

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%

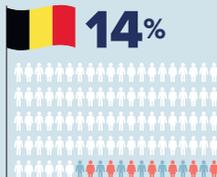
of Belgian adults participate in life-long learning activities



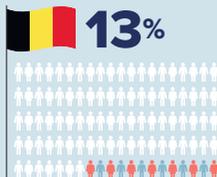
60%

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

% ADULTS WITH LOW LITERACY SKILLS



% ADULTS WITH LOW NUMERACY SKILLS



HOW GOOD ARE THE BELGIANS ONLINE?



Did You Know?

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

LIBRARIES AND SKILLS in The Netherlands



Population:
17.3 million



One library per
22,294 inhabitants

2019

LIBRARIES IN THE NETHERLANDS



145,000 ACTIVITIES, of which 40% promoted reading and 38% offered educational development opportunities



There are **70 MILLION** LIBRARY VISITS in The Netherlands per year



ALL of them offer internet and WiFi access



There are **3.2 MILLION** eBOOK LOANS in Dutch libraries each year



There are **890,541** AUDIO BOOK LOANS in Dutch libraries each year



There are **71 MILLION** BOOK LOANS in The Netherlands each year

SKILLS IN THE NETHERLANDS



The Netherlands ranks **3** on the EU's Digital Economy & Society Index (DESI)



19.1%

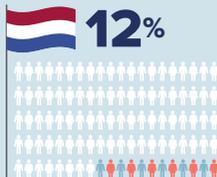
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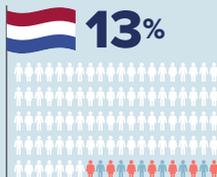
31%

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

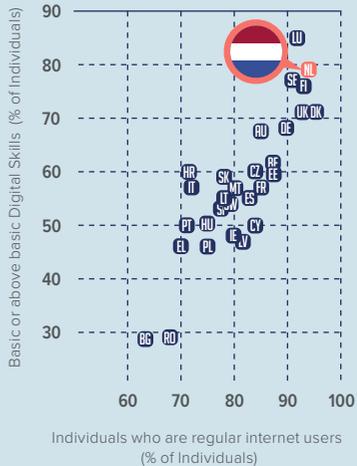
% ADULTS WITH LOW LITERACY SKILLS



% ADULTS WITH LOW NUMERACY SKILLS



HOW GOOD ARE THE DUTCH ONLINE?



Did You Know?

42% of eligible voters in Netherlands voted in the 2019 European Parliament elections