

## Labour market indicators: Belgium

| All  | 1999   | 2000   | 2001   | 2002   | 2003   | 2004   | 2005   | 2006   | 2007   | 2008   | 2009   |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1. Total population (000)                              | 10 214 | 10 239 | 10 263 | 10 310 | 10 356 | 10 396 | 10 477 | 10 546 | 10 614 | 10 708 | 10 796 |
| 2. Population aged 15-64                               | 6 710  | 6 719  | 6 728  | 6 758  | 6 791  | 6 818  | 6 876  | 6 941  | 7 008  | 7 073  | 7 126  |
| 3. Total employment (000)                              | 4 028  | 4 109  | 4 166  | 4 159  | 4 161  | 4 199  | 4 258  | 4 309  | 4 379  | 4 461  | 4 445  |
| 4. Population in employment aged 15-64                 | 3 980  | 4 068  | 4 033  | 4 047  | 4 047  | 4 114  | 4 199  | 4 233  | 4 348  | 4 414  | 4 389  |
| 5. Employment rate (% population aged 15-64)           | 59.3   | 60.5   | 59.9   | 59.9   | 59.6   | 60.3   | 61.1   | 61.0   | 62.0   | 62.4   | 61.6   |
| 6. Employment rate (% population aged 20-64)           | 64.5   | 65.8   | 65.0   | 65.0   | 64.7   | 65.6   | 66.5   | 66.5   | 67.7   | 68.0   | 67.1   |
| 7. Employment rate (% population aged 15-24)           | 28.2   | 29.1   | 29.7   | 29.4   | 27.4   | 27.8   | 27.5   | 27.6   | 27.5   | 27.4   | 25.3   |
| 8. Employment rate (% population aged 25-54)           | 76.2   | 77.4   | 76.6   | 76.5   | 76.5   | 77.3   | 78.3   | 78.4   | 79.7   | 80.5   | 79.8   |
| 9. Employment rate (% population aged 55-64)           | 24.6   | 26.3   | 25.1   | 26.6   | 28.1   | 30.0   | 31.8   | 32.0   | 34.4   | 34.5   | 35.3   |
| 10. FTE employment rate (% population aged 15-64)      | :      | 60.5   | 55.8   | 55.4   | 54.7   | 55.8   | 56.2   | 56.5   | 57.7   | 57.8   | 56.9   |
| 11. Self-employed (% total employment)                 | 17.5   | 17.1   | 16.7   | 16.6   | 16.6   | 16.5   | 16.3   | 16.2   | 16.1   | 16.1   | 16.2   |
| 12. Part-time employment (% total employment)          | 18.4   | 18.9   | 18.5   | 19.1   | 20.5   | 21.4   | 22.0   | 22.2   | 22.1   | 22.6   | 23.4   |
| 13. Fixed term contracts (% total employees)           | 9.9    | 9.1    | 8.8    | 8.1    | 8.4    | 8.7    | 8.9    | 8.7    | 8.6    | 8.3    | 8.2    |
| 14. Employment in Services (% total employment)        | 74.8   | 75.0   | 75.2   | 76.0   | 76.6   | 77.1   | 77.5   | 77.8   | 78.1   | 78.3   | 78.9   |
| 15. Employment in Industry (% total employment)        | 23.0   | 22.8   | 22.7   | 22.0   | 21.4   | 20.9   | 20.5   | 20.3   | 20.1   | 19.9   | 19.3   |
| 16. Employment in Agriculture (% total employment)     | 2.3    | 2.2    | 2.1    | 2.0    | 2.0    | 2.0    | 2.0    | 1.9    | 1.9    | 1.8    | 1.8    |
| 17. Activity rate (% population aged 15-64)            | 64.9   | 65.1   | 64.2   | 64.8   | 64.9   | 65.9   | 66.7   | 66.5   | 67.1   | 67.1   | 66.9   |
