

Statistical product

Structure and movement of the resident population (an official statistic, valid nationally)

Statistics on the structure and movement of the population issued by Statbel, the Belgian statistical office, provide information on trends in the resident population figure as recorded on the National Register of Natural Persons (RNPP), defined by law. They contain essentially two types of measures: 1) measures relating to the population's characteristics at the beginning and middle of the year (i.e. 1 January and 1 July) and 2) measures relating to population changes by various event categories: births, deaths, immigration, emigration, changes in marital status or nationality.

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Presentation

<i>Keywords</i>	Change of nationality, Deaths, Marriage, Loss of nationality, Changes of register, Widowhood, Deletions, Immigration, Re-registrations that have been deleted, Emigration, Change in civil status, Residents, Acquisition of the nationality, Population number, Migration, Demography, Statistical adjustment, Divorces, Internal migration, Structure of the population, International migration, Population movement, Natural movement, Population, Births
<i>Domain</i>	3.7.07. Population
<i>Statistical unit - Title</i>	Natural persons, legally living in Belgium
<i>Statistical unit - Description</i>	Natural persons, legally living in Belgium.
<i>Statistical population - Title</i>	Residents in Belgium
<i>Statistical population - Description</i>	
<i>Geographical coverage</i>	Geographical coverage = Belgium
<i>Time coverage</i>	
<i>Sectors</i>	
<i>Other coverage</i>	

Reference period

<i>First reference period available</i>	1 January 1989
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Institutional mandate

<i>Mandatory statistical production</i>	Statistics produced pursuant to a European legal obligation, Statistics produced pursuant to a Belgian legal obligation
<i>Legal reference</i>	Law of 24 May 1994 creating a waiting list for the aliens who register as a refugee or apply for their acknowledgement as a refugee., Regulation (EU) No 1260/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 on European demographic statistics, Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers, Law of 19 July 1991 on [population registers, identity cards, card for aliens and residence documents] and modifying the law of 8 August 1983 organizing a National Register of natural persons., Law of 8 August 1983 organizing a National Register of natural persons, Instructions for the update of the information in the national register

Confidentiality

<i>Confidentiality - level</i>	Non-confidential data.
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Publication policy

<i>Release calendar</i>	The release calendar is available via the internet
<i>Periodicity</i>	Six-monthly, Annually

Dissemination format

<i>Press release</i>	
<i>Publications</i>	Publication on the Internet (www.statbel.fgov.be), Brochure on 'Total and Belgian population', Brochure on 'Foreign population', Brochure on 'Households and family units', Brochure on 'Marriages and divorces', Brochure on 'Mortality', Brochure on 'Population movement and migratio
<i>Online database</i>	
<i>Open data</i>	OpenData : Structure and movement of the resident population (an official statistic, valid nationally)
<i>Access to micro data</i>	
<i>Other</i>	

Accessibility of the documentation

Documentation on the methods

Documentation on the quality

Quality management

Quality assurance

Quality evaluation

Relevance

User needs

International organisations (Eurostat, IMF, European Commission, UNSD, WHO, ...), National Bank of Belgium (NBB) ., Institute for National Accounts (INR) ., Federal public services (FPSes, PPSes and parastatal)., Regional public authorities., Provincial and local institutions ., Federal Planning Bureau (FPB) ., There are several important professional clients. Federations: professional, sector and employers' organisations, universities, colleges, and other educational institutions .

User satisfaction

The content is satisfactory ., The precision is satisfactory., The availability is satisfactory., The content is partly satisfactory for other reasons., The precision is partly satisfactory for other reasons., The availability is partly satisfactory for other reasons.

Completeness

Accuracy and reliability

Accuracy

Sampling error

Non-Sampling error

Timeliness

Timeliness

Results available 6 months after the reference period

Comparability

Comparability - geographical

Comparability – Over time

Comparability - Sectorial

Comparability - Other There are other changes in methodology

Coherence

Internal coherence

Cross-field coherence

Data revision

Data revision - policy

Data revision - practice

Statistical processing

Source data - surveys -

Source data - Administrative data National Register of Natural Persons (NRNP)

Source data – Statistical products -

Frequency of data collection Continuously

Data collection Re-use of administrative data

Data composition

Adjustment

Remarks

Related documents

<i>Title</i>	<i>URL</i>
Release calendar	https://statbel.fgov.be/nl/calendar

External IDs

<i>Type</i>	<i>ID</i>
INVS	INVS-9993000

Statistical variables

<i>Title</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Unit/Nomenclature</i>
http://wikibase/entity/Q1014	-	Male/Female
Age	-	Number of years
Births	-	Unknown
Deaths	-	Unknown
Re-registrations that have been deleted	-	Unknown
Statistical adjustment	Month of birth extracted from the date of birth	Unknown
http://wikibase/entity/Q4083	The total population resident on 1 January is calculated on the basis of the number registered on the RNPP, including all those whose main home is in Belgium, which includes Belgians and foreigners who are admitted or authorized to settle or stay in the Kingdom, but excluding foreigners who are staying in the Kingdom for less than three months, asylum applicants or foreigners whose status is irregular.	Nationality (Belgian / Foreign)
Month of birth	The net actuarial balance is the difference between the number of births and number of deaths recorded during a given period.	Month of the year
http://wikibase/entity/Q4101	The number of people recorded on the registers of the county where they wish to live and who previously lived in a different county in the Kingdom (excluding the wait-list register). Also referred to in some publications as 'Internal migratory movement arrivals'.	http://wikibase/entity/Q6321
Total population resident on 1 January.	The number of people who have been removed from local-authority registers of a county of the Kingdom since they have been entered on the registers of another county where they wish to reside (excluding the wait-list register). Also referred to in some publications as Internal migratory movement departures .	N (Absolute frequency)
Net actuarial balance	The number of people whose change of residence within a county has been recorded.	N (Absolute frequency)

