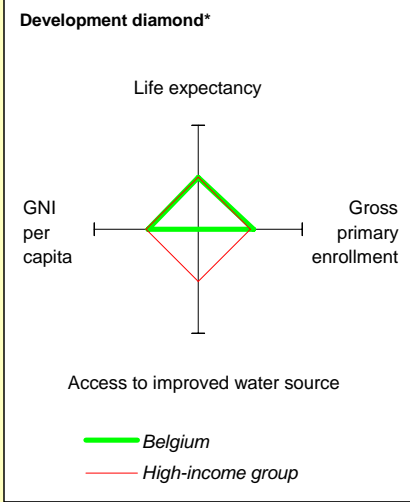


Belgium at a glance

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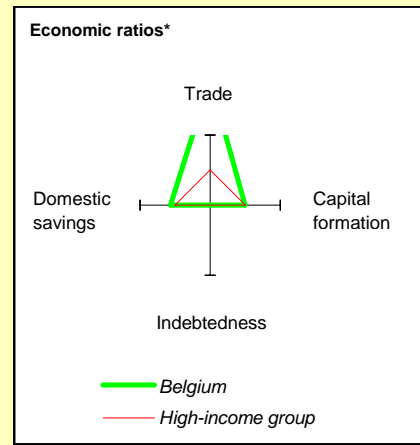
POVERTY and SOCIAL

	Belgium	High-income
2004		
Population, mid-year (<i>millions</i>)	10.4	1,001
GNI per capita (<i>Atlas method, US\$</i>)	31,030	32,040
GNI (<i>Atlas method, US\$ billions</i>)	322.9	32,064
Average annual growth, 1998-04		
Population (%)	0.3	0.7
Labor force (%)	0.3	0.5
Most recent estimate (latest year available, 1998-04)		
Poverty (% of population below national poverty line)	..	..
Urban population (% of total population)	97	77
Life expectancy at birth (<i>years</i>)	78	78
Infant mortality (<i>per 1,000 live births</i>)	4	5
Child malnutrition (% of children under 5)	..	..
Access to an improved water source (% of population)	..	99
Literacy (% of population age 15+)	..	>95
Gross primary enrollment (% of school-age population)	105	99
Male	106	100
Female	105	100



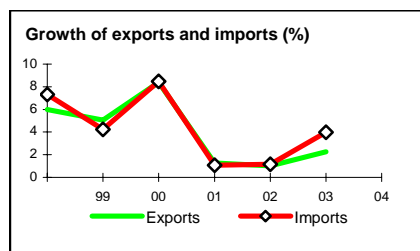
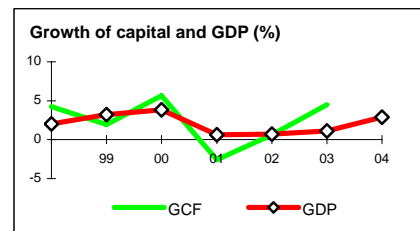
KEY ECONOMIC RATIOS and LONG-TERM TRENDS

	1984	1994	2003	2004	
GDP (<i>US\$ billions</i>)	80.0	235.2	301.9	349.8	
Gross capital formation/GDP	18.3	20.3	19.9	..	
Exports of goods and services/GDP	74.0	67.1	82.2	..	
Gross domestic savings/GDP	18.8	24.3	22.4	..	
Gross national savings/GDP	17.5	25.2	..	..
Current account balance/GDP	-0.1	5.3	..	..
Interest payments/GDP	..	..	..	..
Total debt/GDP	..	..	..	..
Total debt service/exports	..	..	..	..
Present value of debt/GDP	..	..	..	..
Present value of debt/exports	..	..	..	..
	1984-94	1994-04	2003	2004	2004-08
<i>(average annual growth)</i>					
GDP	2.4	2.2	1.1	2.9	..
GDP per capita	2.1	1.9	0.7	2.6	..
Exports of goods and services	4.8	4.5	2.3



