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ABSENCE OF WORK

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1. Belgium

1.1. PERCENTAGE OF THE ACTIVE POPULATION THAT WAS ABSENT FROM WORK IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS DUE TO PERSONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, BELGIUM

AW01_1		Crude %	95% CI cru	Adj* %	95% CI adj	N
SEX	Male	43,1	(40,0-46,2)	42,3	(39,0-45,6)	1434
	Female	51,1	(47,9-54,4)	50,2	(46,6-53,7)	1417
AGE GROUP	15 - 24	40,7	(30,7-50,8)	41,4	(31,8-51,6)	108
	25 - 34	52,4	(47,4-57,3)	52,4	(47,4-57,3)	610
	35 - 44	46,5	(42,0-51,0)	46,7	(42,2-51,3)	744
	45 - 54	45,2	(40,8-49,7)	45,3	(40,9-49,9)	760
	55 - 64	44,6	(39,7-49,4)	44,8	(39,8-49,8)	629
HIGHEST DIPLOMA	No secondary	49,6	(39,2-60,1)	49,4	(39,0-59,9)	159
	Secondary	47,9	(43,5-52,3)	47,6	(43,1-52,1)	767
	Higher education	46,2	(43,3-49,0)	45,1	(41,9-48,4)	1925
REGION	Flemish Region	45,5	(42,6-48,4)	45,0	(41,8-48,1)	1513
	Brussels Region	51,7	(46,7-56,6)	50,9	(45,6-56,3)	529
	Walloon Region	48,3	(43,2-53,4)	47,4	(42,2-52,6)	809
YEAR	2013	39,7	(37,5-41,9)	39,0	(36,6-41,3)	4195
	2018	41,7	(39,6-43,9)	41,3	(39,0-43,6)	4665
	2023-2024	46,9	(44,6-49,3)	46,5	(44,0-49,0)	2851

Source: Health Interview Survey, 2023-2024, Belgium

*Adjusted for age and/or sex based on a logistic regression model (Belgian population of 2024 as reference)

1.2. MEAN NUMBER OF DAYS OF ABSENCE FROM WORK IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IN THE ACTIVE POPULATION DUE TO PERSONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, BELGIUM

AW02_1		Crude mean	95% CI cru	Adj* mean	95% CI adj	N
SEX	Male	11,4	(9,0-13,9)	10,1	(7,7-12,4)	1431
	Female	18,4	(15,6-21,1)	16,9	(14,3-19,5)	1414
AGE GROUP	15 - 24	3,1	(1,8-4,3)	3,6	(2,2-5,1)	107
	25 - 34	13,3	(10,2-16,5)	13,3	(10,2-16,5)	607
	35 - 44	13,0	(9,9-16,1)	13,2	(10,2-16,2)	743
	45 - 54	17,7	(13,7-21,7)	17,8	(13,9-21,8)	759
	55 - 64	18,0	(12,7-23,3)	18,2	(12,9-23,5)	629
HIGHEST DIPLOMA	No secondary	22,3	(11,7-32,9)	20,6	(10,3-30,8)	158
	Secondary	18,8	(14,8-22,8)	18,0	(14,2-21,7)	764
	Higher education	12,0	(10,2-13,8)	10,3	(8,6-12,1)	1923
REGION	Flemish Region	14,1	(11,7-16,4)	13,0	(10,8-15,2)	1511
	Brussels Region	11,7	(8,8-14,6)	10,8	(7,9-13,7)	527
	Walloon Region	17,3	(13,6-21,0)	15,7	(12,0-19,3)	807
YEAR	2013	11,2	(9,5-12,9)	11,2	(9,2-13,1)	4187
	2018	12,3	(10,7-13,9)	12,0	(10,3-13,7)	4651
	2023-2024	14,7	(12,9-16,5)	14,4	(12,5-16,2)	2845

Source: Health Interview Survey, 2023-2024, Belgium

*Adjusted for age and/or sex based on a linear regression model (Belgian population of 2024 as reference)

1.3. MEAN NUMBER OF DAYS OF ABSENCE FROM WORK IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS DUE TO PERSONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN PEOPLE WHO WERE ABSENT, BELGIUM

