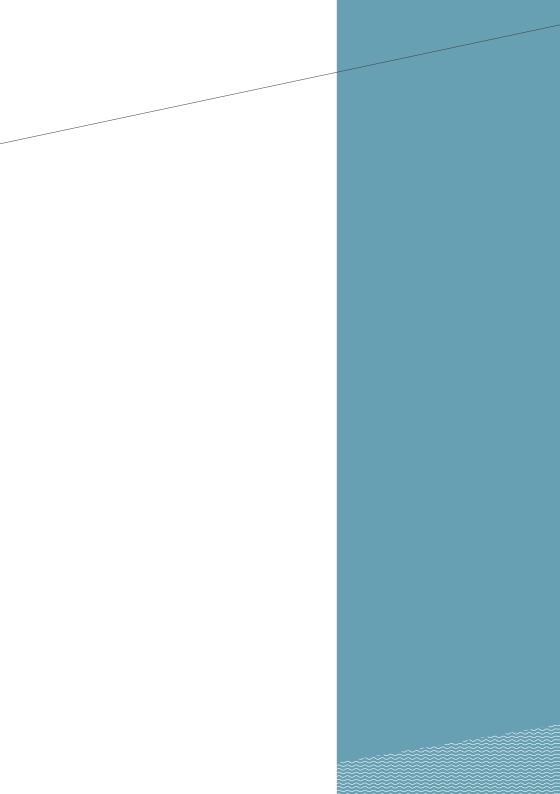


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IN FIGURES

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 four main sections: population and society, economy and enterprises, environment and government and government and government and government and the situation in other regions of the European Union.

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. Printed copies of Flanders in Figures can be ordered free of charge from the Flemish administration's publications database (https://www.vlaanderen.be/publicaties/flanders-in-figures).

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 within the responsibility of the Flemish Community.

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About the Statistics Flanders network

Statistics Flanders (SF) is the network of Flemish administration 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, the Statistics Flanders network offers a broader context by thematically compiling statistics, mapping trends and placing figures in a geographical perspective.

The Statistics Flanders network 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, policymakers, researchers, organisations, companies and citizens are provided with fast, reliable, correct and independent information about Flanders.

We develop, produce and disseminate 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 four strategic objectives that guide the work of the Statistics Flanders network:

- 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 administration, 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

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, Economy, Science, Innovation, Agriculture and Social Economy Policy Area

Department of Work and Social Economy

Public Employment Service of Flanders

Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries

Flanders Research Institute for Agriculture,

Fisheries and Food

Department of Economy, Science and Innovation

Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Meise Botanic Garden

Flemish Institute for Technological Research

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 Community Education

Flemish Regulator for the Electricity and Gas market



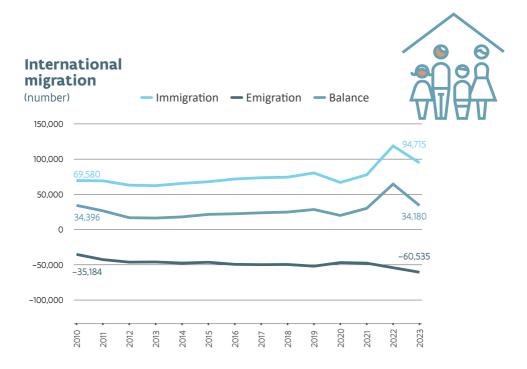
Population and society



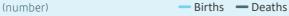
1.1 Population

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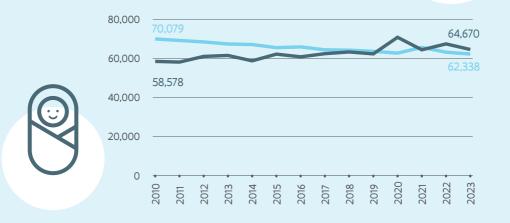
Population (number)			
		2010	2024
	TOTAL	6,251,983	6,821,770
	Men	3,085,334	3,377,519
i ii ii ii ii	Women	3,166,649	3,444,251
	Aged 0-17	1,225,426	1,316,505
A series (A) Telephone (A)	Aged 18-66	4,021,563	4,215,576
	Aged 67 and over	1,004,994	1,289,689
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	Non-Belgian	399,433	738,190
	Inhabitants per km²	459	501



