

BELGIUM

Table 1. Labour force

Annual average estimates

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Labour force, thousands										
All persons	4 856	4 893	4 947	4 967	4 973	4 976	4 992	5 056	5 106	5 085
Males	2 650	2 670	2 682	2 677	2 677	2 682	2 687	2 701	2 723	2 712
Females	2 206	2 223	2 265	2 290	2 297	2 295	2 305	2 355	2 383	2 373
Unemployed, thousands										
All persons	347	369	417	423	422	390	354	301	274	282
Males	188	204	232	241	243	216	191	170	156	155
Females	158	165	185	182	178	173	163	131	118	127
Employment, thousands										
All persons	4 509	4 524	4 530	4 544	4 552	4 586	4 638	4 755	4 832	4 802
Males	2 462	2 466	2 451	2 435	2 434	2 465	2 496	2 531	2 567	2 556
Females	2 047	2 058	2 080	2 108	2 118	2 121	2 142	2 224	2 265	2 246
Employment (%)										
Males	54.6	54.5	54.1	53.6	53.5	53.8	53.8	53.2	53.1	53.2
Females	45.4	45.5	45.9	46.4	46.5	46.2	46.2	46.8	46.9	46.8
Unemployment rate (% of labour force)										
All persons	7.1	7.5	8.4	8.5	8.5	7.8	7.1	5.9	5.4	5.5
Males	7.1	7.6	8.6	9.0	9.1	8.1	7.1	6.3	5.7	5.7
Females	7.2	7.4	8.2	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.1	5.6	4.9	5.4
EMPLOYMENT - PROFESSIONAL STATUS, thousands										
All activities	4 509	4 524	4 530	4 544	4 552	4 586 	4 638	4 755	4 832	4 802
Employees	3 861	3 873	3 844	3 877	3 858	3 904	3 974	4 087	4 142	4 092
Employers and persons working on own account	595	611	642	623	650	644	629	627	649	667
Unpaid family workers	50	38	41	41	41	37	34	40	39	40
Employees as % of employment	85.6	85.6	84.9	85.3	84.8	85.1 	85.7	85.9	85.7	85.2
Part-time employment (%)										
Part-time as % of employment	18.8	18.7	18.2	18.1	18.2	17.8	16.5	16.6	16.9	16.7
Male share of part time employment	20.1	20.2	19.2	20.9	21.1	20.8	21.5	21.1	21.9	23.3
Female share of part time employment	79.9	79.8	80.8	79.1	78.9	79.2	78.5	78.9	78.1	76.7
Male part-time as % of male employment	7.0	7.1	6.6	7.2	7.3	7.0	6.6	6.6	7.0	7.3
Female part-time as % of female employment	32.4	32.1	31.4	30.5	30.2	30.0	27.8	28.0	28.0	27.3
Duration of unemployment (% of total unemployment)										
Less than one month	4.5	4.7	3.4	3.6	3.4	4.0	5.9	6.1	7.0	5.9
More than 1 month and less than 3 months	16.4	17.9	17.4	15.0	16.2	16.4	15.4	17.1	18.9	18.6
More than 3 months and less than 6 months	15.0	16.5	15.4	15.2	14.4	14.0	14.2	14.2	15.7	16.7
More than 6 months and less than 1 year	15.8	16.2	17.8	16.2	14.3	14.0	15.7	13.9	14.8	17.2
More than 1 year	48.3	44.7	46.0	49.9	51.7	51.6	48.8	48.7	43.5	41.6

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