

Belgium

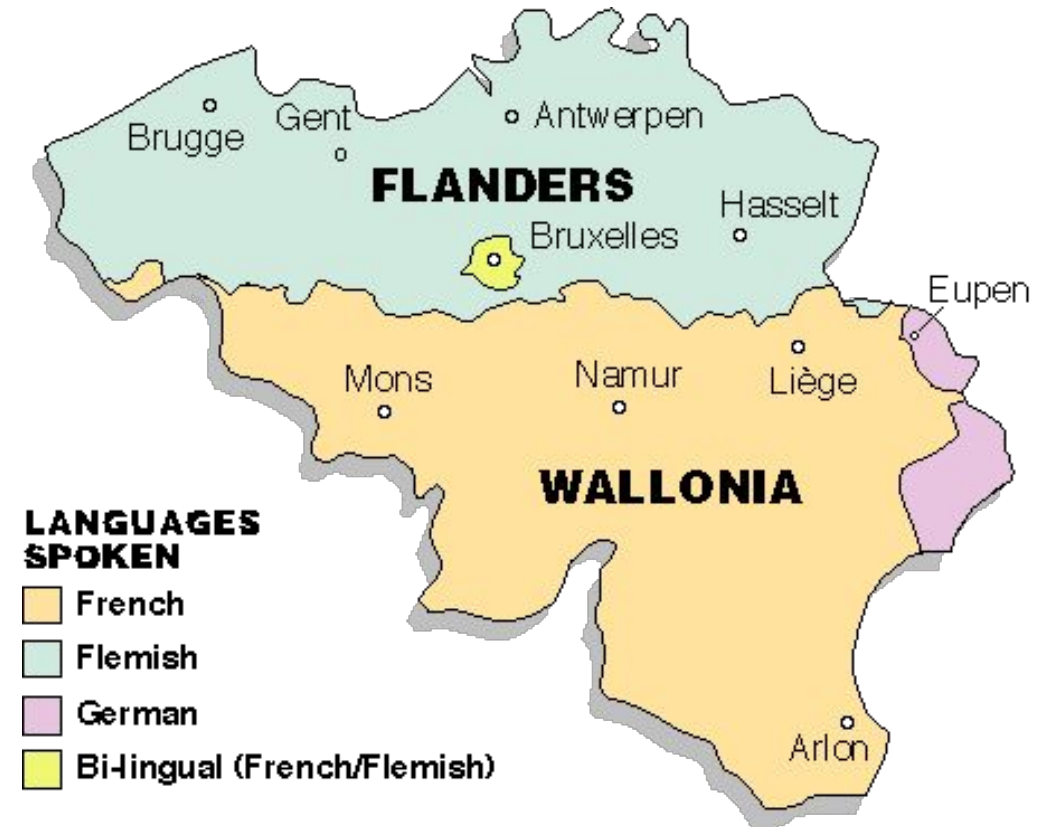


Profile

- Capital : Bruxelles
- Population: 11 358 952 people
- Area: 30 528 km²
- Multilingual

