,402	7,434	7,062	6,706
Higher vocational adult education ⁽³⁾	17,913	17,989	17,862	17,442	16,947	16,610
Specific teacher training ⁽³⁾	9,305	9,425	9,355	8,840	8,500	7,810
University colleges ⁽⁴⁾	132,120	112,360	115,359	117,587	120,081	120,526
Universities ⁽⁴⁾	84,177	108,771	108,896	108,757	108,728	110,334

1 Educational institutions in Flemish education

Full-time education		Part-time secondary education	
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ^{(1) (2)}		Part-time vocational secondary education ⁽⁴⁾ 49	
Autonomous nursery schools	162		
Autonomous primary schools	243		
Schools providing nursery and primary education	2,208		
Total	2,613		
SECONDARY EDUCATION		Adult education	
Full-time regular secondary education ^{(3) (4)}	939	Secondary adult education ⁽⁵⁾	91
Special secondary education ⁽²⁾	121	Adult basic education	13
Total	1,060		
TERTIARY EDUCATION		Part-time arts education	
Associate degree nursing ⁽³⁾	20	Part-time arts education	168
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training ⁽⁵⁾	30		
University colleges	16		
Universities	6		

- (1) Autonomous nursery schools organise nursery education only. Autonomous primary schools organise primary education only.
- (2) Excluding the so-called 'type 5-schools'. These schools organise special education of type 5 only (for pupils with long-term illness). In special elementary education, 6 schools organise nursery and primary education. In special secondary education there are 5 schools organising type 5-education. In order to avoid double counts, the pupils enrolled in special education type 5 are not included in the figures.
- (3) 16 of the 939 schools organising full-time regular secondary education also organise the courses for the associate degree in nursing. Beside these schools, 4 schools only organise the courses for the associate degree in nursing. In the table above, the 16 schools referred to in this footnote are reported under both full-time regular secondary education and associate degree nursing.
- (4) 43 of these 939 schools also organise part-time vocational secondary education. There are 5 schools that only organise part-time vocational secondary education. In the table above, the 43 schools referred to in this footnote are reported under both full-time secondary education and part-time vocational education.
- (5) During reference period 1/4/2017-31/3/2018 there were 97 centres for adult education, 91 of which offered secondary adult education and 30 of which offered higher adult education. This means some centres organized secondary as well as higher adult education.

1 Staff by level of education expressed in number of persons

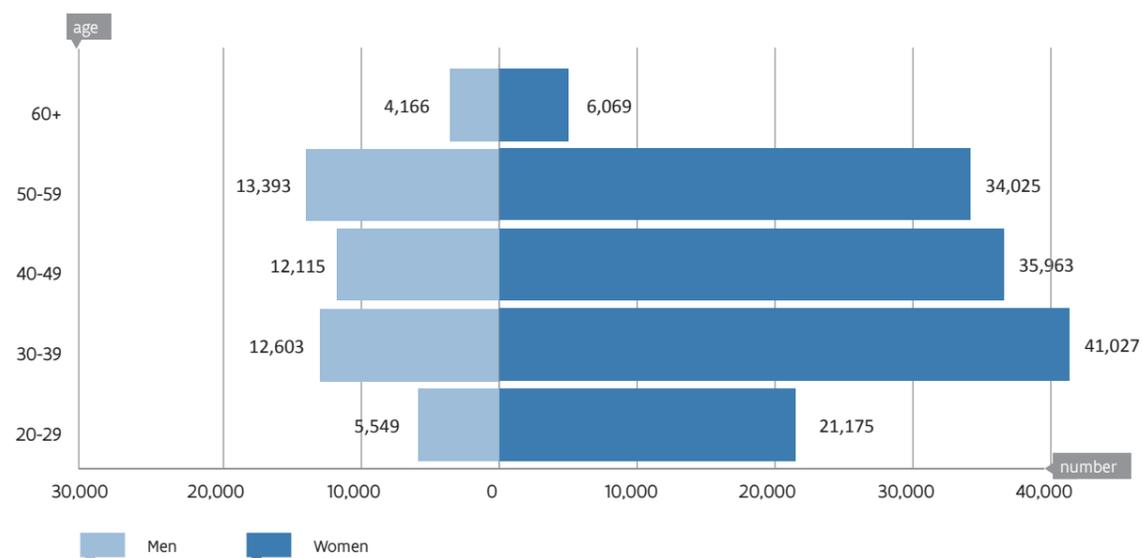
	Tenured posts			Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Elementary education	7,117	48,363	55,480	2,538	18,085	20,623	9,655	66,448	76,103
Secondary education ⁽¹⁾	20,105	36,810	56,915	6,884	12,222	19,106	26,989	49,032	76,021
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	182	1,052	1,234	69	311	380	251	1,363	1,614
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	239	295	534	362	310	672	601	605	1,206
University colleges ⁽³⁾	2,432	3,821	6,253	2,073	2,684	4,757	4,505	6,505	11,010
Secondary adult education	1,142	2,864	4,006	997	1,827	2,824	2,139	4,691	6,830
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	118	636	754	82	524	606	200	1,160	1,360
Part-time arts education	1,634	2,469	4,103	654	1,015	1,669	2,288	3,484	5,772
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	871	3,337	4,208	327	1,634	1,961	1,198	4,971	6,169
Total	33,840	99,647	133,487	13,986	38,612	52,598	47,826	138,259	186,085
Universities ⁽⁵⁾							n.b.	n.b.	n.b.

