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FLANDERS IN FIGURES

STATISTICS FLANDERS

INTRODUCTION

The brochure **Flanders in Figures** gives a concise picture of Flanders based on a comprehensive set of Flemish official statistics. The statistics cover a wide range of themes and are grouped into 4 main sections: population and society, economy and enterprises, environment and government and government and government of the Flemish data with the situation in other regions of the European Union is added at the back of each section.

Flanders in Figures is available digitally on the **Statistics Flanders website** at https://www.vlaanderen.be/en/statistics-flanders. On this website, most of the statistics included in this brochure can be viewed in more detail, as well as the corresponding data sets and information about the sources and definitions used.

The statistics in this brochure always refer to the **Flemish Region**, except where it is indicated that they concern the **Flemish Community**. The Flemish Region is responsible for matters relating to the territory, the so-called 'place-specific' matters (e.g. economy). Matters relating directly to the inhabitants, the so-called 'person-related' matters (e.g. culture), fall under the authority of the Flemish Community.

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About the Statistics Flanders network

Statistics Flanders (SF) is the network of Flemish government entities that develop, produce and publish official statistics. These official statistics provide a reliable and high-quality picture of Flanders: from the people who live and work there, to the economy and the living environment, to the position of Flanders in the world. At the same time, Statistics Flanders offers a broader context by thematically compiling statistics, mapping trends and providing a geographical perspective on the data.

Statistics Flanders pursues a coordinated statistics policy, so that the official statistics about Flanders and the underlying data are readily available to all via one central portal at https://www.vlaanderen.be/en/statistics-flanders. In this way, citizens, organisations and companies are provided with fast, reliable, correct and independent information about Flanders.

We develop, produce and publish all official statistics about Flanders in accordance with the legal provisions and international principles of quality, relevance and professional independence. These principles are also reflected in the 4 strategic objectives that guide the work of Statistics Flanders:

- Official statistics are for everyone.
- We provide high-quality statistics using a methodical approach.
- We are transparent and work independently.
- We work innovatively and focus on the future.

The Flanders Statistics Authority (VSA), headed by the chief statistician of the Flemish government, coordinates and supports the Statistics Flanders network so that the development, production and dissemination of official statistics by the network is done in a qualitative and systematic way.

Entities from the Statistics Flanders network

Chancellery, Public Governance, Foreign Affairs and Justice Policy Area

Flanders Chancellery & Foreign Office

Agency for Home Affairs

Agency for Justice and Enforcement

Agency for Facility Operations

Digital Flanders

Agency for Government Personnel

Audit Flanders

Visit Flanders

Flanders Investment & Trade

Finance and Budget Policy Area

Department of Finance and Budget

Flemish Tax Service

Economy, Science and Innovation Policy Area

Department of Economy, Science and Innovation

Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Meise Botanic Garden

Flemish Institute for Technological Research

Education and Training Policy Area

Department of Education and Training

Agency for Higher Education, Adult Education,

Qualifications and Study Grants

Agency for Educational Services

Agency for School Infrastructure

Welfare, Public Health and Family Policy Area

Department of Care

Flemish Infrastructure Fund for Person-related Matters

Flemish Social Protection Agency

Growing Up Agency

Public Psychiatric Care Centre – Geel

Public Psychiatric Care Centre - Rekem

Flemish Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Growth Package Payment Agency

Flemish Agency for Cooperation on Data Sharing between Actors in the Care Sector

Culture, Youth, Sport and Media Policy Area

Department of Culture, Youth and Media

Sports Flanders Agency

Flemish Regulator for the Media

Flemish Public Broadcaster

Work and Social Economy Policy Area

Department of Work and Social Economy

Public Employment Service of Flanders

Agriculture and Fisheries Policy Area

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Flanders Research Institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Mobility and Public Works Policy Area

Department of Mobility and Public Works

Agency for Roads and Traffic

Agency for Maritime and Coastal Services

Flemish Waterways

Flemish Public Transport Company – De Lijn

Airport Development Company Flanders

Environment and Spatial Development Policy Area

Department of Environment and Spatial Development

Housing Agency - Flanders

Flanders Heritage

Energy and Climate Agency of Flanders

Agency for Nature and Forests

Research Institute for Nature and Forest

Flanders Environment Agency

Public Waste Agency of Flanders

Flemish Land Agency

Other entities

Flemish Community Commission

Flemish municipalities and provinces

Administrative Services of the Council of

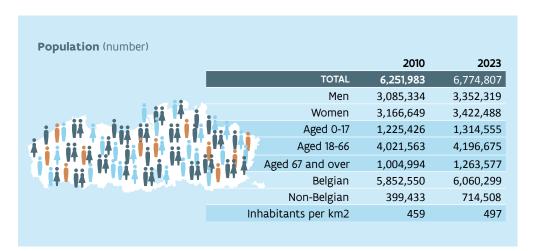
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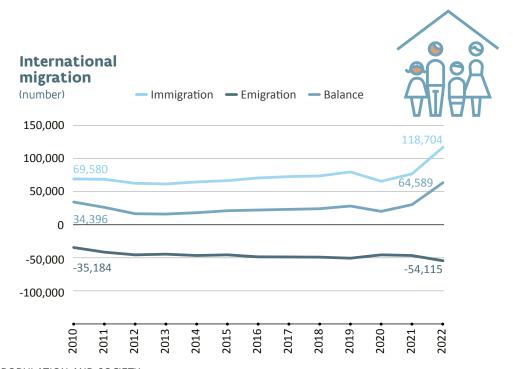
Flemish Regulator for the Electricity and Gas market

