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Health at a glance



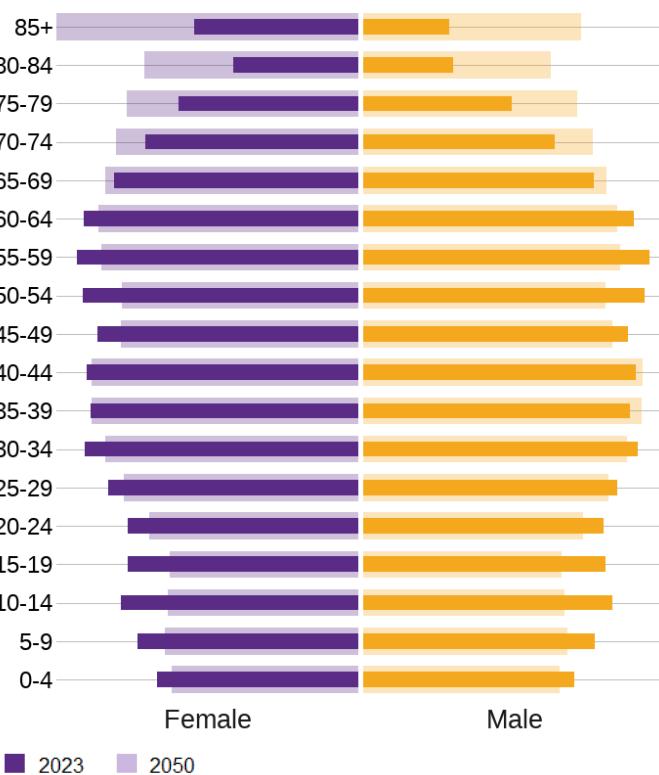
Overview

In Belgium, the population as of 2023 is 11 712 893 with a projected increase of 1% to 11 870 906 by 2050.

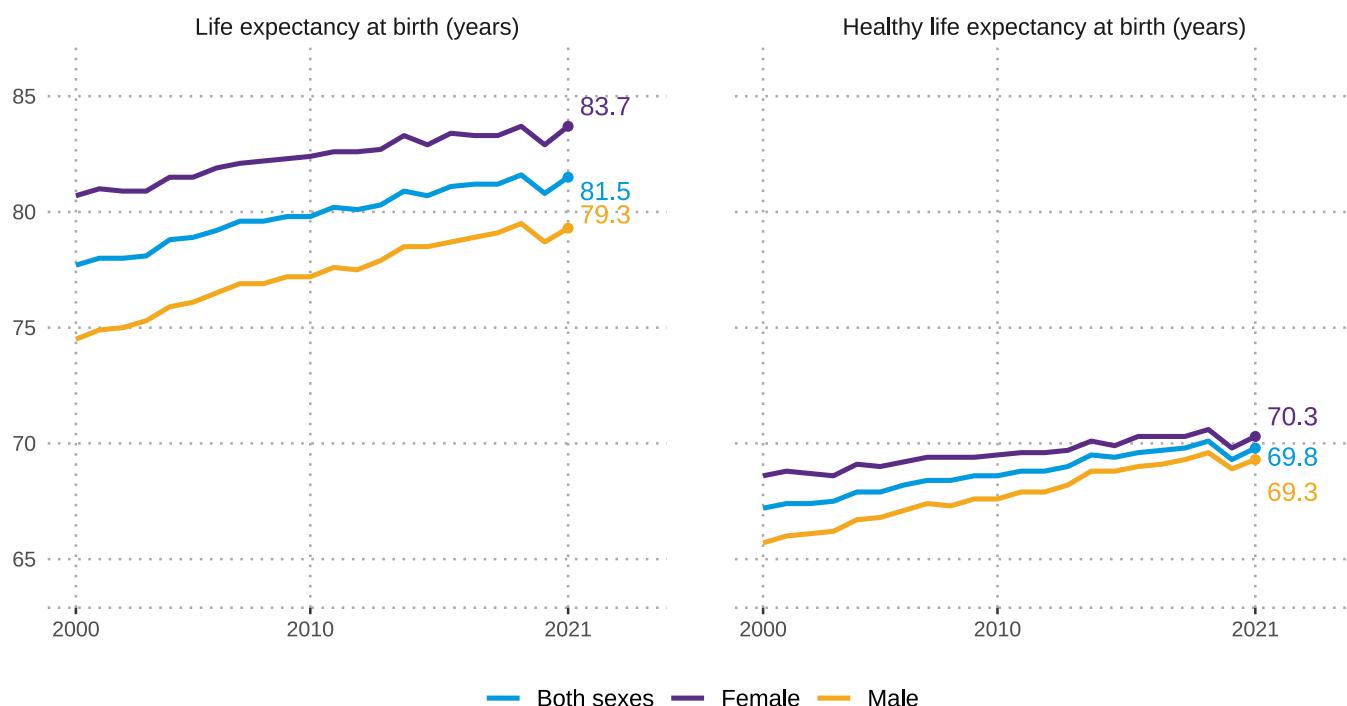
Life expectancy at birth (years) has improved by 3.9 years from 77.7 [77.7 - 77.8] years in 2000 to 81.6 [81.6 - 81.7] years in 2019. Since 2019, life expectancy has decreased to 81.5 [81.5 - 81.6] years.

Belgium had 112 052 total deaths in 2021; 76% of deaths were from noncommunicable diseases; 18% were from communicable, maternal, perinatal and nutritional conditions; 6% were from injuries; and 0% were from other COVID-19 pandemic-related outcomes.

