

# Economic indicators for Belgium

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## ■ Summary

	ACTUAL FIGURES*					FORECASTS**				
	2020 2021 2022			2023			2024			
	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***
(percentage changes compared to the previous year)										
<b>REAL GDP</b>										
Belgium										
Final consumption										
private	-8.3	5.5	4.1	1.7	-	2.6	0.1	-	2.1	-
public	0.1	5.0	3.2	0.6	-	0.7	2.3	-	1.0	-
Gross fixed capital formation	-5.3	5.1	-0.8	-0.3	-	0.7	1.7	-	3.7	-
Exports of goods and services	-5.0	11.3	5.1	-0.2	-	1.3	0.3	-	1.6	-
Imports of goods and services	-5.6	10.7	4.9	0.3	-	1.6	0.9	-	2.0	-
GDP	-5.4	6.3	3.2	0.6	-	1.2	0.5	0.7	1.7	-
									1.4	0.1
										1.3
International comparison of GDP										
Euro area <sup>(1)</sup>	-6.1	5.4	3.5	-	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.7	-	1.6
EU-27	-5.6	5.4	3.5	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	1.7
CONSUMER PRICES										
Belgium										
(percentage changes compared to the previous year)										
HICP	0.4	3.2	10.3	4.4	-	3.4	6.6	4.4	2.4	-
National general index	0.7	2.4	9.6	5.1	-	-	-	-	2.1	-
National health index	1.0	2.0	9.3	5.4	-	-	-	-	2.3	-
									-	-
									-	-
International comparison of HICP										
Euro area <sup>(3)</sup>	0.3	2.6	8.4	-	5.3	5.8	6.8	5.7	-	2.9
EU-27	0.7	2.9	9.2	-	-	6.7	-	-	-	3.1
LABOUR COSTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR <sup>(2)</sup>										
Belgium										
(percentage changes compared to the previous year)										
Labour costs per hour worked	5.2	0.0	5.5	8.5	-	-	-	-	3.6	-
Unit labour costs	0.7	2.3	6.4	7.7	-	8.3	9.3	-	2.8	-
									2.9	3.5
Unit labour costs										
Euro area <sup>(1)</sup>	4.6	0.1	3.0	-	5.1	5.0	-	-	3.2	3.2
EU-27	4.7	0.1	3.2	-	-	5.4	-	-	-	3.3

\* 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.

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	2020 2021 2022			2023				2024							
	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***	NBB	ECB	EC	OECD	BPN***					
<b>LABOUR MARKET</b>															
Belgium	(annual changes in percentages)														
Total employment	0.0	1.8	2.0	0.5	-	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.4	-	0.9	0.6	0.7		
Unemployment	3.7	-6.0	-2.3	5.5	-	-	-	-	0.8	-	-	-	-		
	(annual changes in thousands)														
Total employment	1.9	90.3	101.4	26.0	-	30.5	-	-	21.3	-	45.1	-	-		
Unemployment	17.5	-29.6	-10.6	24.8	-	-	-	-	3.8	-	-	-	-		
	(annual averages in percentages of labour force)														
Harmonised unemployment rate <sup>(1)</sup>	5.8	6.3	5.6	6.2	-	5.8	6.5	5.9	6.3	-	5.7	6.2	5.9		
<b>International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate<sup>(1)</sup></b>															
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	8.0	7.7	6.7	-	6.6	6.8	7.1	6.8	-	6.6	6.7	7.1	6.9		
EU-27	7.2	7.0	6.1	-	-	6.2	-	-	-	-	6.1	-	-		
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>															
Belgium	(percentages of GDP)														
Primary balance	-7.0	-3.8	-2.4	-3.6	-	-3.3	-	-	-3.1	-	-2.8	-	-		
Overall balance	-9.0	-5.5	-3.9	-5.3	-	-5.0	-5.8	-4.8	-4.9	-	-4.7	-5.3	-4.7		
Consolidated gross debt	112.0	109.1	105.1	108.1	-	106.0	107.0	105.7	109.9	-	107.3	108.5	106.8		
<b>International comparison of overall balance</b>															
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	-7.1	-5.3	-3.6	-	-3.4	-3.2	-3.8	-3.6	-	-2.4	-2.4	-3.1	-3.0		
EU-27	-6.7	-4.8	-3.4	-	-	-3.1	-	-	-	-	-2.4	-	-		
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>															
Belgium	(percentages of GDP)														
International comparison															
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	1.6	2.3	-1.0	-	1.3	2.1	1.4	-0.8	-	2.0	2.4	1.7	-1.2		
EU-27	2.1	2.6	-0.6	-	-	2.0	-	-	-	-	2.3	-	-		

