

Economic indicators for Belgium

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■ Summary

REAL GDP	ACTUAL FIGURES*			FORECASTS**							
	2019	2020	2021	2022				2023			
	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	
(percentage changes compared to the previous year)											
Belgium											
Final consumption											
private	1.8	-8.2	6.4	3.7	-	4.2	3.6	-	2.2	-	2.5
public	2.0	-0.4	4.4	2.1	-	0.8	1.3	-	-1.6	-	0.3
Gross fixed capital formation	4.4	-6.1	7.8	1.5	-	-0.1	-0.4	-	3.8	-	3.0
Exports of goods and services	2.0	-5.5	9.6	1.0	-	3.3	0.8	-	1.7	-	3.9
Imports of goods and services	1.6	-5.9	9.1	1.3	-	3.6	1.3	-	1.8	-	4.1
GDP	2.1	-5.7	6.2	2.4	-	2.0	2.4	2.5	1.5	-	1.8
International comparison of GDP											
Euro area ⁽¹⁾	1.6	-6.3	5.4	-	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	-	2.1	2.3
EU-27	1.8	-5.9	5.4	-	-	2.7	-	-	-	-	2.3
CONSUMER PRICES											
Belgium											
HICP	1.2	0.4	3.2	8.2	-	7.8	9.0	8.4	2.6	-	1.9
National general index	1.4	0.7	2.4	7.8	-	-	-	-	3.4	-	-
National health index	1.5	1.0	2.0	7.3	-	-	-	-	3.5	-	-
International comparison of HICP											
Euro area ⁽³⁾	1.2	0.3	2.6	-	6.8	6.1	7.0	7.4	-	3.5	2.7
EU-27	1.4	0.7	2.9	-	-	6.8	-	-	-	-	3.2
LABOUR COSTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR ⁽²⁾											
Belgium											
Labour costs per hour worked	2.2	5.3	0.4	5.6	-	-	-	-	6.2	-	-
Unit labour costs	1.1	0.9	0.7	6.2	-	5.0	-	-	6.1	-	4.4
Unit labour costs											
Euro area ⁽¹⁾	1.9	4.3	-0.4	-	3.3	2.3	-	-	-	2.7	2.1
EU-27	2.0	4.5	-0.3	-	-	2.5	-	-	-	-	2.2

* Sources: Belgium (NAI, NBB, Statbel, EC); Euro area, EU-27 (ECB, Eurostat).

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(2) Except for the actual figures of the Euro area and the EU-27 and the EC and OECD forecasts which pertain to the whole economy.

(3) Euro area = EA11-2000, EA12-2006, EA13-2007, EA15-2008, EA16-2010, EA17-2013, EA18-2014, EA19.

■ Summary (continued)

	ACTUAL FIGURES*					FORECASTS**									
	2019 2020 2021			2022				2023							
	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***					
LABOUR MARKET															
(annual changes in percentages)															
Belgium															
Total employment	1.6	0.0	1.7	1.7	-	1.0	1.7	1.1	0.6	-	0.8	0.5	0.4		
Unemployment	-3.8	3.7	-6.0	-5.6	-	-	-	-	1.8	-	-	-	-		
(annual changes in thousands)															
Total employment	77.9	-1.5	86.1	84.7	-	52.0	-	-	28.9	-	39.9	-	-		
Unemployment	-18.8	17.5	-29.6	-26.0	-	-	-	-	7.7	-	-	-	-		
(annual averages in percentages of labour force)															
Harmonised unemployment rate ⁽¹⁾	5.5	5.8	6.3	5.5	-	5.8	6.0	5.7	5.6	-	5.6	6.4	5.7		
International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate⁽¹⁾															
Euro area ⁽²⁾	7.6	8.0	7.7	-	6.8	7.3	7.1	6.8	-	6.8	7.0	7.4	6.7		
EU-27	6.8	7.2	7.0	-	-	6.7	-	-	-	-	6.5	-	-		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT															
(percentages of GDP)															
Belgium															
Primary balance	0.0	-7.1	-3.9	-3.0	-	-3.5	-4.3	-	-2.9	-	-3.1	-3.5	-		
Overall balance	-2.0	-9.0	-5.5	-4.5	-	-5.0	-5.6	-4.6	-4.5	-	-4.4	-4.8	-4.2		
Consolidated gross debt	97.7	112.8	108.4	105.3	-	107.5	106.1	105.7	107.9	-	107.6	107.2	106.3		
International comparison of overall balance															
Euro area ⁽²⁾	-0.7	-7.1	-5.1	-	-3.8	-3.7	-4.1	-4.4	-	-2.6	-2.5	-3.0	-3.2		
EU-27	-0.6	-6.8	-4.7	-	-	-3.6	-	-	-	-	-2.5	-	-		
CURRENT ACCOUNT															
(percentages of GDP)															
Belgium	0.2	0.8	-0.4	-2.2	-	-1.1	-1.4	-1.3	-2.2	-	-0.6	-0.3	-1.3		
International comparison															
Euro area ⁽²⁾	2.3	1.9	2.4	-	0.3	2.4	2.2	0.9	-	0.3	2.9	2.0	1.4		
EU-27	2.3	2.4	2.4	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	-	2.6	-	-		