AW02_2		Crude mean	95% CI cru	Adj* mean	95% CI adj	N
SEX	Male	26,6	(21,2-31,9)	23,9	(18,8-28,9)	625
	Female	36,0	(31,2-40,7)	33,4	(28,8-38,0)	720
AGE GROUP	15 - 24	7,6	(4,8-10,4)	8,2	(4,8-11,7)	42
	25 - 34	25,5	(19,8-31,2)	24,9	(19,5-30,4)	321
	35 - 44	28,0	(21,7-34,2)	27,8	(21,8-33,9)	364
	45 - 54	39,2	(31,3-47,2)	38,9	(30,9-46,9)	352
	55 - 64	40,4	(29,4-51,4)	40,7	(29,9-51,5)	266
HIGHEST DIPLOMA	No secondary	45,1	(25,7-64,6)	39,4	(20,4-58,4)	71
	Secondary	39,4	(32,0-46,7)	37,4	(30,5-44,4)	377
	Higher education	26,0	(22,4-29,7)	22,3	(18,8-25,8)	897
REGION	Flemish Region	31,0	(26,1-35,8)	28,6	(24,1-33,1)	679
	Brussels Region	22,7	(17,6-27,9)	21,3	(16,1-26,5)	264
	Walloon Region	35,9	(29,1-42,7)	31,9	(25,3-38,6)	402
YEAR	2013	28,4	(24,4-32,4)	29,0	(24,4-33,5)	1613
	2018	29,5	(25,9-33,1)	29,4	(25,5-33,3)	1991
	2023-2024	31,5	(27,9-35,0)	30,7	(27,1-34,4)	1345

Source: Health Interview Survey, 2023-2024, Belgium

*Adjusted for age and/or sex based on a linear regression model (Belgian population of 2024 as reference)

2. Flemish Region

2.1. PERCENTAGE OF THE ACTIVE POPULATION THAT WAS ABSENT FROM WORK IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS DUE TO PERSONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, FLEMISH REGION

AW01_1		Crude %	95% CI cru	Adj* %	95% CI adj	N
SEX	Male	42,4	(38,4-46,3)	41,8	(37,8-46,1)	758
	Female	49,1	(45,2-52,9)	48,4	(44,2-52,7)	755
AGE GROUP	15 - 24	42,0	(29,5-54,5)	42,5	(31,1-54,9)	70
	25 - 34	52,2	(46,0-58,4)	52,3	(46,1-58,5)	316
	35 - 44	43,8	(38,1-49,5)	44,0	(38,3-49,8)	379
	45 - 54	44,8	(39,5-50,1)	44,9	(39,7-50,3)	397
	55 - 64	41,6	(35,7-47,5)	41,9	(35,9-48,1)	351
HIGHEST DIPLOMA	No secondary	54,4	(38,6-70,2)	55,4	(40,0-69,7)	64
	Secondary	46,9	(41,6-52,1)	46,9	(41,6-52,3)	443
	Higher education	44,2	(40,7-47,8)	43,5	(39,5-47,5)	1006
YEAR	2013	41,5	(38,4-44,7)	41,0	(37,7-44,4)	1502
	2018	42,0	(39,1-44,9)	41,7	(38,7-44,9)	1863
	2023-2024	45,5	(42,6-48,4)	45,4	(42,3-48,4)	1513

Source: Health Interview Survey, 2023-2024, Belgium

*Adjusted for age and/or sex based on a logistic regression model (Belgian population of 2024 as reference)

2.2. MEAN NUMBER OF DAYS OF ABSENCE FROM WORK IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IN THE ACTIVE POPULATION DUE TO PERSONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, FLEMISH REGION