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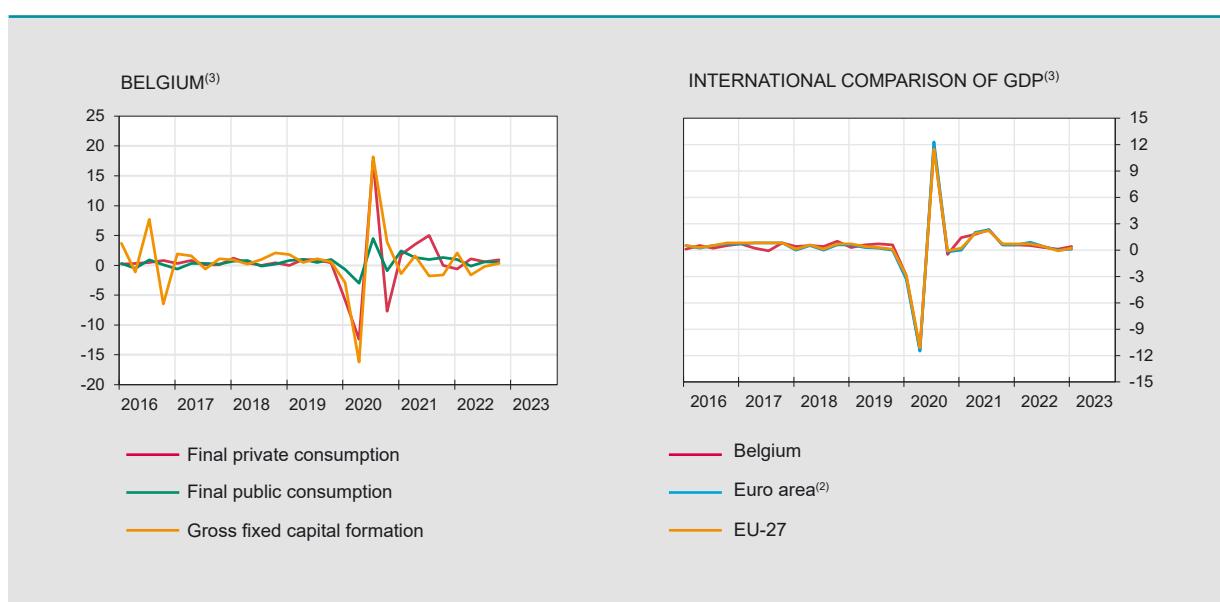
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	2021				2022				2023
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
GDP <sup>(1)</sup>	(millions of euro)								
Belgium	109329	111262	113873	114528	115234	115849	116213	116277	n.
GDP in chained 2015 euros									
vs the previous quarter	1.4	1.8	2.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.4 <sup>(4)</sup>
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year	-0.1	14.8	5.1	6.2	5.4	4.1	2.1	1.5	1.3 <sup>(4)</sup>
International comparison	(percentage changes)								
vs the previous quarter									
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	0.0	2.0	2.3	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.1 <sup>(4)</sup>
EU-27	0.2	1.9	2.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4	-0.1	0.2 <sup>(4)</sup>
vs the corresponding quarter of the previous year									
Euro area <sup>(2)</sup>	-0.8	14.3	4.0	4.9	5.5	4.4	2.5	1.8	1.3 <sup>(4)</sup>
EU-27	-0.7	13.8	4.3	5.2	5.7	4.4	2.6	1.7	1.2 <sup>(4)</sup>
MAIN COMPONENTS OF EXPENDITURE <sup>(1)</sup>	(percentage changes compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year)								
Final private consumption	-3.3	14.2	2.1	10.6	8.0	5.5	1.1	2.1	n.
Final public consumption	2.8	7.4	3.8	6.1	4.7	3.3	2.9	2.1	n.
Gross fixed capital formation	1.5	23.0	2.2	-3.1	0.3	-2.8	-1.3	0.6	n.
business	0.5	26.5	0.2	-7.0	-1.8	-4.8	-1.2	2.5	n.
housing	3.1	21.8	4.7	4.1	5.7	2.0	-0.4	-2.0	n.
public	5.4	7.3	9.9	7.7	3.0	-0.1	-3.2	-4.9	n.
Exports of goods and services	0.9	21.4	13.2	10.9	9.4	4.6	4.8	1.7	n.
Imports of goods and services	-0.1	21.5	12.0	10.7	9.6	4.0	4.6	1.8	n.
GDP	-0.1	14.8	5.1	6.2	5.4	4.1	2.1	1.5	1.3 <sup>(4)</sup>
MAIN COMPONENTS OF VALUE ADDED <sup>(1)</sup>									
Industry	-1.4	10.3	-1.4	-1.7	-1.1	-0.1	1.4	-1.3	n.
Construction	0.6	15.8	-3.7	-4.2	-2.7	-0.7	1.7	2.8	n.
Services	0.1	14.9	7.0	7.9	7.2	5.6	2.6	2.1	n.
GDP	-0.1	14.8	5.1	6.2	5.4	4.1	2.1	1.5	1.3 <sup>(4)</sup>



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

(1) Adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects.

(2) Euro area = EA20.

(3) Percentage changes versus previous quarter.

(4) Flash estimate.

