

# Prospects for Belgium

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Key facts:

- Belgium's employment rate was 67.2% in 2013 – lower than both the national 2020 target of 73.2% and the EU-28 2020 target of 75%.
- Belgium faces a shift in employment towards service occupations and sectors, combined with a decrease of employment in the industrial and agricultural sectors affecting mostly middle-level jobs.
- While the share of high-educated individuals in the working age population is above the EU average, a large proportion remains low-educated.
- Participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education subjects is below the EU average, as is proficiency in problem solving in technology-rich environments (below OECD average).
- Skill shortages within IT domains may be expected.

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