

# 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)										
<b>Belgium</b>										
Final consumption										
private	1.7	-8.3	5.5	3.7	-	3.7	3.6	-	2.2	-
public	2.2	0.0	4.8	2.1	-	1.1	1.3	-	-1.6	-
Gross fixed capital formation	5.0	-5.1	4.9	1.5	-	-0.5	-0.4	-	3.8	-
Exports of goods and services	2.4	-5.0	11.3	1.0	-	4.0	0.8	-	1.7	-
Imports of goods and services	2.0	-5.6	10.7	1.3	-	3.5	1.3	-	1.8	-
GDP	2.2	-5.4	6.1	2.4	-	2.8	2.4	2.6	1.5	-
									0.2	1.0
										0.5
<b>International comparison of GDP</b>										
Euro area <sup>(1)</sup>	1.6	-6.3	5.4	-	3.1	3.2	2.6	3.0	-	0.9
EU-27	1.8	-5.9	5.4	-	-	3.3	-	-	-	0.3
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<b>CONSUMER PRICES</b>										
<b>Belgium</b>										
	(percentage changes compared to the previous year)									
HICP	1.2	0.4	3.2	8.2	-	10.4	9.0	9.2	2.6	-
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	-
									-	-
<b>International comparison of HICP</b>										
Euro area <sup>(3)</sup>	1.2	0.3	2.6	-	8.1	8.5	7.0	8.2	-	5.5
EU-27	1.4	0.7	2.9	-	-	9.3	-	-	-	6.1
										4.6
										5.6
<b>LABOUR COSTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR<sup>(2)</sup></b>										
<b>Belgium</b>										
	(percentage changes compared to the previous year)									
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	-	5.4	-	-	6.1	-
									9.2	-
<b>Unit labour costs</b>										
Euro area <sup>(1)</sup>	1.9	4.6	0.1	-	2.8	3.0	-	-	4.1	4.8
EU-27	2.0	4.7	0.1	-	-	3.2	-	-	-	5.0
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\* Sources: Belgium (NAI, NBB, Statbel, EC); Euro area, EU-27 (ECB, Eurostat).

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(1) Euro area = EA19, except the OECD forecasts.

(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.

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## ■ Summary (continued)

	ACTUAL FIGURES*					FORECASTS**							
	2019 2020 2021			2022				2023					
	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***			
<b>LABOUR MARKET</b>													
(annual changes in percentages)													
Belgium													
Total employment	1.6	0.0	1.8	1.7	-	1.8	1.7	1.8	0.6	-	0.3	0.5	0.4
Unemployment	-3.8	3.7	-6.0	-5.6	-	-	-	-	1.8	-	-	-	-
(annual changes in thousands)													
Total employment	77.9	1.9	90.3	84.7	-	90.5	-	-	28.9	-	15.7	-	-
Unemployment	-18.8	17.5	-29.6	-26.0	-	-	-	-	7.7	-	-	-	-
(annual averages in percentages of labour force)													
Harmonised unemployment rate <sup>(1)</sup>	5.5	5.8	6.3	5.5	-	5.8	6.0	5.7	5.6	-	6.4	6.4	6.1
International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate <sup>(1)</sup>													
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	7.6	8.0	7.7	-	6.7	6.8	7.1	6.8	-	6.9	7.2	7.4	7.1
EU-27	6.8	7.2	7.0	-	-	6.2	-	-	-	-	6.5	-	-
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>													
(percentages of GDP)													
Belgium													
Primary balance	0.0	-7.0	-3.9	-3.0	-	-3.7	-4.3	-	-2.9	-	-4.2	-3.5	-
Overall balance	-1.9	-9.0	-5.6	-4.5	-	-5.2	-5.6	-4.8	-4.5	-	-5.8	-4.8	-4.9
Consolidated gross debt	97.6	112.0	109.2	105.3	-	106.2	106.1	104.3	107.9	-	107.9	107.2	106.3
International comparison of overall balance													
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	-0.6	-7.0	-5.1	-	-3.8	-3.5	-4.1	-4.1	-	-2.9	-3.7	-3.0	-3.6
EU-27	-0.5	-6.7	-4.6	-	-	-3.4	-	-	-	-	-3.6	-	-
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>													
(percentages of GDP)													
Belgium													
	0.1	1.1	0.4	-2.2	-	-2.7	-1.4	-2.0	-2.2	-	-2.9	-0.3	-2.0
International comparison													
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	2.3	1.9	2.4	-	-0.3	1.5	2.2	0.0	-	-0.5	1.9	2.0	0.2
EU-27	2.3	2.4	2.4	-	-	1.1	-	-	-	-	1.4	-	-