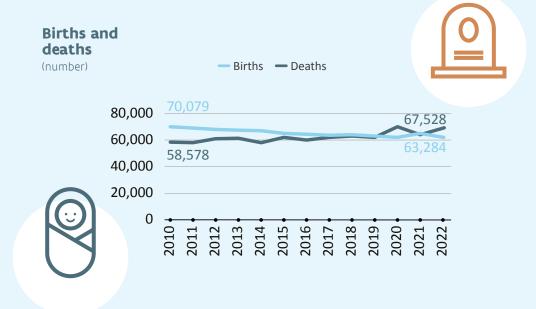


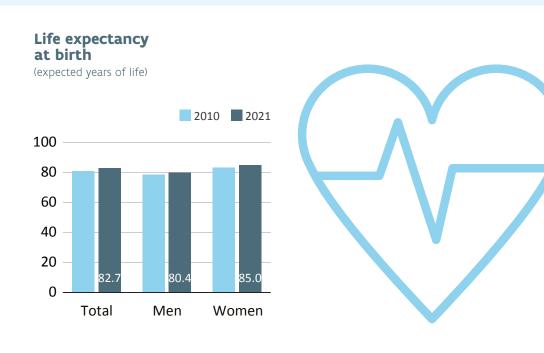
1.1 Population

Sources: Statbel, Eurostat, processed by Statistics Flanders







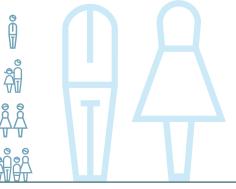


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Private households

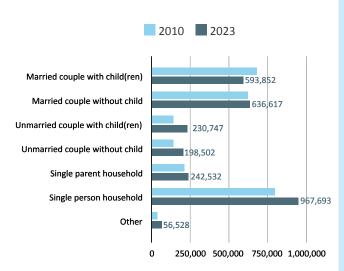
(number)





Household types

(number)





(average number of children per woman)

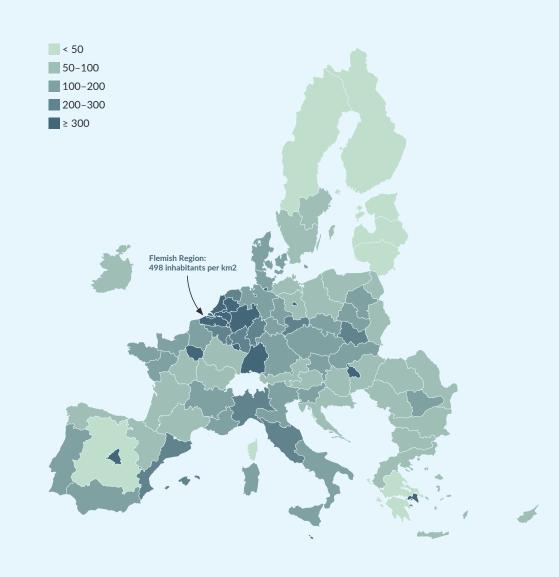
1.81

1.61



Population density in 2021

(EU-NUTS 1 regions, number of inhabitants per km2)

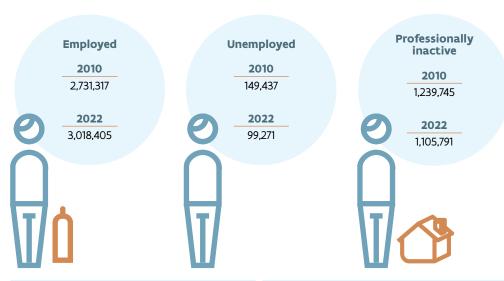


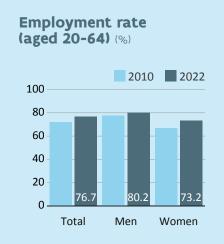
1.2 Labour

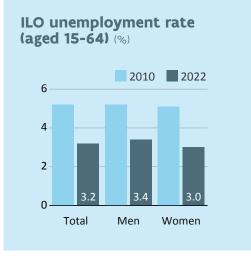
Sources: National Employment Service, LFS Statbel, processed by Centre of Expertise for Labour Market Monitoring

Population (aged 15-64) by socio-economic position

(persons)



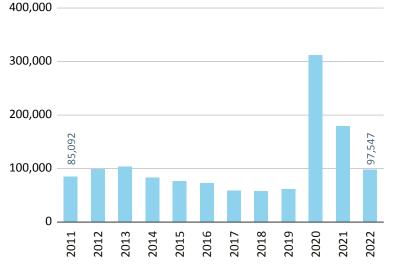




People on temporary unemployment benefit



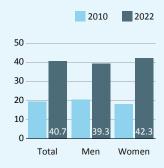
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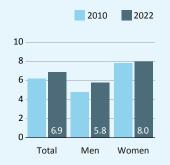




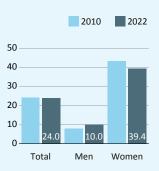
Employees working from home (aged 20-64) (%)