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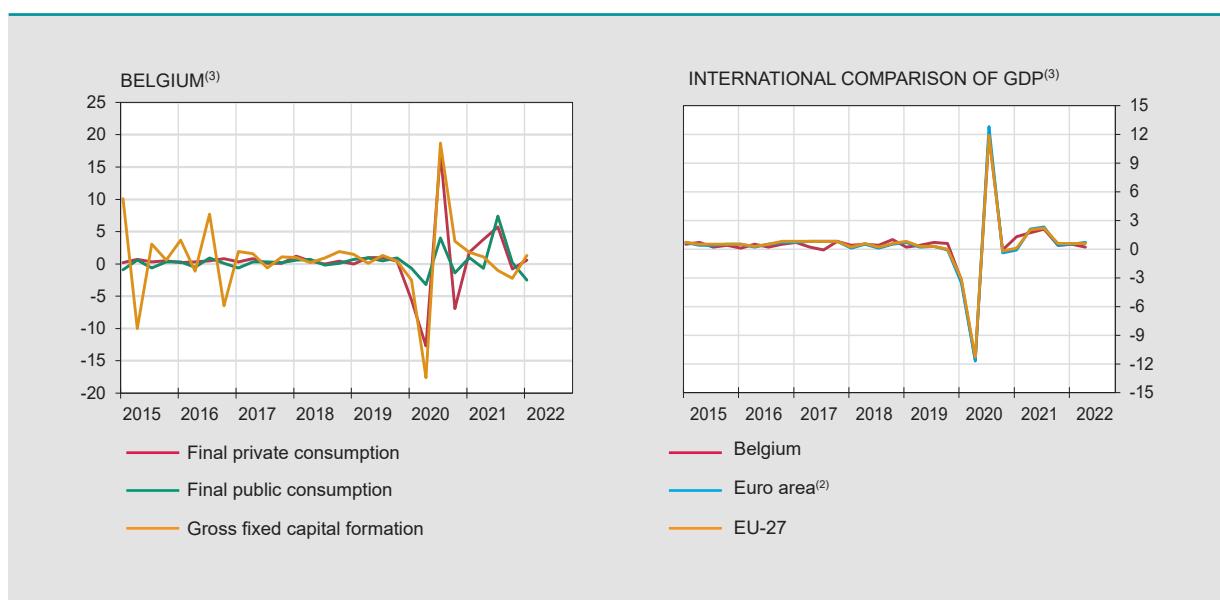
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	2020			2021				2022				
	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II			
GDP ⁽¹⁾				<i>(millions of euro)</i>								
Belgium				<i>(percentage changes)</i>								
GDP in chained 2015 euros	96287	107740	107616	109033	110899	113230	113713	114326	n.			
vs the previous quarter	-11.6	11.9	-0.1	1.3	1.7	2.1	0.4	0.5	0.2 ⁽⁴⁾			
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year	-13.3	-3.6	-4.4	0.1	15.2	5.1	5.7	4.9	3.3 ⁽⁴⁾			
International comparison				<i>(percentage changes)</i>								
vs the previous quarter				<i>(percentage changes)</i>								
Euro area ⁽²⁾	-11.7	12.8	-0.4	-0.1	2.1	2.3	0.4	0.5	0.7 ⁽⁴⁾			
EU-27	-11.3	11.9	-0.2	0.1	2.0	2.2	0.6	0.6	0.6 ⁽⁴⁾			
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year				<i>(percentage changes)</i>								
Euro area ⁽²⁾	-14.6	-4.0	-4.3	-0.9	14.6	3.9	4.8	5.4	4.0 ⁽⁴⁾			
EU-27	-13.8	-3.8	-4.0	-0.9	14.0	4.1	5.0	5.5	4.0 ⁽⁴⁾			
MAIN COMPONENTS OF EXPENDITURE ⁽¹⁾				<i>(percentage changes compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year)</i>								
Final private consumption	-16.4	-3.0	-10.1	-3.0	15.3	4.0	10.8	9.4	n.			
Final public consumption	-2.5	1.0	-1.4	0.3	2.9	6.3	8.0	4.2	n.			
Gross fixed capital formation	-18.2	-4.2	-1.3	3.1	26.4	5.5	-0.4	-0.9	n.			
business	-20.8	-5.6	-2.2	2.6	31.4	4.9	-2.3	-1.7	n.			
housing	-18.1	-1.8	-2.7	5.8	24.5	6.4	5.7	4.4	n.			
public	-2.0	0.1	7.9	1.4	3.7	6.4	-0.9	-5.8	n.			
Exports of goods and services	-13.1	-6.1	-3.2	-0.6	20.5	11.4	8.8	8.7	n.			
Imports of goods and services	-14.1	-5.7	-3.9	-1.8	19.3	10.8	9.4	9.4	n.			
GDP	-13.3	-3.6	-4.4	0.1	15.2	5.1	5.7	4.9	3.3 ⁽⁴⁾			
MAIN COMPONENTS OF VALUE ADDED ⁽¹⁾												
Industry	-11.1	-2.8	1.5	5.1	20.8	7.9	5.5	2.2	n.			
Construction	-15.3	-1.2	-0.5	4.5	21.9	3.1	0.8	0.0	n.			
Services	-13.0	-4.0	-5.0	-1.2	13.2	4.8	5.5	5.3	n.			
GDP	-13.3	-3.6	-4.4	0.1	15.2	5.1	5.7	4.9	3.3 ⁽⁴⁾			



Sources: Belgium (NAI); Euro area, EU-27 (Eurostat).

(1) Adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects.

(2) Euro area = EA19.

(3) Percentage changes versus previous quarter.

(4) Flash estimate.

