

# **GENERAL OVERVIEW** • School population

#### 1 School population in Flemish education

Full-time education	
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (1)	
Nursery education	267,976
Primary education	420,832
Total	688,808
SECONDARY EDUCATION (1)	
Full-time regular secondary education	418,817
Special secondary education	20,177
Total	438,994
TERTIARY EDUCATION	
Associate degree nursing (2)	6,869
Higher vocational adult education (3)	17,913
Specific teacher training (3)	9,305
University colleges (4)	132,120
Universities (4)	84,177

Part-time secondary education							
Part-time vocational secondary education (1)	8,636						
Adult education							
Secondary adult education (3)	328,087						
Adult basic education (3)	45,780						
Part-time arts education							
Part-time arts education (5)	174,102						

- Elementary and secondary education: number of pupils enrolled (all enrolments) on 1 February 2013.
- (2) Associate degree nursing: number of pupils enrolled on 1 February 2013
- (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 1/4/2012-31/3/2013.
- (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 2013. 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

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Full-time education						
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (1)						
Regular	237,530	243,482	250,391	257,424	262,603	265,953
Special	1,950	1,977	1,962	1,975	1,986	2,023
Total	239,480	245,459	252,353	259,399	264,589	267,976
PRIMARY EDUCATION (1)						
Regular	384,557	381,882	380,197	381,983	386,696	392,351
Special	27,140	27,543	27,705	28,225	28,566	28,481
Total	411,697	409,425	407,902	410,208	415,262	420,832
Total elementary education	651,177	654,884	660,255	669,607	679,851	688,808
SECONDARY EDUCATION (1)						
Regular	438,315	436,146	429,745	424,820	420,685	418,817
Special	18,263	18,548	19,015	19,487	19,835	20,177
Total secondary education	456,578	454,694	448,760	444,307	440,520	438,994
TERTIARY EDUCATION						
Associate degree nursing (2)	-	-	5,271	5,837	6,255	6,869
Higher vocational adult education (3)	n/a	25,065	18,195	17,757	18,235	17,913
Specific teacher training (3)	-	-	8,314	9,097	9,199	9,305
University colleges (4)	104,174	109,795	116,613	123,629	128,498	132,120
Universities (4)	64,372	71,645	76,602	79,575	82,113	84,177

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Part-time secondary education						
Part-time vocational secondary education (1)	6,689	6,935	7,332	7,871	8,241	8,636
Adult education						
Secondary adult education (3)	n/a	300,093	303,912	314,576	322,744	328,087
Adult basic education (3)	n/a	n/a	n/a	45,909	45,283	45,780
Part-time arts education						
Part-time arts education (5)	168,066	167,647	170,337	171,663	173,486	174,102

- (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.
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## **GENERAL OVERVIEW** • Educational institutions

#### 1 Educational institutions in Flemish education

Full-time education	
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (1) (2)	
Autonomous nursery schools	165
Autonomous primary schools	169
Schools providing nursery and primary education	2,034
Total	2,368
SECONDARY EDUCATION	
Full-time regular secondary education (3)(4)	954
Special secondary education (2)	113
Total	1,067
TERTIARY EDUCATION	
Associate degree nursing (3)	20
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training (5)	57
University colleges	21
Universities	7
(1) Autonomous nursery schools organise nursery education	only Autonomo

Part-time secondary education	
Part-time vocational secondary education (4)	47
Adult education	
Secondary adult education (5)	104
Adult basic education	13
Part-time arts education	
Part-time arts education	168

- (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 6 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 954 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 954 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 109 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 education and secondary adult education.



#### 1 Staff by level of education expressed in number of persons

	Tenured posts			Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	Т	M	F	Т	M	F	Т
Elementary education	7,358	44,102	51,460	2,521	17,934	20,455	9,879	62,036	71,915
Secondary education (1)	21,599	36,758	58,357	6,701	11,941	18,642	28,300	48,699	76,999
Associate degree nursing (2)	110	747	857	68	366	434	178	1,113	1,291
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	276	336	612	396	253	649	672	589	1,261
University colleges (3)	3,180	3,985	7,165	2,588	2,952	5,540	5,768	6,937	12,705
Secondary adult education	1,172	2,725	3,897	968	1,552	2,520	2,140	4,277	6,417
Adult basic education (4)	-	-	-	137	777	914	137	777	914
Part-time arts education	1,650	2,309	3,959	700	1,069	1,769	2,350	3,378	5,728
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools,	974	3,292	4,266	340	1,663	2,003	1,314	4,955	6,269
Total	36,319	94,254	130,573	14,419	38,507	52,926	50,738	132,761	183,499
Universities (5)							n/a	n/a	n/a