Employees (aged 20-64) with temporary employment contract (%)



Part-time employees (aged 20-64) (%)



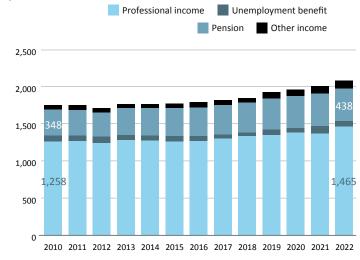
POPULATION AND SOCIETY

1.3 Income and poverty

Sources: PPS Social Integration, Federal Pension Service, DG Disability, EU-SILC Statbel, Eurostat, processed by Statistics Flanders

Personal income per month of the population (aged 18 and over)

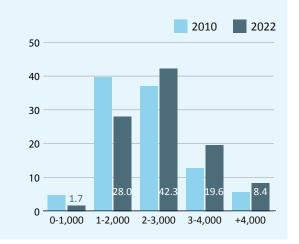
(euro, real prices of 2021)



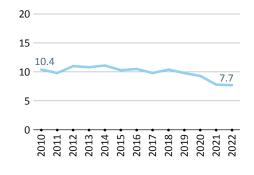
Breakdown of population by net equivalent household income

(euro per month, real prices of 2021, %)

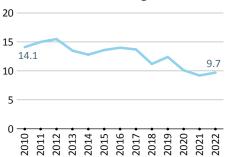




Population below the poverty treshold (%)



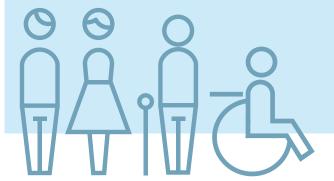
Population living in households making ends meet with difficulty (%)



Social assistance benefits

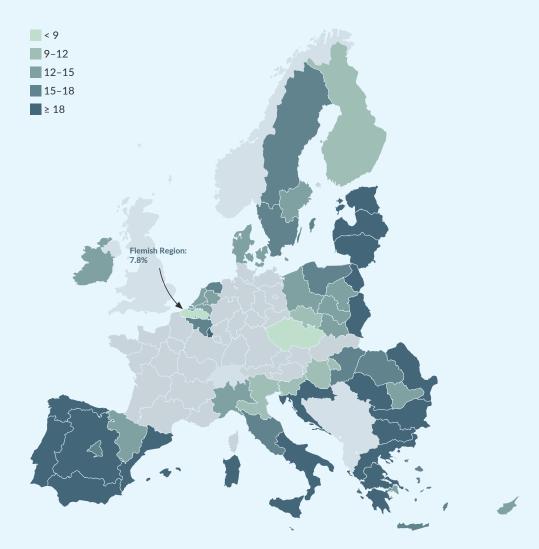
(number)





Population below the poverty treshold in 2021°

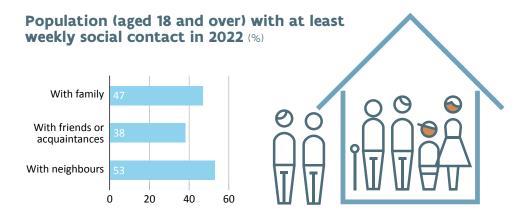
(EU-NUTS 1 regions, %)



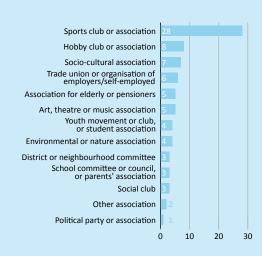
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1.4 Social cohesion and culture

Source: SF survey

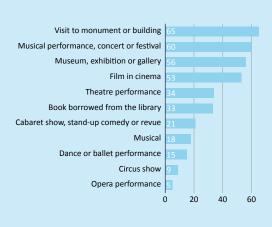


Active membership of associations (aged 18 and over) in 2022 (%)



Cultural participation (aged 18 and over) in 2022

(% at least once a year)



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1.5 Education and training

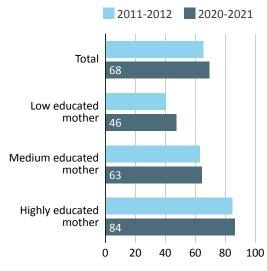
Sources: Flemish Ministry of Education and Training, LFS Statbel, processed by Centre of Expertise for Labour Market Monitoring



Higher education starters by mother's educational attainment°

(% leaving secondary education and moving on to higher education the following year,





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Share of 25-34 year-olds with higher education qualifications (%)

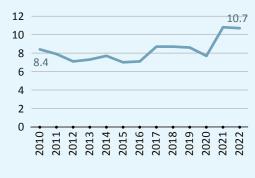
2010 44.9 2022 54.3

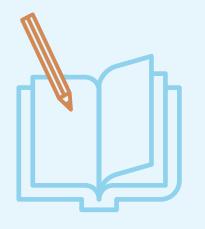


Population (aged 25-64) by educational attainment level (%)

	Low educated	Medium educated	Highly educated
2010	27.2	37.8	35.0
2022	14.6	38.7	46.7

Participation rate in education and training (aged 25-64) over past 4 weeks (%)