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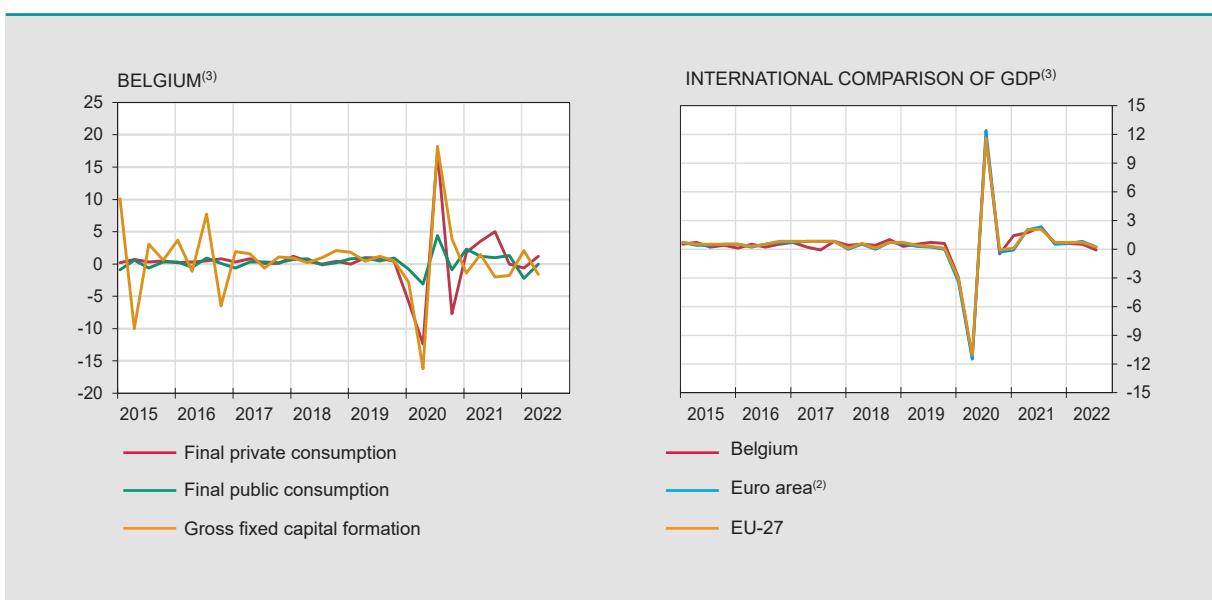
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(2) Euro area = EA19, except the OECD forecasts.

	2020		2021				2022				
	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III		
GDP <sup>(1)</sup>			(millions of euro)								
Belgium			(percentage changes)								
GDP in chained 2015 euros	108300	107729	109199	111085	113666	114314	114963	115588	n.		
vs the previous quarter	11.7	-0.5	1.4	1.7	2.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	-0.1 <sup>(4)</sup>		
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year	-3.3	-4.4	-0.2	14.6	5.0	6.1	5.3	4.1	1.6 <sup>(4)</sup>		
International comparison			(percentage changes)								
vs the previous quarter			(percentage changes)								
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	12.4	-0.3	-0.1	2.0	2.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.2 <sup>(4)</sup>		
EU-27	11.6	-0.1	0.1	2.0	2.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.2 <sup>(4)</sup>		
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year			(percentage changes)								
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	-3.8	-4.1	-0.8	14.2	3.9	4.8	5.5	4.3	2.1 <sup>(4)</sup>		
EU-27	-3.7	-3.8	-0.7	13.8	4.2	5.0	5.6	4.3	2.4 <sup>(4)</sup>		
MAIN COMPONENTS OF EXPENDITURE <sup>(1)</sup>			(percentage changes compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year)								
Final private consumption	-2.7	-10.5	-3.3	14.2	2.1	10.6	8.1	5.6	n.		
Final public consumption	1.4	-0.5	2.6	7.2	3.7	5.9	1.3	0.0	n.		
Gross fixed capital formation	-3.1	0.1	1.5	22.8	1.9	-3.7	-0.2	-3.3	n.		
business	-3.7	0.6	0.5	26.5	0.2	-7.0	-1.6	-4.8	n.		
housing	-2.0	-2.9	3.1	21.8	4.7	4.1	6.2	2.8	n.		
public	-1.8	2.7	5.0	5.7	7.0	3.0	-4.0	-5.8	n.		
Exports of goods and services	-5.6	-2.2	0.9	21.4	13.2	10.9	9.1	4.0	n.		
Imports of goods and services	-5.1	-2.6	-0.1	21.5	12.0	10.7	9.1	3.2	n.		
GDP	-3.3	-4.4	-0.2	14.6	5.0	6.1	5.3	4.1	1.6 <sup>(4)</sup>		
MAIN COMPONENTS OF VALUE ADDED <sup>(1)</sup>			(percentage changes compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year)								
Industry	-3.4	-2.1	-1.4	10.3	-1.4	-1.8	-1.1	-0.1	n.		
Construction	-0.6	-1.5	0.6	15.8	-3.7	-4.2	-2.9	-1.0	n.		
Services	-3.6	-4.3	-0.1	14.7	6.8	7.7	7.0	5.5	n.		
GDP	-3.3	-4.4	-0.2	14.6	5.0	6.1	5.3	4.1	1.6 <sup>(4)</sup>		