Births and deaths

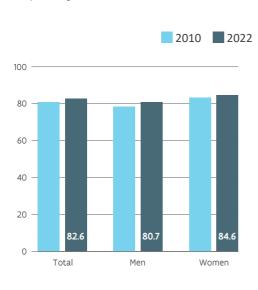






Life expectancy at birth

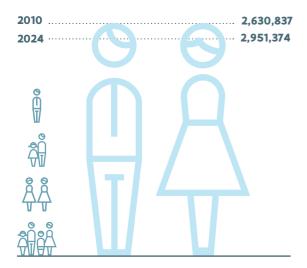
(expected years of life)

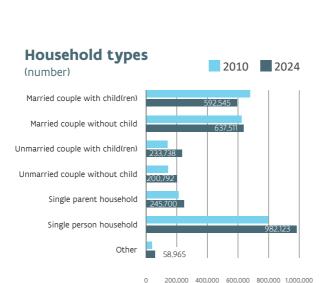




Private households

(number)





Total fertility rate

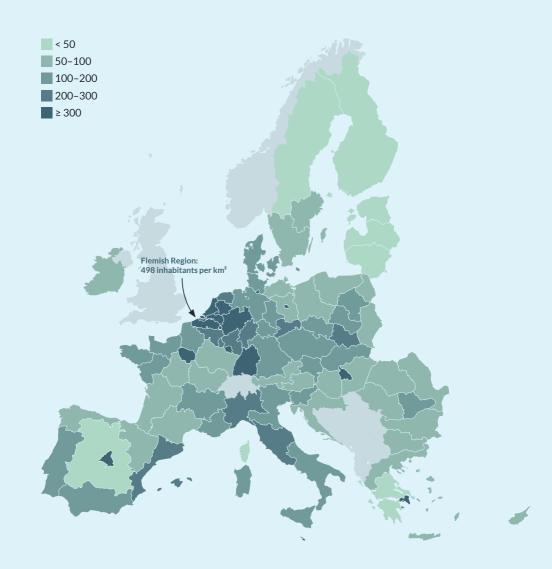
(average number of children per woman)





Population density in 2022

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



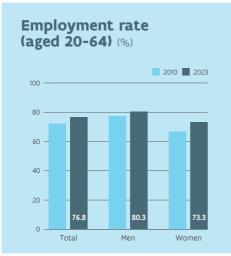
1.2 Labour

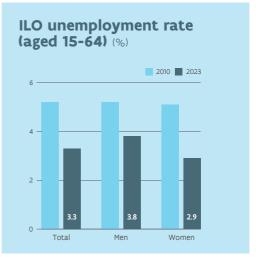
Sources: LFS Statbel, processed by Centre of Expertise for Labour Market Monitoring

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

(persons)

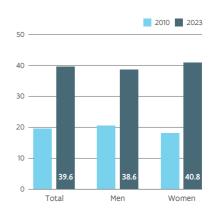




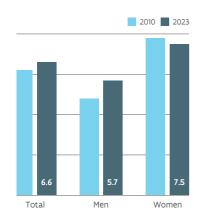




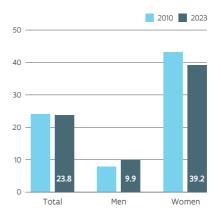
Employees working from home (aged 20-64) (%)



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



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

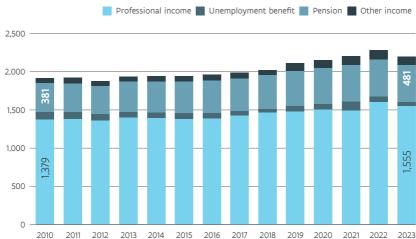


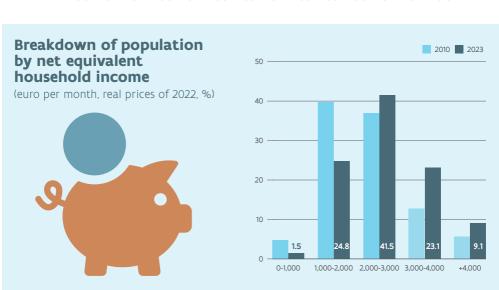
1.3 Income and poverty

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

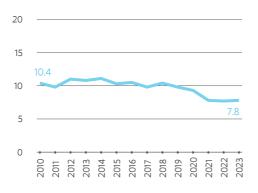
Personal income per month of the population (aged 18 and over)

(euro, real prices of 2022)

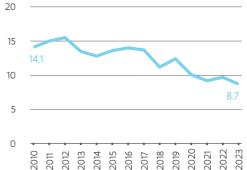




Population below the poverty treshold (%)