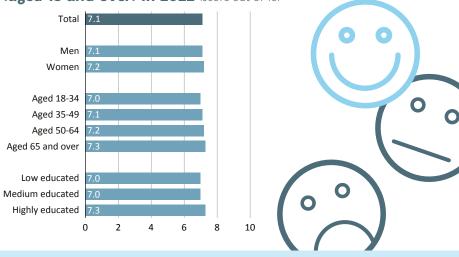


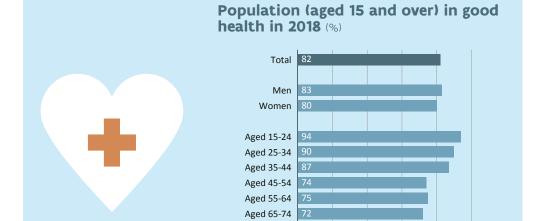


1.6 Well-being and health

Sources: Statbel, Sciensano, SF survey, processed by Statistics Flanders

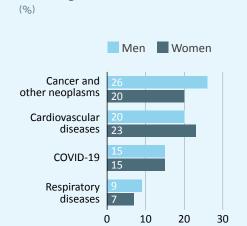
Overall life satisfaction of population (aged 18 and over) in 2022 (score out of 10)





Aged 75 and over

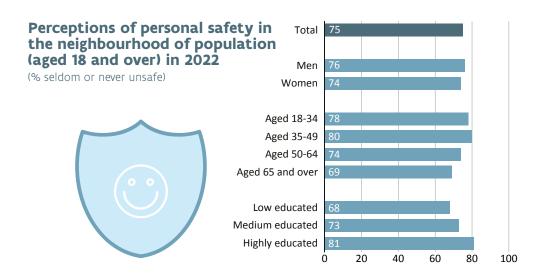
Leading causes of death in 2020





1.7 Safety

Source: SF survey



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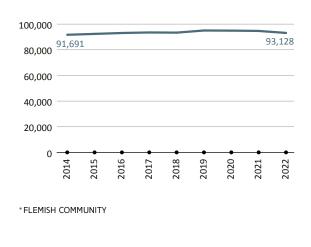
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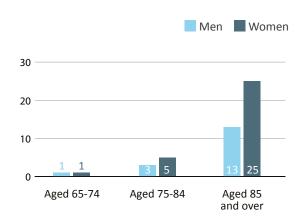
1.8 Care

Sources: IMA, Growing Up Agency

Formal childcare places for babies and toddlers (number)



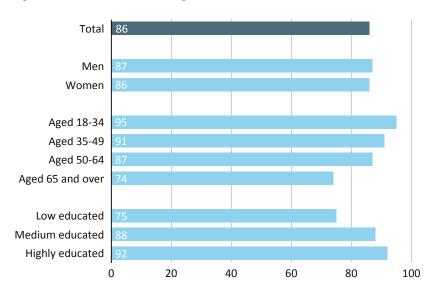
Population in residential care centres in 2021 (%)

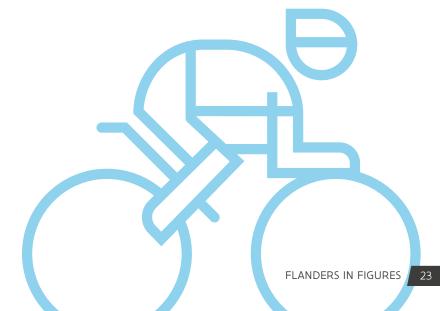


1.9 Sports and tourism

Sources: SF survey, Sports Flanders Agency, Statbel, processed by Statistics Flanders

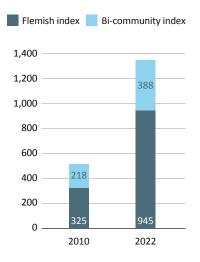
Population (aged 18 and over) practising sports at least annually in 2022 (%)



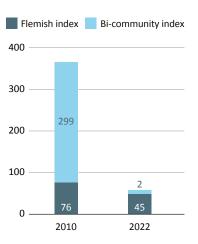




Olympic top sports index (index points gained by individuals and teams)



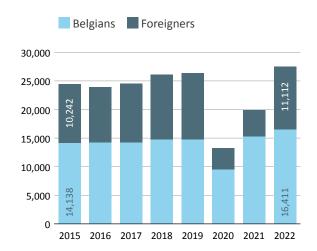
Paralympic top sports index (index points gained by individuals and teams)

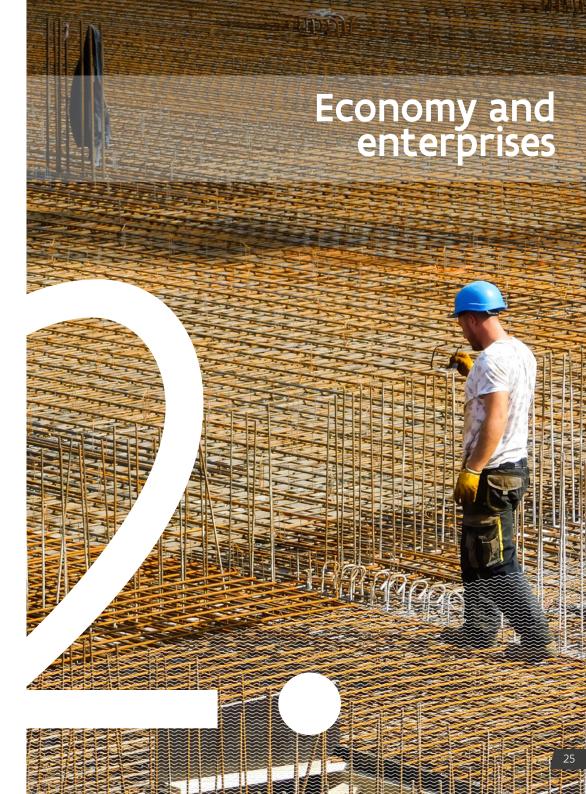


Overnight stays by tourists

(number x 1,000)