Activity and labour market indicators

Activity

NBB.Stat

	2021						2022					
	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
(percentage changes in the average for the last 3 months compared to the corresponding period of the previous year)												
Industrial production, excluding building ⁽¹⁾	25.9	26.7	19.4	16.2	11.8	11.1	11.4	11.5	7.5	2.5	1.3	-5.6
New car registrations including mixed cars	-19.4	-26.4	-30.6	-29.3	-27.1	-28.9	-19.0	-17.1	-13.5	-17.8	-19.3	-18.5
	2019	2020					2021				2022	
	IV	I	II	III	IV		I	II	III	IV	I	
(percentage changes compared to the corresponding period of the previous year)												
Total turnover ⁽²⁾	-0.3	-4.2	-19.6	-6.9	-4.2	3.7	31.8	18.0	23.0	24.4		
Investments ⁽²⁾	-3.7	-2.6	-22.2	-8.9	-4.5	5.2	32.8	11.4	4.1	12.9		

Labour market

EMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2019		2020				2021				2022	
	IV	I	II	III	IV		I	II	III	IV	I	
(in thousands)												
Belgium	4922.7	4908.2	4873.5	4882.3	4913.5	4926.4	4969.2	5003.2	5023.0	5045.6		
(percentages of the population of working age)												
Domestic employment ⁽³⁾	65.3	65.1	64.2	65.1	64.5	63.6	65.0	66.4	66.2	66.4		
Employment rate ⁽⁴⁾	15-64 years	70.5	70.4	69.6	70.2	69.9	69.0	70.5	71.4	71.6	71.9	
20-64 years												
International comparison of the employment rate ⁽⁴⁾												
Euro area ⁽⁵⁾	15-64 years	68.3	67.4	66.1	66.9	67.1	66.3	67.7	68.9	69.0	68.9	
	20-64 years	72.9	72.0	70.7	71.5	71.8	70.8	72.3	73.4	73.7	73.5	
EU-27	15-64 years	68.6	67.8	66.8	67.6	67.8	66.8	68.1	69.2	69.3	69.2	
	20-64 years	73.3	72.5	71.5	72.3	72.5	71.5	72.9	73.9	74.1	74.0	

UNEMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2021						2022					
	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
(in thousands. end of period)												
Belgium	476	483	459	445	436	442	449	446	441	439	433	469
(percentages of the labour force)												
Unemployment ⁽⁶⁾	< 25 years old	81	87	85	79	76	74	74	71	69	67	68
	≥ 25 years old	396	396	374	366	360	368	375	372	370	365	390
Harmonised unemployment rate ⁽⁷⁾												
7.6	6.8	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.6	n.
6.9	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	n.
International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate ⁽⁷⁾												
Euro area ⁽⁵⁾	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.6	n.
EU-27	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.0	n.

Sources: NBB; Statbel, SMEs, Self-employed and Energy; NEO, FEBIAC; Eurostat; NAI.

(1) Following a change in the data collection at Statbel from January 2020, this series has been revised and now includes only data relating to the mining and quarrying industries, manufacturing and electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply (sections B - C - D).

(2) Based on VAT-declaration.

(3) Quarterly average of the number of employees and self-employed persons, seasonally adjusted.

(4) Harmonised data from the quarterly labour force survey (LFS), unadjusted data. Break in series in 2017-I due to the reform and modernization of the LFS.

(5) Euro area = EA19.

(6) Fully unemployed persons receiving benefits, compulsorily and voluntarily registered job-seekers, gross data.

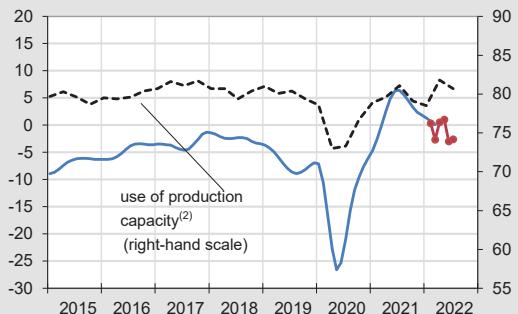
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■ Business survey [NBB.Stat](#)

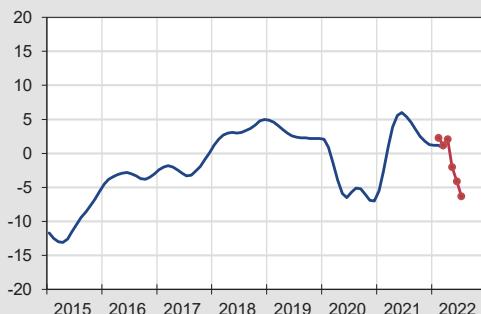
OVERALL SYNTHETIC CURVE⁽¹⁾



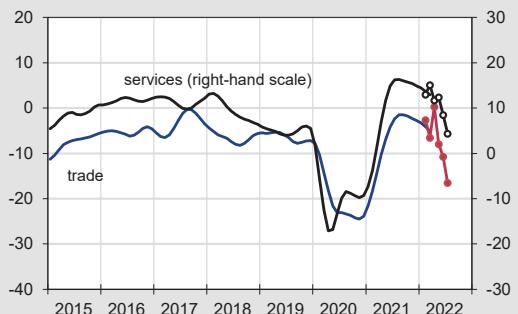
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY



BUILDING INDUSTRY



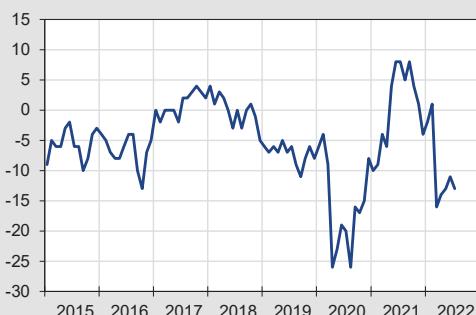
TRADE & BUSINESS-RELATED SERVICES



- Seasonally adjusted and smoothed series
- Seasonally adjusted series

■ Consumer survey [NBB.Stat](#)

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX⁽³⁾



EXPECTATIONS⁽⁴⁾ ON THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION



Source: NBB.