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									
	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O
	(percentage changes in the average for the last 3 months compared to the corresponding period of the previous year)												
Industrial production, excluding building <sup>(1)</sup>	16.2	11.8	11.1	11.4	11.5	7.5	2.5	1.5	-5.4	-6.3	-10.0	-4.6	n.
New car registrations including mixed cars	-29.3	-27.1	-28.9	-19.0	-17.1	-13.5	-17.8	-19.3	-18.5	-13.1	-6.1	6.1	15.0
2020				2021				2022					
I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II				
Total turnover <sup>(2)</sup>	-4.2	-19.6	-6.9	-4.2	3.7	31.8	18.0	23.0	24.0	23.1			
Investments <sup>(2)</sup>	-2.6	-22.2	-8.9	-4.5	5.2	32.8	11.4	4.1	7.0	11.9			

## Labour market

### EMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2020				2021				2022			
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II		
	(in thousands)											
Belgium												
Domestic employment <sup>(3)</sup>	4911.0	4873.2	4888.8	4920.2	4935.5	4973.9	5014.6	5032.5	5058.6	5088.2		
(percentages of the population of working age)												
Employment rate <sup>(4)</sup>	65.1	64.2	65.1	64.5	63.6	65.0	66.4	66.2	66.4	66.0		
15-64 years	65.1	64.2	65.1	64.5	63.6	65.0	66.4	66.2	66.4	66.0		
20-64 years	70.4	69.6	70.2	69.9	69.0	70.5	71.4	71.6	71.9	71.4		
International comparison of the employment rate <sup>(4)</sup>												
Euro area <sup>(5)</sup>	67.4	66.1	66.9	67.1	66.3	67.7	68.9	69.0	68.9	69.7		
15-64 years	67.4	66.1	66.9	67.1	66.3	67.7	68.9	69.0	68.9	69.7		
20-64 years	72.0	70.7	71.5	71.8	70.8	72.3	73.4	73.7	73.5	74.4		
EU-27	67.8	66.8	67.6	67.8	66.8	68.1	69.2	69.3	69.2	70.0		
15-64 years	67.8	66.8	67.6	67.8	66.8	68.1	69.2	69.3	69.2	70.0		
20-64 years	72.5	71.5	72.3	72.5	71.5	72.9	73.9	74.1	74.0	74.9		

### UNEMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2021				2022			
	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M
	(in thousands, end of period)							
Belgium								
Unemployment <sup>(6)</sup>	445	436	442	449	446	441	439	433
< 25 years old	79	76	74	74	74	71	69	67
≥ 25 years old	366	360	368	375	372	370	370	365
(percentages of the labour force)								
Harmonised unemployment rate <sup>(7)</sup>	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.6
International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate <sup>(7)</sup>								
Euro area <sup>(5)</sup>	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7
EU-27	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.4	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.1

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.

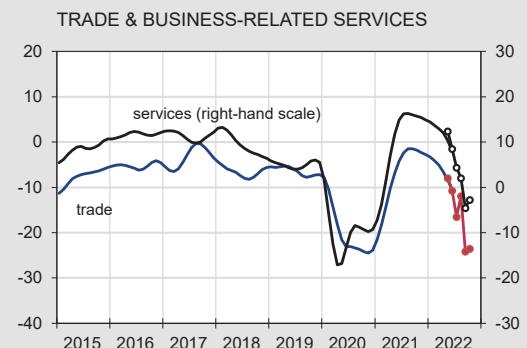
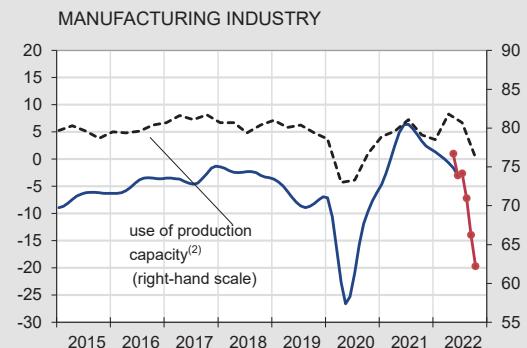
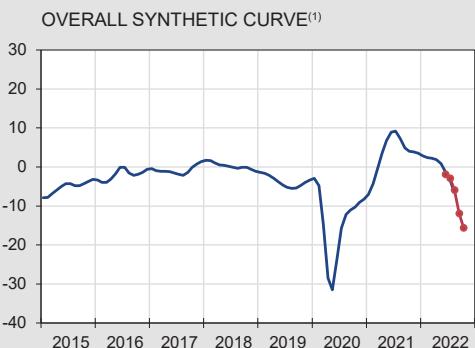
(4) Harmonised data from the quarterly labour force survey (LFS), unadjusted data. Break in series in 2017-I due to the reform and modernization of the LFS.

(5) Euro area = EA19.

