

Kingdom of Belgium



Capital City:

Brussels

Area:

30,528 sq km/11,787 sq mi

Population:

10,289,088 (2003 estimate)

GDP:

\$230 billion (2001)

Form of Government:

Constitutional monarchy

Official Language[s]:

Dutch, French, German

Monetary unit:

1 *Euro* (€), consisting of 100 *cents*

Religion[s]:

Roman Catholic 81%; Protestant or other 19%

Major Cities:

Antwerp, Gent, Charleroi, Liège, Brussels, Brugge, Namur, Mons, Kortrijk, Mechelen, Oostende, Hasselt

Industries:

Engineering and metal products, motor-vehicle assembly, processed foods and beverages, chemicals, basic metals, textiles, glass, petroleum, coal

Agriculture:

Livestock production—beef, veal, pork, milk; major crops are sugar beets, fresh vegetables, fruits, grains, tobacco

Natural Resources:

Coal, natural gas

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