(1) Weighted average of the synthetic curve of manufacturing industry, building industry, trade and business-related services.

(2) Percentage of production capacity utilisation, seasonally adjusted.

(3) Includes expectations on the general economic situation, unemployment, financial situation and saving capacity.

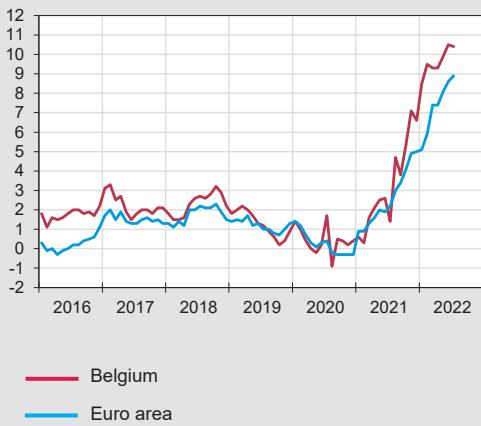
(4) Over the next 12 months.

■ Harmonised index of consumer prices

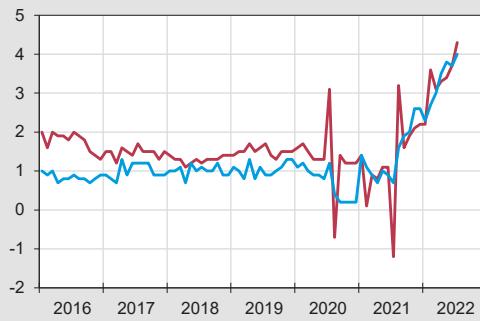
Annual data

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
(percentage changes compared to the previous year)						
BELGIUM						
Total HICP	1.8	2.2	2.3	1.2	0.4	3.2
Energy	-0.6	9.9	8.9	-0.8	-11.0	22.4
Unprocessed food ⁽¹⁾	2.6	-0.2	1.8	-0.4	4.7	-2.2
Processed food	3.5	1.8	2.9	1.7	2.1	1.7
Underlying trend in inflation ⁽²⁾	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.3
Non-energy industrial goods	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.8
Services	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.6
<i>p.m.</i> National index of consumer prices						
General index	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.4	0.7	2.4
Health index ⁽³⁾	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.0	2.0
EURO AREA ⁽⁴⁾						
Total HICP	0.2	1.5	1.8	1.2	0.3	2.6
Energy	-5.1	4.9	6.4	1.1	-6.8	13.0
Unprocessed food ⁽¹⁾	1.4	2.4	2.3	1.4	4.0	1.6
Processed food	0.6	1.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.5
Underlying trend in inflation ⁽²⁾	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.5
Non-energy industrial goods	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.5
Services	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.5

HICP TOTAL



UNDERLYING TREND IN INFLATION



Sources: Eurostat, Statbel, SMEs, Self-employed and Energy.

(1) Fruit, vegetables, meat and fish.

(2) HICP excluding food and energy.

(3) General index excluding products which are harmful to the health (tobacco, alcohol, petrol and diesel).

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■ Harmonised index of consumer prices (continued)

Monthly data [NBB.Stat](#)

	2021						2022					
	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
(percentage changes compared to the corresponding month of the previous year)												
BELGIUM												
Total HICP	1.4	4.7	3.8	5.4	7.1	6.6	8.5	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.9	10.5
Energy	22.1	24.5	27.3	40.6	55.7	46.8	67.0	65.9	64.8	62.9	65.5	64.6
Unprocessed food ⁽¹⁾	-3.6	-2.3	-2.3	-3.0	-1.9	0.6	1.8	3.2	4.6	4.1	5.5	7.1
Processed food	1.6	1.6	1.8	2.4	2.9	3.2	4.2	4.5	4.6	5.2	6.6	8.3
Underlying trend in inflation ⁽²⁾	-1.2	3.2	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.2	3.6	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.7
Non-energy industrial goods	-4.3	6.5	1.1	1.4	1.4	2.1	1.3	4.8	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.6
Services	1.0	1.3	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.3	2.8	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.8
<i>p.m.</i> National index of consumer prices												
General index	2.3	2.7	2.9	4.2	5.6	5.7	7.6	8.0	8.3	8.3	9.0	9.7
Health index ⁽³⁾	1.8	2.3	2.3	3.5	4.8	5.2	7.1	7.6	7.7	7.8	8.3	8.7
EURO AREA⁽⁴⁾												
Total HICP	2.2	3.0	3.4	4.1	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.9	7.4	7.4	8.1	8.6
Energy	14.3	15.4	17.6	23.7	27.5	25.9	28.8	32.0	44.3	37.5	39.1	42.0
Unprocessed food ⁽¹⁾	1.9	3.0	2.6	1.4	1.9	4.7	5.2	6.2	7.8	9.2	9.0	11.2
Processed food	1.5	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.0	3.5	4.1	5.4	7.0	8.2
Underlying trend in inflation ⁽²⁾	0.7	1.6	1.9	2.0	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.8	3.7
Non-energy industrial goods	0.7	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.9	2.1	3.1	3.4	3.8	4.2	4.3
Services	0.9	1.1	1.7	2.1	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.7	3.3	3.5	3.4

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General government - EDP definition⁽¹⁾

