

GENERAL OVERVIEW • School population

1 School population in Flemish education

Full-time education	
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (1)	
Nursery education	264,589
Primary education	415,262
Total	679,851
SECONDARY EDUCATION (1)	
Full-time regular secondary education	420,685
Special secondary education	19,835
Total	440,520
TERTIARY EDUCATION	
Associate degree nursing (2)	6,255
Higher vocational adult education (3)	18,235
Specific teacher training (3)	9,199
University colleges (4)	128,498
Universities (4)	82,113

Part-time secondary education							
Part-time vocational secondary education (1)	8,241						
Adult education							
Secondary adult education (3)	322,744						
Adult basic education (3)	45,283						
Part-time arts education							
Part-time arts education (5)	173,486						

- Elementary and secondary education: number of pupils enrolled (all enrolments) on 1 February 2012.
- (2) Associate degree nursing: number of pupils enrolled on 1 February 2012
- (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 1/4/2011-31/3/2012.
- (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 2012. 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

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Full-time education						
NURSERY EDUCATION (1)						
Regular	233,344	237,530	243,482	250,391	257,424	262,603
Special	1,907	1,950	1,977	1,962	1,975	1,986
Total	235,251	239,480	245,459	252,353	259,399	264,589
PRIMARY EDUCATION (1)						
Regular	387,157	384,557	381,882	380,197	381,983	386,696
Special	26,794	27,140	27,543	27,705	28,225	28,566
Total	413,951	411,697	409,425	407,902	410,208	415,262
Total elementary education	649,202	651,177	654,884	660,255	669,607	679,851
SECONDARY EDUCATION (1)						
Regular	439,338	438,315	436,146	429,745	424,820	420,685
Special	18,189	18,263	18,548	19,015	19,487	19,835
Total secondary education	457,527	456,578	454,694	448,760	444,307	440,520
TERTIARY EDUCATION						
Associate degree nursing (2)	-	-	-	5,271	5,837	6,255
Higher vocational adult education (3)	26,085	n/a	25,065	18,195	17,757	18,235
Specific teacher training (3)	-	-	-	8,314	9,097	9,199
University colleges (4)	102,477	104,174	109,795	116,613	123,629	128,498
Universities (4)	60,866	64,372	71,645	76,602	79,575	82,113

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	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Part-time secondary education						
Part-time vocational secondary education ⁽¹⁾	6,577	6,689	6,935	7,332	7,871	8,241
Adult education						
Secondary adult education (3)	301,594	n/a	300,093	303,912	314,576	322,744
Adult basic education (3)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	45,909	45,283
Part-time arts education						
Part-time arts education (5)	165,157	168,066	167,647	170,337	171,663	173,486

- (1) Elementary and secondary education: number of pupils enrolled (all enrolments) on 1 February 2012.
- (2) Associate degree nursing: number of pupils enrolled on 1 February 2012.
- (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 1/4/2011-31/3/2012.
- (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 2012. 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.



GENERAL OVERVIEW • Educational institutions

1 Educational institutions in Flemish education

Full-time education	
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (1) (2)	
Autonomous nursery schools	169
Autonomous primary schools	174
Schools providing nursery and primary education	2,011
Total	2,354
SECONDARY EDUCATION	
Full-time regular secondary education (3)(4)	956
Special secondary education (2)	112
Total	1,068
TERTIARY EDUCATION	
Associate degree nursing (3)	20
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training (5)	59
University colleges	22
Universities	7
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Part-time secondary education	
Part-time vocational secondary education (4)	47
Adult education	
Secondary adult education (5)	105
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 4 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 956 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 956 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 111 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.

GENERAL OVERVIEW • Staff

1 Staff by level of education expressed in number of persons

	Те	nured pos	sts	Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	Т	M	F	Т	M	F	Т
Elementary education	7,538	44,135	51,673	2,239	16,085	18,324	9,777	60,220	69,997
Secondary education (1)	22,249	37,177	59,426	6,745	11,632	18,377	28,994	48,809	77,803
Associate degree nursing (2)	101	722	823	63	317	380	164	1,039	1,203
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	277	329	606	427	275	702	704	604	1,308
University colleges (3)	3,204	3,862	7,066	2,614	2,912	5,526	5,818	6,774	12,592
Secondary adult education	1,163	2,651	3,814	972	1,545	2,517	2,135	4,196	6,331
Adult basic education (4)	-	-	-	136	763	899	136	763	899
Part-time arts education	1,656	2,288	3,944	723	1,041	1,764	2,379	3,329	5,708
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools,	1,007	3,326	4,333	360	1,577	1,937	1,367	4,903	6,270
Total	37,195	94,490	131,685	14,279	36,147	50,426	51,474	130,637	182,111
Universities (5)							n/a	n/a	n/a