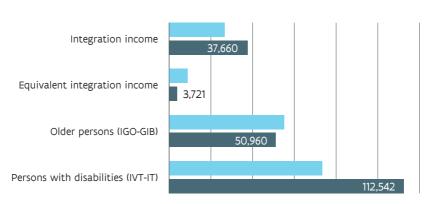
Population living in households making ends meet with difficulty (%)

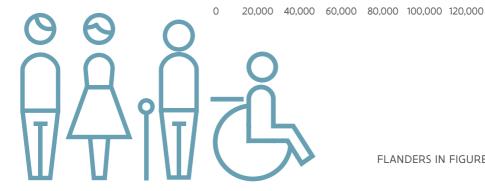


Social assistance benefits

(number)

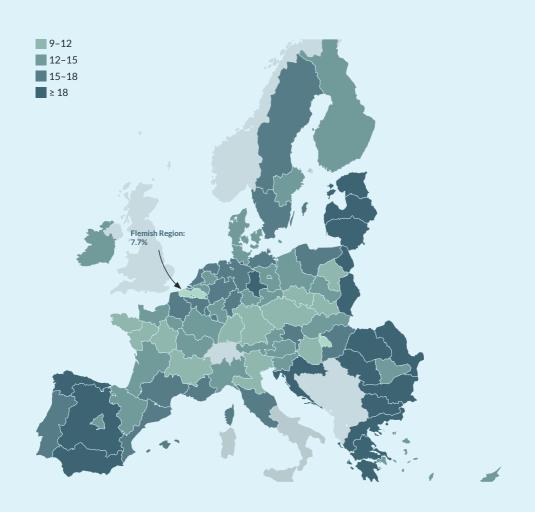






Population below the poverty treshold in 2022°

(EU-NUTS 1 regions, %)

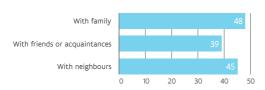


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1.4 Social cohesion and culture

Source: SF survey

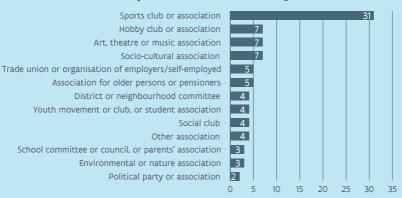
Population (aged 18 and over) with at least weekly social contact in 2023 (%)



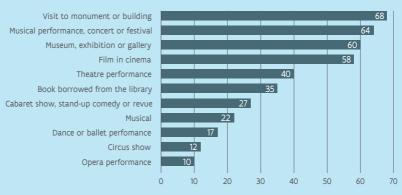




Active membership of associations (aged 18 and over) in 2023 (%)

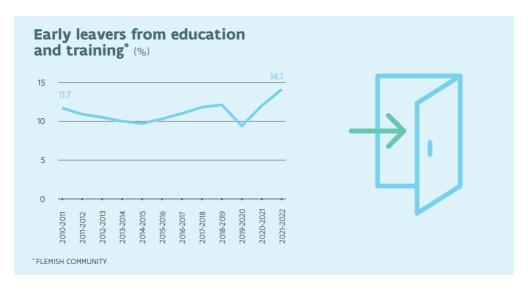


Cultural participation (aged 18 and over) in 2023 (% at least once a year)



1.5 Education and training

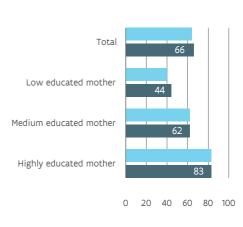
Sources: Flemish Ministry of Education and Training, LFS Statbel, processed by Centre of Expertise for Labour Market Monitoring



Higher education starters by mother's educational attainment

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





2011-2012 2021-2022

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



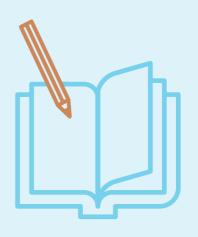


Population (aged 25-64) by educational attainment level (%)

	Low educated	Medium educated	Highly educated
2010	27.2	37.8	35.0
2023	15.8	38.9	45.4

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

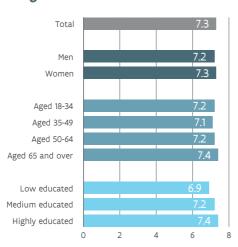




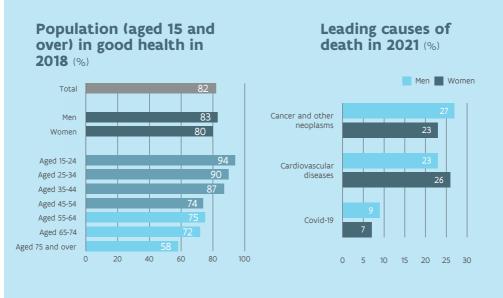
1.6 Well-being and health

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

Overall life satisfaction of population (aged 18 and over) in 2023 (score out of 10)