Demographic change, 2023-2050

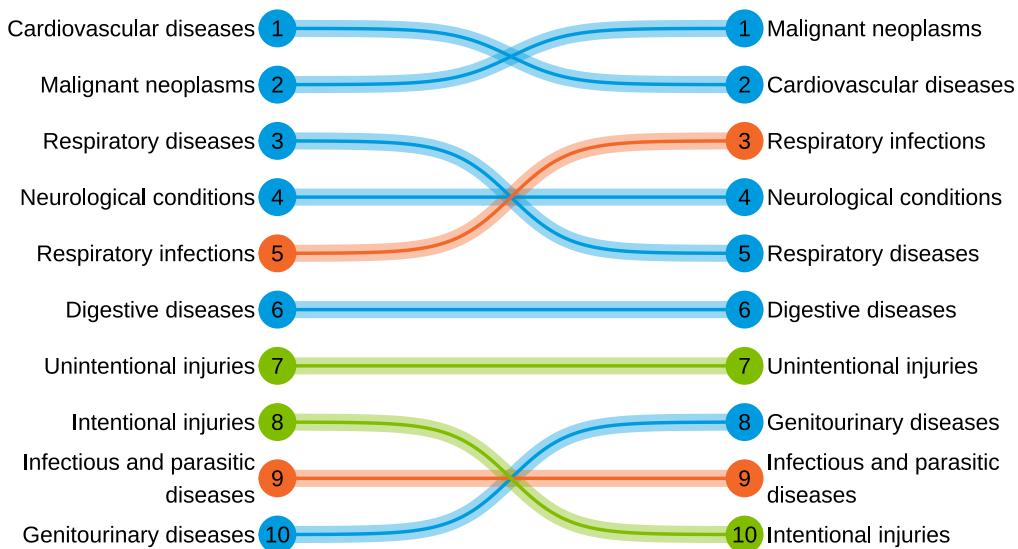


Life expectancy and healthy life expectancy by sex, 2000-2021

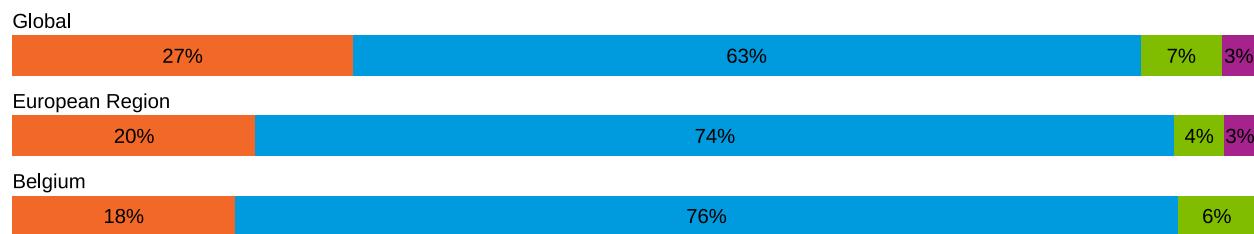


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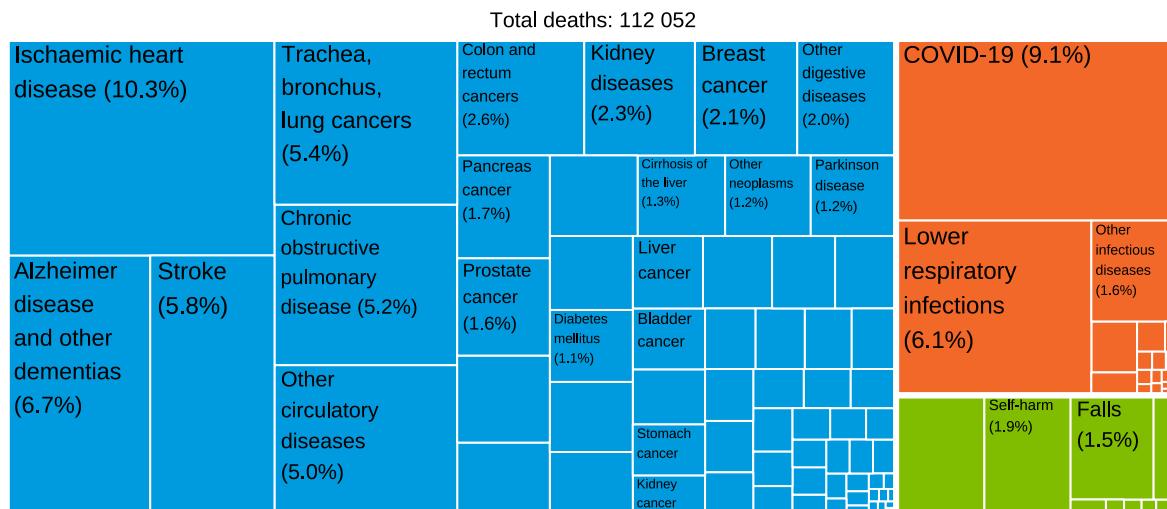
Top 10 level 2 causes of death, 2000-2021