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>(percentages of GDP)</i>					
REVENUE					
Fiscal and parafiscal revenue	44.2	44.2	42.9	43.1	42.6
Direct taxes	16.6	16.8	15.6	15.7	15.6
Indirect taxes	13.3	13.4	13.3	13.0	13.3
Actual social contributions	13.4	13.3	13.2	13.6	12.9
Capital taxes	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8
Non-fiscal and non-parafiscal revenue ⁽²⁾	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.1	6.7
Total	51.3	51.4	49.9	50.2	49.3
PRIMARY EXPENDITURE					
Social benefits ⁽³⁾	24.6	24.6	24.5	28.1	26.0
Other expenditures	25.1	25.6	25.5	29.2	27.1
Total	49.7	50.1	49.9	57.3	53.1
PRIMARY BALANCE	1.7	1.3	0.0	-7.1	-3.9
INTEREST CHARGES	2.4	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.7
OVERALL BALANCE	-0.7	-0.9	-2.0	-9.0	-5.5
<i>p.m. FOR THE SUBSECTORS</i>					
Federal government	-1.3	-0.2	-1.9	-7.1	-4.0
Social security	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Communities and regions	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	-2.2	-1.8
Local authorities	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON					
Primary balance					
Belgium	1.7	1.3	0.0	-7.1	-3.9
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾	1.0	1.4	1.0	-5.6	-3.6
EU-27	1.0	1.3	1.0	-5.3	-3.3
Overall balance					
Belgium	-0.7	-0.9	-2.0	-9.0	-5.5
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾	-0.9	-0.4	-0.7	-7.1	-5.1
EU-27	-0.8	-0.4	-0.6	-6.8	-4.7
Consolidated gross debt					
Belgium	102.0	99.9	97.7	112.8	108.4
Euro area ⁽⁴⁾	87.9	85.8	83.8	97.2	95.6
EU-27	81.6	79.6	77.5	90.0	88.1

Sources: NAI, NBB, Eurostat.

(1) Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP), definition of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

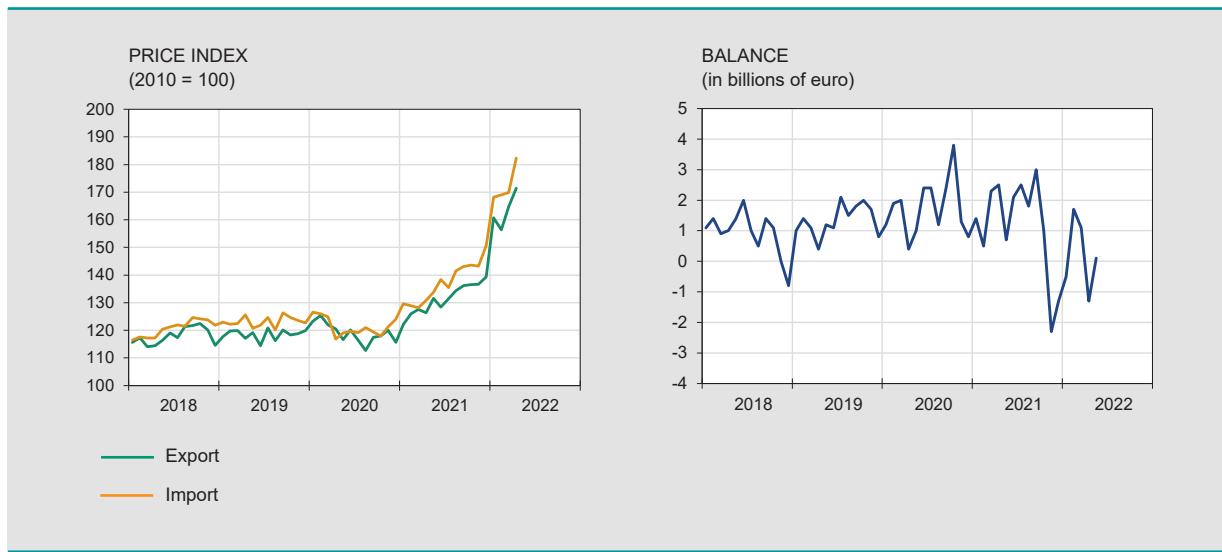
(2) Property income, imputed social security contributions, transfers from other sectors and sales of goods and services.

(3) From social security and all other subsectors of general government.

(4) Euro area = EA19.

■ Foreign trade⁽¹⁾ NBB.Stat

VALUE	2021										2022				
	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M		
(billions of euro)															
Monthly data															
Export	36.4	40.9	37.9	36.8	42.4	43.8	42.7	44.4	44.3	45.2	53.7	45.8	50.5		
Import	35.7	38.8	35.3	35.0	39.4	42.7	45.0	45.7	44.7	43.6	52.6	47.1	50.4		
Balance	0.7	2.1	2.5	1.8	3.0	1.0	-2.3	-1.3	-0.5	1.7	1.1	-1.3	0.1		
Cumulative data over the last 12 months															
Export	393.7	403.8	411.7	421.3	430.8	441.0	451.7	464.3	477.2	491.1	505.3	514.1	528.3		
Import	372.0	382.5	390.2	399.1	408.1	420.9	435.2	449.9	464.7	477.4	492.8	505.4	520.1		
Balance	21.7	21.4	21.5	22.1	22.8	20.1	16.5	14.4	12.6	13.7	12.5	8.7	8.1		
(percentage changes in the last 12 months compared to the preceding 12 months)															
PRICE															
Export	1.2	1.4	2.7	4.5	6.0	7.3	8.4	10.4	13.2	15.3	17.4	20.1	n.		
Import	1.1	2.5	4.0	5.4	7.5	9.7	11.4	13.2	15.6	18.1	20.7	23.0	n.		
Terms of trade	0.1	-1.1	-1.2	-0.8	-1.3	-2.2	-2.7	-2.4	-2.0	-2.3	-2.7	-2.3	n.		
VOLUME															
Export	2.1	5.1	7.0	8.5	9.5	11.2	13.0	13.6	14.9	16.9	16.0	12.0	n.		
Import	1.3	3.6	5.6	7.5	8.1	10.3	12.4	14.1	16.5	17.6	16.6	14.3	n.		
Coverage ratio	0.8	1.4	1.3	0.9	1.3	0.8	0.5	-0.4	-1.4	-0.6	-0.5	-2.0	n.		