| 18. Activity rate (% of population aged 15-24)         | 35.7   | 35.3   | 35.7   | 35.7   | 35.0   | 35.3   | 35.0   | 34.7   | 33.9   | 33.4   | 32.4   |
| 19. Activity rate (% of population aged 25-54)         | 82.3   | 82.4   | 81.2   | 81.9   | 82.3   | 83.4   | 84.6   | 84.5   | 85.3   | 85.7   | 85.6   |
| 20. Activity rate (% of population aged 55-64)         | 25.9   | 27.1   | 25.9   | 27.7   | 28.9   | 31.2   | 33.3   | 33.6   | 35.9   | 36.1   | 37.2   |
| 21. Total unemployment (000)                           | 370    | 302    | 286    | 331    | 362    | 379    | 390    | 383    | 353    | 333    | 380    |
| 22. Unemployment rate (% labour force 15+)             | 8.5    | 6.9    | 6.6    | 7.5    | 8.2    | 8.4    | 8.5    | 8.3    | 7.5    | 7.0    | 7.9    |
| 23. Youth unemployment rate (% labour force 15-24)     | 21.0   | 16.7   | 16.8   | 17.7   | 21.8   | 21.2   | 21.5   | 20.5   | 18.8   | 18.0   | 21.9   |
| 24. Long term unemployment rate (% labour force)       | 4.8    | 3.7    | 3.2    | 3.7    | 3.7    | 4.1    | 4.4    | 4.2    | 3.8    | 3.3    | 3.5    |
| 25. Youth unemployment ratio (% population aged 15-24) | 7.5    | 6.2    | 6.1    | 6.3    | 7.6    | 7.5    | 7.5    | 7.1    | 6.4    | 6.0    | 7.1    |

  

| Male   | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. Total population (000)                              | 4 994 | 5 006 | 5 018 | 5 042 | 5 067 | 5 086 | 5 127 | 5 162 | 5 197 | 5 246 | 5 291 |
| 2. Population aged 15-64                               | 3 380 | 3 384 | 3 388 | 3 403 | 3 420 | 3 443 | 3 459 | 3 491 | 3 524 | 3 557 | 3 582 |
| 3. Total employment (000)                              | 2 333 | 2 377 | 2 410 | 2 390 | 2 368 | 2 388 | 2 400 | 2 417 | 2 443 | 2 469 | 2 442 |
| 4. Population in employment aged 15-64                 | 2 302 | 2 351 | 2 331 | 2 323 | 2 300 | 2 337 | 2 361 | 2 371 | 2 421 | 2 439 | 2 406 |
| 5. Employment rate (% population aged 15-64)           | 68.1  | 69.5  | 68.8  | 68.3  | 67.3  | 67.9  | 68.3  | 67.9  | 68.7  | 68.6  | 67.2  |
| 6. Employment rate (% population aged 20-64)           | 74.1  | 75.5  | 74.5  | 74.0  | 73.1  | 73.8  | 74.3  | 74.0  | 75.0  | 74.7  | 73.2  |
| 7. Employment rate (% population aged 15-24)           | 31.2  | 32.8  | 33.2  | 32.2  | 29.9  | 30.1  | 29.7  | 30.4  | 29.9  | 29.7  | 27.4  |
| 8. Employment rate (% population aged 25-54)           | 86.3  | 87.3  | 86.5  | 86.1  | 85.0  | 85.8  | 86.1  | 85.9  | 87.0  | 87.0  | 85.7  |
| 9. Employment rate (% population aged 55-64)           | 33.8  | 36.4  | 35.1  | 36.0  | 37.8  | 39.1  | 41.7  | 40.9  | 42.9  | 42.8  | 42.9  |
| 10. FTE employment rate (% population aged 15-64)      | :     | 74.4  | 68.6  | 67.6  | 66.7  | 67.6  | 67.4  | 67.7  | 68.6  | 68.2  | 66.7  |
| 11. Self-employed (% total employment)                 | 18.9  | 18.9  | 18.7  | 18.6  | 18.5  | 18.9  | 18.8  | 19.0  | 19.0  | 19.2  | 19.4  |