2 Staff by level of education expressed in number of full-time equivalents

	Tenured posts			Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Elementary education	6,652	41,869	48,521	2,161	15,083	17,244	8,813	56,952	65,765
Secondary education ⁽¹⁾	18,934	32,057	50,991	6,199	10,702	16,901	25,133	42,759	67,892
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	178	928	1,106	55	271	326	233	1,199	1,432
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	186	238	424	159	207	366	345	445	790
University colleges ⁽³⁾	2,151	3,126	5,277	1,302	1,930	3,232	3,453	5,056	8,509
Secondary adult education	955	2,309	3,264	642	1,305	1,947	1,597	3,614	5,211
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	99	484	583	74	411	485	173	895	1,068
Part-time arts education	1,387	1,948	3,335	367	582	949	1,754	2,530	4,284
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	798	2,676	3,474	272	1,270	1,542	1,070	3,946	5,016
Total	31,340	85,635	116,975	11,231	31,761	42,992	42,571	117,396	159,967
Universities ⁽⁵⁾							n.b.	n.b.	n.b.

- (1) Staff in full-time and part-time secondary education.
- (2) The nursing courses at the 4th stage of vocational education became associate degree (HBO5) programmes in 2009-10.
- (3) In the data on the university colleges, visiting professors and mandate fees are not included in the number of full-time equivalents.
- (4) Since 1 September 2008 the staff members working at adult basic education centres have been paid directly by the Education and Training policy area. The Education and Training policy area functions as a third-party payment provider for staff members who have an employment contract with the adult basic education centre but are not paid through any other channel. This third-party payment scheme was introduced on the basis of the Decree on Adult Education (15 June 2007).
- (5) The data for February 2018 were not yet available at the time of publication.

3 Staff by age group and gender ⁽¹⁾



(1) Excluding staff employed by universities.

4 Changes in staff by level of education expressed in number of persons

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Regular elementary education	62,203	63,171	64,013	64,793	65,838	66,086
Special elementary education	9,712	9,799	9,907	9,889	9,912	10,017
Regular secondary education ⁽¹⁾	68,527	67,973	67,419	66,809	66,830	66,617
Special secondary education	8,472	8,801	9,020	9,151	9,229	9,404
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	1,291	1,399	1,498	1,537	1,560	1,614
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	1,261	1,245	1,248	1,243	1,228	1,206
University colleges ⁽³⁾	12,705	11,142	10,637	10,607	10,761	11,010
Secondary adult education	6,417	6,511	6,585	6,627	6,775	6,830
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	914	950	1,077	1,194	1,310	1,360
Part-time arts education	5,728	5,755	5,761	5,737	5,754	5,772
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	6,269	6,282	6,228	6,248	6,276	6,169
Total	183,499	183,028	183,393	183,835	185,473	186,085
Universities ⁽⁵⁾	12,405	15,085	15,346	15,487	15,503	n.b.

