

1 School population in Flemish education

Full-time education	
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾	
Nursery education	270,453
Primary education	438,580
Total	709,033
SECONDARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾	
Full-time regular secondary education	416,847
Special secondary education	20,661
Total	437,508
TERTIARY EDUCATION	
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	7,402
Higher vocational adult education ⁽³⁾	17,862
Specific teacher training ⁽³⁾	9,355
University colleges ⁽⁴⁾	115,359
Universities ⁽⁴⁾	108,896

Part-time secondary education	
Part-time vocational secondary education ⁽¹⁾	8,807
Adult education	
Secondary adult education ⁽³⁾	325,870
Adult basic education ⁽³⁾	52,506
Part-time arts education	
Part-time arts education ⁽⁵⁾	175,804

- (1) Elementary and secondary education: number of pupils enrolled (all enrolments) on 1 February 2015.
 (2) Associate degree nursing: number of pupils enrolled on 1 February 2015.
 (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 1/4/2014 - 31/3/2015.
 (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 2015. 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.

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Part-time secondary education						
Part-time vocational secondary education ⁽¹⁾	7,332	7,871	8,241	8,636	8,867	8,807
Adult education						
Secondary adult education ⁽³⁾	303,912	314,576	322,744	328,087	324,903	325,870
Adult basic education ⁽³⁾	n/a	45,909	45,283	45,780	47,861	52,506
Part-time arts education						
Part-time arts education ⁽⁵⁾	170,337	171,663	173,486	174,102	175,251	175,804

- (1) Elementary and secondary education: number of pupils enrolled (all enrolments) on 1 February.
 (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

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Full-time education						
NURSERY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾						
Regular	250,391	257,424	262,603	265,953	269,197	268,453
Special	1,962	1,975	1,986	2,023	2,042	2,000
Total	252,353	259,399	264,589	267,976	271,239	270,453
PRIMARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾						
Regular	380,197	381,983	386,696	392,351	399,729	411,097
Special	27,705	28,225	28,566	28,481	28,307	27,483
Total	407,902	410,208	415,262	420,832	428,036	438,580
Total elementary education	660,255	669,607	679,851	688,808	699,275	709,033
SECONDARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾						
Regular	429,745	424,820	420,685	418,817	417,469	416,847
Special	19,015	19,487	19,835	20,177	20,495	20,661
Total secondary education	448,760	444,307	440,520	438,994	437,964	437,508
TERTIARY EDUCATION						
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	5,271	5,837	6,255	6,869	7,383	7,402
Higher vocational adult education ⁽³⁾	18,195	17,757	18,235	17,913	17,989	17,862
Specific teacher training ⁽³⁾	8,314	9,097	9,199	9,305	9,425	9,355
University colleges ⁽⁴⁾	116,613	123,629	128,498	132,120	112,360	115,359
Universities ⁽⁴⁾	76,602	79,575	82,113	84,177	108,771	108,896

1 Educational institutions in Flemish education

Full-time education		Part-time secondary education	
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ^{(1) (2)}		Part-time vocational secondary education ⁽⁴⁾ 47	
Autonomous nursery schools	164		
Autonomous primary schools	264		
Schools providing nursery and primary education	2,159		
Total	2,587		
SECONDARY EDUCATION		Adult education	
Full-time regular secondary education ^{(3) (4)}	944	Secondary adult education ⁽⁵⁾	102
Special secondary education ⁽²⁾	114	Adult basic education	13
Total	1,058		
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⁾	40		
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 944 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) 42 of these 944 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 42 schools referred to in this footnote are reported under both full-time secondary education and part-time vocational education.

(5) There are 107 centres for adult education. Some centres for adult education organise secondary adult education as well as higher vocational adult education. In the table, these centres are reported under both higher vocational adult education and secondary 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	7,228	46,100	53,328	2,632	17,960	20,592	9,860	64,060	73,920
Secondary education ⁽¹⁾	20,806	36,588	57,394	6,829	12,216	19,045	27,635	48,804	76,439
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	139	897	1,036	78	384	462	217	1,281	1,498
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	269	331	600	362	286	648	631	617	1,248
University colleges ⁽³⁾	2,479	3,631	6,110	1,958	2,569	4,527	4,437	6,200	10,637
Secondary adult education	1,150	2,797	3,947	960	1,678	2,638	2,110	4,475	6,585
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	-	154	923	1,077	154	923	1,077
Part-time arts education	1,632	2,388	4,020	689	1,052	1,741	2,321	3,440	5,761
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	940	3,308	4,248	355	1,625	1,980	1,295	4,933	6,228
Total	34,643	96,040	130,683	14,017	38,693	52,710	48,660	134,733	183,393
Universities ⁽⁵⁾							n/a	n/a	n/a