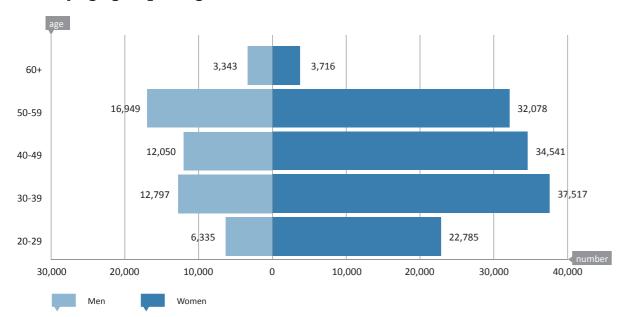
2 Staff by level of education expressed in number of full-time equivalents (6)

	Те	Tenured posts			Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	Т	M	F	Т	M	F	Т	
Elementary education	7,051	37,601	44,652	1,837	12,945	14,782	8,888	50,546	59,434	
Secondary education (1)	20,970	32,093	53,063	5,967	9,979	15,946	26,937	42,072	69,009	
Associate degree nursing (2)	81	604	685	45	248	293	126	852	978	
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	227	262	489	152	164	316	379	426	805	
University colleges (3)	2,900	3,234	6,134	1,594	2,103	3,697	4,494	5,337	9,831	
Secondary adult education	1,008	2,141	3,149	627	1,056	1,683	1,635	3,197	4,832	
Adult basic education (4)	-	-	-	112	560	672	112	560	672	
Part-time arts education	1,447	1,824	3,271	406	560	966	1,853	2,384	4,237	
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools,	930	2,668	3,598	302	1,244	1,546	1,232	3,912	5,144	
Total	34,614	80,427	115,041	11,042	28,859	39,901	45,656	109,286	154,942	
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 (45 June 2007)
- (5) The data for February 2012 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.



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

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Regular elementary education	59,121	59,194	59,566	59,986	60,147	60,377
Special elementary education	9,561	9,738	9,147	9,339	9,533	9,620
Regular secondary education (1)	70,221	70,561	71,534	70,936	70,275	69,507
Special secondary education	7,025	7,299	7,473	7,774	8,032	8,296
Associate degree nursing (2)	-	-	-	1,006	1,118	1,203
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	1,270	1,305	1,272	1,301	1,302	1,308
University colleges (3)	11,647	11,936	12,460	12,730	12,705	12,592
Secondary adult education	5,824	5,978	6,088	6,180	6,284	6,331
Adult basic education (4)	-	-	809	848	868	899
Part-time arts education	5,246	5,470	5,530	5,613	5,680	5,708
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools,	4,747	4,760	6,083	6,223	6,274	6,270
Total	174,662	176,241	179,962	181,936	182,218	182,111
Universities (5)	11,180	11,268	11,583	11,838	12,016	n/a

5 Changes in staff by level of education expressed in number of full-time equivalents (6)

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Regular elementary education	49,991	50,328	50,982	51,297	51,353	51,122
Special elementary education	8,290	8,457	7,921	8,108	8,267	8,312
Regular secondary education (1)	62,575	63,077	63,984	63,369	62,499	61,593
Special secondary education	6,300	6,565	6,709	6,969	7,228	7,416
Associate degree nursing (2)	-	-	-	825	911	978
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	732	763	755	785	800	805
University colleges (3)	9,354	9,561	9,838	10,041	9,973	9,831
Secondary adult education	4,469	4,631	4,746	4,825	4,831	4,832
Adult basic education (4)	-	-	619	644	652	672
Part-time arts education	3,917	4,076	4,120	4,174	4,234	4,237
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools,	3,868	3,882	5,033	5,137	5,134	5,144
Total	149,496	151,340	154,707	156,174	155,882	154,942
Universities (5)	8,194.00	8,174.50	8,339.80	8,547.10	8,520.80	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 2012 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.