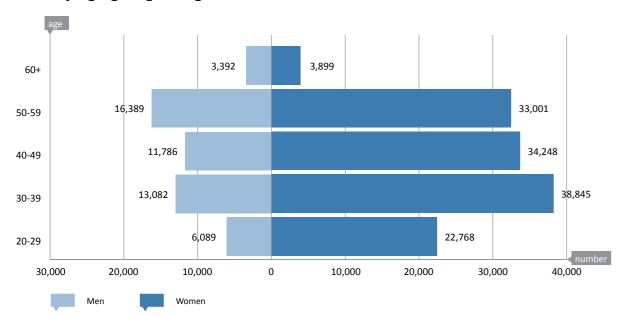
#### 2 Staff by level of education expressed in number of full-time equivalents

	Te	nured pos	its	Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	Т	M	F	Т	M	F	Т
Elementary education	6,980	38,174	45,154	2,106	15,076	17,182	9,086	53,250	62,336
Secondary education (1)	20,513	31,980	52,493	5,936	10,311	16,247	26,449	42,291	68,740
Associate degree nursing (2)	87	623	710	48	289	337	135	912	1,047
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	227	271	498	138	150	288	365	421	786
University colleges (3)	2,871	3,333	6,204	1,588	2,131	3,719	4,459	5,464	9,923
Secondary adult education	1,016	2,218	3,234	608	1076	1,684	1,624	3,294	4,918
Adult basic education (4)	-	-	-	116	576	692	116	576	692
Part-time arts education	1,440	1,832	3,272	396	591	987	1,836	2,423	4,259
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools,	906	2,664	3,570	288	1,291	1,579	1,194	3,955	5,149
Total	34,040	81,095	115,135	11,224	31,491	42,715	45,264	112,586	157,850
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 (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 2013 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

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Regular elementary education	59,194	59,566	59,986	60,147	60,377	62,203
Special elementary education	9,738	9,147	9,339	9,533	9,620	9,712
Regular secondary education (1)	70,561	71,534	70,936	70,275	69,507	68,527
Special secondary education	7,299	7,473	7,774	8,032	8,296	8,472
Associate degree nursing (2)	-	-	1,006	1,118	1,203	1,291
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	1,305	1,272	1,301	1,302	1,308	1,261
University colleges (3)	11,936	12,460	12,730	12,705	12,592	12,705
Secondary adult education	5,978	6,088	6,180	6,284	6,331	6,417
Adult basic education (4)	-	809	848	868	899	914
Part-time arts education	5,470	5,530	5,613	5,680	5,708	5,728
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools,	4,760	6,083	6,223	6,274	6,270	6,269
Total	176,241	179,962	181,936	182,218	182,111	183,499
Universities (5)	11,268	11,583	11,838	12,016	12,169	n/a

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

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012(6)	2012-2013
Regular elementary education	50,328	50,982	51,297	51,353	51,122	53,868
Special elementary education	8,457	7,921	8,108	8,267	8,312	8,468
Regular secondary education (1)	63,077	63,984	63,369	62,499	61,593	61,079
Special secondary education	6,565	6,709	6,969	7,228	7,416	7,661
Associate degree nursing (2)	-	-	825	911	978	1,047
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	763	755	785	800	805	786
University colleges (3)	9,561	9,838	10,041	9,973	9,831	9,923
Secondary adult education	4,631	4,746	4,825	4,831	4,832	4,918
Adult basic education (4)	-	619	644	652	672	692
Part-time arts education	4,076	4,120	4,174	4,234	4,237	4,259
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools,	3,882	5,033	5,137	5,134	5,144	5,149
Total	151,340	154,707	156,174	155,882	154,942	157,850
Universities (5)	8,174.50	8,339.80	8,547.10	8,520.80	8,618.20	n/a

<sup>(1)</sup> Staff in full-time and part-time secondary education.

<sup>(2)</sup> The nursing courses at the 4th stage of vocational education became associate degree (HBO5) programmes in 2009-10.

<sup>(3)</sup> In the data on the university colleges, visiting professors and mandate fees are not included in the number of full-time equivalents.

<sup>(4)</sup> 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)

<sup>(5)</sup> The data for February 2013 were not yet available at the time of publication.

<sup>(6)</sup> 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.