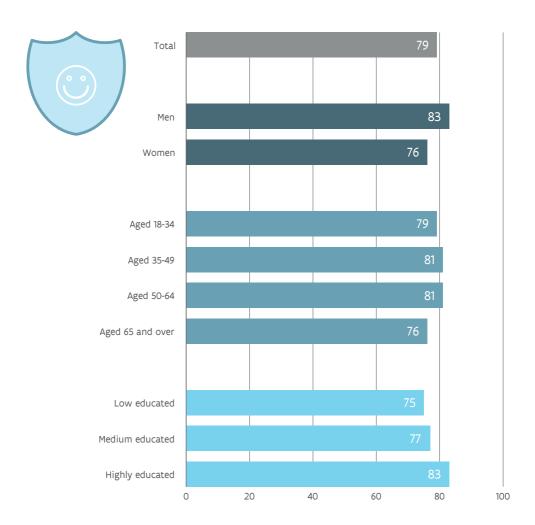


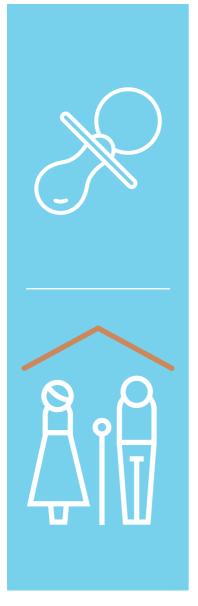
1.7 Safety

Source: SF survey

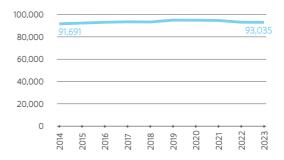
Perceptions of personal safety in the neighbourhood of population (aged 18 and over)

in 2023 (% seldom or never unsafe)



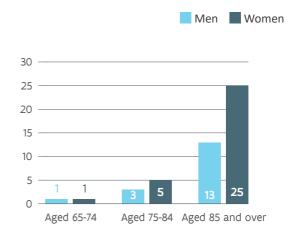


Formal childcare places for babies and toddlers (number)



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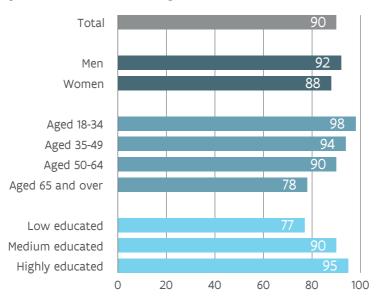
Population in residential care centres in 2021 (%)

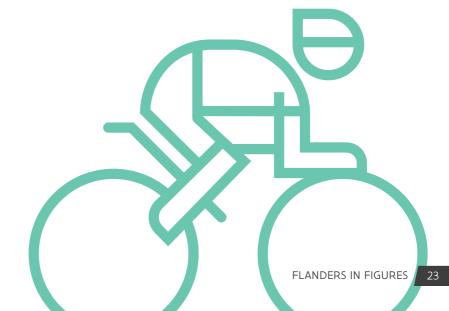


1.9 Sports and tourism

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

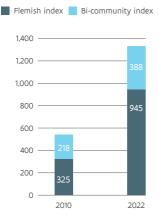
Population (aged 18 and over) practising sports at least annually in 2023 (%)



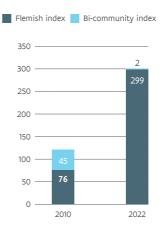




Olympic top sports index (index points gained by individuals and teams)



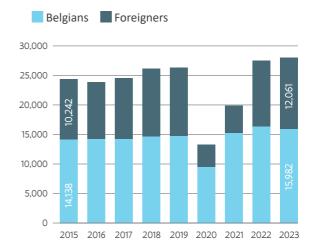
Paralympic top sports index (index points gained by individuals and teams)



Overnight stays by tourists

(number x 1,000)







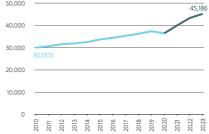
2.1 Economy and enterprises

Sources: Statbel, INA, NBB, HERMREG-FPB, BISA, IWEPS, VSA, Eurostat, processed by Statistics Flanders

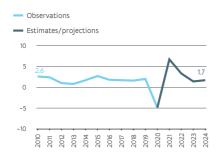
GDP per capita (euro PPS)



Observations — Estimates/projections 50,000



Real economic growth (%)