AW02_1		Crude mean	95% CI cru	Adj* mean	95% CI adj	N
SEX	Male	11,7	(8,3-15,1)	10,4	(7,1-13,7)	756
	Female	16,8	(13,5-20,0)	15,3	(12,3-18,4)	755
AGE GROUP	15 - 24	3,0	(1,5-4,4)	3,4	(1,9-4,9)	69
	25 - 34	14,0	(9,8-18,3)	14,1	(9,8-18,4)	315
	35 - 44	12,7	(8,7-16,7)	12,9	(8,9-16,8)	379
	45 - 54	16,7	(11,6-21,8)	16,8	(11,7-21,9)	397
	55 - 64	15,9	(9,2-22,6)	16,1	(9,5-22,7)	351
HIGHEST DIPLOMA	No secondary	33,3	(12,7-54,0)	31,4	(11,2-51,6)	63
	Secondary	19,4	(14,1-24,7)	18,6	(13,6-23,6)	443
	Higher education	10,2	(8,1-12,4)	8,7	(6,6-10,7)	1005
YEAR	2013	11,7	(9,3-14,2)	12,1	(9,3-14,9)	1500
	2018	11,1	(9,2-13,0)	11,1	(9,0-13,2)	1863
	2023-2024	14,1	(11,7-16,4)	14,0	(11,6-16,4)	1511

Source: Health Interview Survey, 2023-2024, Belgium

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2.3. MEAN NUMBER OF DAYS OF ABSENCE FROM WORK IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS DUE TO PERSONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN PEOPLE WHO WERE ABSENT, FLEMISH REGION

AW02_2		Crude mean	95% CI cru	Adj* mean	95% CI adj	N
SEX	Male	27,7	(20,0-35,4)	24,6	(17,4-31,9)	310
	Female	34,1	(28,0-40,2)	31,8	(26,2-37,4)	369
AGE GROUP	15 - 24	7,2	(4,1-10,2)	7,0	(3,4-10,6)	29
	25 - 34	26,9	(19,0-34,9)	26,7	(18,8-34,5)	164
	35 - 44	29,0	(20,5-37,6)	28,9	(20,4-37,4)	177
	45 - 54	37,2	(26,6-47,9)	37,1	(26,5-47,8)	173
	55 - 64	38,2	(23,0-53,5)	38,7	(23,9-53,5)	136
HIGHEST DIPLOMA	No secondary	62,0	(28,1-95,8)	56,3	(23,4-89,3)	34
	Secondary	41,3	(31,0-51,7)	39,1	(29,3-48,9)	210
	Higher education	23,2	(18,6-27,7)	20,0	(15,7-24,4)	435
YEAR	2013	28,3	(22,7-33,8)	30,0	(23,6-36,4)	618
	2018	26,4	(22,2-30,6)	27,3	(22,6-32,1)	795
	2023-2024	31,0	(26,1-35,8)	31,0	(26,0-36,0)	679

Source: Health Interview Survey, 2023-2024, Belgium

*Adjusted for age and/or sex based on a linear regression model (Belgian population of 2024 as reference)

3. Brussels Region

3.1. PERCENTAGE OF THE ACTIVE POPULATION THAT WAS ABSENT FROM WORK IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS DUE TO PERSONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, BRUSSELS REGION

AW01_1		Crude %	95% CI cru	Adj* %	95% CI adj	N
SEX	Male	52,6	(46,2-59,0)	53,5	(45,6-61,1)	272
	Female	50,6	(43,5-57,6)	51,6	(42,1-61,0)	257
AGE GROUP	15 - 24	59,4	(23,1-95,7)	58,9	(28,4-83,8)	11
	25 - 34	53,8	(44,6-63,0)	53,8	(44,7-62,8)	136
	35 - 44	49,5	(40,9-58,2)	49,4	(40,9-58,0)	147
	45 - 54	50,4	(41,3-59,6)	50,3	(41,3-59,3)	133
	55 - 64	51,0	(40,1-61,8)	51,0	(40,4-61,5)	102
HIGHEST DIPLOMA	No secondary	32,6	(13,7-51,5)	33,1	(17,4-53,6)	43
	Secondary	63,9	(51,7-76,1)	63,9	(51,4-74,8)	68
	Higher education	50,9	(45,7-56,0)	51,6	(43,8-59,3)	418
YEAR	2013	38,0	(34,4-41,6)	38,1	(34,0-42,3)	1108
	2018	42,7	(39,4-45,9)	43,2	(39,2-47,3)	1183
	2023-2024	51,7	(46,7-56,6)	52,3	(46,4-58,0)	529

Source: Health Interview Survey, 2023-2024, Belgium

*Adjusted for age and/or sex based on a logistic regression model (Belgian population of 2024 as reference)