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

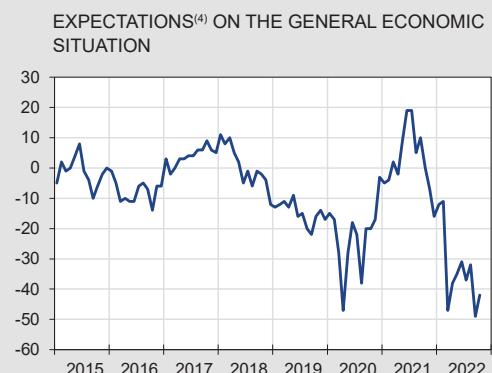
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## ■ Business survey [NBB.Stat](#)



— Seasonally adjusted and smoothed series  
 —●— Seasonally adjusted series  
 —○— use of production capacity<sup>(2)</sup>

## ■ Consumer survey [NBB.Stat](#)



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

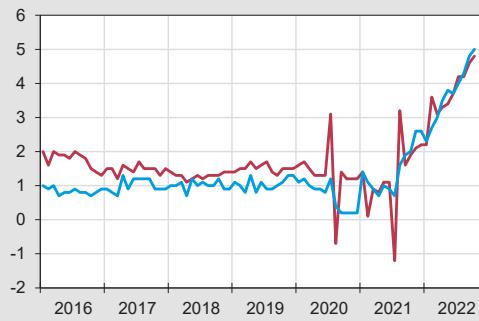
## Annual data

	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 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 <sup>(2)</sup>	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 <sup>(3)</sup>	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.0	2.0
EURO AREA <sup>(4)</sup>						
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 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 <sup>(2)</sup>	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).

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

# ■ Harmonised index of consumer prices (continued)

Monthly data [NBB.Stat](#)

	2021			2022									
	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O
(percentage changes compared to the corresponding month of the previous year)													
<b>BELGIUM</b>													
Total HICP	5.4	7.1	6.6	8.5	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.9	10.5	10.4	10.5	12.1	13.1
Energy	40.6	55.7	46.8	67.0	65.9	64.8	62.9	65.5	64.6	55.1	55.3	67.2	69.2
Unprocessed food <sup>(1)</sup>	-3.0	-1.9	0.6	1.8	3.2	4.6	4.1	5.5	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.9	11.8
Processed food	2.4	2.9	3.2	4.2	4.5	4.6	5.2	6.6	8.3	9.3	9.6	10.5	11.6
Underlying trend in inflation <sup>(2)</sup>	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.2	3.6	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.6	4.8
Non-energy industrial goods	1.4	1.4	2.1	1.3	4.8	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.6	4.0	4.2	5.1	5.6
Services	2.2	2.5	2.3	2.8	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3
<i>p.m.</i> National index of consumer prices													
General index	4.2	5.6	5.7	7.6	8.0	8.3	8.3	9.0	9.7	9.6	9.9	11.3	12.3
Health index <sup>(3)</sup>	3.5	4.8	5.2	7.1	7.6	7.7	7.8	8.3	8.7	9.1	9.7	11.3	12.3
<b>EURO AREA<sup>(4)</sup></b>													
Total HICP	4.1	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.9	7.4	7.4	8.1	8.6	8.9	9.1	9.9	10.6
Energy	23.7	27.5	25.9	28.8	32.0	44.3	37.5	39.1	42.0	39.6	38.6	40.7	41.5
Unprocessed food <sup>(1)</sup>	1.4	1.9	4.7	5.2	6.2	7.8	9.2	9.0	11.2	11.1	11.0	12.7	15.5
Processed food	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.0	3.5	4.1	5.4	7.0	8.2	9.4	10.5	11.5	12.4
Underlying trend in inflation <sup>(2)</sup>	2.0	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.7	3.0	3.5	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.8	5.0
Non-energy industrial goods	2.0	2.4	2.9	2.1	3.1	3.4	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.5	5.1	5.5	6.1
Services	2.1	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.7	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.3

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**General government - EDP definition<sup>(1)</sup>**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>(percentages of GDP)</i>					
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Fiscal and parafiscal revenue	44.2	44.2	42.9	42.9	43.1
Direct taxes	16.6	16.8	15.6	15.7	15.8
Indirect taxes	13.3	13.4	13.3	13.0	13.4
Actual social contributions	13.4	13.3	13.2	13.5	13.0
Capital taxes	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8
Non-fiscal and non-parafiscal revenue <sup>(2)</sup>	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.9
Total	51.3	51.4	49.9	49.9	49.9
<b>PRIMARY EXPENDITURE</b>					
Social benefits <sup>(3)</sup>	24.6	24.6	24.5	27.9	26.3
Other expenditures	25.1	25.6	25.4	29.0	27.5
Total	49.7	50.1	49.9	57.0	53.8
<b>PRIMARY BALANCE</b>	1.7	1.3	0.0	-7.0	-3.9
<b>INTEREST CHARGES</b>	2.4	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.7
<b>OVERALL BALANCE</b>	-0.7	-0.9	-1.9	-9.0	-5.6
<i>p.m. FOR THE SUBSECTORS</i>					
Federal government	-1.3	-0.2	-1.9	-7.1	-4.1
Social security	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Communities and regions	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	-2.2	-1.8
Local authorities	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
<b>INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON</b>					
Primary balance					
Belgium	1.7	1.3	0.0	-7.0	-3.9
Euro area <sup>(4)</sup>	1.0	1.4	1.0	-5.5	-3.7
EU-27	1.0	1.3	1.0	-5.3	-3.3
Overall balance					
Belgium	-0.7	-0.9	-1.9	-9.0	-5.6
Euro area <sup>(4)</sup>	-0.9	-0.4	-0.6	-7.0	-5.1
EU-27	-0.8	-0.4	-0.5	-6.7	-4.6
Consolidated gross debt					
Belgium	102.0	99.9	97.6	112.0	109.2
Euro area <sup>(4)</sup>	87.9	86.0	83.9	97.0	95.4
EU-27	81.7	79.7	77.5	89.8	87.9