5 Changes in staff by level of education expressed in number of full-time equivalents

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Regular elementary education	53,868	54,546	55,334	56,242	56,863	57,107
Special elementary education	8,468	8,520	8,596	8,623	8,548	8,658
Regular secondary education ⁽¹⁾	61,079	60,513	60,078	59,793	59,580	59,452
Special secondary education	7,661	7,944	8,110	8,245	8,262	8,440
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	1,047	1,143	1,233	1,262	1,277	1,432
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	786	791	811	821	806	790
University colleges ⁽³⁾	9,923	8,643	8,282	8,280	8,314	8,509
Secondary adult education	4,918	4,983	5,071	5,117	5,167	5,211
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	692	707	812	899	980	1,068
Part-time arts education	4,259	4,270	4,314	4,305	4,284	4,284
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	5,149	5,152	5,147	5,153	5,129	5,016
Total	157,850	157,212	157,788	158,740	159,210	159,967
Universities ⁽⁵⁾	8,690.06	10,420.47	10,503.44	10,528.87	10,619.91	n.b.

(1) Staff in full-time and part-time secondary education.

(2) The nursing courses at the 4th stage of vocational education became associate degree (HBOS) programmes in 2009-10.

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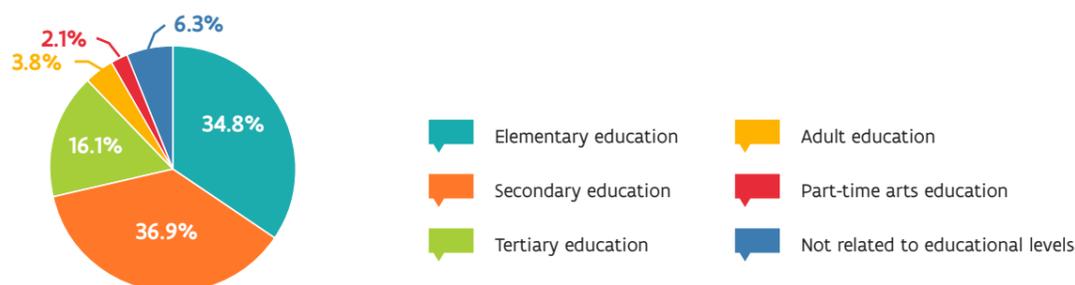
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1 Overall education budget (in thousands of euros)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Changes in the Flemish education budget	10,649,922	10,876,663	10,810,834	11,122,196	11,478,066	11,706,361
The education budget as a percentage of the Flemish budget	38.50%	38.84%	28.60%	27.50%	26.13%	25.77%

2 Distribution of the education budget by educational level



3 Changes in the education budget by educational level (in thousands of euros)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Elementary education	3,641,127	3,711,241	3,737,469	3,875,231	3,966,934	4,076,041
Secondary education	4,138,240	4,209,647	4,145,601	4,182,696	4,251,155	4,318,120
Tertiary education	1,683,145	1,746,645	1,707,300	1,753,481	1,882,633	1,884,225
Adult education	374,996	388,591	393,344	426,079	442,951	445,805
Part-time arts education	228,895	232,842	232,296	238,932	243,440	242,788

1 Approved subsidy amounts and approved subsidy applications by educational level in 2017⁽¹⁾

	VGO		OGO		Total	
	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications
Regular elementary education	103,663,513	1,206	36,713,486	57	140,376,999	1,263
Special elementary education	6,935,402	62	1,414,510	4	8,349,912	66
Full-time regular secondary education	56,990,089	557	14,314,926	18	71,305,015	575
Special secondary education	11,140,290	63	304,587	1	11,444,876	64
Part-time vocational secondary education	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult education	7,790,548	32	-	-	7,790,547	32
Part-time arts education	86,360	2	3,173,365	25	3,259,724	27
Pupil guidance centres	1,163,564	23	-	-	1,163,564	23
Boarding schools	5,840,707	78	-	-	5,840,707	78
Total	193,610,473	2,023	55,920,874	105	249,531,347	2,128