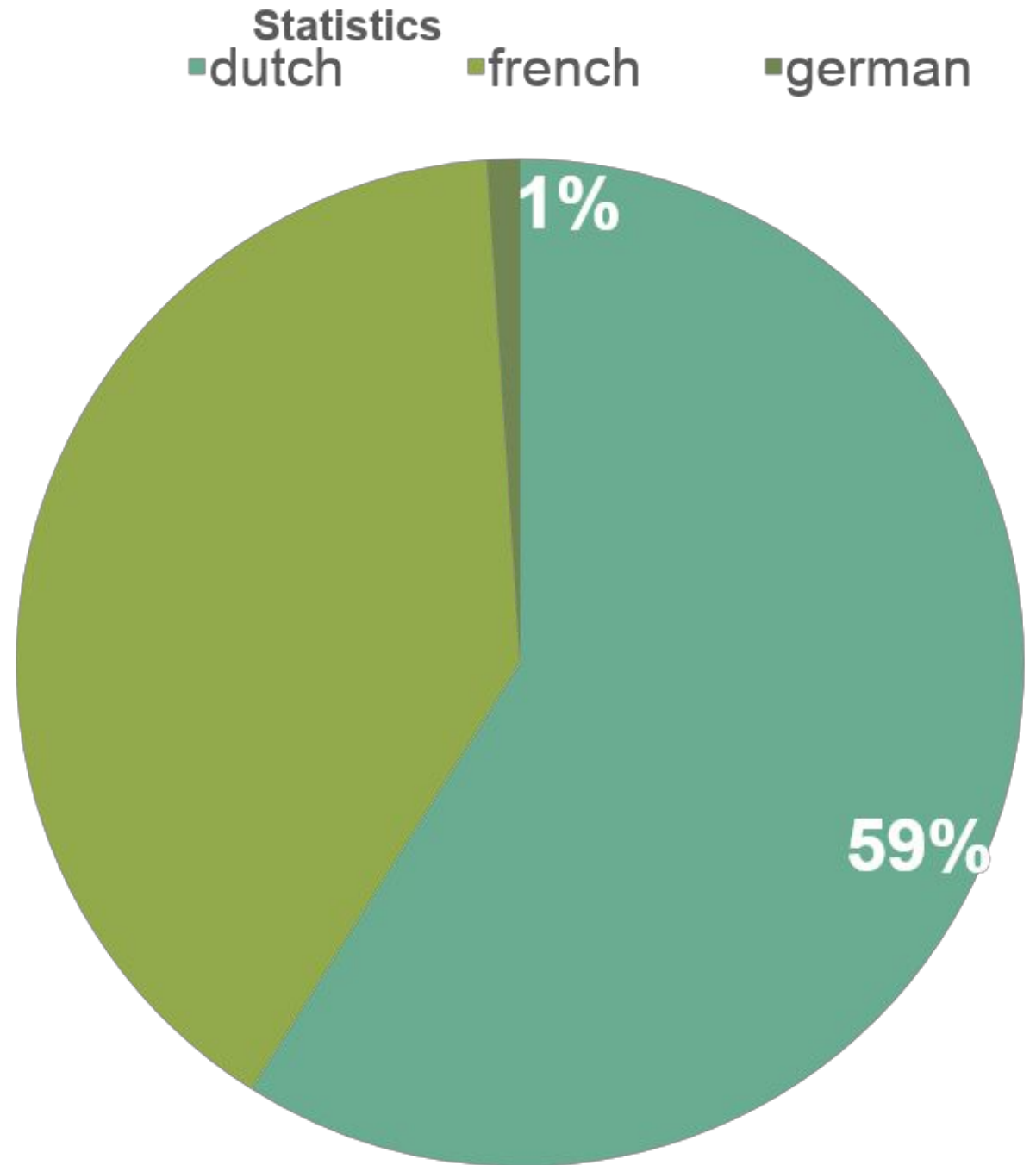


According to (Valasek, 1990) Belgium is divided into four linguistic regions: monolingual Netherlandic region, French, German and Netherlandic - French region of Brussel's



Languages

There are three official languages that are established in Belgium:
Dutch, French and German.



Language in education

- The significance of language skills is emphasized through the education system by learning a second official language in elementary school and a third language – typically English – in high school.
- In the Brussels-Capital Region, the



Currently around 80% of the population in Brussels speak French as their first language. This is the language most used on the streets of Brussels and in most establishments.

Nevertheless, all city services are both in French and Dutch.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-17208922>

<http://languageknowledge.eu/countries>



Government

- Politics are to decide what language to use in their speech, as in Belgian Parliament, there are a lot multi-lingual EU communities who are always ready to translate.
- Official communication with government (TAX PAPERS, PASSPORT) must be in official language of the region or the community.
- At the same moment citizens are able to communicate with government by the language of their choice.

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"OK, I have just enough time to skirt one more issue."

Television



- ❑ No united and national television at all (language division)
- ❑ There is no single company operating TV channels in both the Flemish and the French part.
- ❑ Flemish channels are controlled by Flemish law and the French speaking ones are controlled by the French community. (en.wikipedia.org)



Language laws

- ❑ 1878 law on the use of languages consisted of enforced language rights for Dutch speaking people in Flanders

- ❑ 1898 law of Equality it made Dutch an official on equal footing with French.

(researchgate.net)



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