# Activity and labour market indicators

## Activity

### NBB.Stat

	2022												2023			
	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A			
	(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>	2.5	1.5	-5.4	-6.3	-10.0	-4.5	-2.7	0.7	-1.0	-1.5	-3.1	-2.4	n.			
New car registrations including mixed cars	-17.8	-19.3	-18.5	-13.1	-6.1	6.1	15.0	20.5	21.9	20.1	20.6	27.5	49.5			
	2020				2021				2022							
	III	IV	I	II	III	IV		I	II	III	IV					
Total turnover <sup>(2)</sup>	-6.9	-4.2	3.7	31.8	18.0	23.0		24.0	21.9	16.7	12.7					
Investments <sup>(2)</sup>	-8.9	-4.5	5.2	32.8	11.4	4.1		7.0	10.7	13.8	19.2					

## Labour market

### EMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2020												2021				2022			
	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV		
	(in thousands)																			
Belgium																				
Domestic employment <sup>(3)</sup>	4887.3	4921.1	4936.6	4973.2	5012.4	5034.2	5059.6	5087.6	5104.9	5109.5										
Employment rate <sup>(4)</sup>	65.1	64.5	63.6	65.0	66.4	66.2	66.4	66.0	66.9	66.8										
15-64 years	70.2	69.9	69.0	70.5	71.4	71.6	71.9	71.4	72.1	72.3										
20-64 years																				
International comparison of the employment rate <sup>(4)</sup>																				
Euro area <sup>(5)</sup>	66.9	67.1	66.2	67.6	68.8	69.0	68.8	69.6	69.8	69.7										
15-64 years	71.4	71.8	70.8	72.3	73.3	73.6	73.5	74.3	74.4	74.3										
20-64 years																				
EU-27	67.6	67.8	66.8	68.1	69.2	69.3	69.2	70.0	70.2	70.1										
15-64 years	72.3	72.5	71.5	72.9	73.9	74.1	74.0	74.9	74.9	74.9										
20-64 years																				

### UNEMPLOYMENT NBB.Stat

	2022												2023				
	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A				
	(in thousands, end of period)																
Belgium																	
Unemployment <sup>(6)</sup>	439	433	433	469	480	466	463	459	464	476	473	472	468				
< 25 years old	69	67	68	79	86	90	87	84	82	85	84	81	78				
≥ 25 years old	370	365	365	390	394	376	376	375	382	391	389	391	390				
Harmonised unemployment rate <sup>(7)</sup>	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.9	n.				
International comparison of harmonised unemployment rate <sup>(7)</sup>																	
Euro area <sup>(5)</sup>	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.5	n.				
EU-27	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	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 = EA20 (from 2023).

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

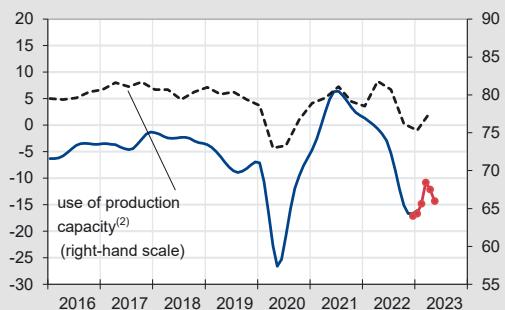
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## ■ Business survey [NBB.Stat](#)

OVERALL SYNTHETIC CURVE<sup>(1)</sup>



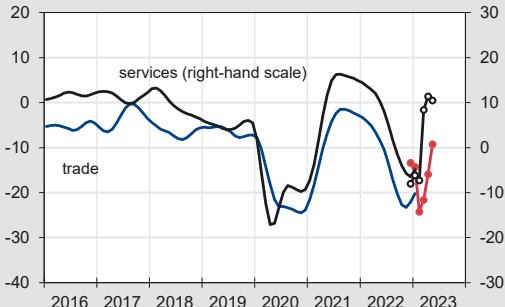
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY



BUILDING INDUSTRY



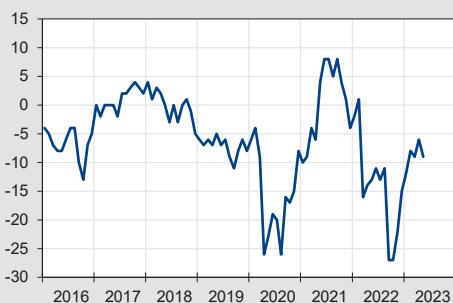
TRADE & BUSINESS-RELATED SERVICES



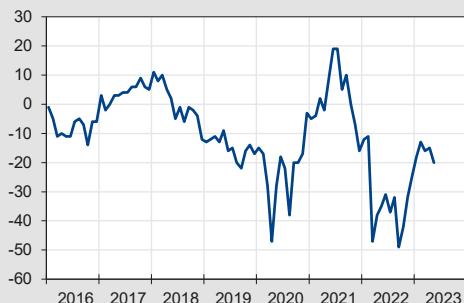
- Seasonally adjusted and smoothed series
- Seasonally adjusted series

## ■ Consumer survey [NBB.Stat](#)

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX<sup>(3)</sup>



EXPECTATIONS<sup>(4)</sup> 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.