Overall causes of death, 2021

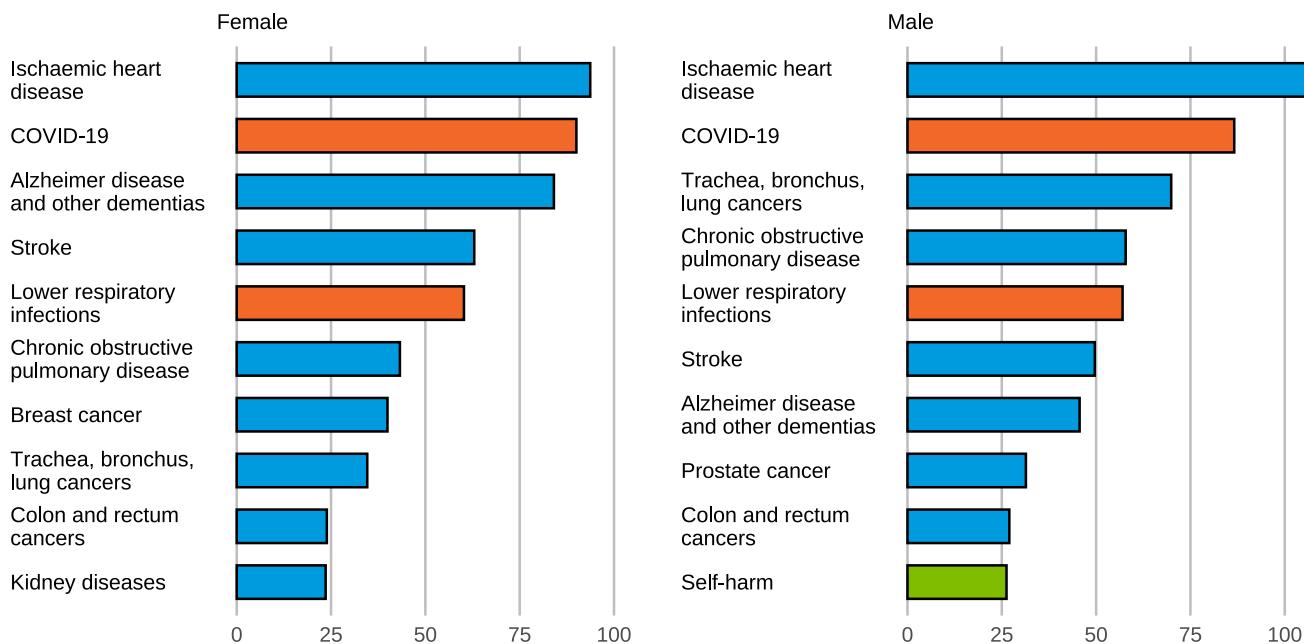


Detailed causes of death, 2021

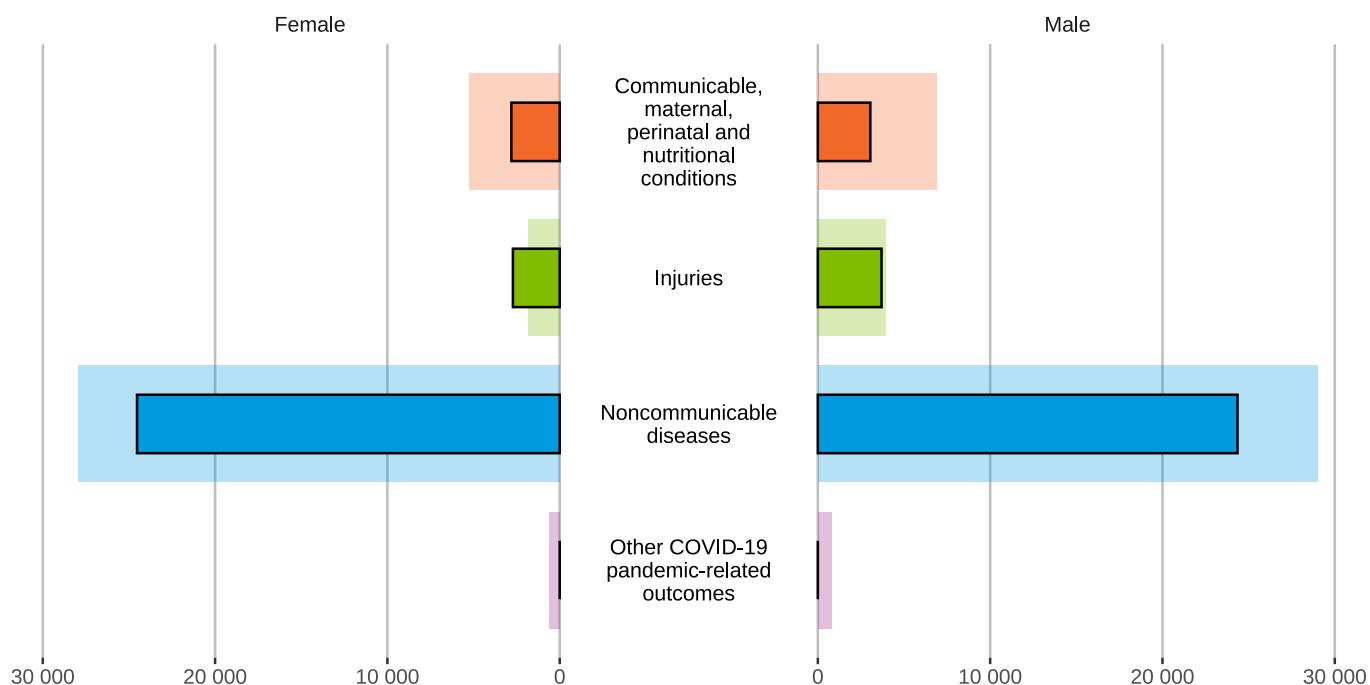


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Top 10 detailed causes of death by sex, 2021 (deaths per 100 000 population)



Disability adjusted life-years (DALYs) by sex, 2021 (DALYs per 100 000 population)



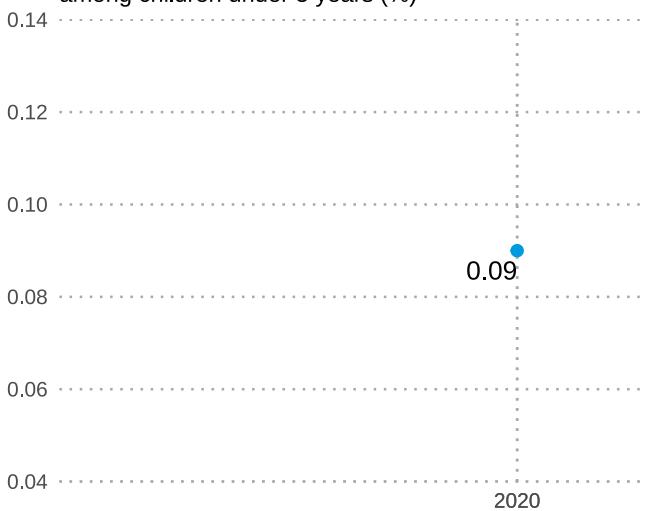
European Region are the lightly shaded bars.

Health Statistics: Health Status

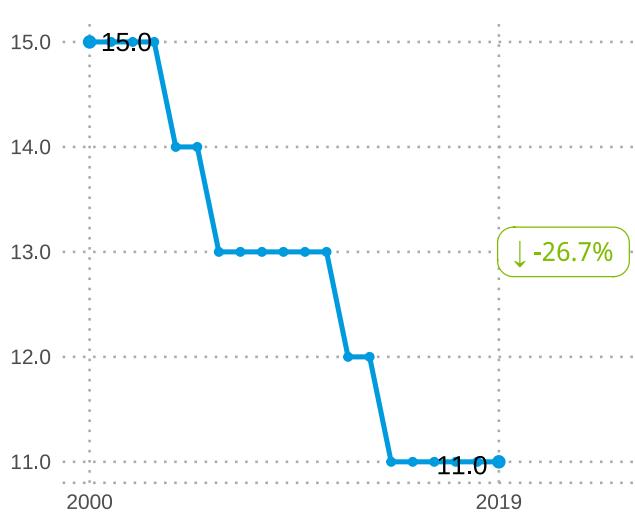
Tuberculosis incidence (per 100 000 population)



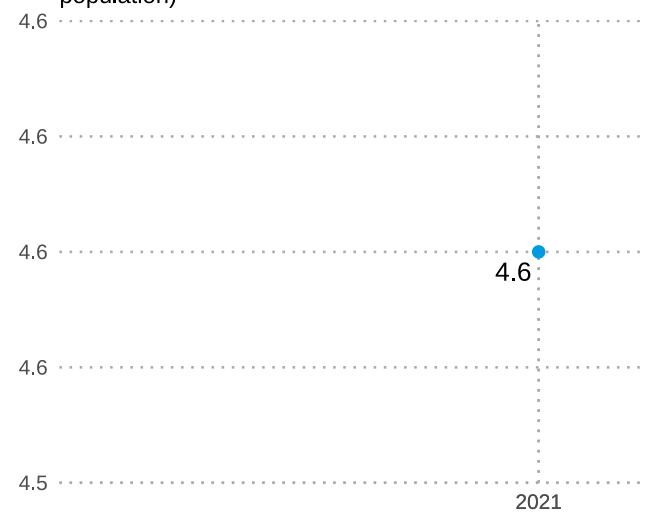
Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) prevalence among children under 5 years (%)



