

# BELGIUM



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| <b>Capital:</b>                                      | Brussels                 |
| <b>Population mid-year:</b>                          | 10 374 000               |
| <b>Area (km<sup>2</sup>):</b>                        | 30 528                   |
| <b>Population density (per km<sup>2</sup>):</b>      | 340                      |
| <b>Population in urban areas:</b>                    | 97%                      |
| <b>Population as % of total population of UNECE:</b> | 0.86                     |
| <b>Official languages:</b>                           | Dutch, French and German |
| <b>Date joined UN:</b>                               | 27 December 1945         |
| <b>National currency:</b>                            | Euro (EUR)               |

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| <b>Life expectancy at birth (in years):</b> |      |
| Women:                                      | 81.8 |
| Men:  | 75.3 |

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| <b>Healthy life expectancy (in years), 2002:</b> |      |
| Women:   | 73.3 |
| Men:   | 68.9 |

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| <b>Infant mortality rate (% live births):<sup>a/</sup></b> | 4.30 |
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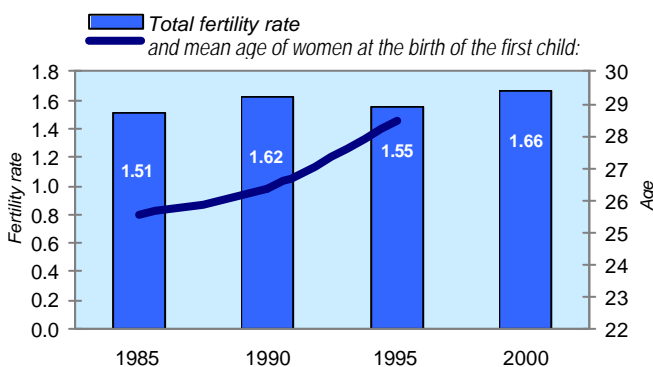
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| <b>Average annual population growth rate, 2000-2005:</b> | 0.21 |
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| <b>Marriages (per 1000 population):<sup>b/</sup></b> | 4.0 |
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| <b>Divorces (per 1000 population):<sup>b/</sup></b> | 3.0 |
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| <b>Average household size, 2001:</b> | 2.4 |
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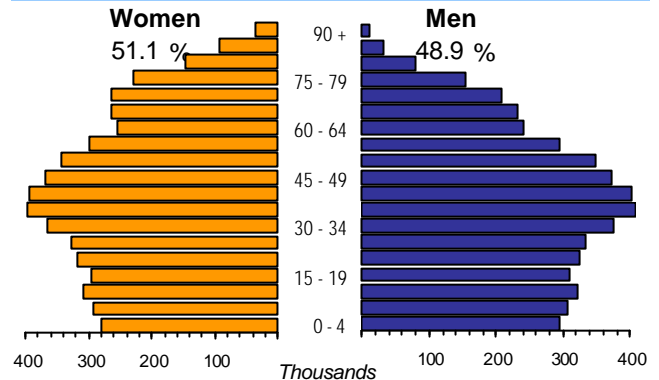
## Total fertility rate and mean age of women at the birth of the first child:



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## Population by age, 2002:

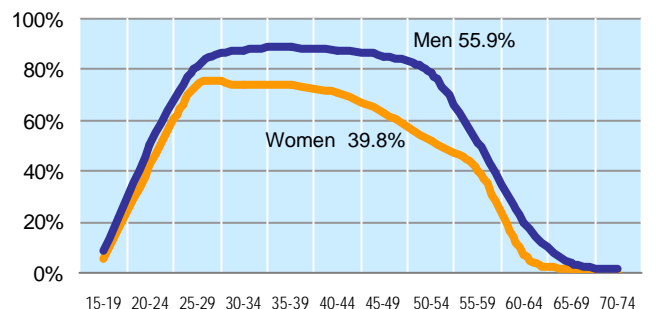


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| <b>Percentage of women in the labour force:</b> | 43 |
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| <b>Percentage of female students, 2002:</b> | 53 |
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| <b>Percentage of parliament seats held by women:</b> | 23 |
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## Economic activity rate, 2003:



|  | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
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| Employment (% change over previous year)             | 0.9  | 1.8  | 1.4  | 1.9  | 1.5  | -0.3 | -0.5 |
| Unemployment rate (%)                                | 9.2  | 9.3  | 8.6  | 6.9  | 6.7  | 7.3  | 8.1  |
| Youth unemployment rate (%)                          | 22.0 | 22.1 | 22.7 | 17.0 | 17.5 | 18.5 | 21.5 |
| Total expenditure on education (% GDP) <sup>c/</sup> | ...  | 3.1  | 3.1  | 5.8  | 6.1  | ...  | ...  |
| Total expenditure on health (% GDP) <sup>d/</sup>    | 8.6  | 8.6  | 8.7  | 8.8  | 9.0  | 9.1  | ...  |

a/ Eurostat New Cronos estimated data.

b/ Eurostat (New Cronos), provisional value.

