

## ISSP Characteristics of National Population

Each ISSP member is asked to include to the documentation the following information about known characteristics of its national population, from census or the best available estimates from government surveys or other high-quality data-sources:

- sex distribution of the population
- age distribution of the population
- education (years of schooling) of the population
- employment rate of the population

National register 1/1/2015	Labor Force Survey 2014	Source no. 3	Source no. 4
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### Belgium - SEX

Male	5.505.094			
Female	5.703.950			

### Flemish Region - SEX

Male	3.182.692			
Female	3.261.435			

### Walloon Region - SEX

Male	1.749.701			
Female	1.840.043			

### Brussels Capital Region - SEX

Male	572.701			
Female	602.472			

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Belgium - AGE (groups)

< 18	2.277.158			
18-64	6.901.298			
>65	2.030.588			

Flemish Region - AGE (groups)

< 18	1.252.370			
18-64	3.946.291			
>65	1.245.466			

Walloon Region - AGE (groups)

< 18	756.866			
18-64	2.203.092			
>65	629.786			

Brussels Capital Region - AGE (groups)

< 18	267.922			
18-64	751.915			
>65	155.336			

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Belgium - YEARS OF SCHOOLING (groups) - YEARS OF SCHOOLING (15 years and older)

Primary education (no diploma)		1.461.630		
Lower secondary education		1.902.005		
Higher secondary education		3.198.574		
Non-university higher education (short type) / professional bachelor		1.371.010		
Non-university higher education long type / University education / Academic bachelor or master		1.349.585		
N		9.282.805		

Flemish Region - YEARS OF SCHOOLING (groups) - YEARS OF SCHOOLING (15 years and older)

Primary education (no diploma)		800.485		
Lower secondary education		1.063.921		
Higher secondary education		1.952.156		
Non-university higher education (short type) / professional bachelor		862.016		
Non-university higher education long type / University education / Academic bachelor or master		710.020		
N		5.388.598		

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Walloon Region - YEARS OF SCHOOLING (groups) - YEARS OF SCHOOLING (15 years and older)

Primary education (no diploma)		491.687		
Lower secondary education		645.709		
Higher secondary education		1.005.480		
Non-university higher education (short type) / professional bachelor		418.477		
Non-university higher education long type / University education / Academic bachelor or master		393.812		
N		2.955.165		

Brussels Capital Region - YEARS OF SCHOOLING (groups) - YEARS OF SCHOOLING (15 years and older)

Primary education (no diploma)		169.457		
Lower secondary education		192.376		
Higher secondary education		240.939		
Non-university higher education (short type) / professional bachelor		90.517		
Non-university higher education long type / University education / Academic bachelor or master		245.753		
N		939.042		

Because of the introduction of the new ISCED-nomenclature de question about the highest achieved degree has been changed in de Labor Force Survey of 2014. The category 'Non-university higher education long type / Academic Bachelor and Master at a high school' is from now on together with the category 'University education / Academic Bachelor and Master at a university'.

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Belgium - EMPLOYMENT STATUS - (15 years and older)

Employed		4.543.548		
Unemployed		423.493		
Not in labor force		4.315.765		

Flemish Region - EMPLOYMENT STATUS - (15 years and older)

Employed		2.781.288		
Unemployed		148.025		
Not in labor force		2.459.285		

Walloon Region - EMPLOYMENT STATUS - (15 years and older)

Employed		1.332.161		
Unemployed		179.016		
Not in labor force		1.443.988		

Brussels Capital Region - EMPLOYMENT STATUS - (15 years and older)

Employed		430.099		
Unemployed		96.452		
Not in labor force		412.491		

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The *unemployed* comprise all persons of working age who were: a) without work during the reference period, i.e. were not in paid employment or self-employment; b) currently available for work, i.e. were available for paid employment or self-employment during the reference period; and c) seeking work, i.e. had taken specific steps in a specified recent period to seek paid employment or self-employment. For purposes of international comparability, the period of job search is often defined as the preceding four weeks, but this varies from country to country.

The specific steps taken to seek employment may include registration at a public or private employment exchange; application to employers; checking at worksites, farms, factory gates, market or other assembly places; placing or answering newspaper advertisements; seeking assistance of friends or relatives; looking for land, building, machinery or equipment to establish own enterprise; arranging for financial resources; and applying for permits and licences.