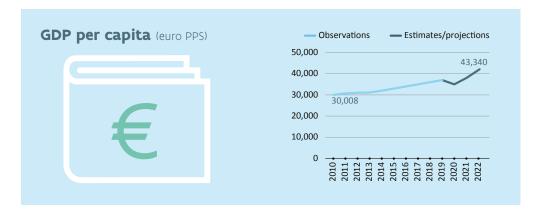






2.1 Economy and enterprises

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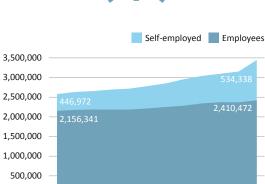


Real economic growth (%)

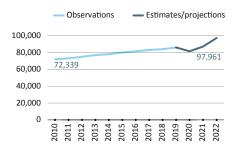


Employment (persons)

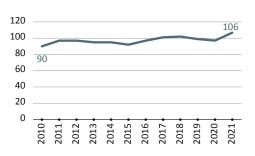




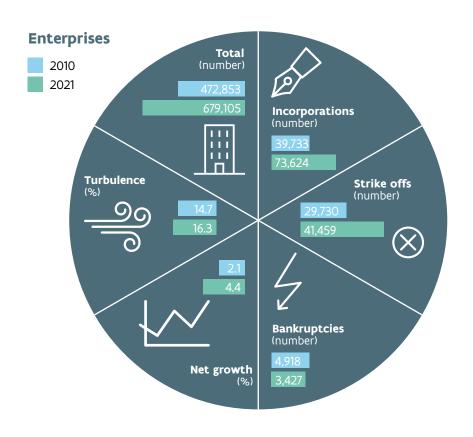
Labour productivity (euro PPS)



Export ratio* (% GDP)



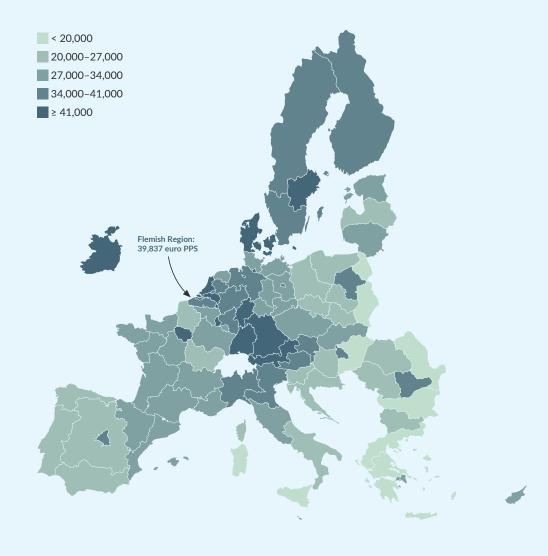
*PROVISIONAL FIGURE FOR 2021



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Gross domestic product per inhabitant in 2021

(EU-NUTS 1 regions, euro purchasing power standard)

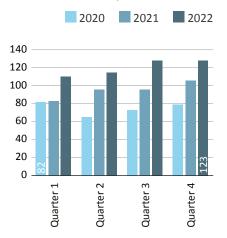


2.2 International trade and digital economy

Sources: INR, Statbel, processed by Statistics Flanders

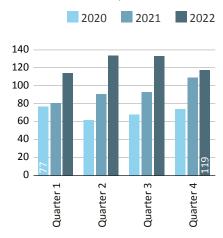
Goods exports*

(billion euro, current prices)



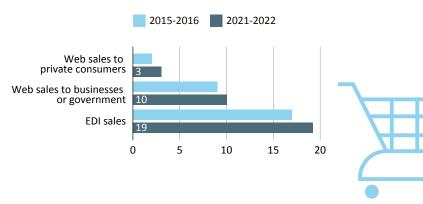
Goods imports

(billion euro, current prices)



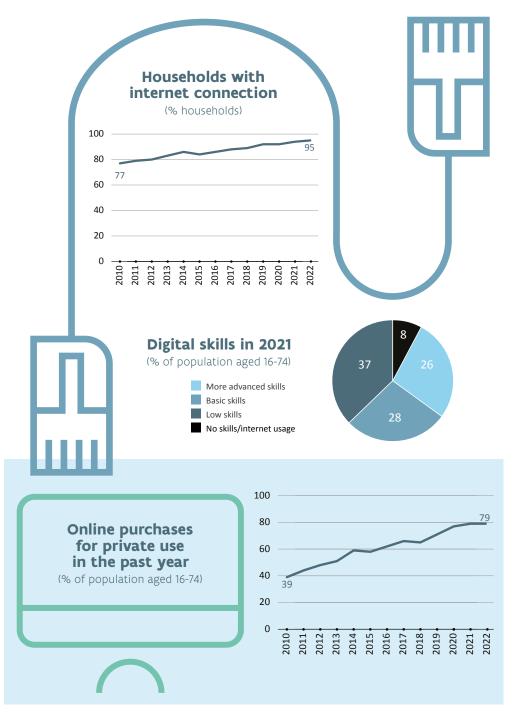
Turnover from e-commerce by type

(% of total turnover in previous year in enterprises with at least 10 employees)