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	6,838	40,052	46,890	2,169	14,871	17,040	9,007	54,923	63,930
Secondary education ⁽¹⁾	19,669	31,785	51,454	6,109	10,625	16,734	25,778	42,410	68,188
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	113	758	871	51	311	362	164	1,069	1,233
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	209	270	479	145	187	332	354	457	811
University colleges ⁽³⁾	2,219	3,018	5,237	1,190	1,855	3,045	3,409	4,873	8,282
Secondary adult education	986	2,246	3,232	630	1,209	1,839	1,616	3,455	5,071
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	-	130	682	812	130	682	812
Part-time arts education	1,420	1,879	3,299	398	617	1,015	1,818	2,496	4,314
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	869	2,679	3,548	298	1,301	1,599	1,167	3,980	5,147
Total	32,323	82,687	115,010	11,120	31,658	42,778	43,443	114,345	157,788
Universities ⁽⁵⁾							n/a	n/a	n/a

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

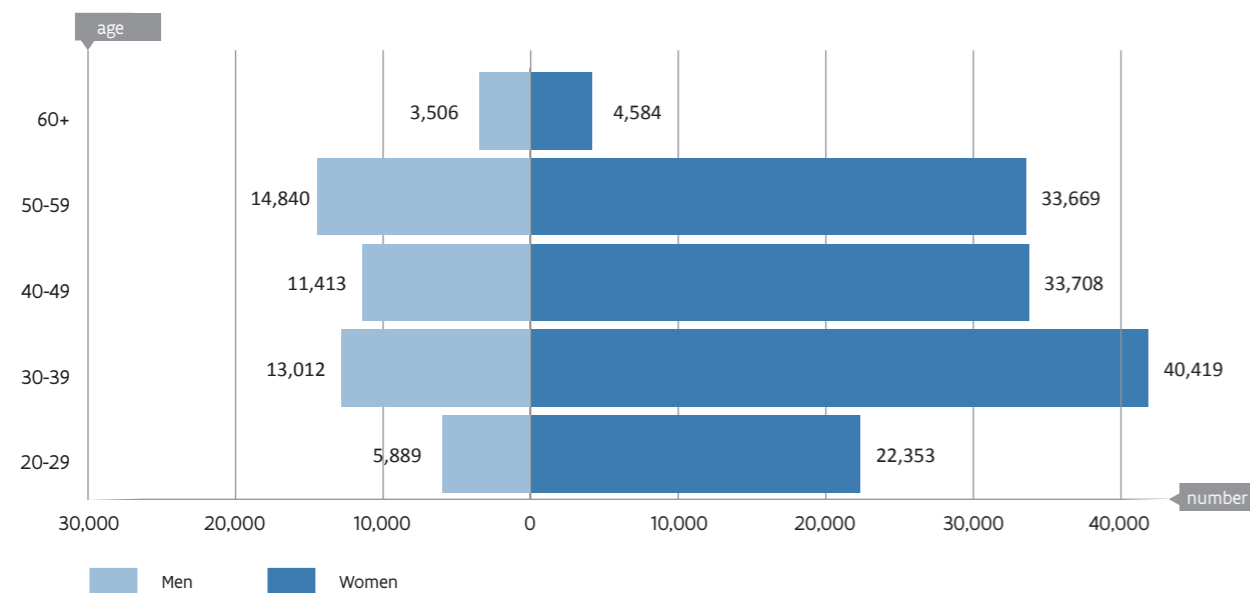
(2) The nursing courses at the 4th stage of vocational education became associate degree (HBOS) programmes in 2009-2010.

(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 2015 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

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Regular elementary education	59,986	60,147	60,377	62,203	63,171	64,013
Special elementary education	9,339	9,533	9,620	9,712	9,799	9,907
Regular secondary education ⁽¹⁾	70,936	70,275	69,507	68,527	67,973	67,419
Special secondary education	7,774	8,032	8,296	8,472	8,801	9,020
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	1,006	1,118	1,203	1,291	1,399	1,498
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	1,301	1,302	1,308	1,261	1,245	1,248
University colleges ⁽³⁾	12,730	12,705	12,592	12,705	11,142	10,637
Secondary adult education	6,180	6,284	6,331	6,417	6,511	6,585
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	848	868	899	914	950	1,077
Part-time arts education	5,613	5,680	5,708	5,728	5,755	5,761
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	6,223	6,274	6,270	6,269	6,282	6,228
Total	181,936	182,218	182,111	183,499	183,028	183,393
Universities ⁽⁵⁾	11,838	12,016	12,169	12,405	15,085	n/a