3.2. MEAN NUMBER OF DAYS OF ABSENCE FROM WORK IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IN THE ACTIVE POPULATION DUE TO PERSONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, BRUSSELS REGION

AW02_1		Crude mean	95% CI cru	Adj* mean	95% CI adj	N
SEX	Male	8,3	(5,9-10,6)	8,5	(5,9-11,1)	272
	Female	15,8	(10,3-21,3)	15,7	(10,1-21,3)	255
AGE GROUP	15 - 24	6,6	(0,0-14,5)	8,8	(1,2-16,4)	11
	25 - 34	11,0	(5,8-16,2)	10,9	(5,9-16,0)	135
	35 - 44	9,7	(4,6-14,8)	10,1	(5,1-15,2)	146
	45 - 54	11,6	(6,4-16,7)	12,1	(6,8-17,3)	133
	55 - 64	18,1	(8,7-27,5)	18,1	(8,8-27,4)	102
HIGHEST DIPLOMA	No secondary	7,9	(1,5-14,3)	7,4	(1,3-13,5)	43
	Secondary	18,0	(9,2-26,7)	18,7	(10,0-27,4)	67
	Higher education	10,5	(7,4-13,7)	10,3	(6,5-14,2)	417
YEAR	2013	5,9	(4,5-7,3)	6,0	(4,6-7,5)	1103
	2018	9,0	(6,7-11,2)	9,0	(6,7-11,3)	1178
	2023-2024	11,7	(8,8-14,6)	11,6	(8,7-14,6)	527

Source: Health Interview Survey, 2023-2024, Belgium

*Adjusted for age and/or sex based on a linear regression model (Belgian population of 2024 as reference)

3.3. MEAN NUMBER OF DAYS OF ABSENCE FORM WORK IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS DUE TO PERSONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN PEOPLE WHO WERE ABSENT, BRUSSELS REGION

AW02_2		Crude mean	95% CI cru	Adj* mean	95% CI adj	N
SEX	Male	15,8	(11,7-19,8)	16,2	(11,7-20,6)	133
	Female	31,5	(21,5-41,6)	31,3	(21,0-41,6)	131
AGE GROUP	15 - 24	11,2	(0,0-25,9)	16,7	(4,3-29,2)	6
	25 - 34	20,6	(11,2-30,0)	20,3	(11,6-29,1)	72
	35 - 44	19,8	(10,1-29,5)	20,3	(10,8-29,9)	73
	45 - 54	23,0	(13,6-32,3)	25,1	(15,3-34,8)	64
	55 - 64	35,4	(18,0-52,9)	35,0	(18,2-51,8)	49
HIGHEST DIPLOMA	No secondary	24,2	(9,6-38,8)	23,1	(11,4-34,8)	15
	Secondary	28,4	(15,2-41,6)	32,9	(19,1-46,7)	39
	Higher education	20,7	(14,8-26,6)	19,1	(11,7-26,5)	210
YEAR	2013	15,7	(12,2-19,2)	15,8	(12,2-19,3)	396
	2018	21,2	(16,2-26,2)	20,5	(15,4-25,6)	501
	2023-2024	22,7	(17,6-27,9)	22,9	(17,6-28,1)	264

Source: Health Interview Survey, 2023-2024, Belgium

*Adjusted for age and/or sex based on a linear regression model (Belgian population of 2024 as reference)

4. Walloon Region

4.1. PERCENTAGE OF THE ACTIVE POPULATION THAT WAS ABSENT FROM WORK IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS DUE TO PERSONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, WALLOON REGION