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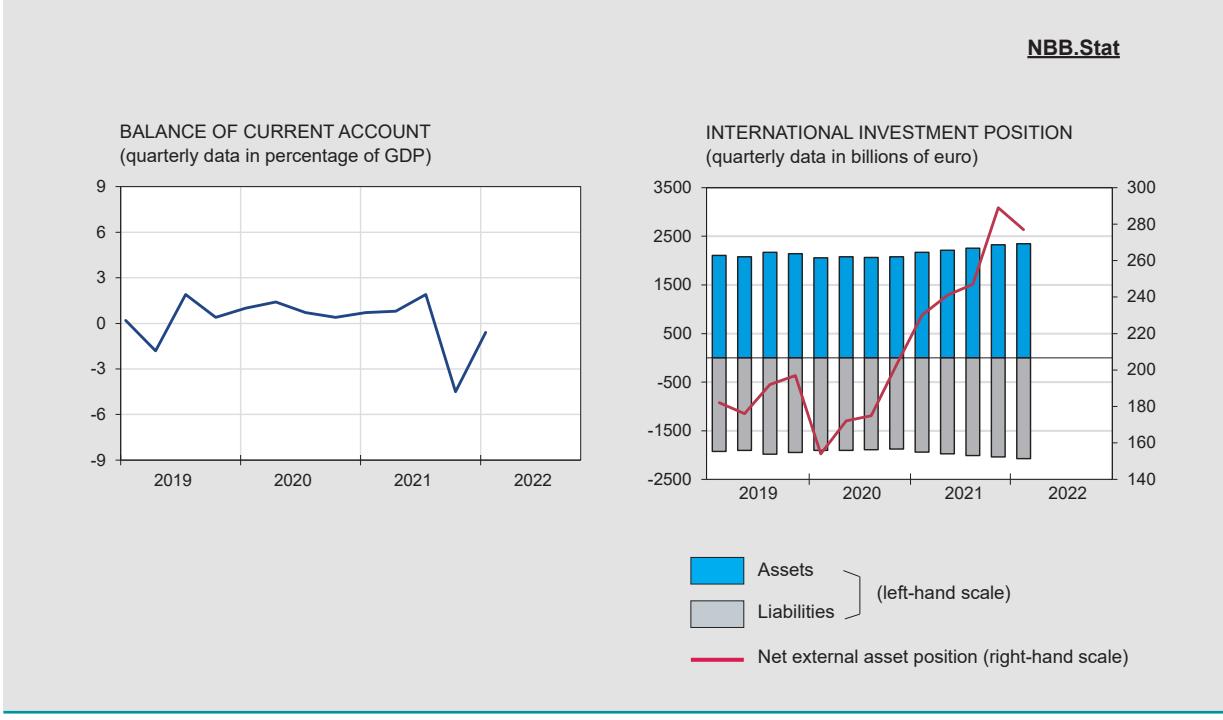
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■ Balance of payments NBB.Stat

	2021												2022		
	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M		
	(cumulative data over the last 12 months. in billions of euro)														
CURRENT ACCOUNT	3.4	4.2	3.0	3.1	3.7	4.6	4.6	2.7	-0.2	-2.1	-3.2	-3.2	-3.6		
Goods	4.0	4.4	3.9	3.3	3.8	4.5	4.8	3.0	0.6	-1.6	-3.5	-3.3	-4.1		
Services	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.7	3.0	2.5	2.3	2.2	1.8	2.0	1.4	1.5		
Primary incomes	4.7	5.2	4.6	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8		
Secondary incomes	-7.9	-8.0	-7.9	-7.8	-7.6	-7.6	-7.6	-7.7	-7.4	-6.8	-6.4	-6.0	-5.9		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9		
FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	4.7	6.3	6.1	6.0	7.9	6.4	6.9	4.7	2.3	1.2	-1.7	-4.8	-4.6		
Direct investment	3.1	1.6	-4.4	3.5	7.0	5.2	13.1	9.1	12.7	17.0	16.7	22.0	23.6		
Equity capital	15.4	13.3	10.1	3.1	2.9	3.4	4.4	3.0	6.9	13.6	14.3	14.7	10.9		
Other capital	-12.3	-11.7	-14.5	0.4	4.1	1.8	8.7	6.1	5.8	3.3	2.4	7.3	12.7		
Portfolio investment	12.7	12.4	13.4	11.5	11.0	7.2	-0.9	5.4	2.9	6.7	11.2	12.2	19.4		
Financial derivatives	0.5	1.0	0.3	1.4	0.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	2.3	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1		
Other transactions	-12.2	-8.8	-3.4	-10.6	-10.5	-14.7	-15.0	-19.2	-24.0	-30.1	-37.7	-47.2	-56.0		
NBB's reserves	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	7.5	8.5	8.3	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.5		
ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	1.1	1.8	2.8	2.7	3.5	0.9	1.3	1.0	1.5	2.1	0.5	-2.6	-1.9		