Sources: NAI, NBB, Eurostat.

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

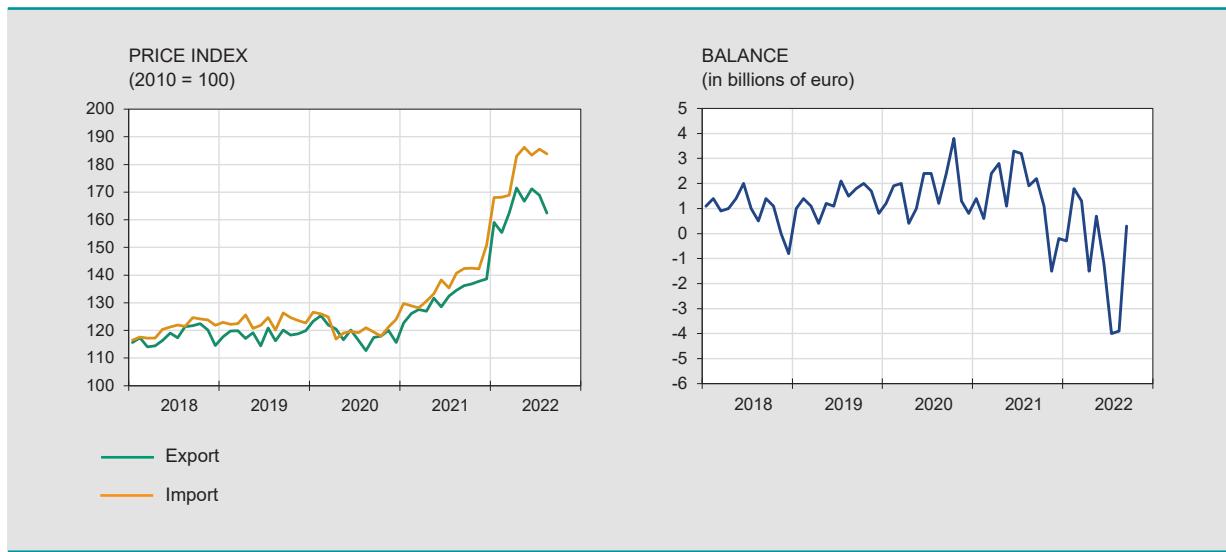
(2) Property income, imputed social security contributions, transfers from other sectors and sales of goods and services.

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

(4) Euro area = EA19.

# ■ Foreign trade<sup>(1)</sup> NBB.Stat

VALUE	2021				2022								
	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
<i>Monthly data</i>													
Export	41.6	43.8	42.9	44.7	44.5	45.4	53.9	46.5	51.7	51.0	48.6	50.2	53.8
Import	39.3	42.8	44.3	44.9	44.8	43.6	52.6	47.9	50.9	52.3	52.6	54.1	53.4
Balance	2.2	1.1	-1.5	-0.2	-0.3	1.8	1.3	-1.5	0.7	-1.2	-4.0	-3.9	0.3
<i>Cumulative data over the last 12 months</i>													
Export	430.6	440.9	451.7	464.7	477.8	491.8	506.2	515.6	530.9	540.6	551.3	564.7	576.9
Import	405.9	418.8	432.5	446.5	461.3	474.1	489.6	503.3	518.9	533.1	551.0	570.2	584.3
Balance	24.7	22.0	19.2	18.2	16.5	17.7	16.6	12.4	12.0	7.5	0.3	-5.5	-7.4
<i>(percentage changes in the last 12 months compared to the preceding 12 months)</i>													
PRICE													
Export	6.2	7.5	8.7	10.6	13.2	15.2	17.2	19.8	20.9	23.2	24.3	24.3	n.
Import	7.3	9.5	11.1	12.9	15.3	17.7	20.2	22.6	25.0	26.5	28.4	29.5	n.
Terms of trade	-1.0	-1.8	-2.2	-2.0	-1.7	-2.0	-2.5	-2.3	-3.2	-2.5	-3.1	-3.9	n.
VOLUME													
Export	9.3	11.0	12.7	13.5	15.1	17.1	16.4	12.6	11.7	8.7	7.9	7.9	n.
Import	7.7	10.0	12.0	13.5	15.9	17.1	16.3	14.1	12.2	11.1	11.1	11.3	n.
Coverage ratio	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.0	-0.7	0.0	0.1	-1.3	-0.4	-2.2	-2.9	-3.1	n.