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

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012 ⁽⁶⁾	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Regular elementary education	51,297	51,353	51,122	53,868	54,546	55,334
Special elementary education	8,108	8,267	8,312	8,468	8,520	8,596
Regular secondary education ⁽¹⁾	63,369	62,499	61,593	61,079	60,513	60,078
Special secondary education	6,969	7,228	7,416	7,661	7,944	8,110
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	825	911	978	1,047	1,143	1,233
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	785	800	805	786	791	811
University colleges ⁽³⁾	10,041	9,973	9,831	9,923	8,643	8,282
Secondary adult education	4,825	4,831	4,832	4,918	4,983	5,071
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	644	652	672	692	707	812
Part-time arts education	4,174	4,234	4,237	4,259	4,270	4,314
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	5,137	5,134	5,144	5,149	5,152	5,147
Total	156,174	155,882	154,942	157,850	157,212	157,788
Universities ⁽⁵⁾	8,547.10	8,520.80	8,618.20	8,690.06	10,420.47	n/a

(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).

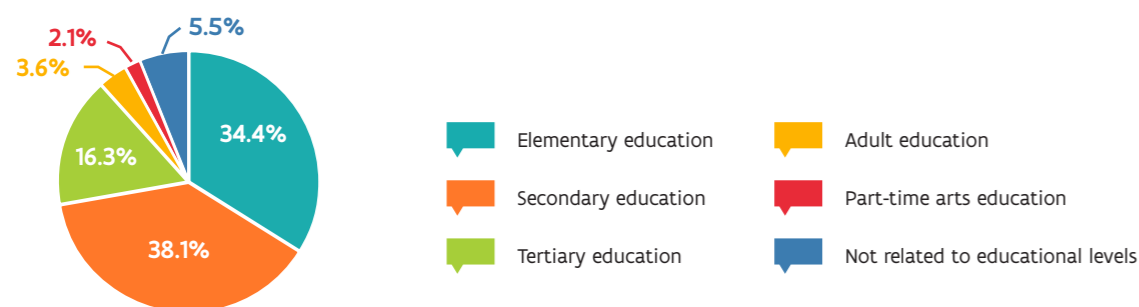
(5) The data for February 2015 were not yet available at the time of publication.

(6) The number of full-time equivalents in January 2012 may be lower than normal due to a strike. This strike is not taken into account in the calculation of the budgetary full-time equivalents.

1 Overall education budget (in thousands of euros)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Changes in the Flemish education budget	9,854,971	10,144,051	10,386,131	10,649,922	10,908,442	10,870,582
The education budget as a percentage of the Flemish budget	39.24%	39.12%	38.63%	38.50%	38.80%	28.78%

2 Distribution of the education budget by educational level



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

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Elementary education	3,195,164	3,315,165	3,467,787	3,641,127	3,711,241	3,734,987
Secondary education	3,929,442	4,016,863	4,097,863	4,138,240	4,209,647	4,143,362
Tertiary education	1,652,037	1,669,649	1,644,017	1,683,089	1,746,594	1,775,196
Adult education	333,285	355,293	370,347	374,996	388,591	391,665
Part-time arts education	204,754	216,767	224,098	228,895	232,842	232,296

1 Approved subsidy amounts and approved subsidy applications by educational level in 2014

	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	91,885,464	825	44,132,387	56	136,017,852	881
Special elementary education	18,714,058	38	889,475	3	19,603,533	41
Full-time regular secondary education	76,044,022	410	7,075,401	20	83,119,423	430
Special secondary education	4,386,066	27	223,220	5	4,609,285	32
Part-time vocational secondary education	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult education	2,301,747	18	105,966	2	2,407,714	20
Part-time arts education	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pupil guidance centres	819,488	13	-	-	819,488	13
Boarding schools	2,072,399	42	-	-	2,072,399	42
Total	196,223,244	1,373	52,426,450	86	248,649,694	1,459

2 Approved subsidy amounts and approved subsidy applications by province in 2014

	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	57,859,068	322	25,754,268	36	83,613,336	358
Flemish Brabant	22,303,488	186	6,876,743	8	29,180,231	194
BCR	9,647,485	41	3,555	1	9,651,040	42
West Flanders	25,224,678	292	599,717	4	25,824,395	296
East Flanders	43,411,982	282	18,257,134	27	61,669,116	309
Limburg	37,776,542	192	935,034	4	38,711,576	196
Total	196,223,243	1,315	52,426,450	80	248,649,694	1,395

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	77,340	50,635	65.47%	4,668,547	92.20
Primary education	145,259	101,898	70.15%	13,342,260	130.94
Secondary education of which	166,038	114,509	68.97%	50,136,980	437.84
- Full-time secondary education	160,901	112,290	69.79%	49,504,294	440.86
- Part-time secondary education	5,137	2,219	43.20%	632,685	285.12
Associate degree nursing	2,842	1,477	51.97%	1,861,222	1,260.14
Syntra	1,113	615	55.26%	161,662	262.86
Tertiary education of which	70,943	42,252	59.56%	72,718,574	1,721.07
- University colleges	42,529	26,472	62.24%	44,162,898	1,668.29
- Universities	25,409	15,337	60.36%	27,800,907	1,812.67
- Unknown ⁽³⁾	3,005	443	14.74%	754,769	1,703.77
Total	463,535	311,386	67.18%	142,889,245	-

(1) As known on 20/08/2015.