Statistical variables

Internal inward migration	The internal migratory balance is the difference between the number of internal inward migrations recorded and the number of internal outward migrations recorded.	N (Absolute frequency)
Internal outward migration	The number of people who are recorded on the registers of a county where they wish to live (excluding the wait-list register) and who previously lived outside the Kingdom (or who were living illegally in a county of the Kingdom). International immigration defined restrictively until 2007 is included, as is international immigration which was excluded from DG SIE statistics until that time; in other words, re-registrations of deletions and register changes (the transfer of the wait-list register	N (Absolute frequency)
Intra local-authority migration	The number of people who have been deleted from the register of a county where they previously resided (excluding the wait-list register) and who have neither died nor been registered with another county of the Kingdom. International immigration defined restrictively until 2007 is included, as is international immigration that was excluded from DG SIE statistics until that time; in other words, deletions of people where it has been found that, even though registered with a county, they were in f	N (Absolute frequency)
Internal migratory balance	The balance of international migration is the difference between the total number of international immigrants and total number of international emigrants.	N (Absolute frequency)
Total international migration	The number of foreign nationals who are resident and registered with a county of the Kingdom (on a register other than the wait-list register) who have been granted Belgian nationality. Also referred to in some publications as Change of nationality foreign to Belgian .	N (Absolute frequency)
Total international emigration	-	N (Absolute frequency)
Balance of international migration	-	N (Absolute frequency)

Statistical variables

Granting of Belgian nationality to a foreigner	-	N (Absolute frequency)
Year of birth	-	Date
Date of birth	-	Date
Country of birth	-	GEOBEL
County of birth (applicable to those born in Belgium)	-	REFNIS
Place of residence	-	REFNIS
Relationship to the head of household	-	NRNP code for the positions within the household
Family unit	-	Unknown
Migrants' county of origin (applicable only to internal migrations or international emigrations)	-	REFNIS
Migrants' destination county (applicable only to internal migrations or international immigrations)	-	REFNIS
Country of destination or origin of international migrants (applicable only to international immigrations and emigrations).	-	GEOBEL
Actual place of birth (only for births)	-	REFNIS
Actual place of death (only for deaths)	-	REFNIS
Nationality prior to receiving Belgian nationality (applicable only to people who are granted Belgian nationality).	-	Nationality (Belgian / Foreign)

Statistical variables

Grounds for nationality change.	-	Unknown
Nationality after losing Belgian nationality (applicable only to people losing their Belgian nationality).	-	Nationality (Belgian / Foreign)
Nationality after the change of nationality by a foreigner who receives a nationality other than Belgian (applicable only to foreigners who receive a nationality other than Belgian)	-	Nationality (Belgian / Foreign)
Marital status before a change in marital status	The number of people of Belgian nationality registered with a county of the Kingdom who have lost their Belgian nationality.	NRNP code for the civil status (/ Dates)
Marital status after a change in marital status.	The number of people of foreign nationality who are resident and registered with a county of the Kingdom (on a register other than the wait-list register) who have acquired a new foreign nationality. Also referred to in some publications as 'Change of nationality foreigner to foreigner'	NRNP code for the civil status (/ Dates)
Original nationality (first nationality registered with the RNPP).	The number of people who are recorded on the registers of a county where they wish to make their home (apart from the wait-list register) and who previously lived outside the Kingdom (or who lived illegally in a county of the Kingdom). Re-registrations of deletions and register changes of international immigrations, as defined restrictively up to 2007 by the DG SIE, are excluded (transfer from the wait-list register to another type of asylum-seekers' register following recognition of a prot	Nationality (Belgian / Foreign)

Statistical variables

Loss by a foreigner of Belgian nationality (or change of nationality foreign to Belgian)	The number of people who have been deleted from the registers of a county where they previously lived (apart from the wait-list register) and who have neither died nor been registered with another county of the Kingdom. Deletions of people for whom it has been found that, even though included in the registers of a county, they are not actually still living in that county and have not completed the procedures to allow their registration to be retained, are excluded from these international emig	N (Absolute frequency)
Change of nationality by a foreigner who is receiving another foreign nationality.	The number of people previously recorded on the wait-list register (and who therefore are not counted in the resident population in the legal sense of the term) who are recorded in the population register, register of foreigners, register of favoured foreigners or the register of EU civil-servants over a given period.	N (Absolute frequency)
International immigration (partial) (or external migratory movement Arrivals)	The number of people deleted from a county's registers at least 6 months after their unreported departure has been confirmed, following a decision of the burgomaster's office.	N (Absolute frequency)
International emigration (partial) (or external migratory movement Departures)	The number of separations registered with the RNPP. This includes all separations relating to people registered with the RNPP.	N (Absolute frequency)
Changes of register	The number of widowhoods registered with the RNPP.	N (Absolute frequency)
Deletions	The total population resident on 1 July is calculated on the basis of the number registered on the RNPP, including all those whose main home is in Belgium, which includes Belgians and foreigners who are admitted or authorized to settle or stay in the Kingdom, but excluding foreigners who are staying in the Kingdom for less than three months, asylum applicants or foreigners whose status is irregular.	N (Absolute frequency)
Separations	-	N (Absolute frequency)

Statistical variables

Widowhoods	-	N (Absolute frequency)
Total population resident on 1 July.		N (Absolute frequency)
http://wikibase/entity/Q6606		NRNP code for the civil status (/ Dates)
Marriages		Unknown
Divorces		Unknown