2 Approved subsidy amounts and approved subsidy applications by province in 2017

	VGO		OGO		Total	
	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications
Antwerp	51,114,697	453	16,214,172	41	67,328,869	494
Flemish Brabant	28,973,306	271	8,587,594	12	37,560,900	283
BCR	12,696,359	69	4,907,394	3	17,603,753	72
West Flanders	33,255,279	472	12,012,406	14	45,267,684	486
East Flanders	46,889,749	461	13,948,944	33	60,838,693	494
Limburg	20,681,084	297	250,364	2	20,931,448	299
Total	193,610,473	2,023	55,920,874	105	249,531,347	2,128

1 School and study allowances by educational level

	Number of applications	Number of allowances granted ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Percentage of allowances granted	Total amount of allowances granted (in euros)	Average allowance (in euros)
Nursery education	80,510	58,501	72.66%	5,556,425	94.98
Primary education	167,430	121,933	72.83%	16,580,121	135.98
Secondary education of which	188,604	131,134	69.53%	59,532,990	453.99
- Full-time secondary education	182,153	127,975	70.26%	58,624,779	458.10
- Part-time secondary education	6,451	3,159	48.97%	908,211	287.50
Associate degree nursing	3,621	1,924	53.13%	2,547,020	1,323.81
Syntra	777	468	60.23%	119,752	255.88
Tertiary education of which	81,156	49,745	61.30%	87,751,567	1,764.03
- University colleges	49,335	31,567	63.99%	53,719,959	1,701.78
- Universities	28,755	17,679	61.48%	32,686,169	1,848.87
- Unknown ⁽³⁾	3,066	499	16.28%	1,345,438	2,696.27
Total	522,098	363,705	69.66%	172,087,875	-

(1) As known on 20/08/2018.

(2) School allowances are awarded to pupils in nursery, primary and secondary education; study allowances are awarded to students in higher education.

(3) The type of tertiary education is not known (because the student is studying abroad or in another Community of Belgium).

Note:

The data above are not yet final as a number of applicants are still under consideration (24,322 applicants) for the school year 2017-2018. Due to this, the number of allowances granted may increase further.

1 Number of applications in 2017

	Number of applications
General equivalence	22
Higher education: level equivalence	1,529
Higher education: full equivalence	1,433
Secondary education: level equivalence	1,479
Secondary education: full equivalence	199
Certificates	218
Professional recognition	18
Referrals/rejections	177
Legal precedents	-
Total	5,075

2 Number of decisions in 2017 ⁽¹⁾

Procedure	Positive ⁽²⁾	Negative ⁽³⁾	Other ⁽⁴⁾	Certificate
General equivalence	12	-	17	n.a.
Higher education: level equivalence	1,016	10	109	n.a.
Higher education: full equivalence	725	40	433	n.a.
Secondary education: level equivalence	1,353	5	5	n.a.
Secondary education: full equivalence	94	15	22	n.a.
Certificates	n.v.t.	n.v.t.	n.v.t.	214
Professional recognition	31	6	-	n.a.
Total	3,231	76	564	214

(1) A file needs to be completed before a final decision can be taken. For this reason incomplete files are not taken into account.

(2) The person concerned receives the equivalence (s)he applied for or for which the file was initially examined.

(3) In case of a negative decision equivalence is not granted.

(4) An 'other' decision concerns an equivalence with another study certificate or level than the one initially applied for or examined. e.g. a person applies for equivalence with the degree of master but receives equivalence with the degree of bachelor.

3 Top 10 countries of origin of applicants in 2017

Country	Number
Syria	647
Irak	308
Morocco	291
The Netherlands	242
Turkey	167
Russia	153
Romania	147
Ukraine	131
Poland	120
Palestine	107

A Elementary education

1 Number of participants to obtain a certificate of elementary education by province in 2017 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

	Number of participants	Number of passed
Antwerp	130	108
Flemish Brabant	33	31
West Flanders	12	10
East Flanders	5	4
Limburg	17	9
Total	197	162

(1) A participant is a candidate who has passed at least 1 examination.

(2) The data by province refer to the province of the schools (where the examination takes place).

