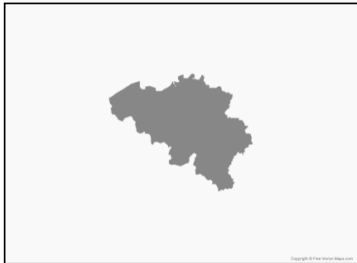


# Country Profile BELGIUM

## Region: Global West



2020 EPI Country Rank (out of 180)

**15**

2020 EPI Score [0=worst, 100=best]

**73.3**

GDP [PPP 2011\$ billions]

**497.8**

GDP *per capita* [\$]

**43,582**

Population [millions]

**11.4**

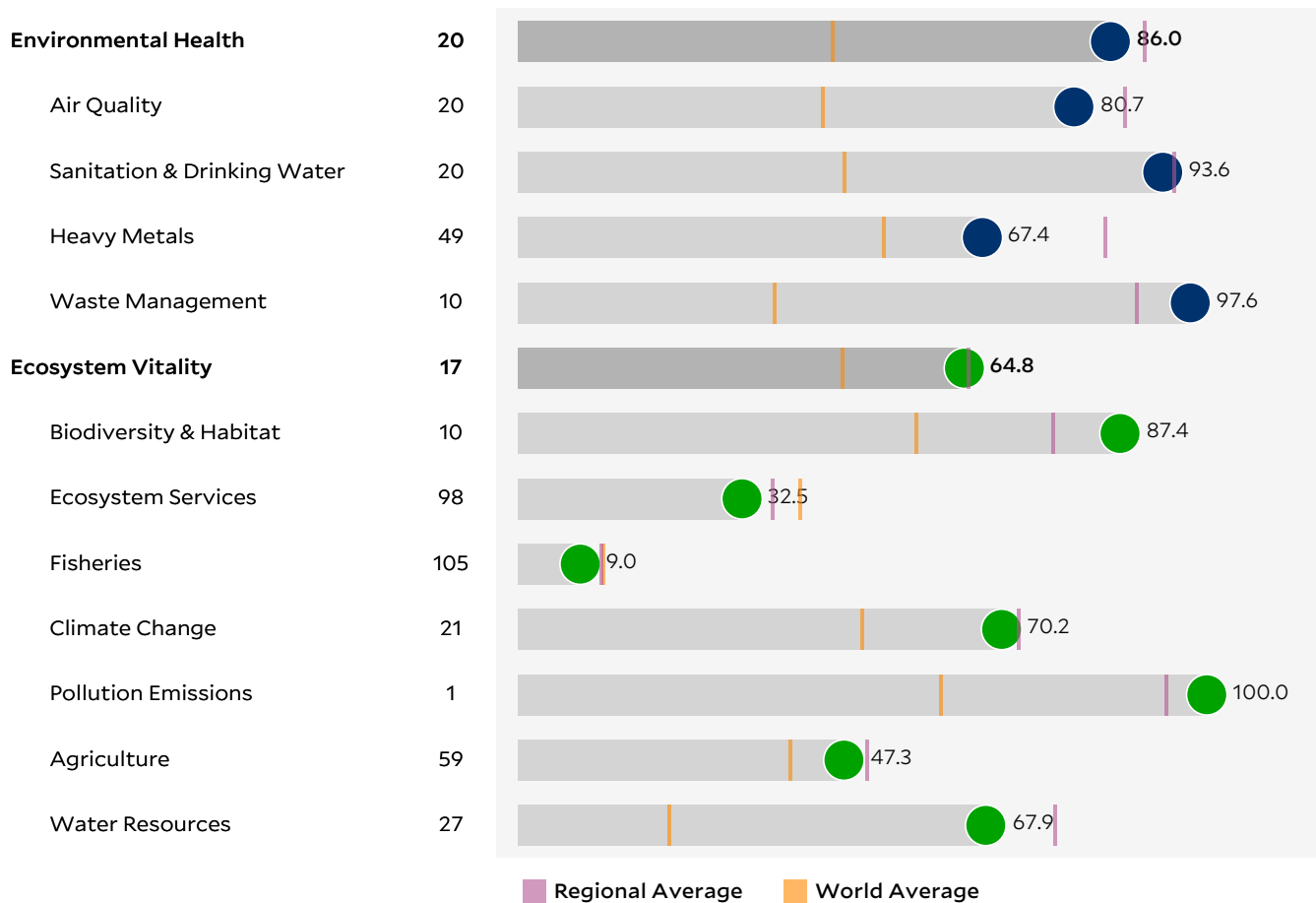
Urbanization [%]

