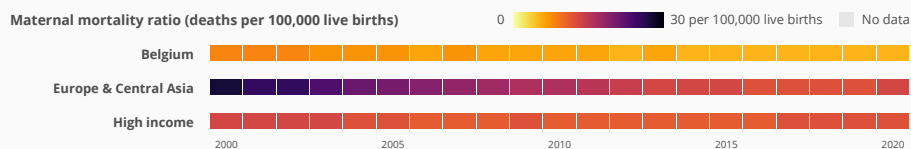


5 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in Belgium

The maternal mortality ratio in Belgium has remained stagnant over the last 20 years roughly around 5. Maternal mortality in Belgium is nearly the same as its regional average. Maternal mortality ratio is the number of women who die from pregnancy-related causes while pregnant or within 42 days of pregnancy termination per 100,000 live births.

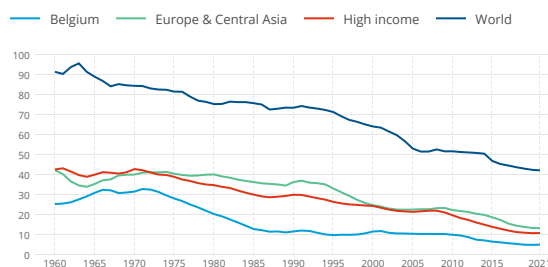


Source: WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank Group, and UNDESA/Population Division. Trends in Maternal Mortality 2000 to 2020. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2023

5 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in Belgium in 2021

In Belgium, the rate of adolescent fertility has remained roughly the same since 2010. The rate in 2021 was lower than the average rate in its income group.

Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women ages 15-19)



Source: United Nations Population Division, World Population Prospects.

94.8% of girls and 92.7% of boys complete lower secondary school in Belgium as of 2021 data

The female rate in Belgium is higher than Europe & Central Asia but lower than the high-income group. Lower secondary education completion rate measures how many children have completed the last grade of lower secondary education regardless of age completed.

Lower secondary completion rate, by sex (% of relevant age group)

Female Male

Belgium



Europe & Central Asia



High income



Data is not available for Belgium for Adult literacy rate, by sex (% of people ages 15 and above)



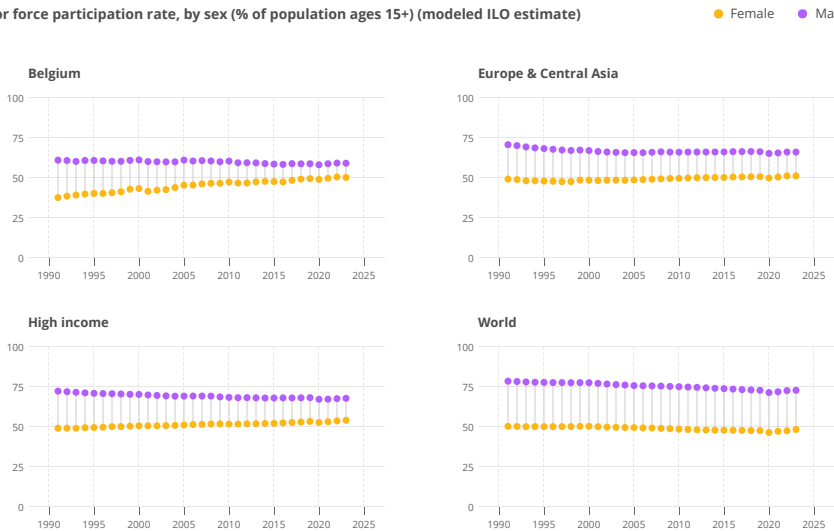
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Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS). UIS.Stat Bulk Data Download Service. Accessed September 19, 2023. <https://apiportal.uis.unesco.org/bdds>.

In Belgium, the labor force participation rate among females is 50.6% and among males is 59.5% for 2023

The labor force participation rate is the proportion of the population ages 15 and older that is economically active. Since 1990, female labor force participation has increased. Compared with labor force participation in the high-income group, the gap between men and women is lower in Belgium.