# GENERAL OVERVIEW • Budget

# **GENERAL OVERVIEW** • Infrastructure

#### 1 Overall education budget (in thousands of euros)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Changes in the Flemish education budget	9,801,404	9,286,609	9,854,974	10,144,051	10,386,131	10,650,032
The education budget as a percentage of the Flemish budget	40.82%	36.54%	39.02%	39.03%	38.53%	38.29%

#### 2 Distribution of the education budget by educational level



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

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Elementary education	3,196,299	2,909,380	3,186,027	3,305,832	3,459,747	3,632,940
Secondary education	3,950,983	3,667,907	3,925,453	4,014,330	4,096,059	4,136,467
Tertiary education	1,633,961	1,636,195	1,648,823	1,666,351	1,641,072	1,680,480
Adult education	303,189	315,098	333,435	355,408	370,464	373,352
Part-time arts education	188,375	199,175	204,754	216,767	224,098	228,521

### 1 Approved subsidy amounts and approved subsidy applications by educational level in 2012

	Ve	60	00	60	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	80,748,559	676	26,011,051	77	106,759,610	753	
Special elementary education	4,621,677	34	6,909,431	6	11,531,108	40	
Full-time regular secondary education	44,197,860	392	3,634,159	7	47,832,019	399	
Special secondary education	5,250,144	30	192,470	2	5,442,614	32	
Part-time vocational secondary education	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Adult education	3,508,901	10	7,116,496	9	10,625,397	19	
Part-time arts education	50,406	1	-	-	50,406	1	
Pupil guidance centres	2,101,684	25	-	-	2,101,684	25	
Boarding schools	2,693,062	41	-	-	2,693,062	41	
Total	143,172,293	1,209	43,863,607	101	187,035,900	1,310	

#### 2 Approved subsidy amounts and approved subsidy applications by province in 2012

	Ve	60	00	60	Total		
	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	
Antwerp	32,985,974	309	20,247,109	45	53,233,083	354	
Flemish Brabant	14,208,641	133	4,247,289	8	18,455,930	141	
BCR	7,660,522	39	3,246,136	4	10,906,658	43	
West Flanders	27,056,223	276	4,581,953	12	31,638,176	288	
East Flanders	28,770,395	272	9,886,604	22	38,656,999	294	
Limburg	32,490,537	180	1,654,515	10	34,145,052	190	
Total	143,172,292	1,209	43,863,606	101	187,035,898	1,310	



## **GENERAL OVERVIEW** • School and study allowances



## GENERAL OVERVIEW - NARIC (National Academic Recognition Information Centre)

#### 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	73,360	49,527	67.51%	4,325,193	87.33
Primary education	131,893	98,487	74.67%	12,199,822	123.87
Secondary education	156,276	118,284	75.69%	48,573,887	410.65
Full-time secondary education	151,880	116,094	76.44%	47,990,211	413.37
Part-time secondary education	4,396	2,190	49.82%	583,676	266.52
Associate degree nursing	2,659	1,479	55.62%	1,831,108	1,238.07
Syntra	1,287	890	69.15%	211,721	237.89
Tertiary education of which	64,574	43,745	67.74%	72,996,344	1,668.68
- Universities	18,216	12,582	69.07%	22,914,401	1,821.20
- University colleges	44,270	30,631	69.19%	49,149,193	1,604.56
- Unknown <sup>(3)</sup>	2,088	532	25.48%	932,750	1,753.29
Total	430.049	312.412	72.65%	140.138.075	_

<sup>(1)</sup> As known on 20/08/2013.

#### Remark:

The data above are not yet final, as a number of applications are still under consideration (55,376 applications) for the school year 2012-2013. Due to this the number of allowances granted may increase further.

#### 1 Number of applications in 2012

	Handled applications	Incomplete applications (1)	Equivalence refused (negative advice)	Equivalence awarded (positive advice)
Recognition of secondary education	1,850	174	(2)	(2)
Academic recognition (higher education)	1,478	556	173	359
Recognition at the level of an associate degree	201	37	10	94
Recognition of adult education	310	157	50	50
Professional recognition	129	51	17	59
Definition of higher education level	245	46	88	119
Certificates	612	45	(3)	(3)

<sup>(1)</sup> Only complete applications are processed.

#### 2 Top 10 countries of origin of applicants in 2012

All procedures								
Country	Number							
The Netherlands	952							
Morocco	246							
Russia	159							
India	135							
Bulgaria	135							
United Kingdom	135							
Romania	134							
Poland	130							
Turkey	127							
France	122							

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

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

<sup>(2)</sup> For secondary education, no value is entered for equivalence since all handled applications receive a positive advice. The equivalence for secondary education

concerns equivalence with a final diploma or equivalence with one of the stages or one of the years of study. All applications thus receive some form of equivalence.