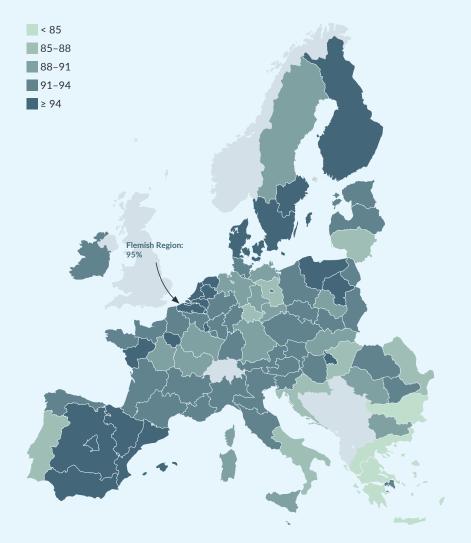
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^{*}PROVISIONAL FIGURES 2022 FOR QUARTER 4



Households with internet connection in 2022°

(EU-NUTS 1 regions, %)



^{*}NO DATA AVAILABLE FOR THE FINNISH REGION OF ÅLAND

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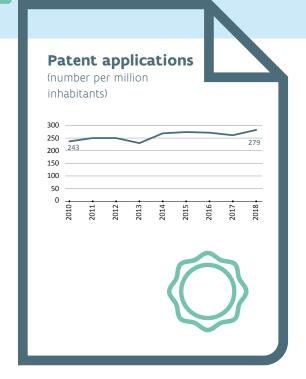
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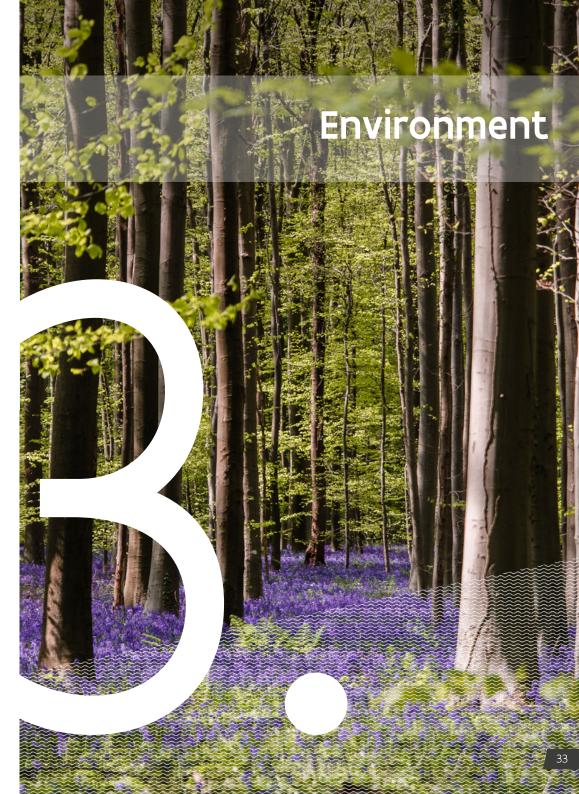
2.3 Science and innovation

Source: ECOOM



Research and development	2010	2020
R&D intensity (% of GDP)	2.23	3.60
R&D personnel (in FTE)	37,878	61,358





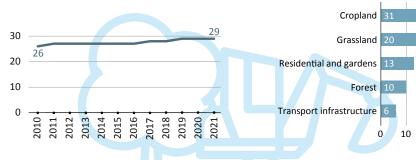
3.1 Spatial use

Sources: Department of Environment and Spatial Development, Statbel, processed by Statistics Flanders

Top 5 land use in 2019 (%)

Built-up area

(% of total area)

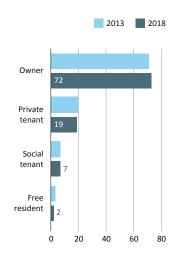


3.2 Building and housing

Sources: Housing Agency - Flanders/Policy Research Centre Housing, Statbel, processed by Statistics Flanders

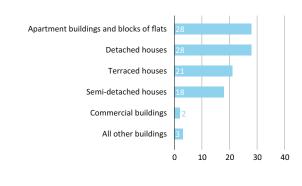
Home ownership status

(% households)





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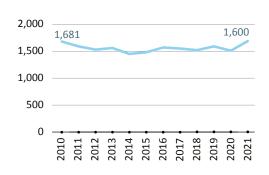


3.3 Energy

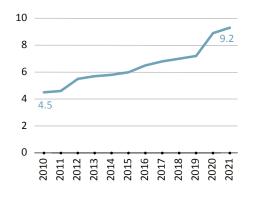
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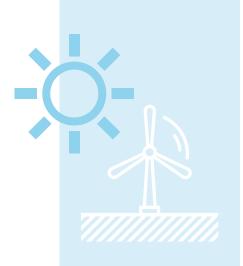
Gross domestic energy consumption

