

BELGIUM

Table 1. Labour force

Annual average estimates

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Labour force, thousands										
All persons	4 895	4 856	4 893	4 947	4 967	4 973	4 976	4 992	5 056	5 106
Males	2 675	2 650	2 670	2 682	2 677	2 677	2 682	2 687	2 701	2 723
Females	2 220	2 206	2 223	2 265	2 290	2 297	2 295	2 305	2 355	2 383
Unemployed, thousands										
All persons	406	347	369	417	423	422	390	354	301	274
Males	217	188	204	232	241	243	216	191	170	156
Females	189	158	165	185	182	178	173	163	131	118
Employment, thousands										
All persons	4 489	4 509	4 524	4 530	4 544	4 552	4 587	4 638	4 755	4 832
Males	2 458	2 462	2 466	2 451	2 435	2 434	2 466	2 496	2 531	2 567
Females	2 031	2 047	2 058	2 080	2 108	2 118	2 121	2 142	2 224	2 265
Employment (%)										
Males	54.8	54.6	54.5	54.1	53.6	53.5	53.8	53.8	53.2	53.1
Females	45.2	45.4	45.5	45.9	46.4	46.5	46.2	46.2	46.8	46.9
Unemployment rate (% of labour force)										
All persons	8.3	7.1	7.5	8.4	8.5	8.5	7.8	7.1	5.9	5.4
Males	8.1	7.1	7.6	8.6	9.0	9.1	8.1	7.1	6.3	5.7
Females	8.5	7.2	7.4	8.2	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.1	5.6	4.9
EMPLOYMENT - PROFESSIONAL STATUS, thousands										
All activities	4 489 	4 509	4 524	4 530	4 544	4 552	4 587 	4 638	4 755	4 832
Employees	3 839	3 861	3 873	3 844	3 877	3 858	3 904	3 974	4 087	4 142
Employers and persons working on own account	601	595	611	642	623	650	644	629	627	649
Unpaid family workers	44	50	38	41	41	41	37	34	40	39
Employees as % of employment	85.5 	85.6	85.6	84.9	85.3	84.8	85.1 	85.7	85.9	85.7
Part-time employment (%)										
Part-time as % of employment	18.3	18.8	18.7	18.2	18.1	18.2	17.8	16.5	16.6	16.9
Male share of part time employment	19.6	20.1	20.2	19.2	20.9	21.1	20.8	21.5	21.1	21.9
Female share of part time employment	80.4	79.9	79.8	80.8	79.1	78.9	79.2	78.5	78.9	78.1
Male part-time as % of male employment	6.7	7.0	7.1	6.6	7.2	7.3	7.0	6.6	6.6	7.0
Female part-time as % of female employment	31.7	32.4	32.1	31.4	30.5	30.2	30.0	27.8	28.0	28.0
Duration of unemployment (% of total unemployment)										
Less than one month	5.4	4.5	4.7	3.4	3.6	3.4	4.0	5.9	6.1	7.0
More than 1 month and less than 3 months	15.6	16.4	17.9	17.4	15.0	16.2	16.4	15.4	17.1	18.9
More than 3 months and less than 6 months	13.0	15.0	16.5	15.4	15.2	14.4	14.0	14.2	14.2	15.7
More than 6 months and less than 1 year	17.3	15.8	16.2	17.8	16.2	14.3	14.0	15.7	13.9	14.8
More than 1 year	48.8	48.3	44.7	46.0	49.9	51.7	51.6	48.8	48.7	43.5

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