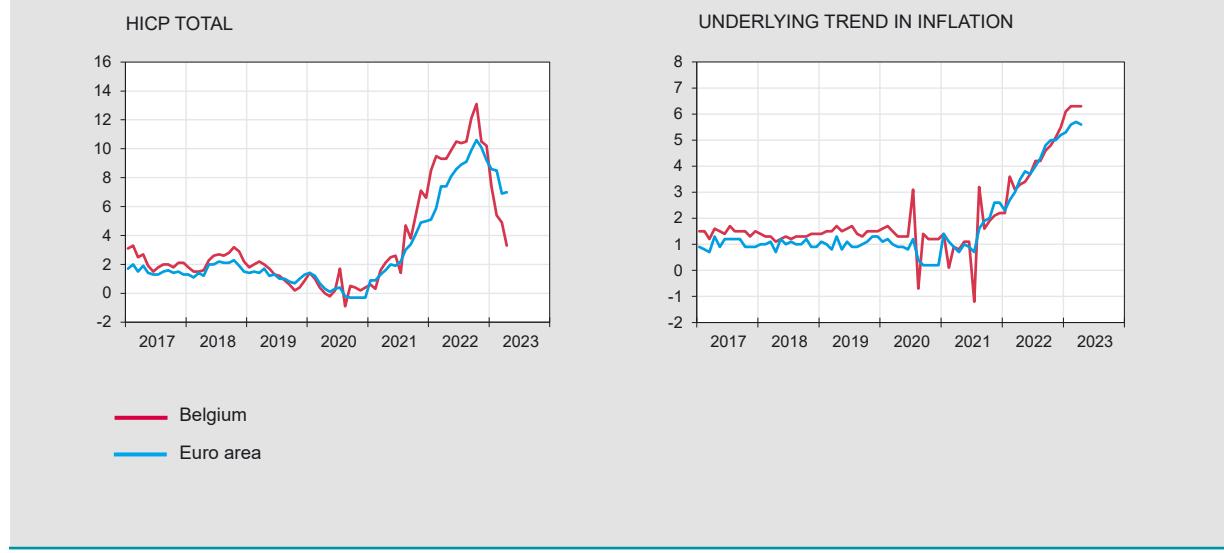
(3) Includes expectations on the general economic situation, unemployment, financial situation and saving capacity.

(4) Over the next 12 months.

# ■ Harmonised index of consumer prices

## Annual data

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
(percentage changes compared to the previous year)						
BELGIUM						
Total HICP	2.2	2.3	1.2	0.4	3.2	10.3
Energy	9.9	8.9	-0.8	-11.0	22.4	57.9
Unprocessed food <sup>(1)</sup>	-0.2	1.8	-0.4	4.7	-2.2	7.6
Processed food	1.8	2.9	1.7	2.1	1.7	8.4
Underlying trend in inflation <sup>(2)</sup>	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.3	4.0
Non-energy industrial goods	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.8	4.2
Services	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.6	3.8
<i>p.m.</i> National index of consumer prices						
General index	2.1	2.1	1.4	0.7	2.4	9.6
Health index <sup>(3)</sup>	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.0	2.0	9.3
EURO AREA <sup>(4)</sup>						
Total HICP	1.5	1.8	1.2	0.3	2.6	8.4
Energy	4.9	6.4	1.1	-6.8	13.0	37.0
Unprocessed food <sup>(1)</sup>	2.4	2.3	1.4	4.0	1.6	10.4
Processed food	1.5	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.5	8.6
Underlying trend in inflation <sup>(2)</sup>	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.5	3.9
Non-energy industrial goods	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.5	4.6
Services	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.5	3.5



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 = EA11-1999, EA12-2001, EA13-2007, EA15-2008, EA16-2009, EA17-2011, EA18-2014, EA19-2015, EA20-2023.

# ■ Harmonised index of consumer prices (continued)

Monthly data [NBB.Stat](#)

	2022										2023			
	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	
(percentage changes compared to the corresponding month of the previous year)														
<b>BELGIUM</b>														
Total HICP	9.3	9.9	10.5	10.4	10.5	12.1	13.1	10.5	10.2	7.4	5.4	4.9	3.3	
Energy	62.9	65.5	64.6	55.1	55.3	67.2	69.2	37.9	33.0	0.9	-14.7	-19.2	-27.1	
Unprocessed food <sup>(1)</sup>	4.1	5.5	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.9	11.8	14.4	13.5	16.1	16.6	17.5	15.4	
Processed food	5.2	6.6	8.3	9.3	9.6	10.5	11.6	13.1	13.5	16.3	16.9	17.6	15.2	
Underlying trend in inflation <sup>(2)</sup>	3.3	3.4	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.5	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.3	
Non-energy industrial goods	3.2	3.3	3.6	4.0	4.2	5.1	5.6	6.0	6.4	6.7	6.7	7.0	6.5	
Services	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.8	5.5	5.9	5.9	6.0	
<i>p.m.</i> National index of consumer prices														
General index	8.3	9.0	9.7	9.6	9.9	11.3	12.3	10.6	10.4	8.1	6.6	6.7	5.6	
Health index <sup>(3)</sup>	7.8	8.3	8.7	9.1	9.7	11.3	12.3	10.6	10.6	8.3	6.8	7.4	6.0	
<b>EURO AREA<sup>(4)</sup></b>														
Total HICP	7.4	8.1	8.6	8.9	9.1	9.9	10.6	10.1	9.2	8.6	8.5	6.9	7.0	
Energy	37.5	39.1	42.0	39.6	38.6	40.7	41.5	34.9	25.5	18.9	13.7	-0.9	2.4	
Unprocessed food <sup>(1)</sup>	9.2	9.0	11.2	11.1	11.0	12.7	15.5	13.8	12.0	11.3	13.9	14.7	10.0	
Processed food	5.4	7.0	8.2	9.4	10.5	11.5	12.4	13.6	14.3	15.0	15.4	15.7	14.6	
Underlying trend in inflation <sup>(2)</sup>	3.5	3.8	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.7	5.6	
Non-energy industrial goods	3.8	4.2	4.3	4.5	5.1	5.5	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.2	
Services	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.8	5.1	5.2	

