

# LIBRARIES AND SKILLS in Belgium



Population:  
**11.3 million**



One library per  
**9,826 inhabitants**

**2019**

## LIBRARIES IN BELGIUM



There are **61.3 MILLION BOOK LOANS** in Belgian libraries each year



There are **10,000 eBOOK LOANS** in Belgian libraries each year



**ALL** of them offer internet access

**45%** of them offer WiFi access.



**1.5 MILLION** people attended educational activities at the public library



**2.7 MILLION REGISTERED USERS** in Belgian public libraries

## SKILLS IN BELGIUM



Belgium ranks **9** on the EU's Digital Economy & Society Index (DESI)



**8.5%**

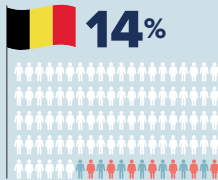
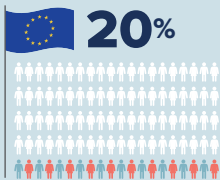
of Belgian adults participate in life-long learning activities



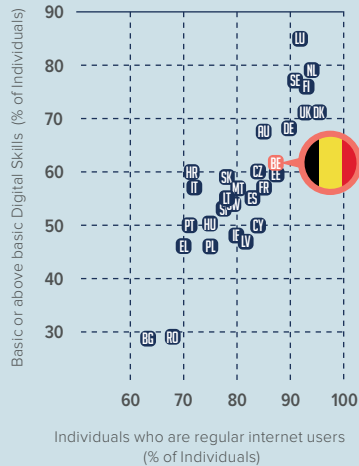
**60%**

of Belgian employers encounter difficulties in finding employees with the right skills

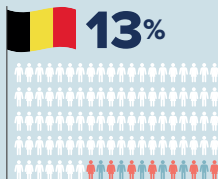
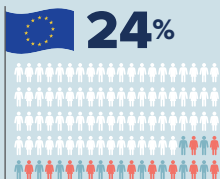
### % ADULTS WITH LOW LITERACY SKILLS



### HOW GOOD ARE THE BELGIANS ONLINE?



### % ADULTS WITH LOW NUMERACY SKILLS



### Did You Know?

88% of eligible voters in Belgium voted in the 2019 European Parliament elections