Belgium ranks 9 on the EU’s Digital Economy & Society Index (DESI).

8.5% of Belgian adults participate in lifelong learning activities.

60% of Belgian employers encounter difficulties in finding employees with the right skills.

% ADULTS WITH LOW LITERACY SKILLS

Europe: 20%  Belgium: 14%

% ADULTS WITH LOW NUMERACY SKILLS

Europe: 24%  Belgium: 13%

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

Did You Know?

Information drawn from: The EU Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) 2016; European Commission Education and Training Monitor 2018; OECD Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC); 2019 European Parliament election results; European Commission Skills data and the Walloon-Brussels Federation (Vaamce: Vereniging Voor Bibliotheek, Archief & Documentatie, Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles.)

Population: 11.3 million

One library per 9,826 inhabitants

1,500 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.

2.7 MILLION REGISTERED USERS in Belgian public libraries

45% of them offer internet access

ALL of them offer WiFi access.

1.5 MILLION people attended educational activities at the public library.

20% of Belgian employers encounter difficulties in finding employees with the right skills.

HOW GOOD ARE THE BELGIANS ONLINE?

Individuals who are regular internet users (% of individuals)

Basic or above basic Digital Skills (% of individuals)