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

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<i>(percentages of GDP)</i>					
<b>REVENUE</b>					
Fiscal and parafiscal revenue	44.2	42.9	42.9	43.1	42.8
Direct taxes	16.8	15.6	15.7	15.8	16.5
Indirect taxes	13.4	13.3	13.0	13.4	12.6
Actual social contributions	13.3	13.2	13.5	13.0	13.0
Capital taxes	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7
Non-fiscal and non-parafiscal revenue <sup>(2)</sup>	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9
Total	51.4	49.9	49.9	49.9	49.7
<b>PRIMARY EXPENDITURE</b>					
Social benefits <sup>(3)</sup>	24.6	24.5	28.0	26.2	25.7
Other expenditures	25.6	25.5	29.0	27.5	26.3
Total	50.1	49.9	57.0	53.7	52.0
<b>PRIMARY BALANCE</b>	1.3	0.0	-7.0	-3.8	-2.4
<b>INTEREST CHARGES</b>	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.5
<b>OVERALL BALANCE</b>	-0.9	-2.0	-9.0	-5.5	-3.9
<i>p.m. FOR THE SUBSECTORS</i>					
Federal government	-0.2	-1.9	-7.1	-4.1	-2.7
Social security	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	-0.3
Communities and regions	-0.4	-0.2	-2.2	-1.7	-0.9
Local authorities	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
<b>INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON</b>					
Primary balance					
Belgium	1.3	0.0	-7.0	-3.8	-2.4
Euro area <sup>(4)</sup>	1.4	1.0	-5.6	-3.9	-1.9
EU-27	1.3	1.0	-5.3	-3.5	-1.8
Overall balance					
Belgium	-0.9	-2.0	-9.0	-5.5	-3.9
Euro area <sup>(4)</sup>	-0.4	-0.6	-7.1	-5.3	-3.6
EU-27	-0.4	-0.5	-6.7	-4.8	-3.4
Consolidated gross debt					
Belgium	99.9	97.6	112.0	109.1	105.1
Euro area <sup>(4)</sup>	86.1	84.0	97.2	95.4	91.5
EU-27	79.8	77.7	90.0	88.0	84.0

Sources: NAI, NBB, Eurostat.

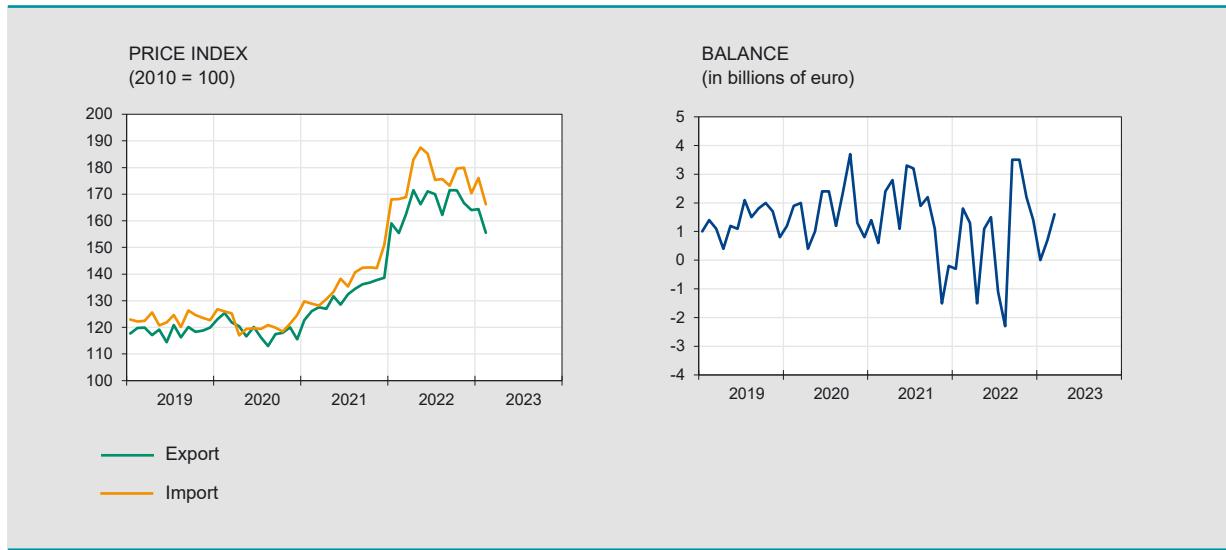
(1) Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP), definition of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

(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 = EA20.