(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).

Remark:

The data above are not yet final as a number of applicants are still under consideration (57,209 applicants) for the school year 2014-2015. Due to this, the number of allowances granted may increase further.

1 Number of applications in 2014

	Number of applications
Higher education: PhD	20
Higher education: full equivalence	1,040
Higher education: level equivalence	244
Higher vocational education	170
Secondary education: level equivalence	1,032
Secondary education: full equivalence	22
Adult education	335
Certificates	247
Professional recognition	147
Referrals/rejections	163
Legal precedents	87
Level definition	-
Total	3,507

2 Number of decisions in 2014 ⁽¹⁾

Procedure	Positive ⁽²⁾	Negative ⁽³⁾	Other ⁽⁴⁾
Higher education: PhD	15	-	1
Higher education: full equivalence	356	59	261
Higher education: level equivalence	134	8	15
Higher vocational education	44	25	62
Secondary education: full equivalence	11	2	-
Secondary education: level equivalence	658	20	243
Adult education	190	35	1
Professional recognition	114	4	-
Certificates	82	-	1
Legal precedent	15	-	-
Total	1,619	153	584

(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 2014

Secondary education		Tertiary education	
Country	Number	Country	Number
Morocco	138	The Netherlands	89
The Netherlands	115	Morocco	67
Romania	44	Iraq	62
Syria	44	India	60
Poland	42	Russia	57
Bulgaria	41	Syria	47
Turkey	32	Philippines	42
Afghanistan	27	Ukraine	41
Suriname	27	Iran	39
Iran	24	Poland	39

A Elementary education

1 Number of participants to obtain a certificate of elementary education by province in 2014 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

	Number of participants	Number of passed
Antwerp	10	8
Flemish Brabant	13	11
West Flanders	12	10
East Flanders	5	3
Limburg	6	3
Total	46	35

(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, enrolments and participants in 2014

	Number of registrations	Number of enrolments	Number of participants
Male	2,147	2,042	2,122
Female	1,690	1,616	1,751
Total	3,837	3,658	3,873

The figures above reflect the number of unique candidates who in 2014 were effectively enrolled in and paid for a course of study (enrolments) after they registered (registrations) at an information session. In 2014 there were 3,873 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 2014 but did not yet graduate have been included in the figures.

2. Success rate by stage and type of secondary education in 2014

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	26,988	17,482	9,506	65%

3.3 Study certificates awarded by the Examination Board in 2014

Certificate 1st stage	17
Certificate 2nd stage	40
Diploma secondary education	938
Total	995

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	39	386	1,858	7	2,290
VGO	103	62	806	7,220	155	8,243
OGO	3	13	50	76	31	170
Total	137	114	1,242	9,154	193	10,703

(1) Count date: 1 February 2015.

(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: 159 boarders in university colleges, 12 boarders in universities and 24 boarders in European schools.

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	67	391	458	19	185	204	86	576	662
VGO	194	1,152	1,346	39	450	489	233	1,602	1,835
OGO	31	129	160	6	76	82	37	205	242
Total	292	1,672	1,964	64	711	775	356	2,383	2,739

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

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Tenured posts	2,004	1,990	2,040	2,001	2,004	1,964
Temporary posts	767	773	702	748	735	775
Total	2,771	2,763	2,742	2,749	2,739	2,739

1 Number of transported pupils by educational level and educational network

	GO ⁽¹⁾	VGO	OGO	Total
Regular elementary education	1,047	859	280	2,186
Special elementary education	7,438	17,354	4,204	28,996
Total elementary education	8,485	18,213	4,484	31,182
Regular secondary education	61	82	-	143
Special secondary education	5,422	12,039	2,296	19,757
Total secondary education	5,483	12,121	2,296	19,900
Total	13,968	30,334	6,780	51,082

2 Number of transported pupils by transport mode

	GO ⁽¹⁾	VGO	OGO	Total
Pupils transported collectively ⁽²⁾	11,581	23,414	5,189	40,184
Pupils transported individually ⁽³⁾	2,387	6,920	1,591	10,898
Total	13,968	30,334	6,780	51,082

(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.