Source: NAI.

(1) From 15/01/2020 the focus on the evolution of foreign trade will be shifted to the community concept instead of the national concept.  
The figures on the NBB.Stat website remain fully available in national and in community concept.

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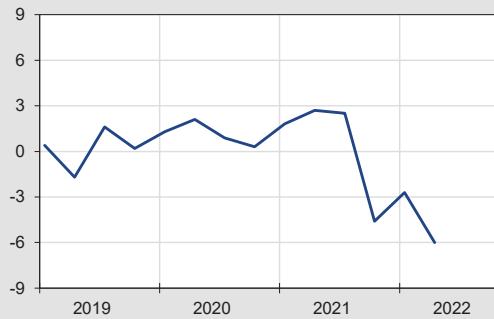
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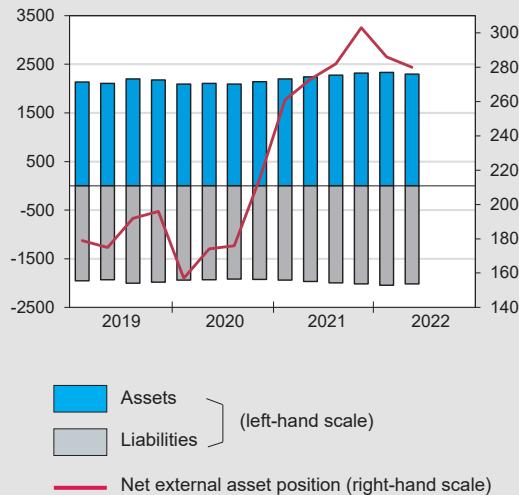
	2021							2022					
	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	
	(cumulative data over the last 12 months, in billions of euro)												
CURRENT ACCOUNT	6.9	8.3	9.3	8.9	6.1	2.8	2.2	-0.5	-1.6	-3.6	-7.6	-9.0	-15.3
Goods	6.9	8.1	9.4	10.1	7.4	4.9	4.0	1.2	0.8	-1.5	-5.6	-7.3	-13.1
Services	2.6	3.1	3.1	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	-0.3
Primary incomes	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.2	4.9
Secondary incomes	-7.7	-7.6	-7.8	-8.0	-8.2	-8.1	-7.8	-7.6	-7.4	-7.4	-7.2	-7.0	-6.9
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	8.6	11.5	10.7	10.8	5.9	4.9	4.6	0.2	-2.1	-2.6	-6.8	-7.8	-12.0
Direct investment	9.4	13.4	13.1	20.7	15.0	12.7	17.9	16.1	19.9	21.8	20.0	26.6	26.9
Equity capital	8.3	8.2	9.5	10.3	7.0	10.4	14.7	13.9	15.2	9.5	10.8	11.0	14.8
Other capital	1.2	5.2	3.6	10.4	7.9	2.3	3.2	2.2	4.7	12.3	9.3	15.6	12.1
Portfolio investment	9.6	9.6	6.2	-1.2	5.9	4.1	9.0	13.4	13.9	23.1	17.2	20.2	10.6
Financial derivatives	1.1	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.9	-0.9	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	0.9	-0.1	-0.8
Other transactions	-11.8	-11.7	-17.0	-18.0	-24.0	-22.4	-29.6	-37.2	-43.9	-55.6	-53.5	-62.9	-57.1
NBB's reserves	0.3	0.1	7.5	8.5	8.3	8.5	8.3	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.3	8.3
ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	1.6	2.6	0.6	1.1	-1.0	1.1	1.6	-0.1	-1.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	2.7