VALUE	2022												2023		
	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M		
(billions of euro)															
Monthly data															
Export	53.9	46.5	52.1	51.3	49.0	50.6	57.2	52.4	53.3	47.9	46.4	44.6	48.4		
Import	52.6	47.9	51.0	49.8	50.0	52.9	53.6	48.9	51.2	46.6	46.4	43.8	46.8		
Balance	1.3	-1.5	1.1	1.5	-1.1	-2.3	3.5	3.5	2.2	1.4	0.0	0.7	1.6		
Cumulative data over the last 12 months															
Export	506.2	515.6	531.4	541.4	552.5	566.3	581.9	590.4	600.9	604.1	606.1	605.3	599.7		
Import	489.6	503.3	519.0	530.8	546.1	564.0	578.4	584.4	591.3	592.9	594.5	594.8	588.9		
Balance	16.6	12.4	12.4	10.6	6.4	2.3	3.5	5.9	9.6	11.2	11.5	10.5	10.7		
(percentage changes in the last 12 months compared to the preceding 12 months)															
PRICE															
Export	17.2	19.8	20.9	23.1	24.3	24.4	25.2	25.9	26.3	26.1	23.6	21.4	n.		
Import	20.0	22.5	25.0	26.5	27.8	28.4	28.6	28.9	29.6	28.7	26.3	23.3	n.		
Terms of trade	-2.3	-2.1	-3.1	-2.5	-2.6	-3.1	-2.6	-2.3	-2.5	-2.1	-2.2	-1.6	n.		
VOLUME															
Export	16.5	12.7	11.9	9.0	8.1	8.2	8.2	6.6	5.5	3.3	2.6	1.3	n.		
Import	16.3	14.1	12.1	10.5	10.5	11.1	11.3	8.7	5.9	3.5	2.3	1.8	n.		
Coverage ratio	0.2	-1.2	-0.2	-1.4	-2.2	-2.6	-2.8	-1.9	-0.4	-0.2	0.3	-0.5	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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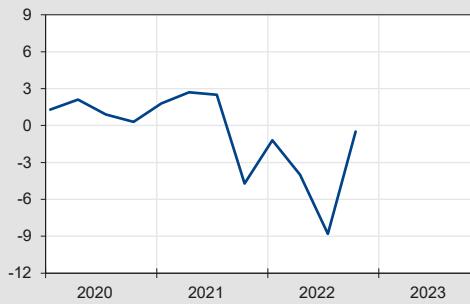
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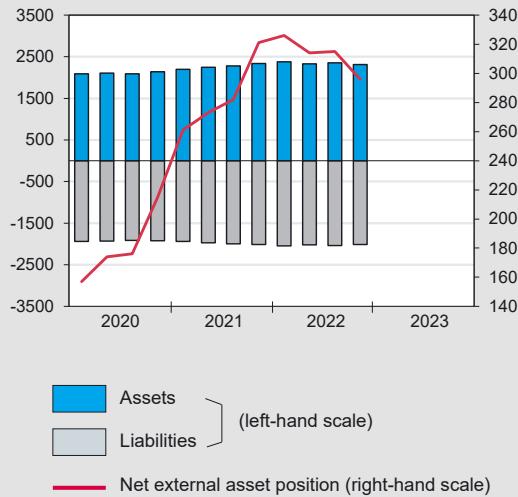
	2021		2022											
	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
<i>(cumulative data over the last 12 months, in billions of euro)</i>														
CURRENT ACCOUNT	2.2	0.0	-0.6	-1.5	-5.2	-6.6	-10.4	-18.2	-24.2	-25.3	-24.3	-20.7	-19.6	
Goods	4.0	1.7	1.9	0.5	-2.8	-4.1	-8.1	-14.9	-20.6	-22.1	-21.1	-18.0	-17.3	
Services	1.3	0.8	-0.4	-0.4	-1.1	-1.4	-1.5	-2.9	-3.6	-3.5	-4.0	-4.3	-3.9	
Primary incomes	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.4	5.6	5.7	6.1	6.5	7.0	7.1	7.3	7.9	8.4	
Secondary incomes	-7.8	-7.4	-7.1	-7.0	-6.9	-6.8	-6.8	-7.0	-6.9	-6.7	-6.5	-6.4	-6.7	
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	
FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	4.6	0.1	0.1	-0.3	-1.3	-6.0	-9.9	-18.5	-23.4	-24.7	-22.2	-18.4	-19.2	
Direct investment	17.9	15.8	17.3	18.6	22.5	28.1	31.6	22.1	16.2	17.2	19.8	28.4	25.2	
Equity capital	14.7	13.3	13.9	7.5	8.2	7.9	11.1	12.8	11.7	11.3	13.2	9.3	-0.2	
Other capital	3.2	2.4	3.4	11.1	14.3	20.2	20.4	9.3	4.5	5.9	6.5	19.1	25.4	
Portfolio investment	9.0	12.7	13.0	21.1	15.6	18.0	8.9	24.0	22.3	16.7	14.6	14.7	0.4	
Financial derivatives	-0.9	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	0.5	-0.9	-1.9	-1.5	-2.2	-3.8	-3.9	-4.7	-0.7	
Other transactions	-29.6	-36.2	-38.3	-48.0	-48.5	-59.7	-56.8	-71.5	-60.9	-55.0	-53.0	-57.0	-44.3	
NBB's reserves	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.3	8.4	1.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	
ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	1.6	-0.6	-0.2	0.5	3.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.6	0.4	1.9	2.0	-0.1	