Probability of premature mortality from NCDs (%)



Road traffic mortality rate (per 100 000 population)

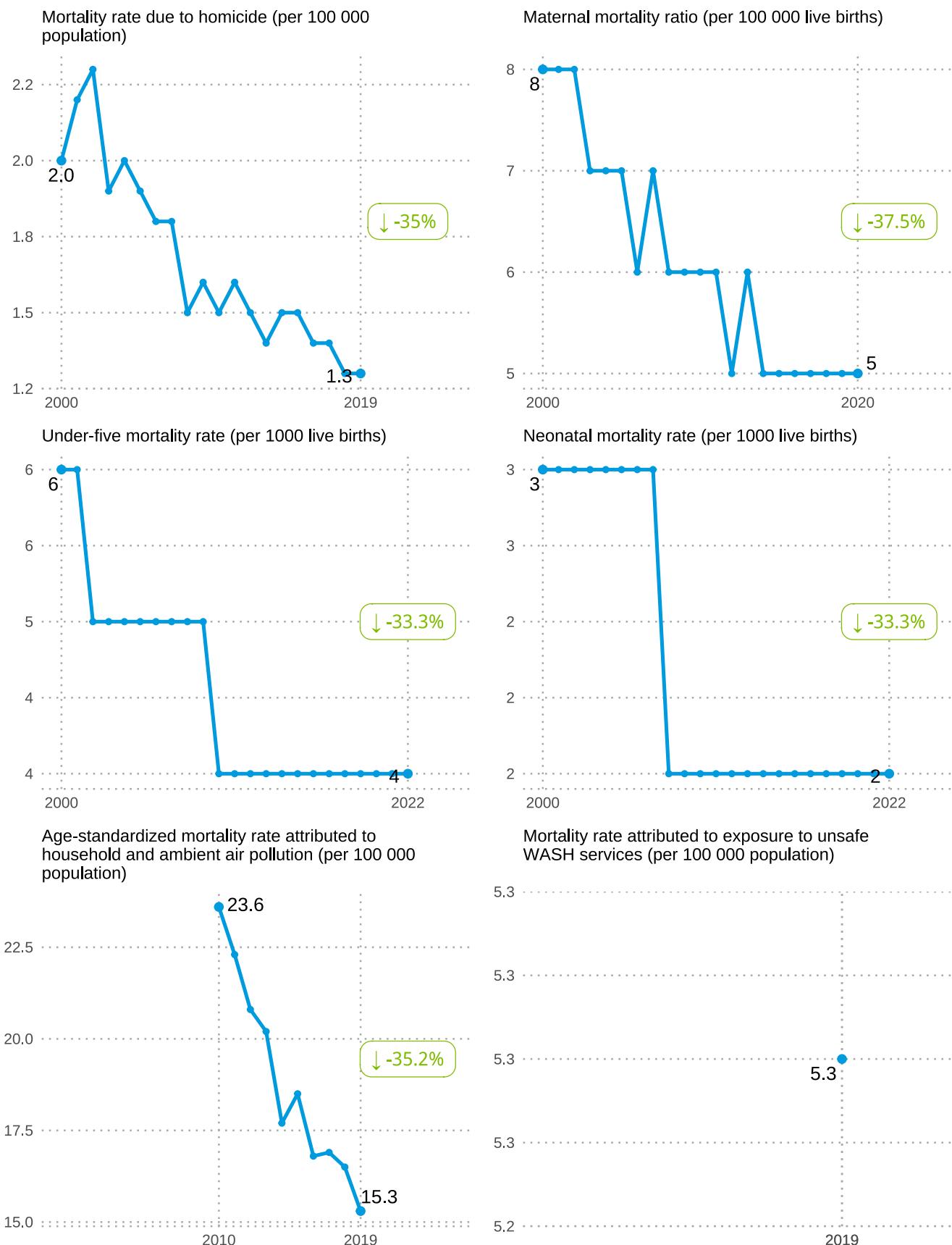


Mortality rate from unintentional poisoning (per 100 000 population)



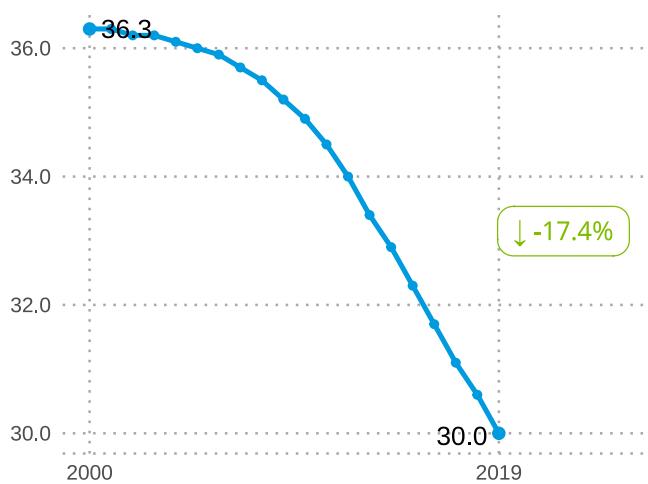
Suicide mortality rate (per 100 000 population)