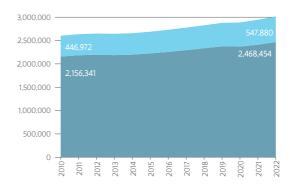




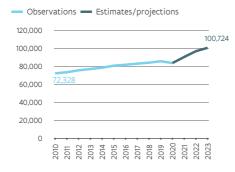
Employment (persons)



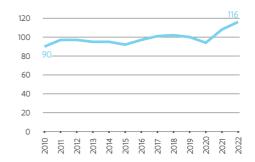




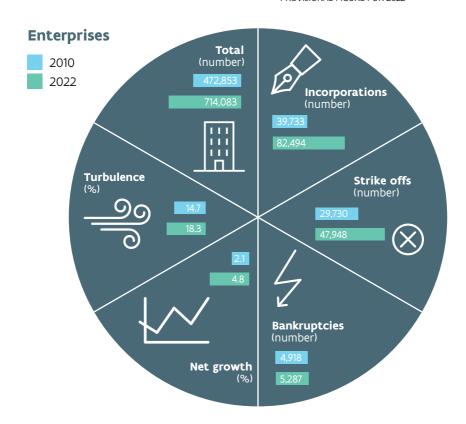
Labour productivity (euro PPS)



Export ratio* (% GDP)

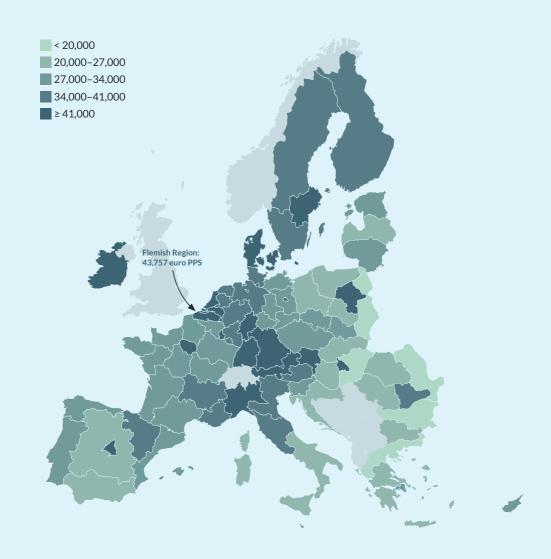


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Gross domestic product per inhabitant in 2022

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

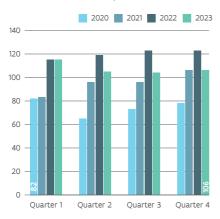


2.2 International trade and digital economy

Sources: INA, Statbel, Eurostat, processed by Statistics Flanders

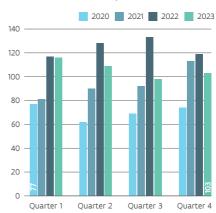
Goods exports°

(billion euro, current prices)



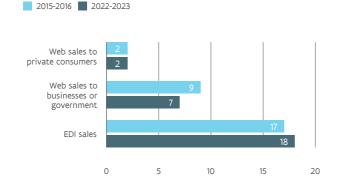
Goods imports

(billion euro, current prices)



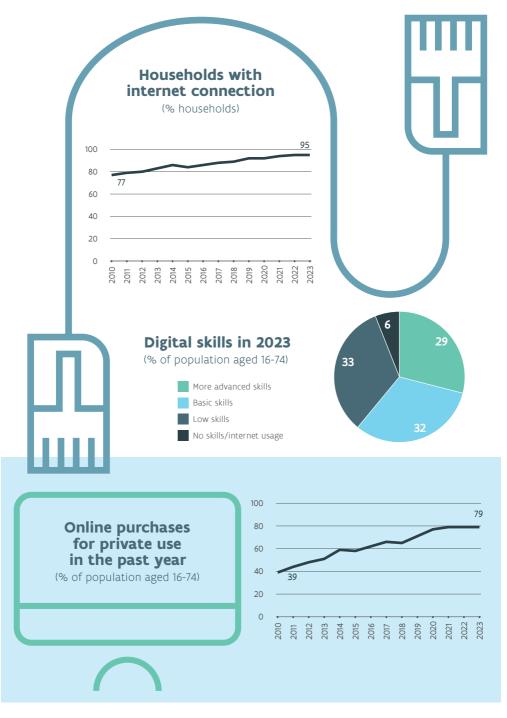
Turnover from e-commerce by type

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



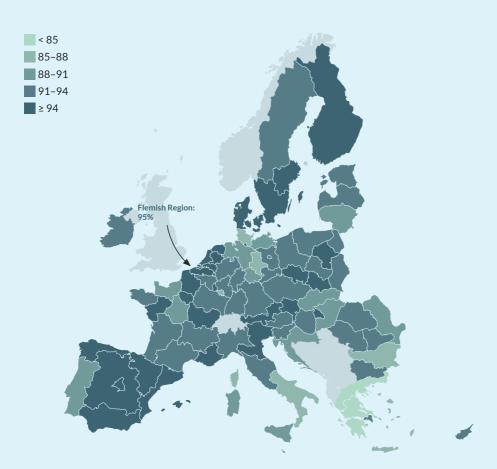


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Households with internet connection in 2023°