Labor force participation rate, by sex (% of population ages 15+) (modeled ILO estimate)

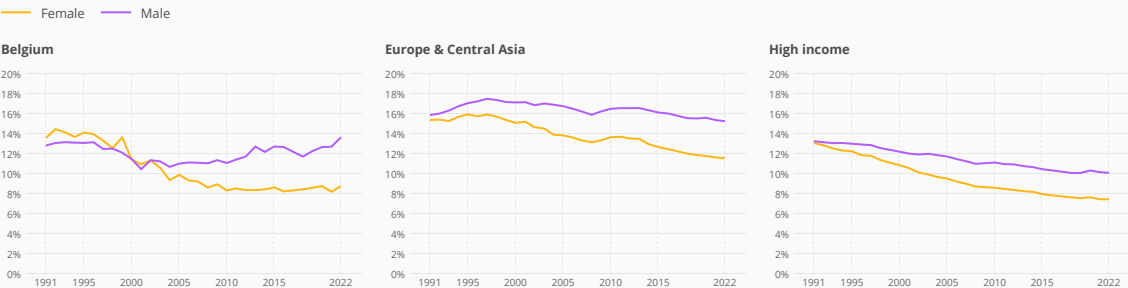


Source: International Labour Organization. "ILO Modelled Estimates and Projections database (ILOEST)" ILOSTAT. Accessed February 06, 2024. <https://ilostat.ilo.org/data/>.

Vulnerable employment for females has improved in Belgium since 1991

Workers in vulnerable employment are the least likely to have formal work arrangements, social protection, and safety nets to guard against economic shocks; thus they are more likely to fall into poverty. Vulnerable employment among women is 8.8% and among men is 13.7% in Belgium for 2022. The rate of vulnerable employment is similar for men but lower for women in Belgium compared to the average rate in Europe & Central Asia.

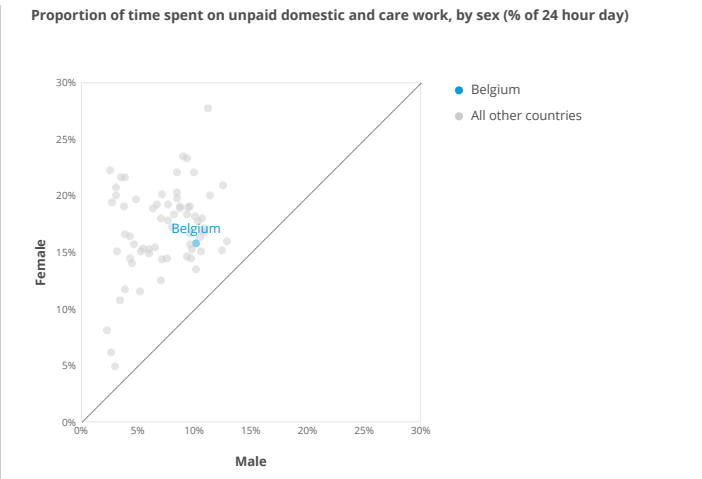
Vulnerable employment, by sex (% of total employment) (modeled ILO estimate)



Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators database. Estimates are based on data obtained from International Labour Organization, ILOSTAT at <https://ilostat.ilo.org/data/>.

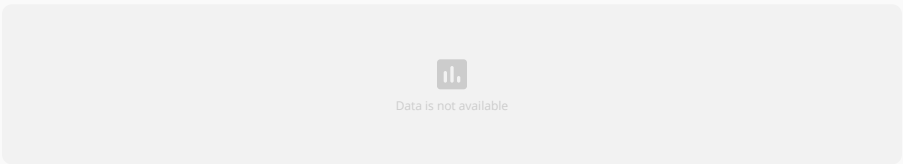
In Belgium, women spend 1.6 times as much time on unpaid domestic and care work than men

The data, expressed as a proportion of time in a day, measure the average time an individual spends on household provision of services for own consumption. In 2013, women in Belgium spent 15.9% of their day and men spent 10.1% of their day on unpaid work. Data compiled from the most recent data point between 2010 and 2019.



Source: National statistical offices or national database and publications compiled by United Nations Statistics Division. The data were downloaded on December 3 from the Global SDG Indicators Database:

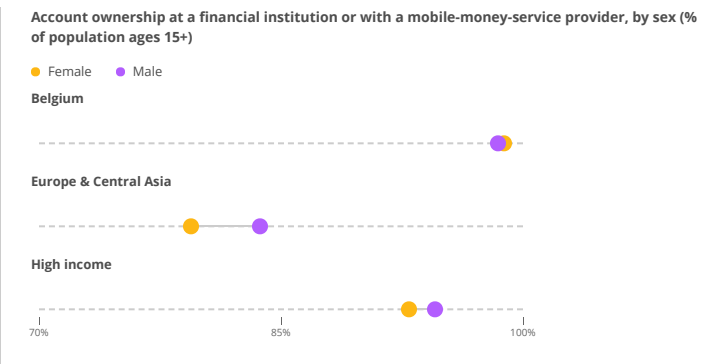
Data is not available for Belgium for Share of business owners, by sex (% of total business owners)



Source: World Bank's Entrepreneurship Survey and database (<https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/entrepreneurship>). Downloaded on November 29, 2023.