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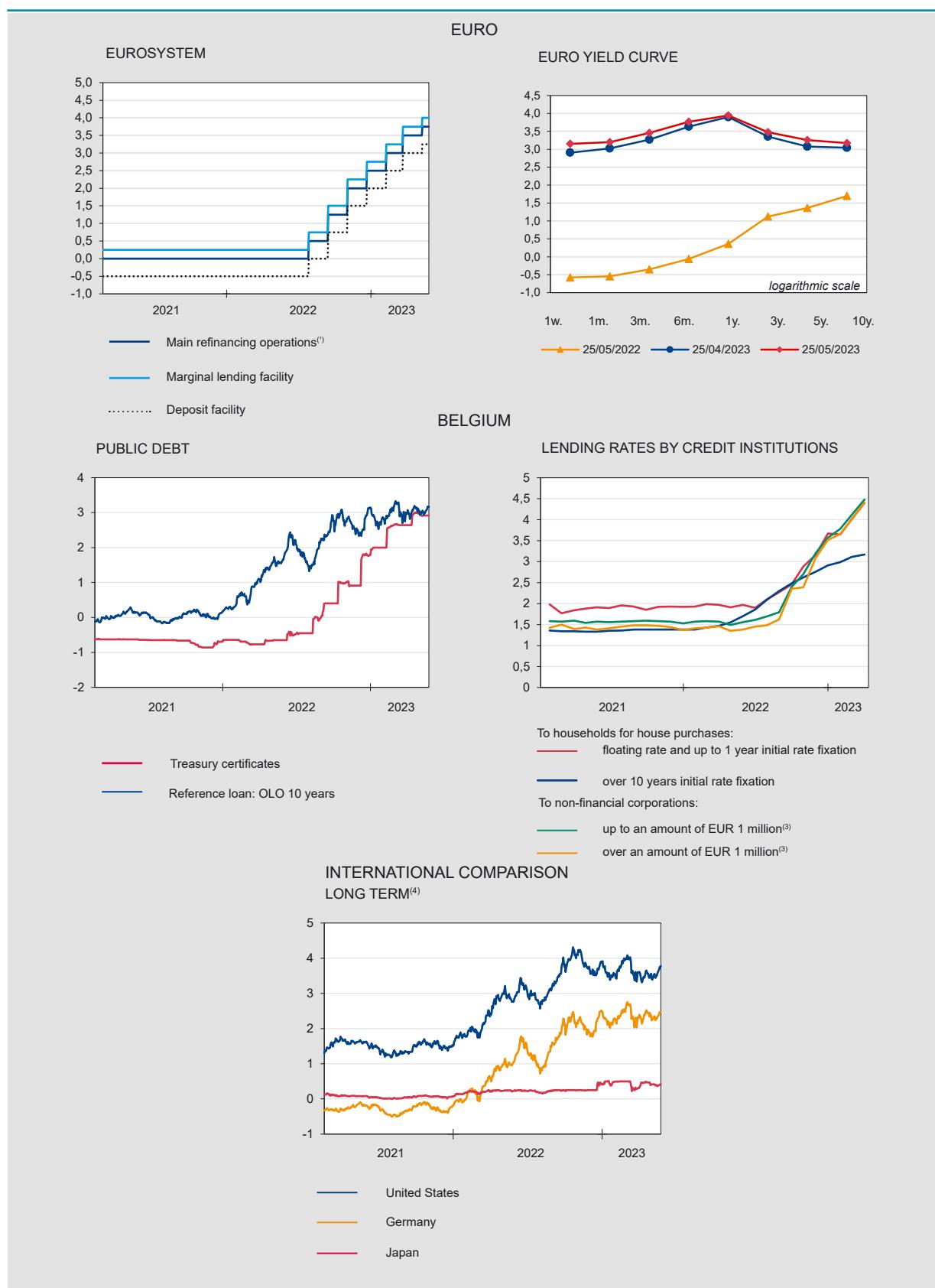
INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION  
(quarterly data in billions of euro)



Sources: NBB, NAI.