**98.08**

## Country Scorecard

### Issue Categories

### Rank [/180]



Region: **Global West**

	Rank	EPI Score	10-Year Change	Regional Rank	Regional Average
<b>Environmental Performance Index</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>75.6</b>
<b>Environmental Health</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>+5.7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>91.0</b>
<b>Air Quality</b>	20	80.7	+8.0	19	88.2
Household solid fuels	1	100	+2.7	1	97.5
PM <sub>2.5</sub> exposure	23	69.8	+12.5	20	84.6
Ozone exposure	77	45.7	-0.6	16	53.8
<b>Sanitation &amp; Drinking Water</b>	20	93.6	+3.6	17	95.2
Unsafe sanitation	21	94.6	+4.8	16	95.6
Unsafe drinking water	19	92.9	+2.8	17	95.0
<b>Heavy Metals / Lead exposure</b>	49	67.4	+6.9	20	85.4
<b>Waste Management / Controlled solid waste</b>	10	97.6	-	7	89.8
<b>Ecosystem Vitality</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>65.3</b>
<b>Biodiversity &amp; Habitat</b>	10	87.4	+0.6	5	77.6
Terrestrial biomes (nat'l)	1	100	-	1	86.4
Terrestrial biomes (global)	1	100	-	1	86.9
Marine protected areas	1	100	-	1	76.9
Protected Areas Representativeness Index	21	56.2	+11.2	6	44.1
Species Habitat Index	121	74.4	-3.9	17	84.5
Species Protection Index	1	100	-	1	94.9
Biodiversity Habitat Index	152	43.8	-0.6	16	53.8
<b>Ecosystem Services</b>	98	32.5	+6.2	10	36.9
Tree cover loss	95	29	+3.7	10	31.0
Grassland loss	29	73.7	+24.4	5	68.9
Wetland loss	83	53.9	+32.6	10	52.6
<b>Fisheries</b>	105	9	+0.1	15	12.0
Fish Stock Status	0	0	-	21	8.3
Marine Trophic Index	55	16.5	-	10	25.5
Fish caught by trawling	76	0.1	+0.1	18	6.8
<b>Climate Change</b>	21	70.2	-2.9	14	72.7
CO <sub>2</sub> growth rate	41	57.9	-10.8	17	66.9
CH <sub>4</sub> growth rate	1	100	+14.0	1	92.1
F-gas growth rate	28	93.6	+11.8	10	92.7
N <sub>2</sub> O growth rate	1	100	-	1	70.3
Black Carbon growth rate	1	100	-	1	89.1
CO <sub>2</sub> from land cover	97	44.5	-	18	59.1
Greenhouse gas intensity growth rate	92	47.1	-6.7	18	56.8
Greenhouse gas emissions <i>per capita</i>	153	19.6	+1.9	12	21.6
<b>Pollution Emissions</b>	1	100	-	1	93.9
SO <sub>2</sub> growth rate	1	100	-	1	94.7
NO <sub>x</sub> growth rate	1	100	-	1	93.1
<b>Agriculture / Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index</b>	59	47.3	+1.2	14	50.5
<b>Water Resources / Wastewater treatment</b>	27	67.9	-	15	77.9

**Note:** three largest increases in green and three largest decreases in red. "-" indicates no change.

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## BELGIUM

### Peer Comparisons: EPI Scores for this country and peers based on similar characteristics

EPI Performance	
Netherlands	75.3
Japan	75.1
Australia	74.9
Spain	74.3
Belgium	73.3
Ireland	72.8
Iceland	72.3
Slovenia	72.0
New Zealand	71.3
Canada	71.0

GDP per capita	
United Kingdom	81.3
France	80.0
Austria	79.6
Finland	78.9
Sweden	78.7
Germany	77.2
Australia	74.9
Belgium	73.3
Canada	71.0
Bahrain	51.0

Issue Performance	
France	80.0
Australia	74.9
Spain	74.3
Belgium	73.3
Ireland	72.8
New Zealand	71.3
Czech Republic	71.0
Italy	71.0
Greece	69.1
South Korea	66.5

Regulatory Quality	
France	80.0
Japan	75.1
Belgium	73.3
Czech Republic	71.0
Malta	70.7
Israel	65.8
Lithuania	62.9
Latvia	61.6
Chile	55.3
Georgia	41.3

Voice & Accountability	
Luxembourg	82.3
United Kingdom	81.3
Austria	79.6
Germany	77.2
Australia	74.9
Belgium	73.3
Ireland	72.8
Iceland	72.3
Canada	71.0
Estonia	65.3

Political Stability	
Belgium	73.3
United States of America	69.3
Latvia	61.6
Bulgaria	57.0
Chile	55.3
Belarus	53.0
Costa Rica	52.5
Albania	49.0
Jamaica	48.2
Laos	34.8

Global West	
Netherlands	75.3
Australia	74.9
Spain	74.3
Belgium	73.3
Ireland	72.8
Iceland	72.3
New Zealand	71.3
Canada	71.0
Italy	71.0
Malta	70.7

OECD	
Netherlands	75.3
Japan	75.1
Australia	74.9
Spain	74.3
Belgium	73.3
Ireland	72.8
Iceland	72.3
Slovenia	72.0
New Zealand	71.3
Canada	71.0

Ease of Doing Business Index	
Belgium	73.3
Slovakia	68.3
Israel	65.8
Serbia	55.2
Belarus	53.0
Azerbaijan	46.5
Montenegro	46.3
Turkey	42.6
China	37.3
Rwanda	33.8

**Note:** 'Issue Performance' based on *k*-nearest neighbors analysis of EPI issue categories.

**Sources:** GDP *per capita*, Worldwide Governance Indicators, and Ease of Doing Business Index from World Bank DataBank. Urbanization rate from UN, Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division.