In 2017, 98.8% of women and 98.4% of men in Belgium had an account

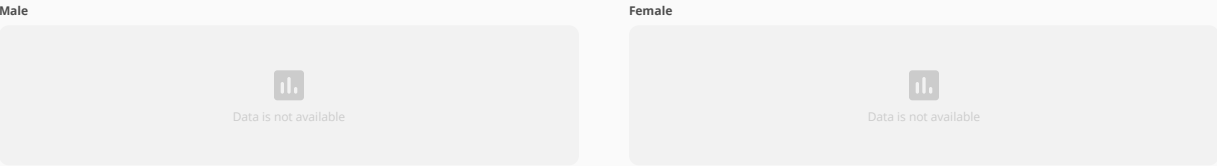
The female rate in Belgium is higher than both Europe & Central Asia and the high-income group. Account ownership denotes the percentage of respondents who report having an account (by themselves or together with someone else) at a bank or another type of financial institution or report personally using a mobile money service in the past 12 months.



Source: Demircuc-Kunt et al., 2018, Global Financial Inclusion Database, World Bank.

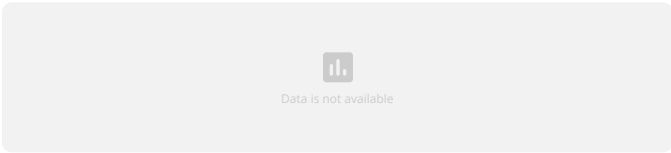
Data is not available for Belgium for House ownership status, by sex (% of population age 15-49)

House ownership status, by sex (% of population age 15-49)



Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

Data is not available for Belgium for Percentage of women ages 15-49 participating in decisions about:



Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

In Belgium, the share of women who have experienced intimate partner violence is less than the world average, 27%

Intimate partner violence is by far the most prevalent form of violence against women globally and is defined as the percentage of ever-married women (ages 15-49) who have ever experienced physical or sexual violence committed by their husband or partner, whereas those who have ever experienced any form of sexual violence is the percentage of women (ages 15-49) who ever experienced sexual violence irrespective of marital status and perpetrator.

Percentage of women ages 15-49 who have ever experienced:

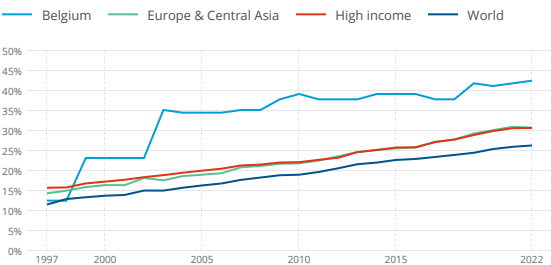


Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) Statcompiler (<https://www.statcompiler.com/>)

42.7% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in Belgium

Women in parliaments are the percentage of parliamentary seats in a single or lower chamber held by women. The proportion of seats held by women in Belgium has increased since 2010. The current rate is higher than the average rate in high-income countries.

Seats held by women in national parliaments, female (%)

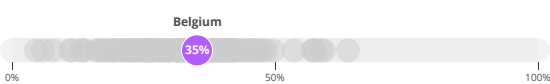


Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (www.ipu.org). For the year of 1998, the data is as of August 10, 1998.

Women represented 35.3% of those employed in senior and middle management in 2022

The female share of employment in senior and middle management for Belgium falls in the third quintile of all countries for which there are data. Data compiled from the most recent data point available between 2010 and 2023.

Employment in senior and middle management, female (%)



More men than women used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in 2021

The female rate in Belgium is higher than both Europe & Central Asia and the high-income group. Internet usage denotes the percentage of respondents who report using a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in the past 12 months.

Used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in the past year, by sex (% age 15+)

Female Male

Belgium



Europe & Central Asia



High income



World



Source: Global Findex database

Data retrieved from World Bank Gender Data Portal
<https://genderdata.worldbank.org/countries/belgium/>