(petajoules)



Renewable energy in gross final energy consumption (%)



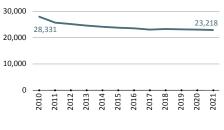




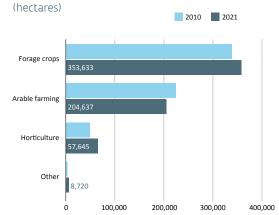
3.4 Agriculture

Sources: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Statbel, Eurostat, processed by Statistics Flanders

Agricultural and horticultural farms (number)



Utilised agricultural area

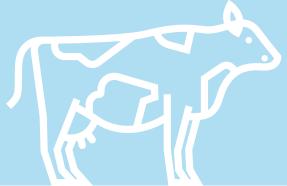




Livestock

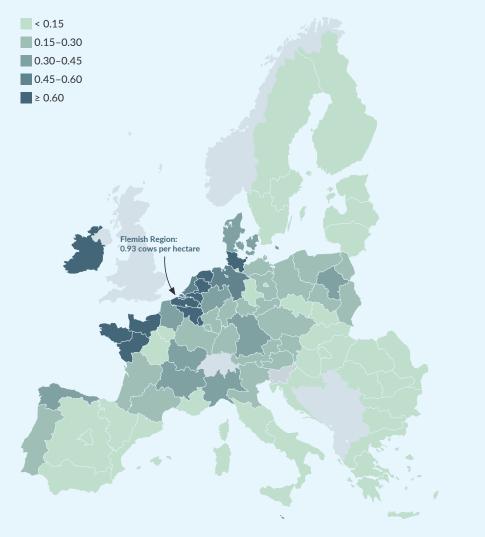
(number of animals x 1,000)

	2010	2021
Dairy cows	285	334
Suckler cows	175	126
Total cattle	1,304	1,258
Sows	506	374
Total pigs	6,037	5,659
Meat chickens	18,310	30,434
Egg-laying chickens	9,961	14,022
Total poultry	29,125	45,087



Cattle density in 2021°

(EU-NUTS 1 regions, units of cattle per hectare)



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ENVIRONMENT FLANDERS IN FIGURES

3.5 Nature and the environment

Sources: Department of Environment and Spatial Development, OVAM, VMM, ANB, INBO

Potentially acidifying emissions

(million acid equivalents)





Forest area (hectares)

140,380

1997-1999

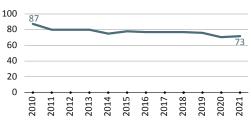
2009-2019

140,279

CO2

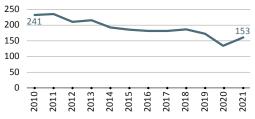
Greenhouse gas emissions

(megatonnes CO2-equivalents)



Healthy life years lost due to particulate matter exposure

(DALYs per 10,000 person years)





Area with effective nature management

(hectares)

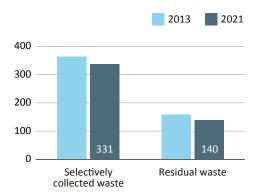
62,939

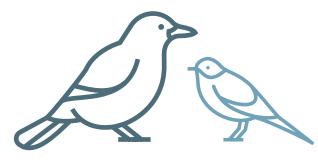
2011

100,509

Household waste

(kg per inhabitant)

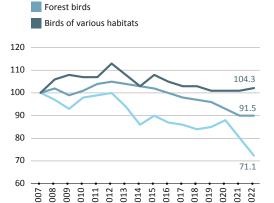




Common bird-index

(2007=100)





3.6 Transport

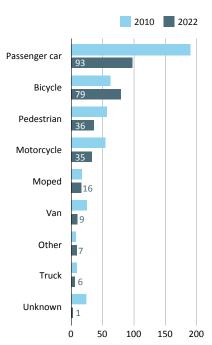
Sources: Department of Mobility and Public Works, MORA (SERV), Airport Authorities, Statbel, Eurostat, processed by Statistics Flanders

Modal split in 2021-2022 (%)

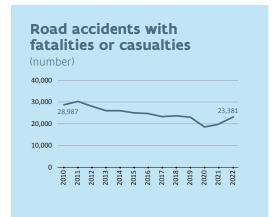
	On foot	Bicycle	Bus, tram, metro	Train	Car	Other
0.1 to 1 km	55	21	0	0	22	2
1 to 5 km	14	27	2	0	55	2
5 to 10 km	5	14	4	0	74	4
10 to 40 km	1	7	5	3	79	5
40+ km	0	4	2	13	76	6

Road fatalities

(number)







Traffic jam severity

(kilometre hours per working day, yearly moving average)



Passengers by airport

(number x 1,000)

	2010	2020	2021	2022
Brussels Airport	17,181	6,743	9,357	18,931
Antwerp	163	88	147	240
Ostend-Bruges	214	111	221	369
Kortrijk-Wevelgem	66	*	*	*

