1 School population in Flemish education

Full-time education	
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (1)	
Nursery education	262,435
Special nursery education	2,140
Primary education	442,275
Special primary education	24,784
Total	731,634
SECONDARY EDUCATION (1)	
	427.456
Full-time regular secondary education	427,456
Special secondary education	20,544
Total	448,000
TERTIARY EDUCATION	
Associate degree nursing (2)	6,589
Higher vocactional adult education (3)	15,940
Specific teacher training (3)	6,916
University colleges (4)	119,223
Universities (4)	112,325

Part-time secondary education								
Part-time vocational secondary education (1)	8,854							
Adult education								
Secondary adult education (3)	299,079							
Adult basic education (3)	66,205							
Part-time arts education								
Part-time arts education (5)	196,308							

- (1) Elementary and secondary education: number of pupils enrolled (all enrolments) on 1 February 2019.
- (2) Associate degree nursing: number of pupils enrolled on 1 February 2019.
 (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 1/4/2018 31/3/2019.
- (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 September 2019. A student may have several enrolments.
- (5) Part-time arts education: number of students eligible for funding. Individuals enrolled on more than one domain are counted more than once.

2 Changes in the school population by level of education

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Full-time education						
NURSERY EDUCATION (1)						
Regular	269,197	268,453	267,756	266,379	263,789	262,435
Special	2,042	2,000	1,984	1,967	1,986	2,140
Total nursery education	271,239	270,453	269,740	268,346	265,775	264,575
PRIMARY EDUCATION (1)						
Regular	399,729	411,097	422,911	432,291	438,779	442,275
Special	28,307	27,483	25,578	24,645	24,380	24,784
Total	428,036	438,580	448,489	456,936	463,159	467,059
Total elementary education	699,275	709,033	718,229	725,282	728,934	731,634
SECONDARY EDUCATION (1)						
Regular	417,469	416,847	418,228	419,207	421,975	427,456
Special	20,495	20,661	20,333	20,130	20,331	20,544
Total secondary education	437,964	437,508	438,561	439,337	442,306	448,000
TERTIARY EDUCATION						
Associate degree nursing (2)	7,383	7,402	7,434	7,062	6,706	6,589
Higher vocational adult education (3)	17,989	17,862	17,442	16,947	16,610	15,940
Specific teacher training (3)	9,425	9,355	8,840	8,500	7,810	6,916
University colleges (4)	112,360	115,359	117,587	120,081	120,526	119,223
Universities (4)	108,771	108,896	108,757	108,728	110,334	112,325

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Part-time secondary education						
Part-time vocational secondary education (1)	8,867	8,807	8,754	8,864	8,980	8,854
Adult education						
Secondary adult education (3)	324,903	325,870	316,860	311,779	306,428	299,079
Adult basic education (3)	47,861	52,506	58,850	65,950	65,660	66,205
Part-time arts education						
Part-time arts education (5)	175,251	175,804	177,798	178,624	180,402	196,308

⁽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. From 2018-2019 onwards figures from 30 September are reported. A student may have several enrolments.

⁽⁵⁾ Part-time arts education: number of students eligible for funding. Individuals enrolled on more than one domain are counted more than once.



GENERAL OVERVIEW EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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1 Educational institutions in Flemish education

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (1) (2)	
Autonomous nursery schools	162
Autonomous primary schools	236
Schools providing nursery and primary education	2,231
Total	2,629
SECONDARY EDUCATION	
Full-time regular secondary education (3) (4)	940
Special secondary education (2)	120
Total	1,060
TERTIARY EDUCATION	
Associate degree nursing (3)	20
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training (5)	29
University colleges	16
Universities	6

Part-time secondary education	
Part-time vocational secondary education (4)	49
Adult education	
Secondary adult education (5)	77
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.