(EU-NUTS 1 regions, %)

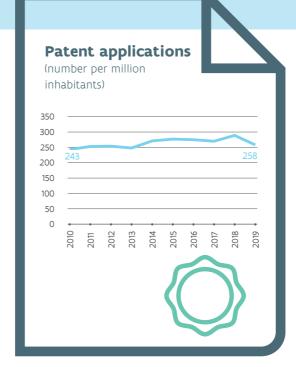


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2.3 Science and innovation

Source: ECOOM

Research and development	2011	2021
R&D intensity (% of GDP)	2.35	3.65
R&D personnel (in FTE)	39,907	66,365



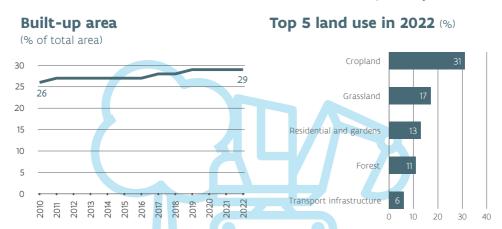


Environment



3.1 Spatial use

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

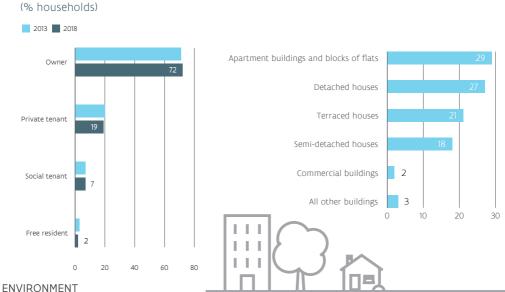


3.2 Building and housing

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

Home ownership status

Housing types in 2023 (%)

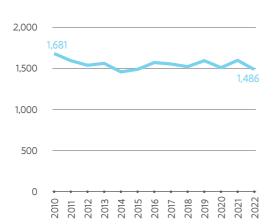


3.3 Energy

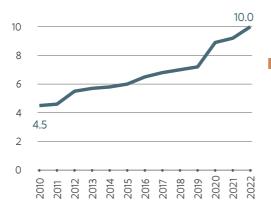
Source: VEKA

Gross domestic energy consumption

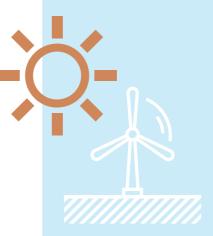
(petajoules)



Renewable energy in gross final energy consumption (%)





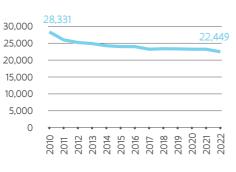


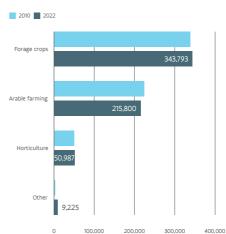
3.4 Agriculture

Sources: Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries, Statbel, Eurostat, processed by Statistics Flanders

Agricultural and horticultural farms (number)









Livestock

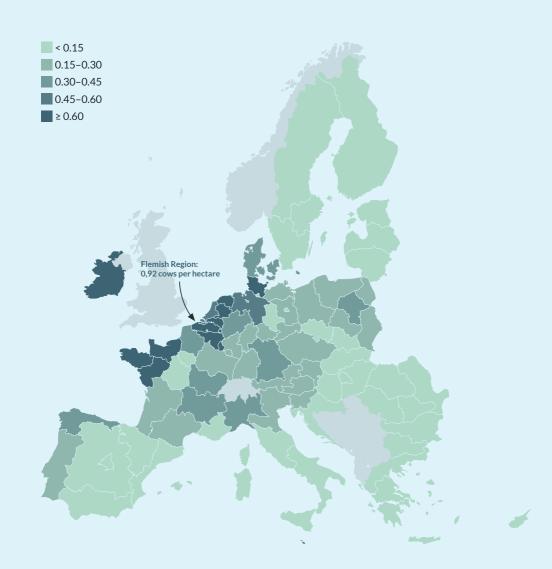
(number of animals x 1,000)