| 12. Part-time employment (% total employment)          | 5.1   | 5.5   | 5.2   | 5.6   | 6.4   | 6.8   | 7.6   | 7.4   | 7.5   | 7.9   | 8.6   |
| 13. Fixed term contracts (% total employees)           | 7.3   | 6.7   | 6.3   | 5.8   | 6.2   | 6.4   | 6.8   | 6.9   | 6.8   | 6.6   | 6.5   |
| 14. Employment in Services (% total employment)        | 64.7  | 65.2  | 65.5  | 66.4  | 67.2  | 67.6  | 68.3  | 67.9  | 68.6  | 69.3  | 70.3  |
| 15. Employment in Industry (% total employment)        | 32.6  | 32.1  | 31.9  | 31.1  | 30.3  | 29.9  | 29.3  | 29.7  | 29.1  | 28.4  | 27.5  |
| 16. Employment in Agriculture (% total employment)     | 2.7   | 2.8   | 2.6   | 2.5   | 2.5   | 2.5   | 2.4   | 2.5   | 2.3   | 2.2   | 2.2   |
| 17. Activity rate (% population aged 15-64)            | 73.4  | 73.7  | 73.2  | 73.2  | 72.9  | 73.4  | 73.9  | 73.4  | 73.6  | 73.3  | 72.8  |
| 18. Activity rate (% of population aged 15-24)         | 38.4  | 38.7  | 39.6  | 38.9  | 38.4  | 37.7  | 37.6  | 37.4  | 36.1  | 36.0  | 34.9  |
| 19. Activity rate (% of population aged 25-54)         | 92.0  | 91.8  | 91.0  | 91.3  | 90.9  | 91.8  | 92.2  | 91.9  | 92.5  | 92.3  | 91.8  |
| 20. Activity rate (% of population aged 55-64)         | 35.3  | 37.5  | 36.3  | 37.5  | 38.9  | 40.4  | 43.4  | 42.7  | 44.4  | 44.4  | 45.2  |
| 21. Total unemployment (000)                           | 178   | 141   | 147   | 167   | 192   | 191   | 196   | 191   | 174   | 170   | 204   |
| 22. Unemployment rate (% labour force 15+)             | 7.1   | 5.6   | 5.9   | 6.7   | 7.7   | 7.5   | 7.6   | 7.4   | 6.7   | 6.5   | 7.8   |
| 23. Youth unemployment rate (% labour force 15-24)     | 19.4  | 14.5  | 16.0  | 17.2  | 22.2  | 20.2  | 21.0  | 18.8  | 17.1  | 17.3  | 21.5  |
| 24. Long term unemployment rate (% labour force)       | 4.0   | 3.1   | 2.9   | 3.2   | 3.4   | 3.7   | 3.9   | 3.7   | 3.3   | 3.0   | 3.4   |
| 25. Youth unemployment ratio (% population aged 15-24) | 7.2   | 5.9   | 6.4   | 6.7   | 8.5   | 7.6   | 7.9   | 7.0   | 6.2   | 6.2   | 7.5   |

  

| Female   | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. Total population (000)                              | 5 220 | 5 233 | 5 245 | 5 267 | 5 289 | 5 310 | 5 350 | 5 384 | 5 417 | 5 462 | 5 505 |
| 2. Population aged 15-64                               | 3 331 | 3 336 | 3 341 | 3 355 | 3 371 | 3 375 | 3 417 | 3 450 | 3 484 | 3 517 | 3 543 |
| 3. Total employment (000)                              | 1 694 | 1 732 | 1 755 | 1 769 | 1 792 | 1 811 | 1 859 | 1 892 | 1 936 | 1 992 | 2 002 |
| 4. Population in employment aged 15-64                 | 1 678 | 1 717 | 1 702 | 1 724 | 1 746 | 1 777 | 1 838 | 1 862 | 1 927 | 1 975 | 1 984 |
| 5. Employment rate (% population aged 15-64)           | 50.4  | 51.5  | 51.0  | 51.4  | 51.8  | 52.6  | 53.8  | 54.0  | 55.3  | 56.2  | 56.0  |