1 Staff by level of education expressed in number of persons

	Te	nured pos	sts	Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	Т	M	F	Т	M	F	Т
Elementary education	7,384	50,914	58,298	2,346	17,069	19,415	9,730	67,983	77,713
Secondary education (1)	20,508	38,217	58,725	6,394	11,246	17,640	26,902	49,463	76,365
Associate degree nursing (2)	184	1,055	1,239	66	267	333	250	1,322	1,572
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	236	290	526	351	295	646	587	585	1,172
University colleges (3)	2,464	3,915	6,379	2,012	2,743	4,755	4,476	6,658	11,134
Secondary adult education	1,196	3,118	4,314	931	1,568	2,499	2,127	4,686	6,813
Adult basic education (4)	116	665	781	83	502	585	199	1,167	1,366
Part-time arts education	1,652	2,552	4,204	661	981	1,642	2,313	3,533	5,846
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools,	891	3,471	4,362	294	1,452	1,746	1,185	4,923	6,108
Total	34,631	104,197	138,828	13,138	36,123	49,261	47,769	140,320	188,089
Universities (5)							n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

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

	Tei	nured pos	ts	Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	Т	M	F	Т	M	F	Т
Elementary education	6,892	44,132	51,024	2,002	14,551	16,553	8,894	58,683	67,577
Secondary education (1)	19,380	33,371	52,751	5,751	9,902	15,653	25,131	43,273	68,404
Associate degree nursing (2)	178	921	1,099	48	221	269	226	1,142	1,368
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	181	234	415	165	199	364	346	433	779
University colleges (3)	2,157	3,193	5,350	1,313	1,963	3,276	3,470	5,156	8,626
Secondary adult education	1,013	2,516	3,529	580	1,119	1,699	1,593	3,635	5,228
Adult basic education (4)	97	495	592	77	395	472	174	890	1,064
Part-time arts education	1,402	2,014	3,416	374	551	925	1,776	2,565	4,341
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools,	802	2,790	3,592	249	1,161	1,410	1,051	3,951	5,002
Total	32,102	89,666	121,768	10,559	30,062	40,621	42,661	119,728	162,389
Universities (5)							n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

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

⁽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 also 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 940 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 940 schools also organise part-time vocational secondary education. There are 6 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⁾ On 1 September 2018 there were 82 centres for adult education, 77 of which offered secondary adult education and 29 of which offered higher adult education. This means some centres organized secondary as well as higher adult education.

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

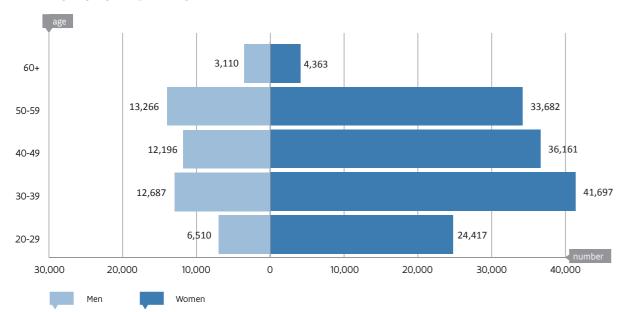
⁽³⁾ In the data on the university colleges, visiting professors and mandate fees are not included in the number of full-time equivalents.

⁽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.

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3 Staff by age group and gender (1)



(1) Excluding staff employed by universities.

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

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Regular elementary education	63,171	64,013	64,793	65,838	66,086	67,516
Special elementary education	9,799	9,907	9,889	9,912	10,017	10,197
Regular secondary education (1)	67,973	67,419	66,809	66,830	66,617	66,770
Special secondary education	8,801	9,020	9,151	9,229	9,404	9,595
Associate degree nursing (2)	1,399	1,498	1,537	1,560	1,614	1,572
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	1,245	1,248	1,243	1,228	1,206	1,172
University colleges (3)	11,142	10,637	10,607	10,761	11,010	11,134
Secondary adult education	6,511	6,585	6,627	6,775	6,830	6,813
Adult basic education (4)	950	1,077	1,194	1,310	1,360	1,366
Part-time arts education	5,755	5,761	5,737	5,754	5,772	5,846
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools,	6,282	6,228	6,248	6,276	6,169	6,108
Total	183,028	183,393	183,835	185,473	186,085	188,089
Universities (5)	15,085	15,346	15,487	15,503	15,590	n.a.