(3) Certificates contain useful information about specific Flemish qualifications for credential evaluators abroad. Equivalence is therefore not relevant to this procedure.



## **GENERAL OVERVIEW** • Examination board

### **A Elementary education**

1 Number of participants to obtain a certificate of elementary education by province in 2012  $^{(1)(2)}$ 

	Number of participants	Number of passed
Antwerp	14	8
Flemish Brabant	16	12
West Flanders	10	8
East Flanders	3	1
Limburg	11	5
Total	54	34

<sup>(1)</sup> A participant is a candidate who has passed at least 1 examination.

### **B Secondary education**

Since october 2012 the procedures of the examination board are changed. Exams are now permanently organised.

1 Number of participants to obtain a certificate or diploma of secondary education by age group in 2012 (first examination period)  $^{(1)}$ 

		Number of participants by age group						
		16-	17-19	20-25	26+	Total		
1st and 2nd stage	Men	79	45	4	2	130		
	Women	58	22	2	3	85		
	Total	137	67	6	5	215		
3rd stage	Men	28	378	608	110	1,124		
	Women	27	302	361	105	795		
	Total	55	680	969	215	1,919		
Total	Men	107	423	612	112	1,254		
	Women	85	324	363	108	880		
	Total	192	747	975	220	2,134		

<sup>(1)</sup> A participant is a candidate who has passed at least 1 examination.

#### 2 Certificates and diplomas awarded in 2012 (first examination period)

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		Certificate / Diploma <sup>(1)</sup>	Certificate(s)	Failed	Total	Certificate(s)	Failed	Total	IOLAI
1st and 2nd stage	Men	34	16	-	50	73	7	80	130
	Women	17	5	-	22	53	10	63	85
	Total	51	21	-	72	126	17	143	215
3rd stage	Men	220	347	16	583	376	165	541	1,124
	Women	122	217	20	359	324	112	436	795
	Total	342	564	36	942	700	277	977	1,919
Total	Men	254	363	16	633	449	172	621	1,254
	Women	139	222	20	381	377	122	499	880
	Total	393	585	36	1,014	826	294	1,120	2,134

<sup>(1)</sup> A certificate can be obtained in the 1st and 2nd stage of secondary education, a diploma in the 3rd stage of secondary education.

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



# **GENERAL OVERVIEW** • Boarding schools

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

		Number of boarders							
	Number of boarding schools	Nursery education	Primary education	Secondary education	Associate degree nursing	Total number of boarders			
GO	32	58	433	1,939	5	2,435			
VGO	101	55	822	7,613	138	8,628			
OGO	4	18	69	114	32	233			
Total	137	131	1,324	9,666	175	11,296			

<sup>(1)</sup> Count date: 1 February 2013.



# GENERAL OVERVIEW • Pupil guidance centres

### 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	Т	M	F	Т	M	F	Т
GO	72	388	460	18	178	196	90	566	656
VGO	219	1,167	1,386	34	439	473	253	1,606	1,859
OGO	32	123	155	2	77	79	34	200	234
Total	323	1,678	2,001	54	694	748	377	2,372	2,749

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

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Tenured posts	2,039	2,040	2,004	1,990	2,040	2,001
Temporary posts	747	737	767	773	702	748
Total	2,786	2,777	2,771	2,763	2,742	2,749

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

<sup>(3)</sup> The following pupils and students are not reported in the data: 159 boarders in university colleges, 5 boarders in universities and 26 boarders in European

#### 1 Number of transported pupils by educational level and educational network

	GO <sup>(1)</sup>	VGO	OGO	Total
Regular elementary education	1,415	1,186	333	2,934
Special elementary education	7,521	17,494	4,821	29,836
Total elementary education	8,936	18,680	5,154	32,770
Regular secondary education	74	162	-	236
Special secondary education	5,107	10,795	1,701	17,603
Total secondary education	5,181	10,957	1,701	17,839
Total	14,117	29,637	6,855	50,609

#### 2 Number of transported pupils by transport mode

	GO <sup>(1)</sup>	VGO	OGO	Total
Pupils transported collectively (2)	11,852	23,521	5,263	40,636
Pupils transported individually (3)	2,265	6,116	1,592	9,973
Total	14,117	29,637	6,855	50,609

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

<sup>(2)</sup> 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.

<sup>(3)</sup> 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.