| 6. Employment rate (% population aged 20-64)           | 54.7  | 56.0  | 55.3  | 55.8  | 56.2  | 57.2  | 58.6  | 58.8  | 60.3  | 61.3  | 61.0  |
| 7. Employment rate (% population aged 15-24)           | 25.1  | 25.4  | 26.0  | 26.5  | 24.7  | 25.4  | 25.2  | 24.7  | 25.0  | 25.0  | 23.2  |
| 8. Employment rate (% population aged 25-54)           | 65.8  | 67.2  | 66.5  | 66.8  | 67.8  | 68.5  | 70.4  | 70.7  | 72.3  | 73.8  | 73.8  |
| 9. Employment rate (% population aged 55-64)           | 15.7  | 16.6  | 15.5  | 17.5  | 18.7  | 21.1  | 22.1  | 23.2  | 26.0  | 26.3  | 27.7  |
| 10. FTE employment rate (% population aged 15-64)      | :     | 46.6  | 43.0  | 43.2  | 42.9  | 44.4  | 45.2  | 45.6  | 47.1  | 47.7  | 47.4  |
| 11. Self-employed (% total employment)                 | 15.6  | 14.6  | 14.0  | 13.9  | 14.0  | 13.2  | 13.1  | 12.7  | 12.6  | 12.2  | 12.4  |
| 12. Part-time employment (% total employment)          | 36.9  | 37.4  | 36.9  | 37.4  | 39.1  | 40.5  | 40.5  | 41.1  | 40.6  | 40.9  | 41.5  |
| 13. Fixed term contracts (% total employees)           | 13.2  | 12.3  | 12.0  | 11.2  | 11.1  | 11.7  | 11.4  | 10.9  | 10.8  | 10.2  | 10.2  |
| 14. Employment in Services (% total employment)        | 88.3  | 88.5  | 88.5  | 88.7  | 88.8  | 89.4  | 89.3  | 90.1  | 89.8  | 90.2  | 90.3  |
| 15. Employment in Industry (% total employment)        | 10.1  | 10.2  | 10.2  | 9.9   | 9.8   | 9.2   | 9.3   | 8.7   | 8.9   | 8.6   | 8.4   |
| 16. Employment in Agriculture (% total employment)     | 1.6   | 1.3   | 1.4   | 1.4   | 1.4   | 1.4   | 1.4   | 1.2   | 1.3   | 1.2   | 1.3   |
| 17. Activity rate (% population aged 15-64)            | 56.3  | 56.4  | 55.1  | 56.3  | 56.9  | 58.2  | 59.5  | 59.5  | 60.4  | 60.8  | 60.9  |
| 18. Activity rate (% of population aged 15-24)         | 32.8  | 31.8  | 31.7  | 32.4  | 31.4  | 32.8  | 32.3  | 31.9  | 31.6  | 30.8  | 29.9  |
| 19. Activity rate (% of population aged 25-54)         | 72.4  | 72.7  | 71.2  | 72.4  | 73.6  | 74.8  | 76.8  | 77.0  | 78.0  | 79.0  | 79.2  |
| 20. Activity rate (% of population aged 55-64)         | 16.8  | 17.1  | 15.9  | 18.2  | 19.2  | 22.1  | 23.4  | 24.6  | 27.5  | 27.9  | 29.3  |
| 21. Total unemployment (000)                           | 192   | 161   | 138   | 164   | 170   | 188   | 194   | 192   | 179   | 163   | 176   |
| 22. Unemployment rate (% labour force 15+)             | 10.3  | 8.5   | 7.5   | 8.6   | 8.9   | 9.5   | 9.5   | 9.3   | 8.5   | 7.6   | 8.1   |
| 23. Youth unemployment rate (% labour force 15-24)     | 23.0  | 19.5  | 17.8  | 18.3  | 21.3  | 22.4  | 22.1  | 22.6  | 20.9  | 18.7  | 22.5  |
| 24. Long term unemployment rate (% labour force)       | 5.9   | 4.6   | 3.5   | 4.3   | 4.2   | 4.7   | 5.0   | 4.9   | 4.3   | 3.7   | 3.6   |
| 25. Youth unemployment ratio (% population aged 15-24) | 7.8   | 6.5   | 5.7   | 5.9   | 6.7   | 7.3   | 7.1   | 7.2   | 6.6   | 5.8   | 6.7   |