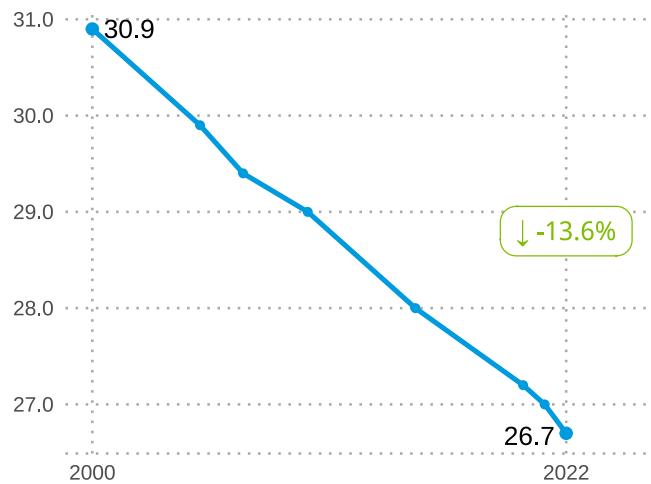


Health Statistics: Risk Factors

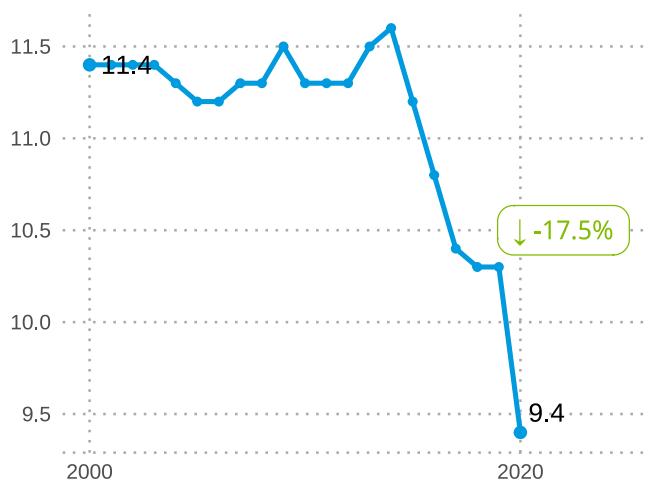
Age-standardized prevalence of hypertension among adults aged 30 to 79 years (%)



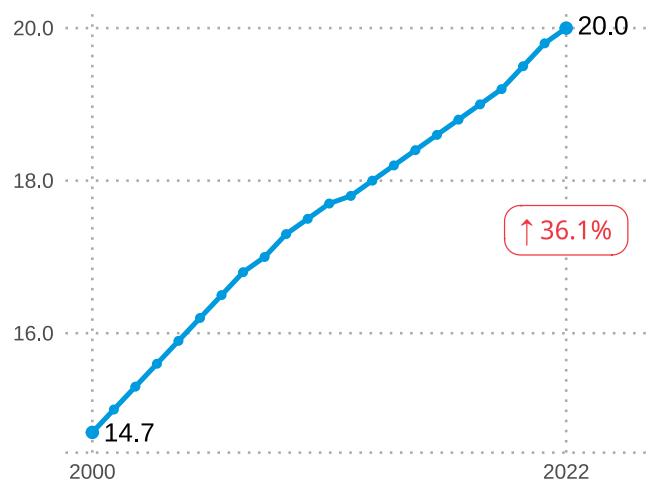
Age-standardized prevalence of tobacco use among persons 15 years and older (%)



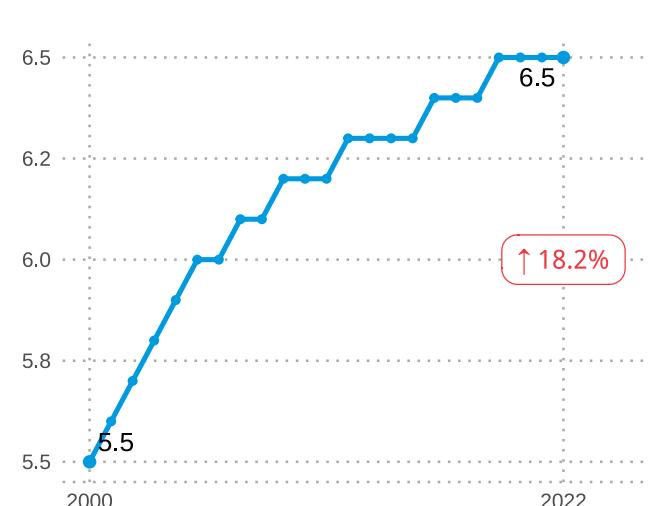
Total alcohol per capita (>= 15 years of age) consumption (litres of pure alcohol)



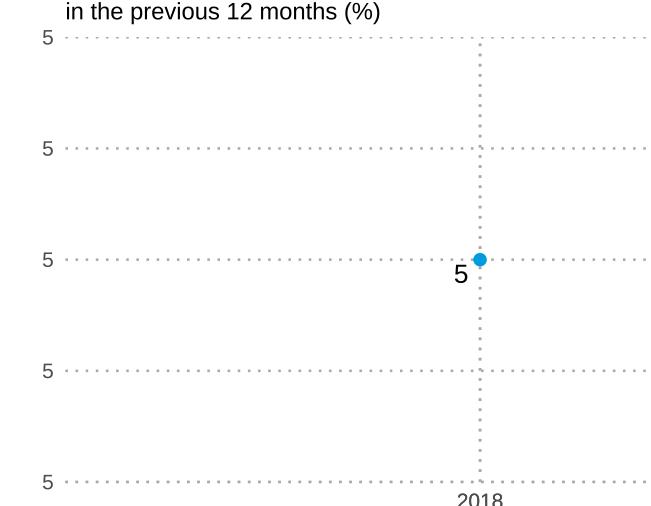
Age-standardized prevalence of obesity among adults (18+ years) (%)



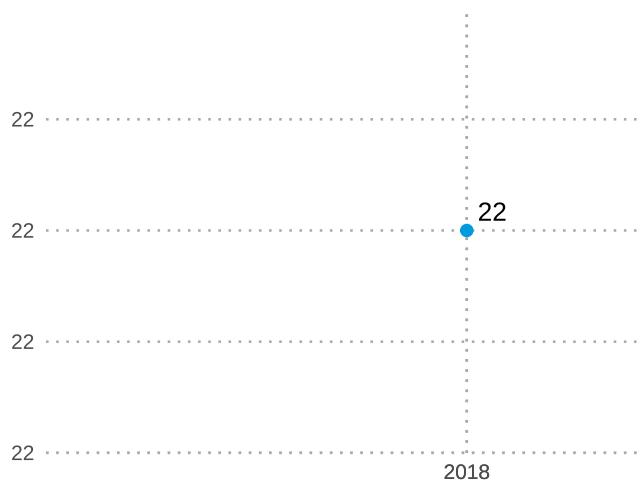
Prevalence of obesity among children and adolescents aged 5 to 19 years (%)



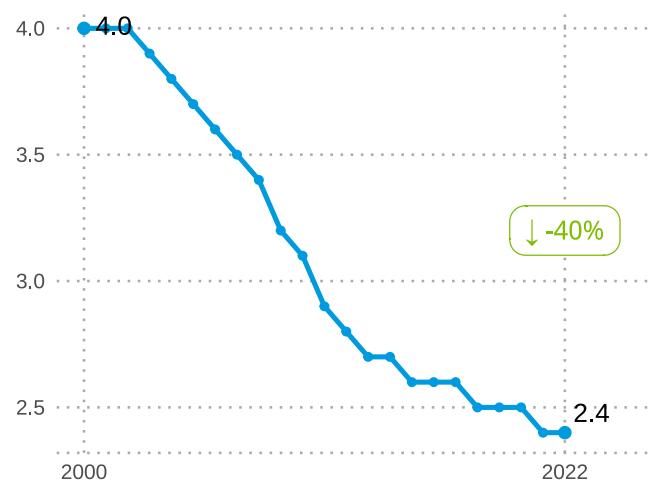
Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15– 49 years subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months (%)