GENERAL OVERVIEW • Budget

GENERAL OVERVIEW • Infrastructure

1 Overall education budget (in thousands of euros)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Changes in the Flemish education budget	8,859,496	9,801,404	9,286,609	9,854,974	10,144,051	10,376,202
The education budget as a percentage of the Flemish budget	39.62%	40.82%	36.54%	39.02%	39.03%	38.49%

2 Distribution of the education budget by educational level



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

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Elementary education	2,813,603	3,196,299	2,909,380	3,186,027	3,305,832	3,453,837
Secondary education	3,585,749	3,950,983	3,667,907	3,925,453	4,014,330	4,101,905
Tertiary education	1,528,040	1,633,961	1,636,195	1,648,823	1,666,351	1,636,042
Adult education	282,549	303,189	315,098	333,435	355,408	366,894
Part-time arts education	178,982	188,375	199,175	204,754	216,767	223,745

1 Approved subsidy amounts and approved subsidy applications by educational level in 2011

	VGO		00	60	То	tal
	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications
Regular elementary education	77,237,028	631	25,058,501	55	102,295,529	686
Special elementary education	5,160,366	27	1,838,350	3	6,998,716	30
Full-time regular secondary education	53,505,943	474	4,762,586	12	58,268,529	486
Special secondary education	5,260,562	26	2,686,649	5	7,947,211	31
Part-time vocational secondary education	96,053	1	-	-	96,053	1
Adult education	1,408,104	3	-	-	1,408,104	3
Part-time arts education	49,063	1	-	-	49,063	1
Pupil guidance centres	747,330	13	-	-	747,330	13
Boarding schools	5,338,770	40		-	5,338,770	40
Total	148,803,219	1,216	34,346,086	75	183,149,305	1,291

2 Approved subsidy amounts and approved subsidy applications by province in 2011

	Ve	iO	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	37,970,434	328	9,284,999	23	47,255,433	351	
Flemish Brabant	13,298,096	122	4,317,771	7	17,615,867	129	
BCR	15,888,388	31	2,309,244	4	18,197,632	35	
West Flanders	23,763,668	258	8,481,101	17	32,244,769	275	
East Flanders	36,350,634	289	5,545,499	15	41,896,133	304	
Limburg	21,531,999	188	4,407,472	9	25,939,471	197	
Total	148,803,219	1,216	34,346,086	75	183,149,305	1,291	



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	69,366	50,316	72.54%	4,282,898	85.12
Primary education	125,656	98,952	78.75%	11,960,357	120.87
Secondary education	152,750	117,465	76.90%	47,016,121	400.26
Full-time secondary education	148,706	115,457	77.64%	46,504,550	402.79
Part-time secondary education	4,044	2,008	49.65%	511,571	254.77
Associate degree nursing	2,337	1,411	60.38%	1,716,234	1,216.32
Syntra (3)	1,284	877	68.30%	200,833	229.00
Tertiary education of which	63,653	44,638	70.13%	73,169,114	1,639.17
- Universities	18,308	13,011	71.07%	23,432,433	1,800.97
- University colleges	43,183	31,049	71.90%	48,775,756	1,570.93
- Unknown (4)	2,162	578	26.73%	960,925	1,662.50
Total	415,046	313,659	75.57%	138,345,557	-

⁽¹⁾ As known on 19/09/2012.

Remark:

The data above are not yet final, as a number of applications are still under consideration (35,486 applications) for the school year 2011-2012. Due to this the number of allowances granted may increase further.

1 Number of applications in 2011

	Handled applications	Incomplete applications (1)	Equivalence refused (negative advice)	Equivalence awarded (positive advice)
Recognition of secondary education	2,950	389	(2)	(2)
Academic recognition (higher education)	2,043	663	534	846
Recognition at the level of an associate degree	97	19	56	22
Recognition of adult education	358	167	102	89
Professional recognition	116	33	16	67
Definition of higher education level	610	125	144	341
Certificates	165	10	(3)	(3)

⁽¹⁾ Only complete applications are processed.