AW01_1		Crude %	95% CI cru	Adj* %	95% CI adj	N
SEX	Male	40,9	(34,5-47,4)	37,2	(30,3-44,6)	404
	Female	55,5	(48,3-62,8)	51,9	(44,2-59,4)	405
AGE GROUP	15 - 24	25,3	(7,8-42,8)	24,8	(11,7-45,0)	27
	25 - 34	52,1	(40,9-63,3)	51,6	(40,9-62,2)	158
	35 - 44	51,2	(41,6-60,7)	51,5	(41,5-61,4)	218
	45 - 54	44,4	(34,4-54,5)	44,1	(34,5-54,2)	230
	55 - 64	49,6	(39,0-60,2)	49,7	(39,0-60,4)	176
HIGHEST DIPLOMA	No secondary	51,0	(32,9-69,1)	49,0	(31,7-66,5)	52
	Secondary	46,7	(37,7-55,7)	43,5	(34,5-53,0)	256
	Higher education	48,9	(42,5-55,2)	44,3	(37,0-51,9)	501
YEAR	2013	36,6	(33,2-40,0)	34,4	(30,9-38,1)	1585
	2018	40,9	(37,1-44,6)	38,8	(34,9-42,9)	1619
	2023-2024	48,3	(43,2-53,4)	45,8	(40,6-51,1)	809

Source: Health Interview Survey, 2023-2024, Belgium

*Adjusted for age and/or sex based on a logistic regression model (Belgian population of 2024 as reference)

4.2. MEAN NUMBER OF DAYS OF ABSENCE FROM WORK IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IN THE ACTIVE POPULATION DUE TO PERSONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, WALLOON REGION

AW02_1		Crude mean	95% CI cru	Adj* mean	95% CI adj	N
SEX	Male	12,0	(7,5-16,5)	9,8	(5,6-13,9)	403
	Female	22,5	(16,5-28,4)	20,3	(14,6-26,0)	404
AGE GROUP	15 - 24	1,4	(0,1-2,7)	1,3	(-1,4-3,9)	27
	25 - 34	12,7	(6,4-19,1)	12,4	(6,6-18,3)	157
	35 - 44	14,8	(8,4-21,1)	15,0	(8,9-21,1)	218
	45 - 54	21,8	(13,4-30,2)	21,7	(13,3-30,0)	229
	55 - 64	23,0	(11,9-34,0)	23,0	(12,2-33,8)	176
HIGHEST DIPLOMA	No secondary	16,4	(2,3-30,5)	15,4	(2,7-28,0)	52
	Secondary	17,8	(11,0-24,7)	16,2	(9,4-23,0)	254
	Higher education	17,1	(12,6-21,7)	14,2	(9,8-18,5)	501
YEAR	2013	12,1	(9,2-14,9)	10,8	(8,0-13,7)	1584
	2018	15,9	(12,1-19,6)	14,5	(11,0-18,0)	1610
	2023-2024	17,3	(13,6-21,0)	15,6	(12,0-19,2)	807

Source: Health Interview Survey, 2023-2024, Belgium

*Adjusted for age and/or sex based on a linear regression model (Belgian population of 2024 as reference)

4.3. MEAN NUMBER OF DAYS OF ABSENCE FROM WORK IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS DUE TO PERSONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN PEOPLE WHO WERE ABSENT, WALLOON REGION

AW02_2		Crude mean	95% CI cru	Adj* mean	95% CI adj	N
SEX	Male	29,5	(19,8-39,2)	26,4	(17,9-34,8)	182
	Female	40,5	(31,1-49,9)	36,5	(26,6-46,3)	220
AGE GROUP	15 - 24	5,5	(0,2-10,7)	8,6	(1,7-15,6)	7
	25 - 34	24,5	(13,8-35,3)	23,2	(14,0-32,4)	85
	35 - 44	28,8	(16,9-40,8)	28,5	(17,6-39,4)	114
	45 - 54	49,3	(32,9-65,7)	47,8	(31,4-64,3)	115
	55 - 64	46,3	(26,2-66,4)	46,0	(26,9-65,2)	81
HIGHEST DIPLOMA	No secondary	32,2	(4,8-59,7)	25,1	(1,4-48,8)	22
	Secondary	38,5	(26,5-50,5)	36,5	(25,0-48,1)	128
	Higher education	35,0	(26,4-43,7)	28,7	(20,9-36,6)	252
YEAR	2013	33,0	(26,1-39,9)	30,7	(23,7-37,7)	599
	2018	39,0	(30,4-47,5)	35,8	(27,9-43,8)	695
	2023-2024	35,9	(29,1-42,7)	32,5	(25,8-39,3)	402

Source: Health Interview Survey, 2023-2024, Belgium

*Adjusted for age and/or sex based on a linear regression model (Belgian population of 2024 as reference)

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