

BELGIUM



Update : 9th July 2025



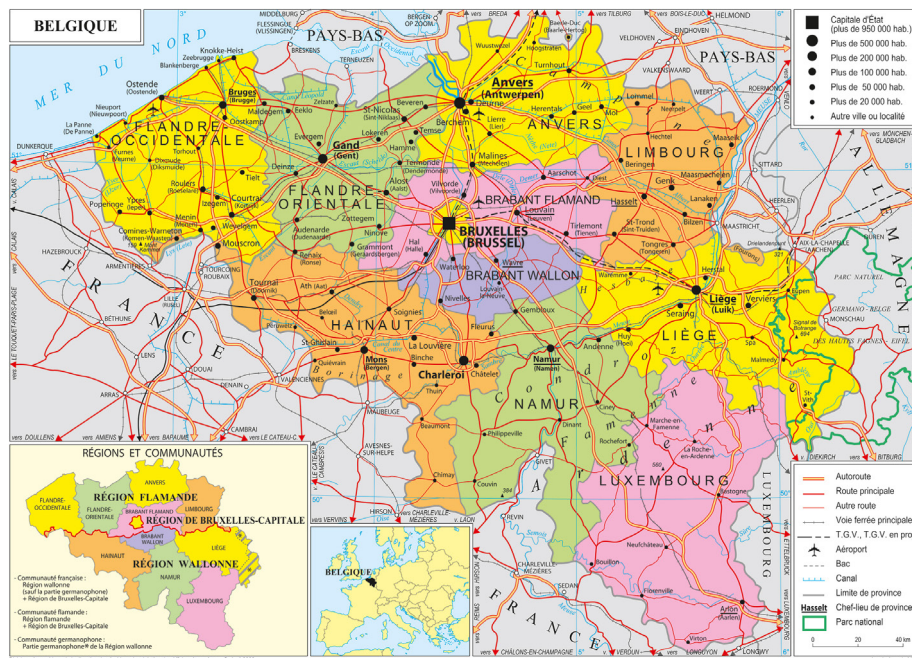
Geography

Area: 30,528 km²**Borders:** 1,385 km; France: 620 km,
Netherlands: 450 km, Germany: 167 km,
Luxembourg: 148 km
Coastline: 66.5 km
Capital: Brussels
Official languages: Dutch, French, German

Population

Population: 11,825,551 inhabitants (January
2025)**Population aged under 15 years:** 17%
(2023 est.)**Population aged over 65:** 19.9% (2023 est.)**Natural change rate:** 0.57‰ (2024 est.)**Life expectancy:** men 80.2 years, women
84.3 years (2024 est.)**Migration balance:** 4.2‰ (2023 est.)**First-time asylum applicants:** 33,050(2024)**Foreign residents :** 7.9% EU nationals, 4.4%
non-EU nationals (2019)**Religions:** Roman Catholic 57.1%,
Protestant 2.3%, other Christian, 2.8%,
Muslim 6.8%, other 1.7%, atheist 9.1%,
nonbeliever/agnostic 20.2% (2018 est.)

Source : Eurostat, The CIA World Factbook



Economy

Currency: Euro**GDP:** € 614,000 million (2024)**GDP per capita (PPS):** € 46,300 (2024)**GDP growth:** 1% (2024)**Unemployment:** 5.9% (May 2025)**Inflation:** 3.6% (April 2025)**Public debt:** 105.6% of GDP (2024)**Public deficit:** 4.2% of GDP (2023)**Stock of foreign direct investment from
the entire world:** 155% of GDP (2022)

Source : Eurostat, Trading Economics



Political System

Constitutional monarchy, democracy**Head of State:** King Philippe, since 21st
July 2013.**Prime Minister:** Bart De Wever (N-VA)
was appointed Prime Minister by King
Philippe on 3 February 2025, following the
defeat of former Prime Minister Alexander
de Croo and his party (Open VLD) in the
European elections of June 2024.**Bicameral legislative power:****The House of Representatives**
comprises 150 members, elected for a
period of 4 years**The Senate** comprises 60 members, also
elected for 5 years, 50 of whom are
elected by direct universal suffrage and 10
are co-opted

Political Representation

**Composition of the House of
Representatives (following the
9th June 2024 elections):**

- 24 seats N-VA (New Flemish Alliance)
- 16 seats PS (Socialist Party)
- 20 seats Vlaams Belang (Flemish far-right party)
- 20 seats MR (Reformist Movement)
- 11 seats CD&V (Flemish Christian-Democratic Party)
- 15 seats PTB-PVDA (Labour Party)
- 7 seats Open VLD (Flemish Liberals and Democrats)
- 13 seats Vooruit (Flemish socialist Party)
- 9 Ecolo-GROEN (Greens)
- 14 seats Les engagés (Humanist democratic centre)
- 1 seats DéFI (independant federalist democrat)

**Composition of the Senate (in
June 2024):**

- 10 seats N-VA (New Flemish Alliance)
- 9 seats MR (Reformist Movement)
- 8 seats Vlaams Belang (Flemish nationalist party)
- 6 seats PVDA-PTB (Labour)
- 6 seats PS (Socialist party)
- 5 seats CD&V (Flemish Christian-Democratic Party)
- 5 seats Les Engagés (Centrist party)
- 4 seats Vooruit (Flemish socialist party)
- 3 seats Open VLD (Liberal and Democrats)
- 3 seats Ecolo-Groen (Ecologist party)

Female representation:

- in the government: 4/15
- in the House of Representatives: 53/150
- in the Senate: 30/60

Next general elections in 2029.