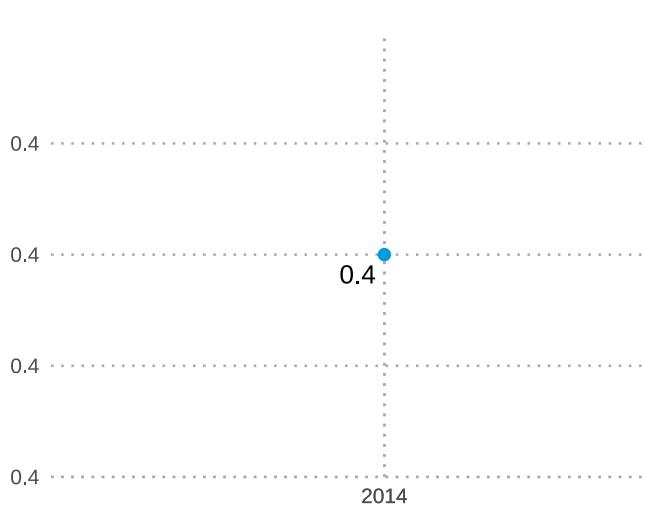
Proportion of ever- partnered women and girls aged 15– 49 years subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner in their lifetime (%)



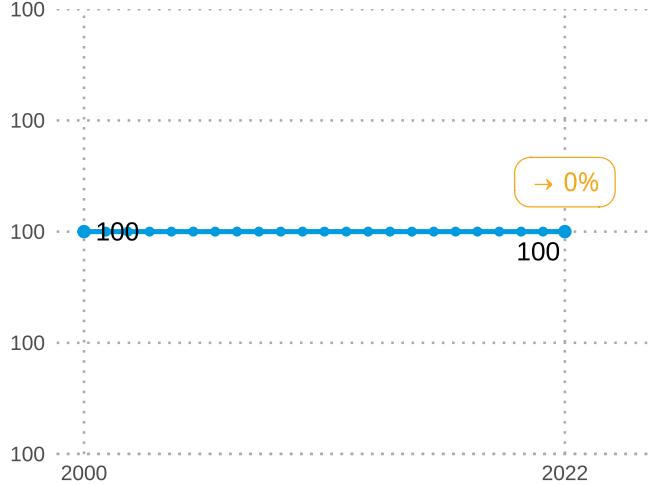
Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 (%)



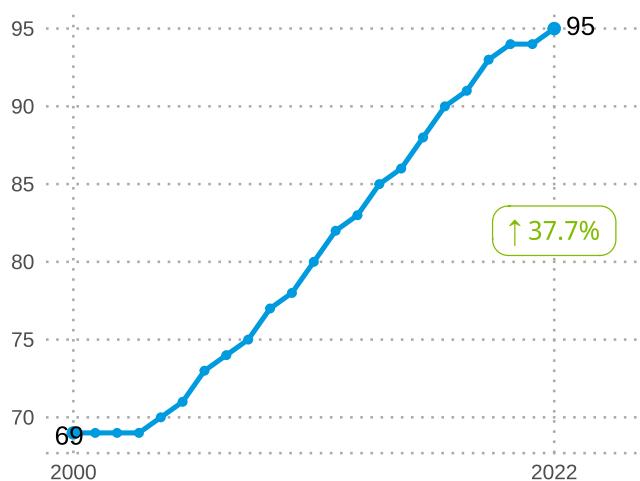
Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 (%)



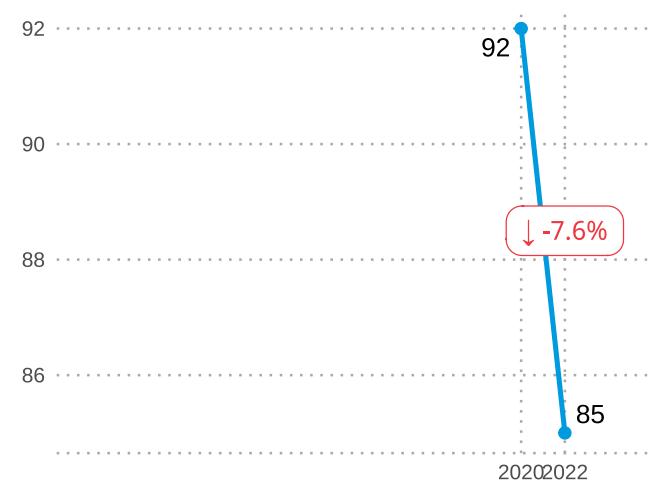
Proportion of population using safely managed drinking-water services (%)

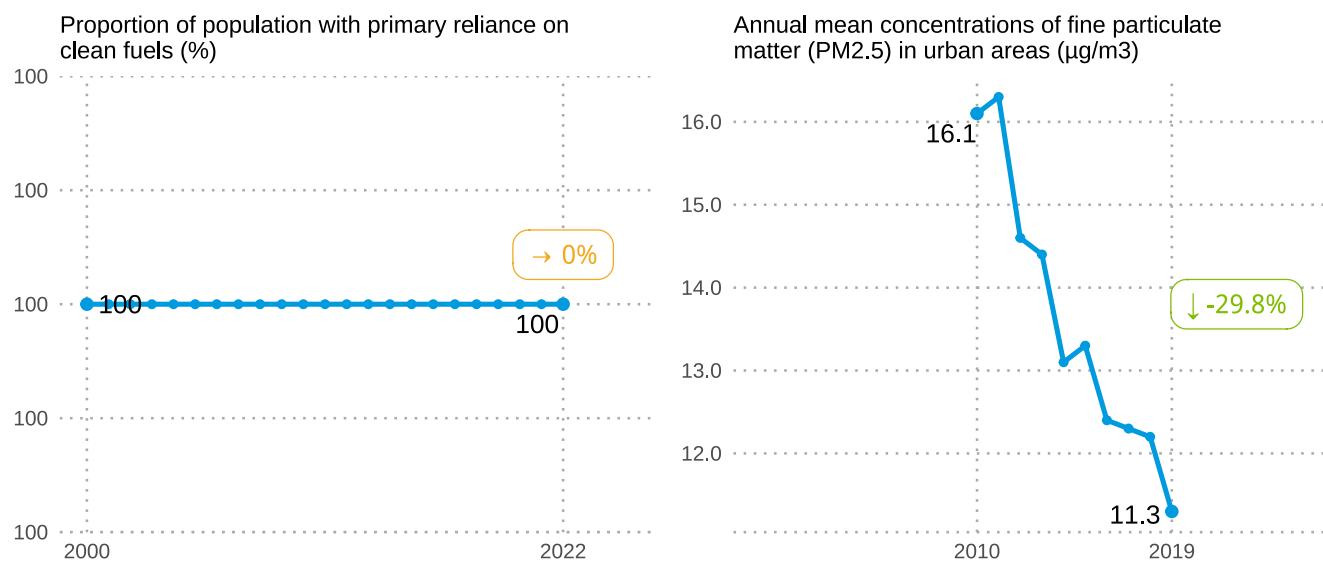


Proportion of population using safely managed sanitation services (%)