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BALANCE OF CURRENT ACCOUNT  
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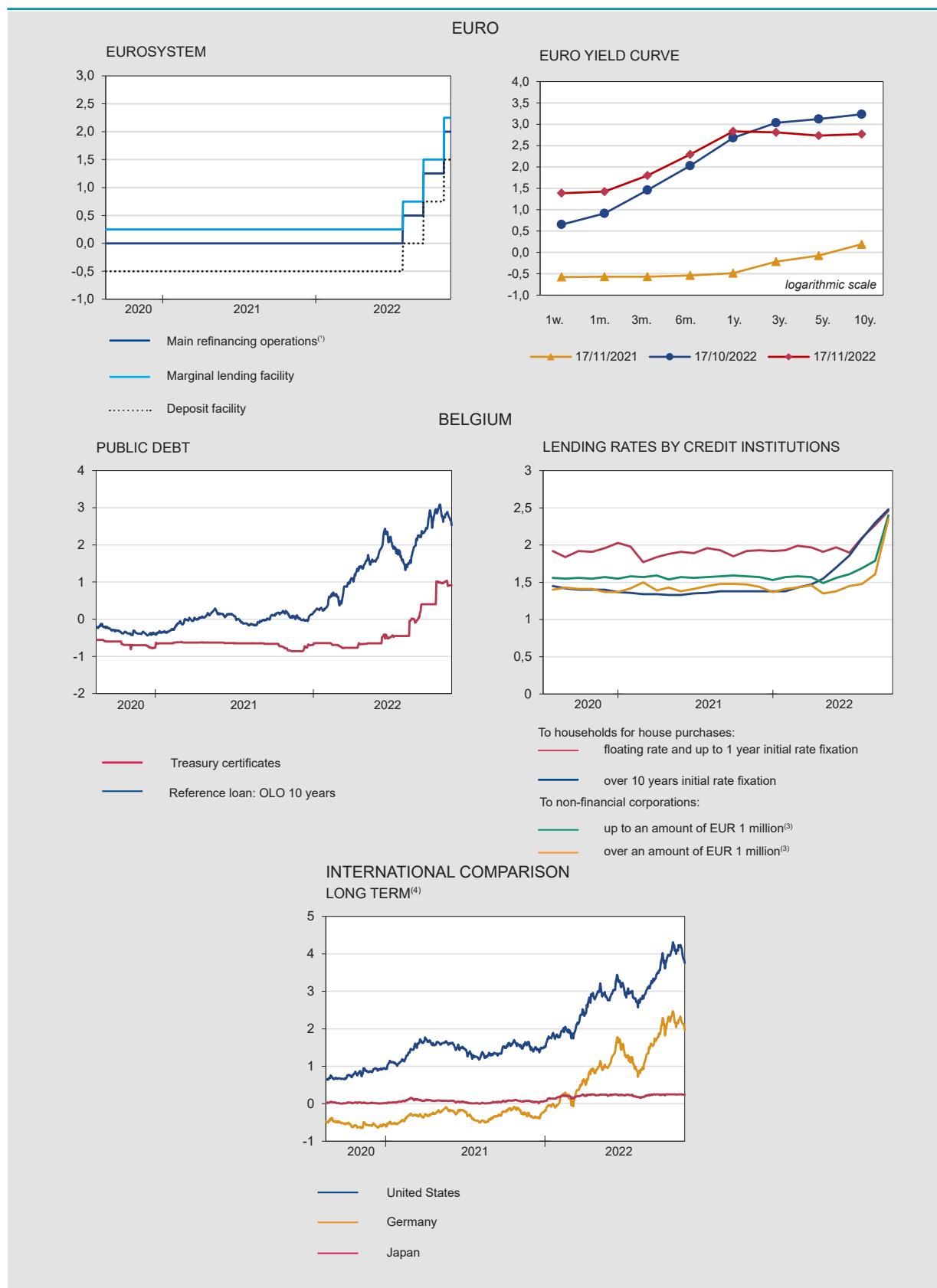
INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION  
(quarterly data in billions of euro)



Sources: NBB, NAI.

# ■ Financial markets

## Interest rates [NBB.Stat](#)



Sources: ECB, NBB.

(1) Minimum bid rate.

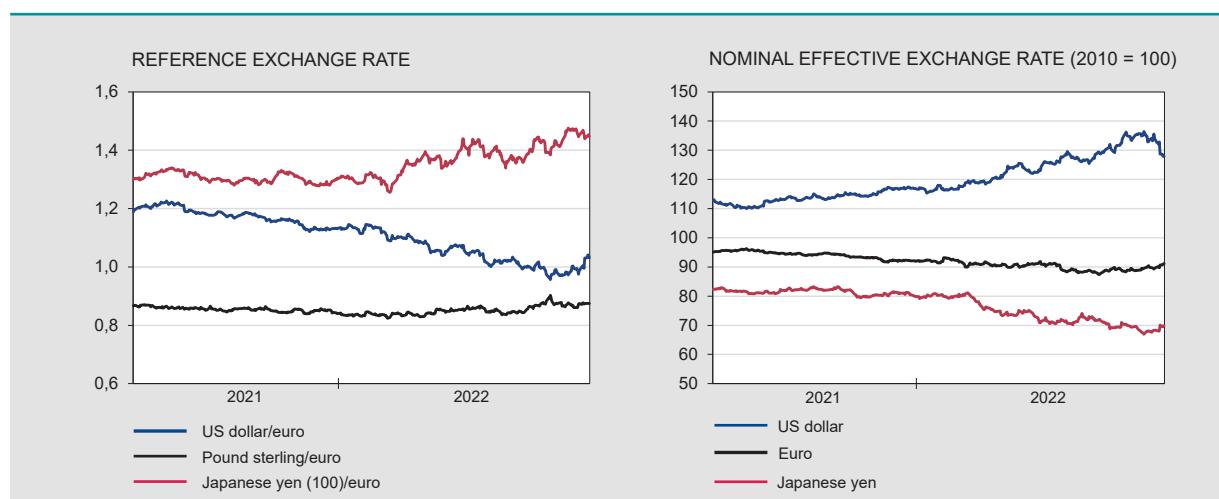
(2) Weighted average rate.