2 Top 10 countries of origin of applicants in 2011

Recognition of sec	ondary education	Academic recognition			
Country	Number	Country	Number		
The Netherlands	518	The Netherlands	329		
Morocco	204	Russia	104		
Turkey	122	Morocco	76		
Poland	115	Iraq	66		
Romania	113	Poland	45		
Russia	99	Armenia	40		
Bulgaria	89	Ukraine	39		
Iran	70	Turkey	37		
Armenia	65	Philippines	36		
Kosovo	49	Romania	36		

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

⁽³⁾ Syntra Flanders: Flemish Agency for Entrepreneurial Training.

⁽⁴⁾ The type of tertiary education is not known (because the student is studying abroad or in another Community of Belgium).

⁽²⁾ 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 age group in 2011 $^{\left(1\right)}$

	Number of participants by age group						
	9-12	13-18	18+	Total			
Number of participants	33	11	_	44			

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

2 Obtaining the certificate of elementary education in 2011

	Passed	Failed	Total
Men	22	6	28
Women	14	2	16
Total	36	8	44

B Secondary education

1 Number of participants to obtain a certificate or diploma of secondary education by age group in 2011 $^{(1)}$

			Number (of participants by a	age group	
		16-	17-19	20-25	26+	Total
1st and 2nd stage	Men	180	91	15	6	292
	Women	106	65	8	2	181
	Total	286	156	23	8	473
3rd stage	Men	72	866	893	150	1,981
	Women	65	583	521	177	1,346
	Total	137	1,449	1,414	327	3,327
Total	Men	252	957	908	156	2,273
	Women	171	648	529	179	1,527
	Total	423	1,605	1,437	335	3,800

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

2 Certificates and diplomas awarded in 2011

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		Certificate / Diploma (1)	Certificate(s) (2)	Failed	Total	Certificate(s) (2)	Failed	Total	Total
1st and 2nd	Men	49	65	-	114	152	26	178	292
stage	Women	29	35	-	64	103	14	117	181
	Total	78	100	-	178	255	40	295	473
3rd stage	Men	323	667	28	1,018	802	161	963	1,981
	Women	220	386	22	628	615	103	718	1,346
	Total	543	1,053	50	1,646	1,417	264	1,681	3,327
Total	Men	372	732	28	1,132	954	187	1,141	2,273
	Women	249	421	22	692	718	117	835	1,527
	Total	621	1,153	50	1,824	1,672	304	1,976	3,800

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

⁽²⁾ A certificate (subject certificate or course certificate) is achieved when one passes the examination for a given subject.



GENERAL OVERVIEW • Boarding schools

l Number of subsidised/financed boarding schools and boarders (1)(2)(3)(4)

		Number of boarders							
	Number of boarding schools	Nursery education	Primary education	Secondary education	Associate degree nursing	Total number of boarders			
GO	33	64	436	1,896	5	2,401			
VGO	101	74	776	7,615	138	8,603			
OGO	4	22	90	111	32	255			
Total	138	160	1,302	9,622	175	11,259			

⁽¹⁾ Count date: 1 February 2012.



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	80	380	460	15	173	188	95	553	648
VGO	235	1,186	1,421	38	403	441	273	1,589	1,862
OGO	35	124	159	4	69	73	39	193	232
Total	350	1,690	2,040	57	645	702	407	2,335	2,742

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

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Tenured posts	1,979	2,039	2,040	2,004	1,990	2,040
Temporary posts	820	747	737	767	773	702
Total	2,799	2,786	2,777	2,771	2,763	2,742

⁽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: 160 boarders in university colleges, 6 boarders in universities and 37 boarders in European schools.

⁽⁴⁾ The nursing courses at the 4th stage of vocational education became associate degree (HBO5) programmes in 2009-10. These courses are allocated to the level of higher education.

1 Number of transported pupils by educational level and educational network

	GO ⁽¹⁾	VGO	OGO	Total
Regular elementary education	1,616	1,366	390	3,372
Special elementary education	7,420	17,390	4,446	29,256
Total elementary education	9,036	18,756	4,836	32,628
Regular secondary education	54	171	-	225
Special secondary education	5,286	8,449	3,981	17,716
Total secondary education	5,340	8,620	3,981	17,941
Total	14,376	27,376	8,817	50,569

2 Number of transported pupils by transport mode

	GO ⁽¹⁾	VGO	OGO	Total
Pupils transported collectively (2)	11,997	21,690	6,941	40,628
Pupils transported individually (3)	2,379	5,686	1,876	9,941
Total	14,376	27,376	8,817	50,569

⁽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.