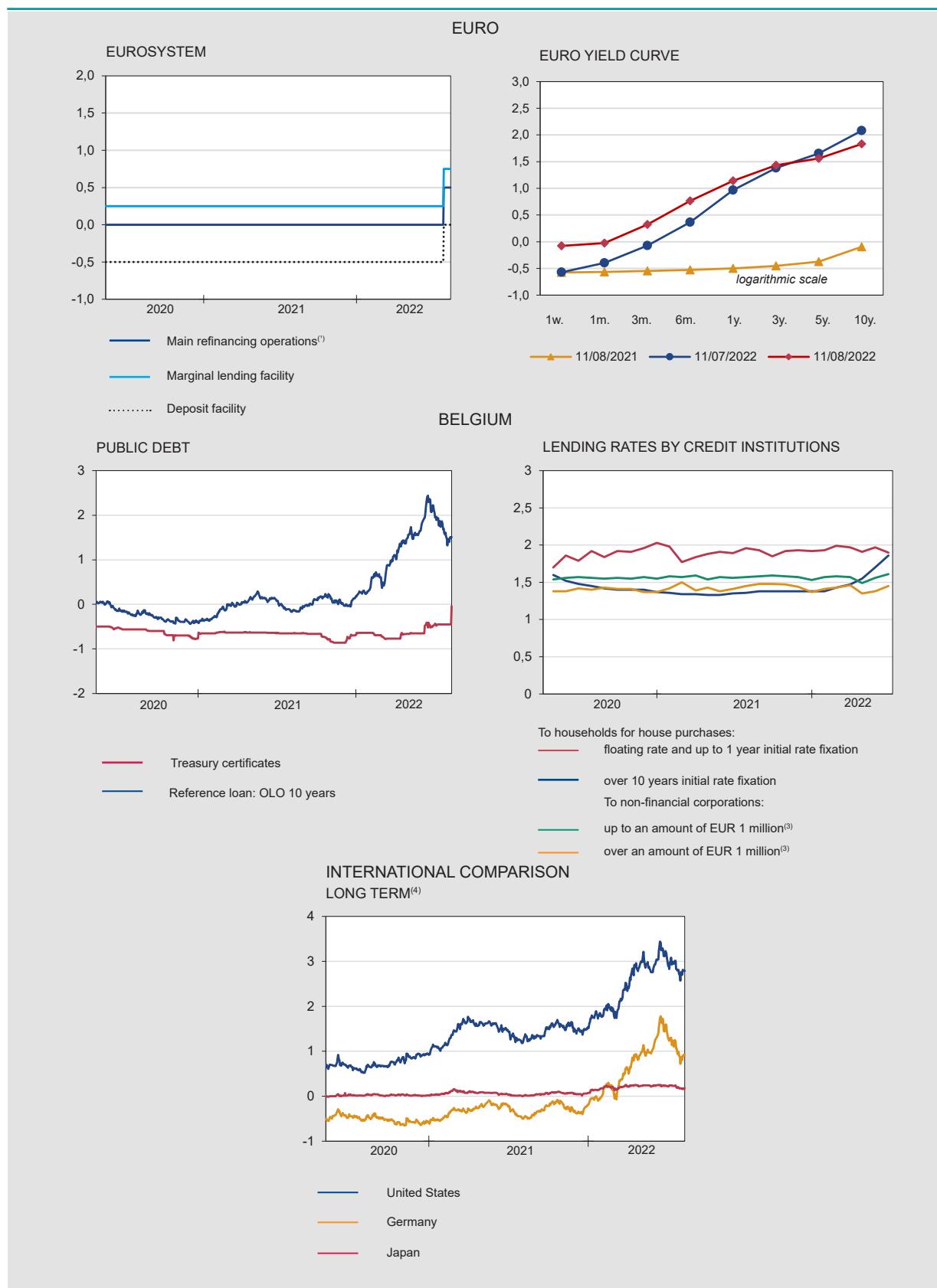
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Sources: NBB, NAI.

■ Financial markets

Interest rates [NBB.Stat](#)



Sources: ECB, NBB.

(1) Minimum bid rate.

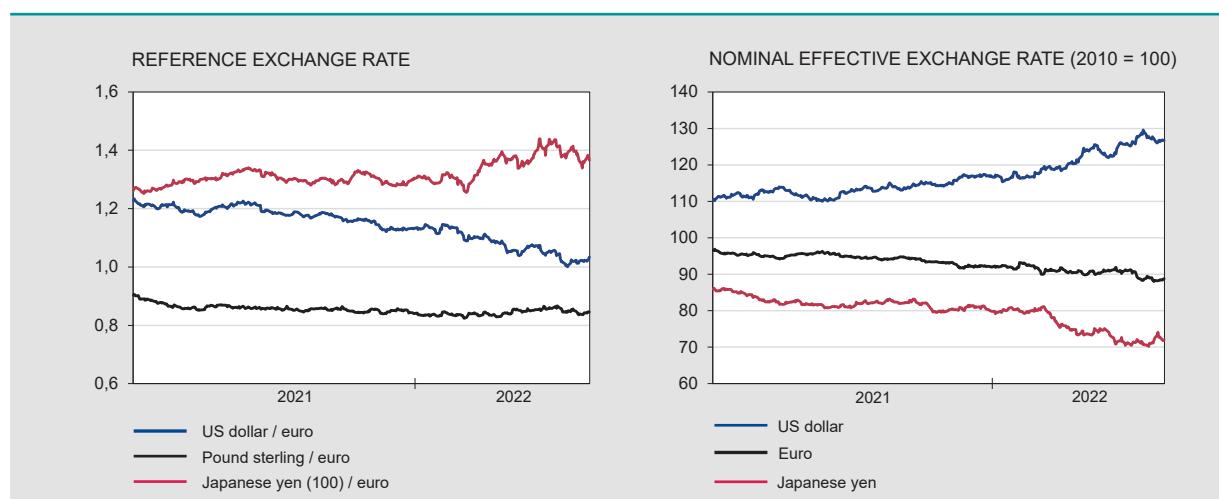
(2) Weighted average rate.