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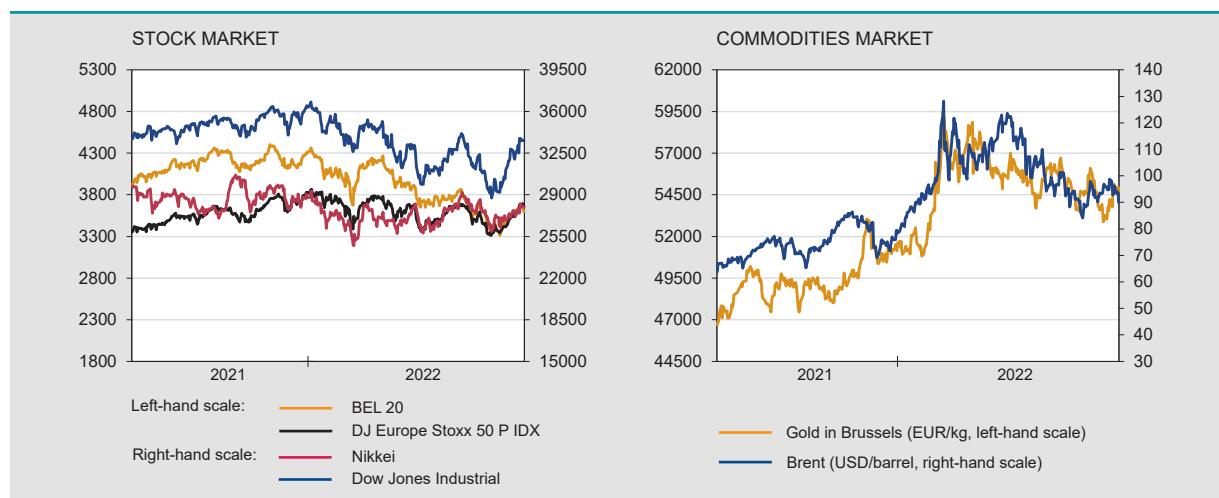
(4) Ten-year government bond.

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### Exchange rates [NBB.Stat](#)



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



Sources: ECB, BIS, Euronext.

### Monetary aggregates<sup>(1)</sup> [NBB.Stat](#)

	2021				2022							
	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A
(end of period. in billions of euro)												
<b>EURO AREA</b>												
M3 excluding currency in circulation	13747	13868	13958	14025	14006	14036	14118	14225	14261	14343	14450	14533
M3	15192	15318	15415	15502	15484	15523	15627	15745	15789	15878	15994	16072
of which: by MFI <sup>(2)</sup> in BELGIUM												
Deposits												
overnight	287.4	289.4	294.5	298.4	295.0	298.8	303.6	308.7	312.3	313.4	311.1	313.7
with agreed maturity up to 2 years	10.6	11.6	10.2	11.1	11.1	10.3	10.5	11.7	10.3	12.3	14.0	15.4
redeemable at notice up to 3 months	333.0	332.4	332.8	334.3	332.3	332.2	332.0	327.7	329.5	330.1	329.8	328.8
Others M3 <sup>(3)</sup> components	32.1	29.6	31.3	29.3	29.4	29.0	33.9	36.5	35.9	41.3	37.8	35.6
M3 <sup>(3)</sup>	663.2	663.0	668.8	673.1	667.9	670.3	680.0	684.7	687.9	697.1	692.7	693.6

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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	2020				2021				2022	
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II
	(end of period outstanding amounts in billions of euro)									
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>										
Individuals	1370.0	1424.9	1435.0	1481.8	1491.3	1521.5	1525.8	1557.2	1525.5	1477.5
General government	220.0	243.5	228.7	226.0	227.0	237.9	231.7	239.4	224.1	219.5
Non-financial corporations	1438.3	1440.8	1441.7	1498.2	1516.8	1544.1	1572.5	1599.6	1621.8	1632.5
<b>FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>										
Individuals	299.5	302.5	305.8	308.6	312.4	317.9	320.8	323.3	327.1	332.5
General government	653.0	694.9	687.6	688.3	682.8	695.0	696.6	697.8	669.9	639.7
Non-financial corporations	1907.4	1903.5	1892.0	1953.6	1955.1	1989.7	2002.4	2038.8	2061.3	2059.4
<b>NET FINANCIAL WEALTH</b>										
Individuals	1070.5	1122.5	1129.1	1173.2	1178.9	1203.7	1205.0	1233.9	1198.4	1145.1
General government	-433.0	-451.3	-458.9	-462.4	-455.9	-457.2	-464.9	-458.4	-445.8	-420.2
Non-financial corporations	-469.0	-462.7	-450.3	-455.4	-438.4	-445.6	-429.9	-439.2	-439.5	-426.9

Source: NBB.

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