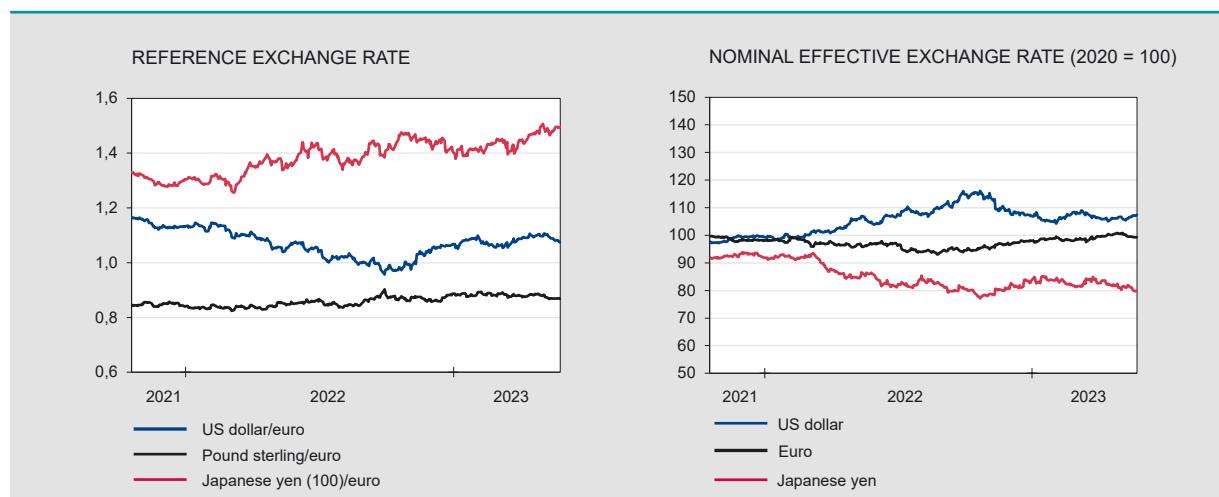
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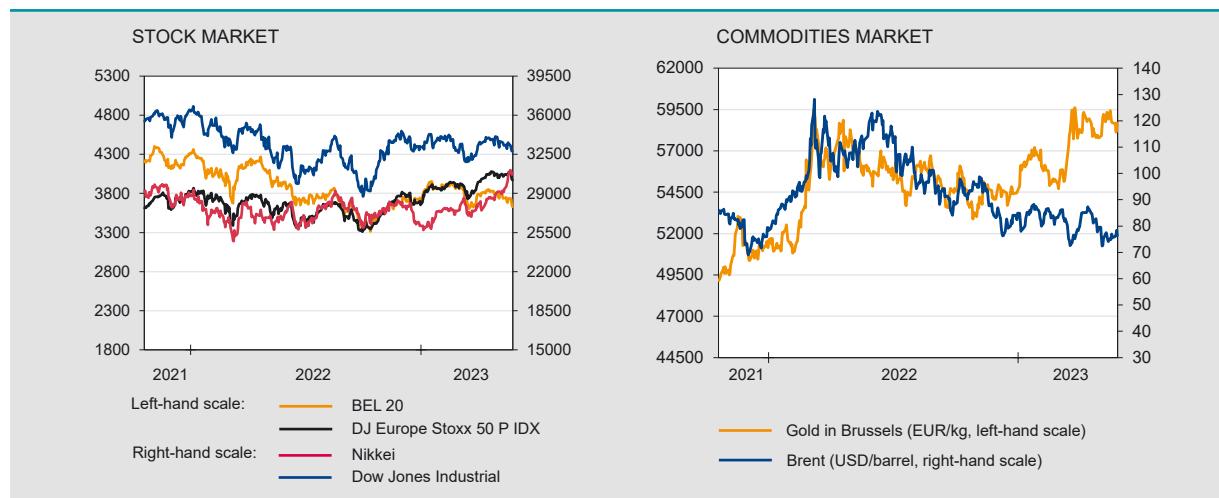


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Sources: ECB, BIS, Euronext.

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

	2022												2023		
	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M		
(end of period, in billions of euro)															
<b>EURO AREA</b>															
M3 excluding currency in circulation	14118	14231	14267	14343	14453	14537	14639	14574	14630	14600	14531	14500	14502		
M3	15628	15752	15796	15878	15997	16076	16177	16111	16164	16145	16065	16030	16036		
of which: by MFI <sup>(2)</sup> in BELGIUM															
Deposits															
overnight	303.6	308.7	312.3	313.4	311.1	313.7	310.3	306.3	302.2	294.4	282.0	278.9	271.8		
with agreed maturity up to 2 years	10.5	11.7	10.3	12.3	14.0	15.4	19.8	25.1	28.6	34.3	41.2	46.4	53.7		
redeemable at notice up to 3 months	332.0	327.7	329.5	330.1	329.8	328.8	327.7	326.7	325.5	326.0	326.5	325.0	322.7		
Others M3 <sup>(3)</sup> components	33.9	36.5	35.9	41.3	37.8	35.6	36.0	35.9	41.1	40.9	39.8	40.9	36.4		
M3 <sup>(3)</sup>	680.0	684.7	687.9	697.1	692.7	693.6	693.9	693.9	697.3	695.5	689.6	691.3	684.7		

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			
	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
	(end of period outstanding amounts in billions of euro)									
<b>FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>										
Individuals	1434.4	1481.3	1490.7	1521.0	1525.1	1556.1	1525.1	1476.9	1456.2	1478.0
General government	228.5	225.8	227.0	238.1	232.2	240.2	225.0	223.5	210.9	214.9
Non-financial corporations	1441.2	1496.4	1515.0	1542.5	1571.4	1608.2	1632.2	1648.5	1666.9	1658.7
<b>FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>										
Individuals	307.7	310.5	314.2	319.9	322.6	325.4	329.6	335.0	338.3	341.7
General government	687.9	688.7	683.2	695.4	696.7	698.2	670.0	639.3	613.4	616.2
Non-financial corporations	1891.6	1956.1	1955.8	1990.4	2003.5	2038.9	2051.9	2051.0	2055.3	2084.1
<b>NET FINANCIAL WEALTH</b>										
Individuals	1126.7	1170.8	1176.5	1201.1	1202.4	1230.7	1195.5	1141.9	1117.9	1136.3
General government	-459.3	-462.9	-456.2	-457.2	-464.4	-458.0	-445.0	-415.8	-402.6	-401.3
Non-financial corporations	-450.4	-459.6	-440.8	-448.0	-432.2	-430.8	-419.7	-402.6	-388.4	-425.4

Source: NBB.

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