(3) Floating rate and up to 1 year initial rate fixation.

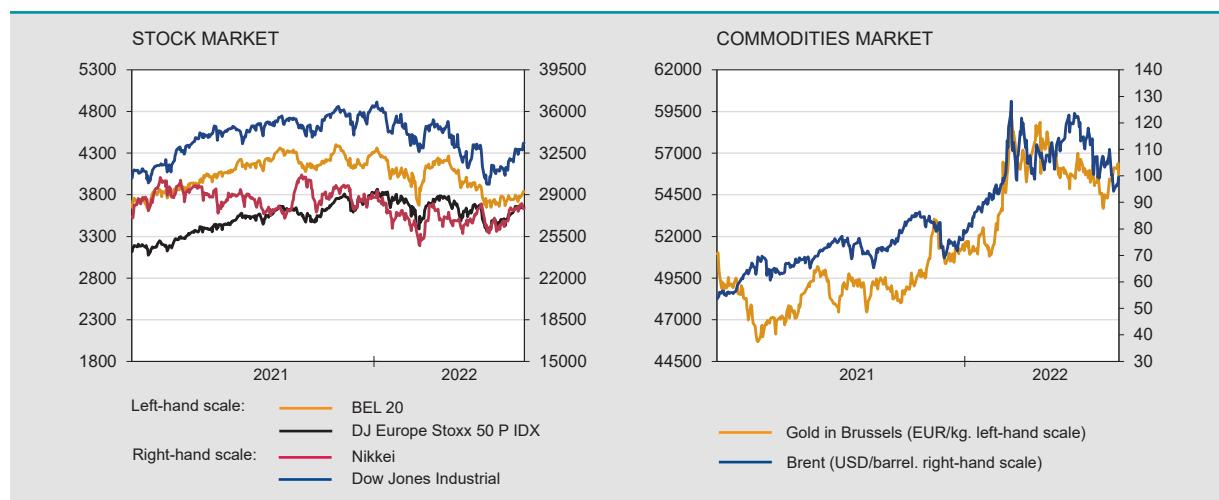
(4) Ten-year government bond.

■ Financial markets (continued)

Exchange rates [NBB.Stat](#)



Stock and commodities market [NBB.Stat](#)



Sources: ECB, BIS, Euronext.

Monetary aggregates⁽¹⁾ [NBB.Stat](#)

	2021								2022					
	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	
(end of period. in billions of euro)														
EURO AREA														
M3 excluding currency in circulation	13548	13685	13714	13747	13868	13958	14025	14006	14037	14120	14224	14263	14343	
M3	14971	15123	15153	15192	15318	15415	15502	15484	15524	15630	15745	15792	15878	
of which: by MFI ⁽²⁾ in BELGIUM														
Deposits														
overnight	272.7	273.0	285.6	287.4	289.4	294.5	298.4	295.0	298.8	303.6	308.7	312.3	312.8	
with agreed maturity up to 2 years	10.9	11.4	10.8	10.6	11.6	10.2	11.1	11.1	10.3	10.5	11.7	10.3	12.3	
redeemable at notice up to 3 months	343.7	341.5	333.3	333.0	332.4	332.8	334.3	332.3	332.2	332.0	327.7	329.5	330.1	
Others M3 ⁽³⁾ components	28.8	28.4	27.6	32.1	29.6	31.3	29.3	29.4	29.0	33.9	36.5	36.0	41.3	
M3 ⁽³⁾	656.1	654.3	657.3	663.2	663.0	668.8	673.1	667.9	670.3	680.0	684.7	687.9	696.5	

Sources: NBB, ECB.

(1) M3 comprises currency in circulation, deposits with agreed maturity up to 2 years, repurchase agreements (exclude the Repurchase agreements with Central counterparties - CCPs), money market fund shares/units, money market paper and debt securities up to 2 years.

(2) Monetary Financial Institutions.

(3) Excluding currency in circulation.

■ Financial accounts

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	2019		2020				2021				2022
	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	
(end of period outstanding amounts in billions of euro)											
FINANCIAL ASSETS											
Individuals	1402.3	1343.5	1401.0	1412.1	1455.5	1469.6	1500.1	1503.5	1533.8	1502.9	
General government	216.3	220.1	243.7	229.0	226.1	227.1	237.9	231.7	239.3	237.5	
Non-financial corporations	1497.2	1433.0	1429.5	1437.7	1463.0	1515.6	1545.7	1574.5	1618.8	1643.2	
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES											
Individuals	304.3	306.3	309.2	312.6	315.4	319.2	324.7	327.9	330.3	333.5	
General government	618.3	653.0	694.9	687.6	688.4	682.9	695.0	696.5	697.5	670.0	
Non-financial corporations	1988.1	1894.8	1889.1	1896.0	1940.9	1986.2	2021.6	2048.0	2084.2	2104.4	
NET FINANCIAL WEALTH											
Individuals	1098.0	1037.2	1091.8	1099.4	1140.1	1150.3	1175.4	1175.6	1203.5	1169.5	
General government	-402.0	-432.9	-451.2	-458.6	-462.3	-455.8	-457.1	-464.8	-458.2	-432.4	
Non-financial corporations	-490.9	-461.9	-459.6	-458.3	-477.9	-470.6	-475.9	-473.5	-465.3	-461.2	

Source: NBB.

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