	2010	2022
Dairy cows	285	340
Suckler cows	175	123
Total cattle	1,304	1,248
Sows	506	354
Total pigs	6,037	5,388
Meat chickens	18,310	30,715
Egg-laying chickens	9,961	14,116
Total poultry	29,125	45,539



Cattle density in 2022

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



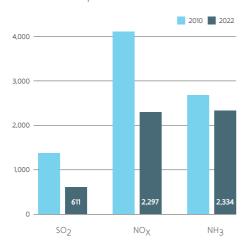
3.5 Nature and the environment

400

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

Potentially acidifying emissions

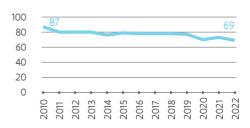
(million acid equivalents)

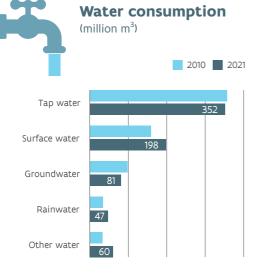




Greenhouse gas emissions

(megatonnes CO₃ equivalents)





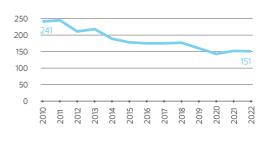
100

200

300

Healthy life years lost due to particulate matter exposure

(DALYs per 10,000 person years)



Forest area

(hectares)

140,380

1997-1999

2009-2019

140,279



Area with effective nature management

(hectares)

62,939

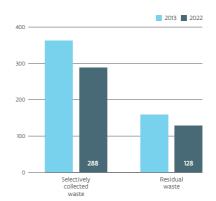
2011

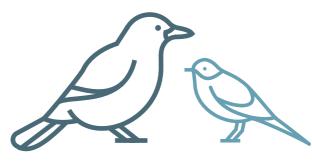
2023

107,668

Household waste

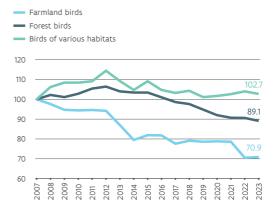
(kg per inhabitant)





Common bird index

(2007=100)



3.6 Transport

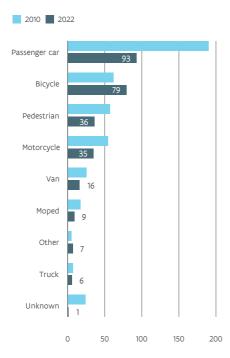
Sources: Department of Mobility and Public Works, MORA (SERV), Airport Authorities, Statbel, Eurostat, processed by Statistics Flanders

Modal split in 2021-2022 (%)

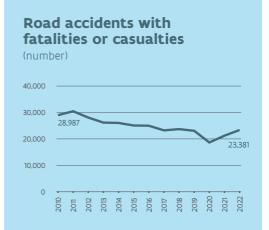
	On foot	Bicycle	Bus, tram, metro	Train	Car	Other
0.1 to 1 km	55	21	0	0	22	2
1 to 5 km	14	27	2	0	55	2
5 to 10 km	5	14	4	0	74	4
10 to 40 km	1	7	5	3	79	5
40+ km	0	4	2	13	76	6

Road fatalities

(number)

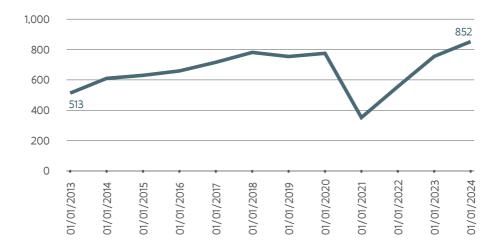






Traffic jam severity

(kilometre hours per working day, yearly moving average)





Passengers by airport

(number x 1,000)

	2010	2020	2022	2023
Brussels Airport	17,181	6,743	18,931	22,201
Antwerp	163	88	240	260
Ostend-Bruges	214	111	369	386
Kortrijk-Wevelgem	66	*	*	*

^{*} UNKNOWN

Freight traffic by seaport

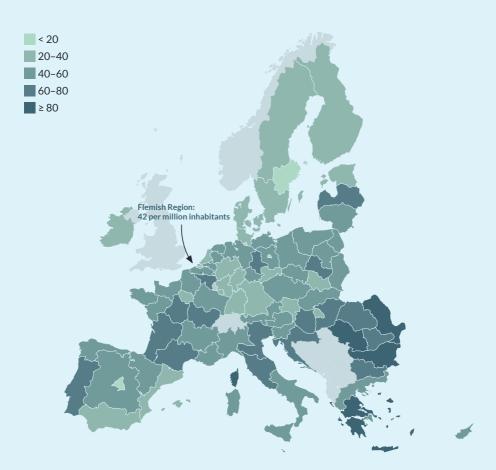
(million tonnes)