B Secondary education

1 Number of registrations, enrollments and participants in 2017

	Number of registrations	Number of enrolments	Number of participants
Male	2,489	2,199	3,122
Female	2,081	1,970	2,722
Total	4,570	4,169	5,844

The figures above reflect the number of unique candidates who in 2017 were effectively enrolled in and paid for a course of study (enrolments) after they registered (registrations) at an information session. In 2017 there were 5,844 unique participants in at least one examination by the Examination Board of the Flemish Community (participants). This figure is higher than the number of enrolments because those candidates who enrolled for 2017 but did not yet graduate have been included in the figures.

2 Success rate by stage and type of secondary education in 2017

For 65% of all individual exams held by the Examination Board of the Flemish Community the candidate gained at least 50% of the marks. Subdivided according to **type of education** the success rate proved highest in vocational secondary education, followed by secondary education in the arts and technical secondary education. In general secondary education only slightly more than half of the candidates passed the examination.

	Number of exams	Passed	Failed	% Passed
Examination Board	40,208	25,980	14,228	65%
		Passed	Failed	% Passed
Per Stage				
1st stage		293	129	69%
2nd stage		781	460	63%
3rd stage		24,906	13,639	65%
Type of secondary education				
1st stage		293	129	69%
aso		4,500	4,043	53%
bso		17,025	6,764	72%
kso		327	128	72%
tso		3,835	3,164	55%

3 Study certificates awarded by the Examination Board in 2017

Certificate 1st stage	16
Certificate 2nd stage	33
Diploma secondary education	1,651
Total	1,700

1 Number of subsidised/financed boarding schools and boarders ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

	Number of boarding schools	Number of boarders				Total number of boarders
		Nursery education	Primary education	Secondary education	Associate degree nursing	
GO	31	49	383	1,760	2	2,194
VGO	105	62	822	6,558	111	7,553
OGO	5	5	67	102	32	206
Total	141	116	1,272	8,420	145	9,953

(1) Count date: 1 February 2018.

(2) Boarding schools with fewer than 30 boarders are not included, as they cannot be financed or subsidised.

(3) The following pupils and students are not reported in the data: 21 boarders in university colleges and 29 boarders in European schools. There were no boarders in universities.

1 Number of pupil guidance centres by educational network

	GO	VGO	OGO	Total
Pupil guidance centres	24	43	5	72
Permanent support units	1	1	1	3
Total	25	44	6	75

2 Staff of pupil guidance centres by legal status and gender (full-time equivalents)

	Tenured posts			Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
GO	54	406	460	13	184	197	67	590	657
VGO	170	1,149	1,319	38	488	526	208	1,637	1,845
OGO	25	132	157	2	75	77	27	207	234
Total	249	1,687	1,936	53	747	800	302	2,434	2,736

3 Changes in staff of pupil guidance centres (full-time equivalents)

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Tenured posts	2,001	2,004	1,964	1,975	1,956	1,936
Temporary posts	748	735	775	778	818	800
Total	2,749	2,739	2,739	2,753	2,774	2,736

1 Number of transported pupils by educational level and educational network

	GO ⁽¹⁾	VGO	OGO	Total
Regular elementary education	1,093	873	271	2,237
Special elementary education	6,922	15,510	4,122	26,554
Total elementary education	8,015	16,383	4,393	28,791
Regular secondary education	64	87	-	151
Special secondary education	5,209	11,091	2,140	18,440
Total secondary education	5,273	11,178	2,140	18,591
Total	13,288	27,561	6,533	47,382

2 Number of transported pupils by transport mode

	GO ⁽¹⁾	VGO	OGO	Total
Pupils transported collectively ⁽²⁾	11,075	21,464	4,977	37,516
Pupils transported individually ⁽³⁾	2,213	6,097	1,556	9,866
Total	13,288	27,561	6,533	47,382

(1) For Community education only pupils within the zones are taken into account.

(2) A collectively transported pupil is a pupil using a special transport service with a minimum capacity of 7, financed or subsidised by the Flemish Community. Since 1 September 2001 this transport has been organised by the Flemish public bus company.

(3) An individually transported pupil is a pupil using public transport or a transport service with a capacity lower than 7, for which the Flemish Community contributes to the transport costs based on official public transport fares.