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

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Regular elementary education	54,546	55,334	56,242	56,863	57,107	58,702
Special elementary education	8,520	8,596	8,623	8,548	8,658	8,875
Regular secondary education (1)	60,513	60,078	59,793	59,580	59,452	59,742
Special secondary education	7,944	8,110	8,245	8,262	8,440	8,662
Associate degree nursing (2)	1,143	1,233	1,262	1,277	1,432	1,368
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	791	811	821	806	790	779
University colleges (3)	8,643	8,282	8,280	8,314	8,509	8,626
Secondary adult education	4,983	5,071	5,117	5,167	5,211	5,228
Adult basic education (4)	707	812	899	980	1,068	1,064
Part-time arts education	4,270	4,314	4,305	4,284	4,284	4,341
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools,	5,152	5,147	5,153	5,129	5,016	5,002
Total	157,212	157,788	158,740	159,210	159,967	162,389
Universities (5)	10,420.47	10,503.44	10,528.87	10,619.91	10,685.05	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.

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⁽⁵⁾ The data for February 2019 were not yet available at the time of publication.

1 Overall education budget (in thousands of euros)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Changes in the Flemish education budget	10,876,663	10,810,834	11,122,196	11,478,066	11,867,745	12,071,232
The education budget as a percentage of the Flemish budget	38.84%	28.60%	27.50%	26.13%	26.13%	25.41%

2 Distribution of the education budget by educational level



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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Elementary education	3,711,241	3,737,469	3,875,231	3,966,934	4,080,732	4,234,309
Secondary education	4,209,647	4,145,601	4,182,696	4,251,155	4,322,786	4,452,746
Tertiary education	1,746,645	1,707,300	1,753,481	1,882,633	1,885,147	1,975,264
Adult education	388,591	393,344	426,079	442,951	448,028	437,865
Part-time arts education	232,842	232,296	238,932	243,440	243,084	250,765

1 Approved subsidy amounts and approved subsidy applications by educational level in 2018 (1)

	VC	iO	00	GO	To	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	94,471,847	948	39,066,332	97	133,538,179	1,045
Special elementary education	5,878,551	64	448,520	8	6,327,071	72
Full-time regular secondary education	61,056,988	509	7,325,201	29	68,382,189	538
Part-time vocational secondary education	942,799	33	107,600	3	1,050,399	36
Adult education	2,730,494	21	2,766,912	2	5,497,406	23
Part-time arts education	378	1	927,927	14	928,305	15
Pupil guidance centres	984,734	14	-	-	984,734	14
Boarding schools	4,981,095	36	-	-	4,981,095	36
Total	171,046,887	1,626	50,642,492	153	221,689,379	1,779

2 Approved subsidy amounts and approved subsidy applications by province in 2018

	VC	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	33,854,393	389	21,375,572	60	55,229,966	449	
Flemish Brabant	22,973,537	199	6,208,679	14	29,182,216	213	
BCR	17,027,532	49	4,931,117	6	21,958,649	55	
West Flanders	32,791,661	336	2,225,408	8	35,017,070	344	
East Flanders	37,626,966	405	8,393,060	52	46,020,026	457	
Limburg	26,772,798	248	7,508,655	13	34,281,453	261	
Total	171,046,887	1,626	50,642,492	153	221,689,379	1,779	

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	81,625	62,070	76.04%	6,001.548	96.69
Primary education	171,962	130,791	76.06%	18,180.791	139.01
Secondary education of which	194,620	139,799	71.83%	64,917.451	464.36
- Full-time secondary education	188,019	136,166	72.42%	63,841.714	468.85
- Part-time secondary education	6,601	3,633	55.04%	1,075.737	296.10
Associate degree nursing	3,696	2,136	57.79%	2,967.045	1,389.07
Syntra	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Tertiary education of which	83,038	52,976	63.80%	95,470.814	1,802.15
- University colleges	50,342	33,588	66.72%	58,519.305	1,742.27
- Universities	29,920	19,203	64.18%	36,477.009	1,899.55
- Unknown ⁽³⁾	2,776	185	6.66%	474,500	2,564.87
Total	534,941	387,772	72.49%	187.537.649	-

⁽¹⁾ As known on 9/10/2019.

Note:

The data above are not yet final as a number of applicants are still under consideration for the school year 2018-2019. Due to this, the number of allowances granted may increase further.