STRUCTURE of the ECONOMY

	1984	1994	2003	2004
<i>(% of GDP)</i>				
Agriculture	2.8	1.9	1.3	..
Industry	33.5	28.9	26.5	..
Manufacturing	..	..	..	..
Services	63.7	69.2	72.2	..
Household final consumption expenditure	57.7	54.5	54.8	..
General gov't final consumption expenditure	23.5	21.2	22.8	..
Imports of goods and services	73.5	63.1	79.6	..
	1984-94	1994-04	2003	2004
<i>(average annual growth)</i>				
Agriculture	2.5	1.6	3.1	..
Industry	1.9	2.2	-0.5	..
Manufacturing	..	2.3	..	..
Services	2.2	2.2	1.9	..
Household final consumption expenditure	2.5	2.0	1.7	..
General gov't final consumption expenditure	1.2	2.1	2.8	..
Gross capital formation	5.7	2.7	4.5	..
Imports of goods and services	5.5	4.5	4.0	..

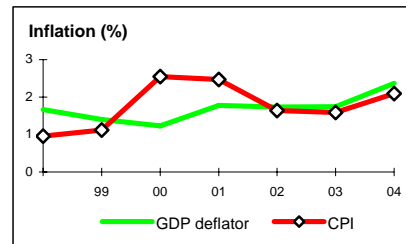


Note: 2004 data are preliminary estimates.

* The diamonds show four key indicators in the country (in bold) compared with its income-group average. If data are missing, the diamond will be incomplete.

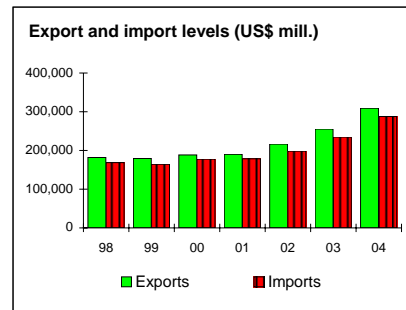
PRICES and GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	1984	1994	2003	2004
Domestic prices				
(% change)				
Consumer prices	6.3	2.4	1.6	2.1
Implicit GDP deflator	5.4	2.1	1.7	2.4
Government finance				
(% of GDP)				
Current revenue	44.1	44.0	..	..
Current budget balance	-6.2	-2.4	..	..
Overall surplus/deficit	-12.9	-4.1	..	..



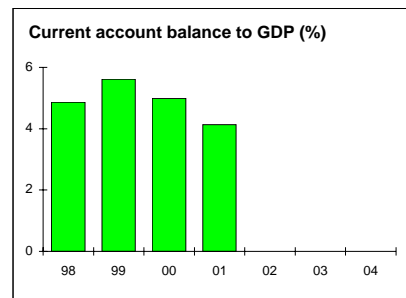
TRADE

	1984	1994	2003	2004
(US\$ millions)				
Total exports (fob)	51,893	147,107	255,521	308,854
Food and agricultural raw materials	6,657	17,561	25,471	..
Fuels, ores, and metals	6,589	9,296	18,683	..
Manufactures	35,596	115,420	203,988	..
Total imports (cif)	55,459	133,127	234,800	287,236
Food	6,842	14,824	20,992	..
Fuel and energy	10,375	9,125	20,662	..
Manufactures	31,654	93,266	181,330	..
Export price index (2000=100)	..	..	..	..
Import price index (2000=100)	..	..	..	..
Terms of trade (2000=100)	..	106	101	..



BALANCE of PAYMENTS

	1984	1994	2003	2004
(US\$ millions)				
Exports of goods and services	58,424	163,235	..	..
Imports of goods and services	57,656	152,395	..	..
Resource balance	768	10,841	..	..
Net income	8	5,237	..	..
Net current transfers	-831	-3,507	..	..
Current account balance	-55	12,571	..	..
Financing items (net)	359	-12,351	..	..
Changes in net reserves	-305	-219	..	..
Memo:				
Reserves including gold (US\$ millions)	15,103	23,474	14,449	13,991
Conversion rate (DEC, local/US\$)	1.4	0.8	0.9	0.8



EXTERNAL DEBT and RESOURCE FLOWS

	1984	1994	2003	2004
(US\$ millions)				
Total debt outstanding and disbursed
IBRD
IDA
Total debt service
IBRD
IDA
Composition of net resource flows				
Official grants
Official creditors
Private creditors
Foreign direct investment (net inflows)	389	8,514	..	..
Portfolio equity (net inflows)
World Bank program				
Commitments
Disbursements
Principal repayments
Net flows
Interest payments
Net transfers