	2010	2020	2022	2023
Antwerp- Bruges	227.8	278.0	287.1	271.4
Ghent	27.3	29.1	33.0	29.8
Ostend	4.9	1.5	1.4	1.2



Road fatalities in 2022°

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



^{*} NO DATA AVAILABLE FOR LUXEMBOURG



Government and governance

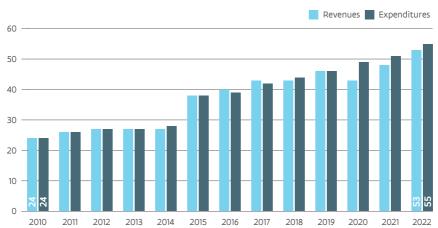


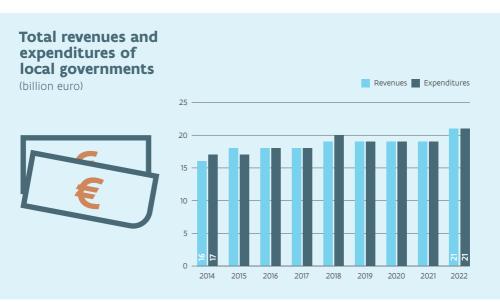
4.1 Public finances

Sources: Department FB, ABB

Revenues and expenditures of the Flemish government

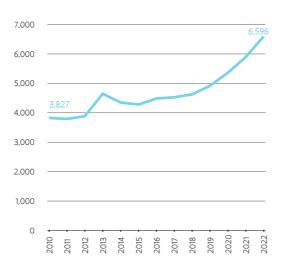
(billion euro, current prices)





Investment efforts of the Flemish government

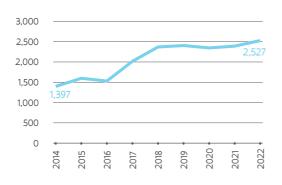
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Total investment efforts of local governments

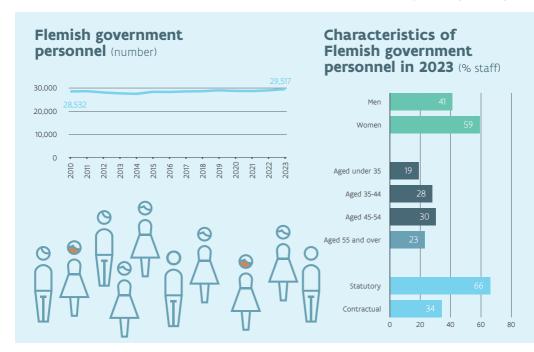
(million euro)





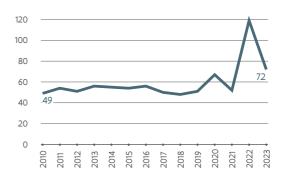
4.2 Government personnel and development cooperation

Sources: Flanders Chancellery and Foreign Office, AgO





Official development assistance (ODA) (million euro)



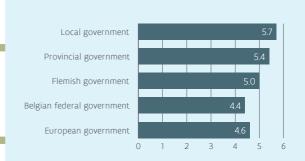
4.3 Relationship government-citizens

Sources: Digital Flanders, SF survey



Satisfaction of the population (aged 18 and over) with policies in 2023

(score out of 10)



More data

Consult the website of the Statistics Flanders network at https://www.vlaanderen.be/ en/statistics-flanders.

Also consult the websites of the entities of the Statistics Flanders network.

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Abbreviations

ABB	Agency for Home Affairs
AgO	Agency for Government Personnel
ANB	Agency for Nature and Forests
BISA	Brussels Institute for Statistics and Analysis
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
Covid-19	Coronavirus disease 2019
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
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
INA	Institute for National Accounts
INBO	Research Institute for Nature and Forest
IT	Integration allowance
IVT	Income substitution allowance

IWEPS	Institut Wallon de l'Evaluation, de la Prospective et de la Statistique
LFS	Labour Force Survey
LV	Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries
MORA	Flanders Mobility Council
NBB	National Bank of Belgium
NH ₃	Ammonia
NO _x	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
SILC	Statistics on Income and Living Conditions
SO ₂	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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