1 Number of applications in 2018

	Number of applications
Gereral equivalence	42
Higher education: level equivalence	1,599
Higher education: full equivalence	1,302
Secondary education: level equivalence	1,297
Secondary education: full equivalence	193
Certificates	178
Referrals/rejections	176
Legal precedents	-
Total	4,787

2 Number of decisions in 2018 (1)

Procedure	Positive (2)	Negative (3)	Certificate
Gereral equivalence	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Higher education: level equivalence	1,673	12	n.a.
Higher education: full equivalence	930	98	n.a.
Secondary education: level equivalence	1,236	-	n.a.
Secondary education: full equivalence	130	8	n.a.
Certificates	n.a.	n.a.	177
Total	3,969	118	n.a.

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

3 Top 10 countries of origin of applicants in 2018

Country	Number
Syria	430
The Netherlands	307
Morocco	293
Irak	247
Turkey	203
Palestine	146
Romania	134
Russia	131
Poland	114
India	104

⁽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).

⁽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.

A Elementary education

1 Number of participants to obtain a certificate of elementary education by province in 2018 (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.

B Secondary education

1 Number of registrations, enrollments and participants in 2018

	Number of registrations	Number of enrolments	Number of participants
Male	2,271	2,267	3,004
Female	1,995	2,104	2,734
Total	4,266	4,371	5,738

The figures above reflect the number of unique candidates who in 2018 were effectively enrolled in and paid for a domain (enrolments) after they registered (registrations) at an information session. In 2018 there were 5,738 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 2018 but did not yet graduate have been included in the figures.

2 Succes rate by stage and type of secondary education in 2018

For 57% 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 arts secondary education, followed by vocational and technical secondary education. In general secondary education slightly less than half of the candidates passed the examination.

	Number of exams	Passed	Failed	% Passed
Examination Board	35,609	20,415	15,194	57%
		Passed	Failed	% Passed
Per Stage				
1st stage		477	155	75%
2nd stage		1,049	585	64%
3rd stage		18,889	14,454	57%
Type of secondary education				
1st stage		477	155	75%
General		5,899	6,056	49%
Vocational		8,364	3,846	69%
Arts		412	162	72%
Technical		5,263	4,975	51%

3 Study certificates awarded by the Examination Board in 2018

Certificate 1st stage	26
Certificate 2nd stage	49
Diploma secondary education	1,246
Total	1.321

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

	Number of boarding schools	Nursery education	Primary education	Secondary education	Associate degree nursing	Total number of boarders
GO	30	41	316	1,737	-	2,094
VGO	106	50	795	6,412	92	7,349
OGO	6	10	64	130	34	238
Total	142	101	1,175	8,279	126	9,681

⁽¹⁾ Count date: 1 February 2019.

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

⁽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: 27 boarders in European schools.



GENERAL OVERVIEW PUPIL GUIDANCE CENTRES

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GENERAL OVERVIEW PUPIL TRANSPORT

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			
	М	F	Т	M	F	Т	М	F	Т
GO	51	435	486	15	174	189	66	609	675
VGO	166	1,224	1,390	41	483	524	207	1,707	1,914
OGO	23	144	167	6	71	77	29	215	244
Total	240	1,803	2,043	62	728	790	302	2,531	2,833

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

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Tenured posts	2,004	1,964	1,975	1,956	1,936	2,043
Temporary posts	735	775	778	818	800	790
Total	2,739	2,739	2,753	2,774	2,736	2,833

1 Number of transported pupils by educational level and educational network

	GO (1)	VGO	OGO	Total
Regular elementary education	1,004	956	229	1,189
Special elementary education	6,911	16,180	4,050	27,141
Total elementary education	7,915	17,136	4,279	28,330
Regular secondary education	38	28	-	66
Special secondary education	5,356	11,478	2,032	18,866
Total secondary education	5,394	11,506	2,032	18,932
Total	13,309	28,642	6,311	48,262

2 Number of transported pupils by transport mode

	GO (1)	VGO	OGO	Total
Pupils transported collectively (2)	10,886	22,510	4,856	38,252
Pupils transported individually (3)	2,423	6,132	1,455	10,010
Total	13,309	28,642	6,311	48,262

⁽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.