Proportion of safely treated domestic wastewater flows (%)



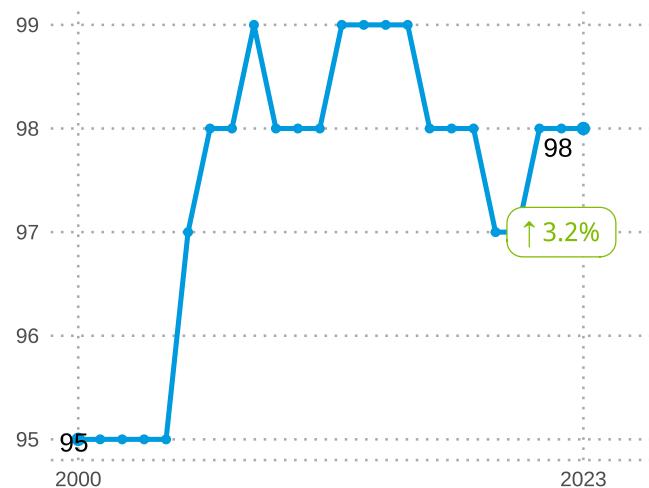


Health Statistics: Service Coverage

Reported number of people requiring interventions against Neglected Tropical Diseases



Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP3) immunization coverage among 1 year olds (%)

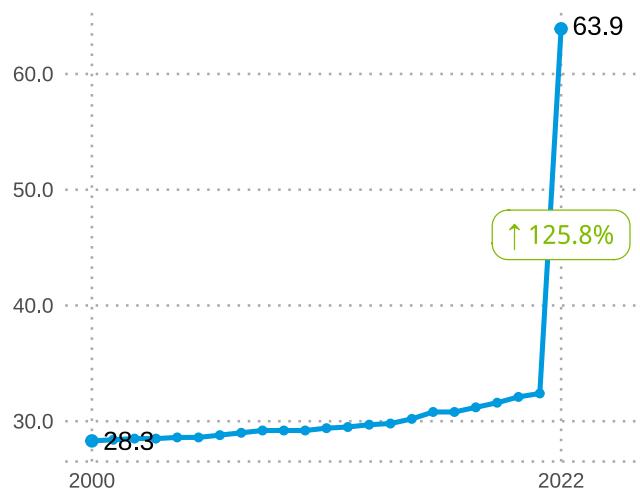


Health Statistics: Health Systems

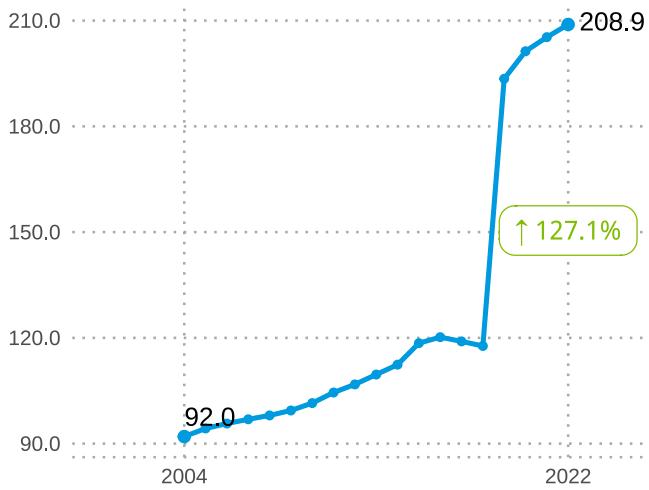
Domestic general government health expenditure (GGHE-D) as percentage of general government expenditure (GGE) (%)



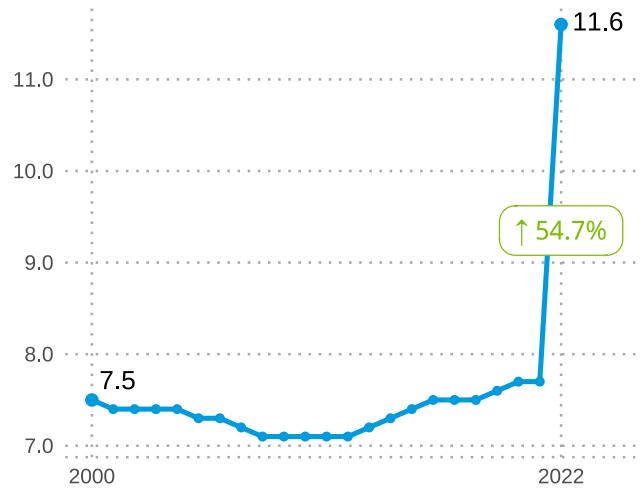
Density of physicians (per 10 000 population)



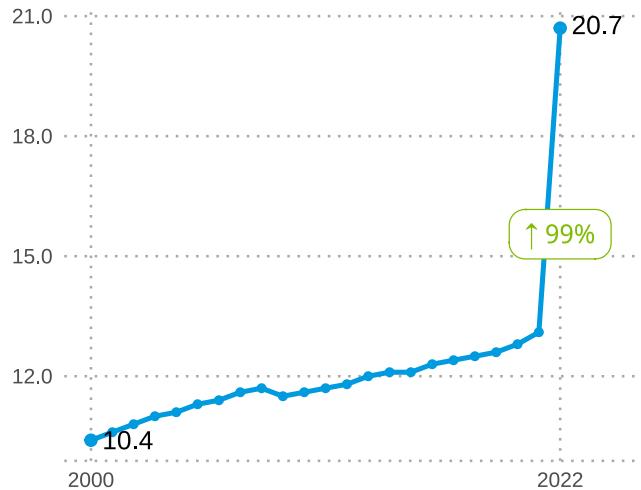
Density of nursing and midwifery personnel (per 10 000 population)