* UNKNOWN

Freight traffic by seaport

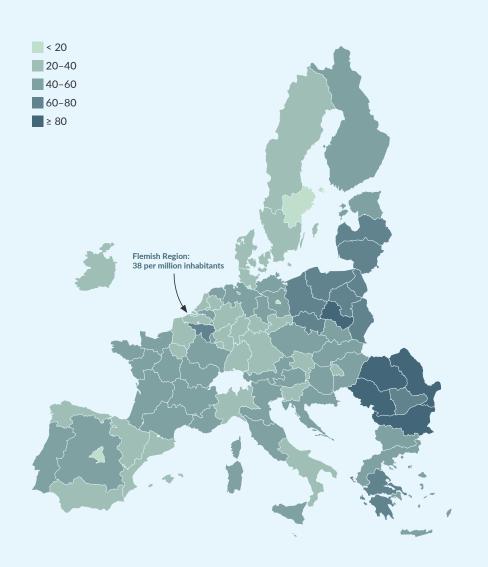
(million tonnes)

	2010	2020	2021	2022
Antwerp- Bruges	227.8	278.0	289.0	287.1
Ghent	27.3	29.1	31.5	33.0
Ostend	4.9	1.5	1.4	1.4



Road fatalities in 2020

(EU-NUTS 1 regions, number per million inhabitants)



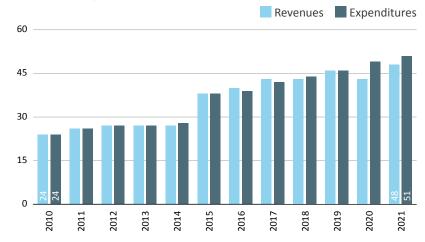


4.1 Public finances

Sources: Department FB, ABB

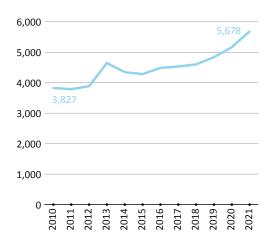
Revenues and expenditures of the Flemish government

(billion euro, current prices)



Investment efforts of the Flemish government

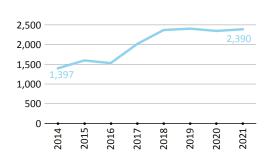
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Total investment efforts of local governments

(million euro)





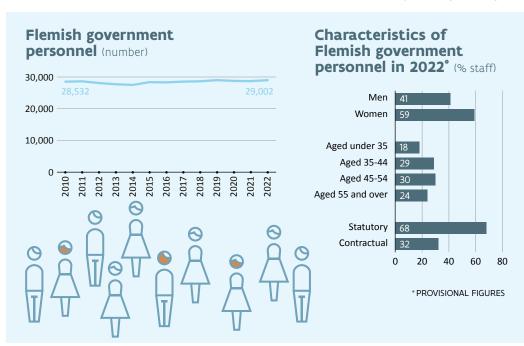
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4.2 Government personnel and development cooperation

4.3 Relationship government-citizens

Sources: Digital Flanders, SF survey

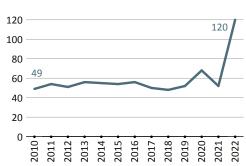
Sources: Flanders Chancellery and Foreign Office, AgO



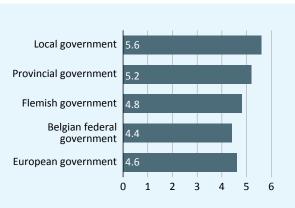












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More data

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Agency for Home Affairs	https://gemeente-stadsmonitor.vlaanderen.be/
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Growing Up Agency	https://www.opgroeien.be/kennis/cijfers-en-onderzoek
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Growth Package Payment Agency	https://www.groeipakket.be/
Flemish Agency for Cooperation on Data Sharing between Actors in the Care Sector	https://www.departementwvg.be/wie-wat-het-agentschap

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Environment and Spatial Development Policy Area

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https://www.vreg.be/nl/cijfers-en-statistieken

Abbreviations

ABB	Agency for Home Affairs
AgO	Agency for Government Personnel
ANB	Agency for Nature and Forests
BISA	Brussels Institute for Statistics and Analysis
CO2	Carbon dioxide
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DALY	Disability Adjusted Life Year
DG	Directorate General
ECOOM	Centre for Research & Development Monitoring
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EU	European Union
Eurostat	Statistical office of the European Union
EU-SILC	EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions
FB	Finance and Budget
FPB	Federal Planning Bureau
FTE	Full-time equivalent
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GIB	Guaranteed income for the elderly
HERMREG	Harmonised Econometric Research for Modelling Regions
IGO	Income guarantee for the elderly
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMA	Intermutualistic Agency
INBO	Research Institute for Nature and Forest

INR	National Accounts Institute
IT	Integration allowance
IVT	Income substitution allowance
IWEPS	Institut Wallon de l'Evaluation, de la Prospective et de la Statistique
LFS	Labour Force Survey
MORA	Flanders Mobility Council
NBB	National Bank of Belgium
NH3	Ammonia
NOx	Nitrogen oxides
NUTS 1	Nomenclature of territorial units for statistics (highest level)
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OVAM	Public Waste Agency of Flanders
PPS	Public Planning Service
PPS	Purchasing power standard
R&D	Research and Development
SERV	Social and Economic Council of Flanders
SF	Statistics Flanders
SO2	Sulphur dioxide
Statbel	Belgian statistical office
VEKA	Energy and Climate Agency of Flanders
VMM	Flanders Environment Agency
VSA	Flanders Statistics Authority

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