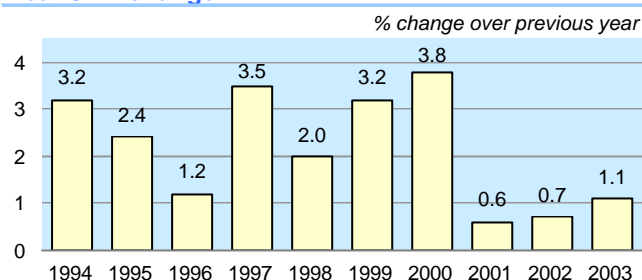
c/ Expenditure only for Flemish community

d/ Total health expenditure as % of gross domestic product, WHO Regional Office for Europe



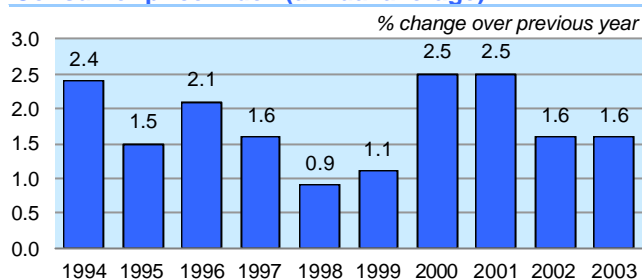
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## Real GDP change



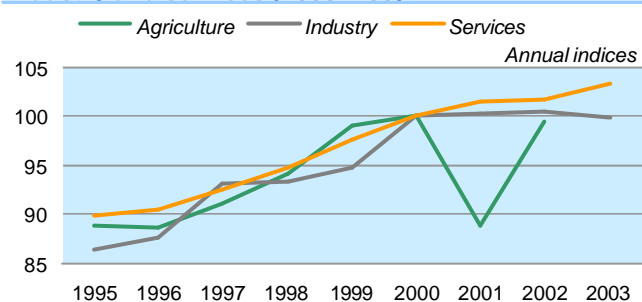
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| GDP per capita, PPP USD:                        | 28 365 |
| EUR:  | 26 096 |
| Gross capital formation per capita USD:         | 5 639  |
| Private consumption expenditure per capita USD: | 15 565 |

## Consumer price index (annual average)



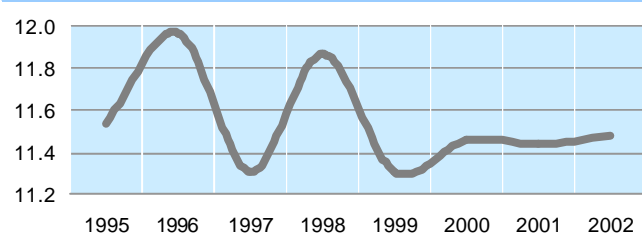
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| GDP at current prices bill, PPP USD:        | 286.7 |
| bill. Euros:                                | 263.8 |
| GDP as % of total GDP of UNECE:             | 1.00  |
| Purchasing Power Parities (PPP):            | 0.92  |
| Exchange rate (EUR per USD annual average): | 0.89  |

## GDP (value added) in agriculture, industry and services (2000=100):



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| Number of passenger cars (per 1000 pop.), 2002: | 463 |
| Estimated Internet users (per 1000 pop.):       | 328 |
| Mobile phone subscribers (per 1000 pop.):       | 786 |

## CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per capita (in Gigaagrams):<sup>f/</sup>

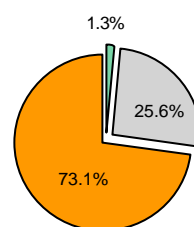


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| Exports of goods and services, as % of GDP: | 82.2 |
| Imports of goods and services, as % of GDP: | 79.6 |
| External trade balance, as % of GDP:        | 2.5  |
| Tourism receipts, as % of GDP, 2002:        | 2.5  |
| Tourism expenditures, as % of GDP, 2002:    | 3.7  |

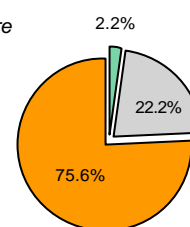
## Main external trade commodities (% of total):

| Exports of goods (f.o.b.):                |      |
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| Road vehicles                             | 14.0 |
| Medical, pharm. products                  | 10.0 |
| Organic chemicals                         | 6.9  |
| Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s. | 6.1  |
| Plastics in primary form                  | 4.3  |

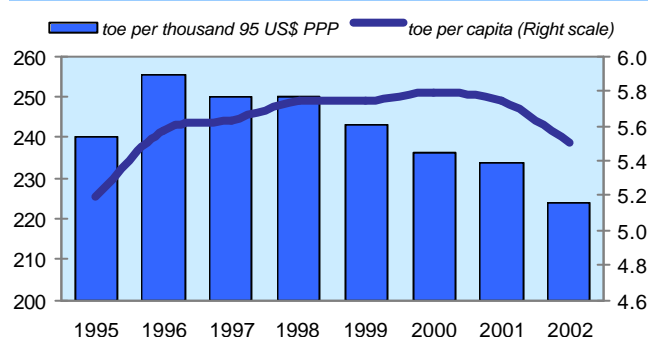
## GDP (value added) by major economic sectors:



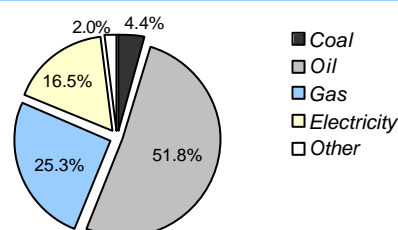
## Employment by major economic sectors:



## Energy use:<sup>e/</sup>



## Final consumption of energy, 2002:



## Imports of goods (c.i.f.):

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| Road vehicles                                  | 12.6 |
| Medicinal and pharmaceutical products          | 10.1 |
| Petroleum, petroleum products and related mat. | 6.3  |
| Non-metallic mineral manufactures, n.e.s.      | 5.8  |
| Organic chemicals                              | 5.6  |

<sup>e/</sup> Total primary energy supply in Mtoe expressed in million USD.

<sup>f/</sup> Overview of GHG emissions and removals in the main sectors from 1990 to 2002 (Gg CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents).