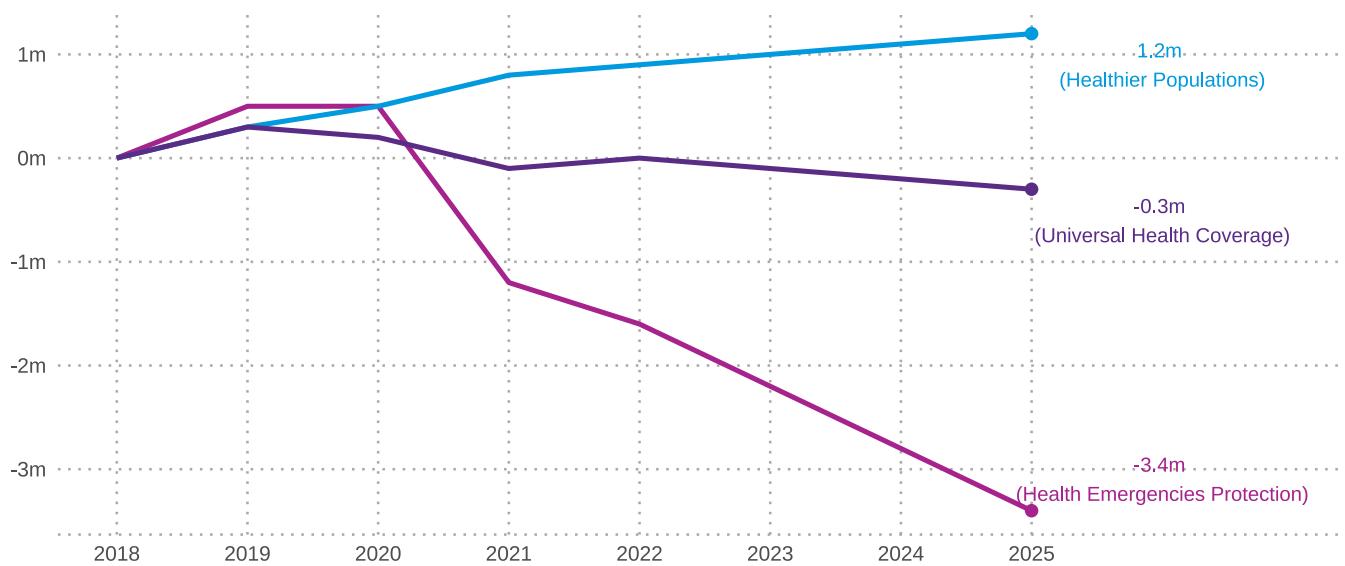
Density of dentistry personnel (per 10 000 population)



Density of pharmaceutical personnel (per 10 000 population)

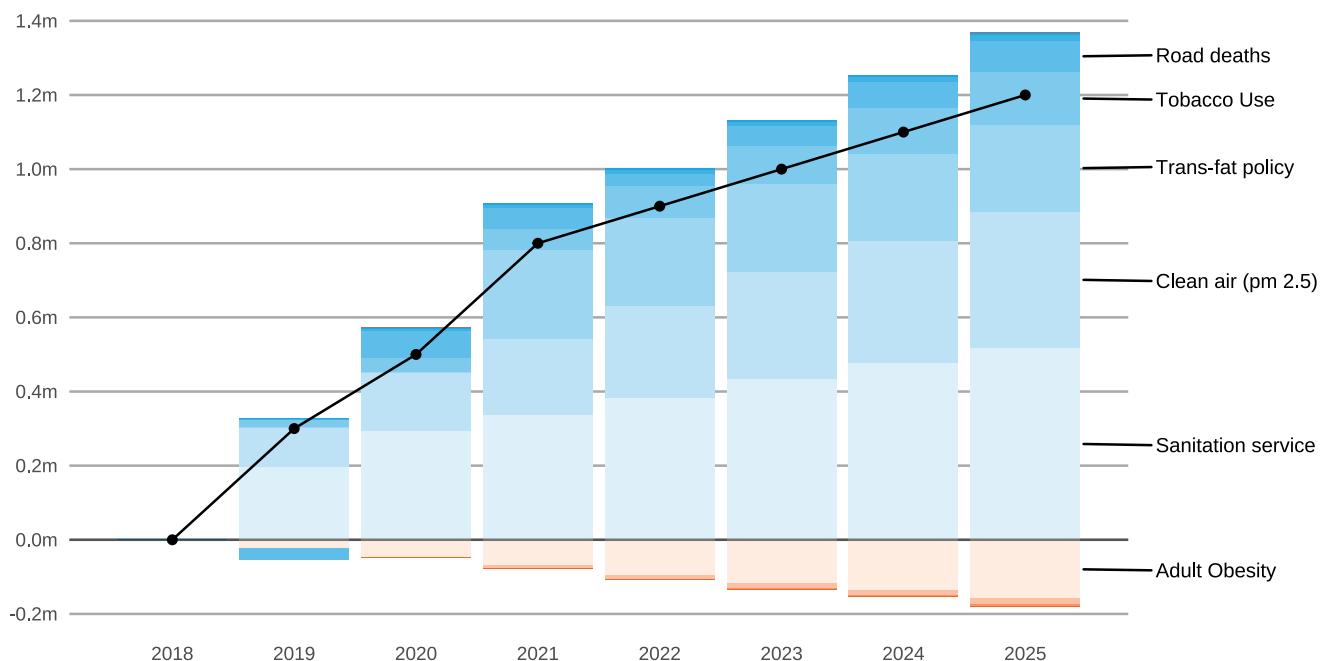


Triple Billions - Number of people affected (millions)



In Belgium, by 2025 the number of additional people projected to be: enjoying better health and wellbeing is 1.2 million; covered by essential services and not experiencing financial hardship is -0.3 million; and protected from health emergencies is -3.4 million.

Healthier Populations - individual indicator contributions (millions)



Other indicators below 1% of the total absolute contribution in 2025: Child violence, Child development, Clean fuel use, Partner violence, Child wasting, Child overweight, Child stunting, Adolescent-child obesity, Safe water, Alcohol consumption, Suicide mortality.

Further Resources

[WHO Global country page](#)

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Data Sources

Population data	UNDESA population division, World Population Prospects 2022 Extracted: December 2024
Current Health Expenditure (CHE) as % of GDP	World Health Organization, Global Health Expenditure database Extracted: August 2024
Life expectancy and Healthy life expectancy (HALE)	World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates Extracted: December 2024
Causes of death	World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates Extracted: December 2024
Disease Burden	World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates, Burden of Disease Extracted: December 2024
Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicators	World Health Organization, The Global Health Observatory
Triple Billion	World Health Organization, Global Progress Dashboard, Triple Billion targets

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<https://data.who.int/countries/056>

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