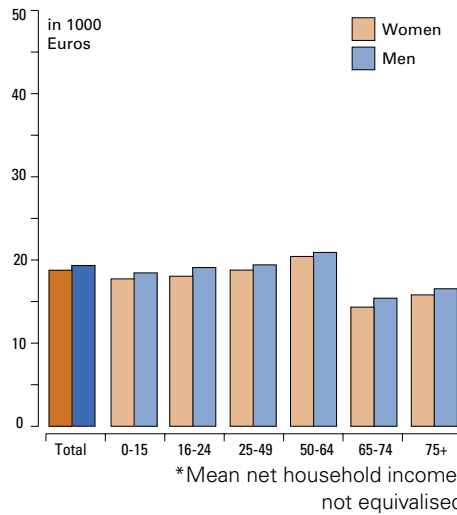


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Income and Wealth

Average Disposable Income*, 2001



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Sources:

Average Income, Relative Income,

S80/S20 share, Poverty Rate:

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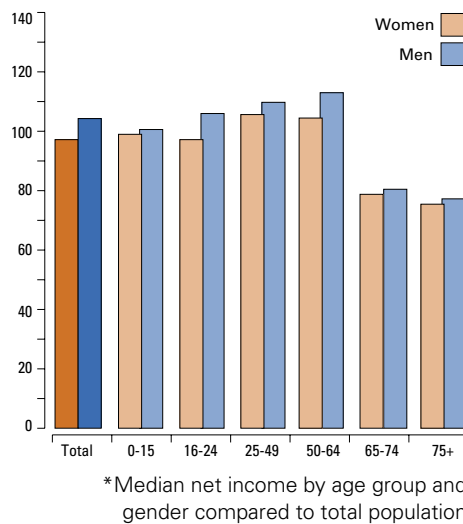
Income and Living Conditions Indicators, 2006

Income Composition: Own calculations based on ECHP

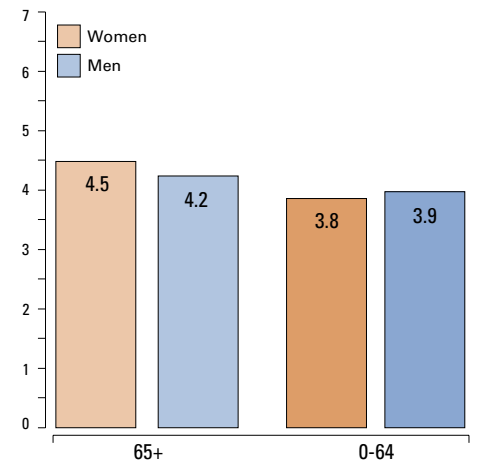
Notes:

We refer from now onwards to disposable household income equivalised using the OECD modified equivalence scale

Relative Disposable Income*, 2001



S80/S20 Ratio of disposable Income, 2001



Indicators



Demographic Indicators



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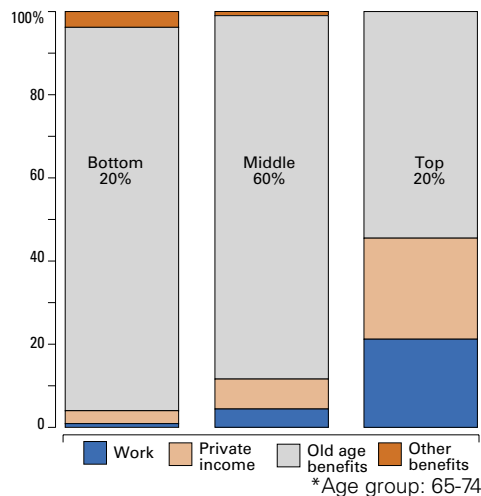


Labour Market and Labour Market Participation

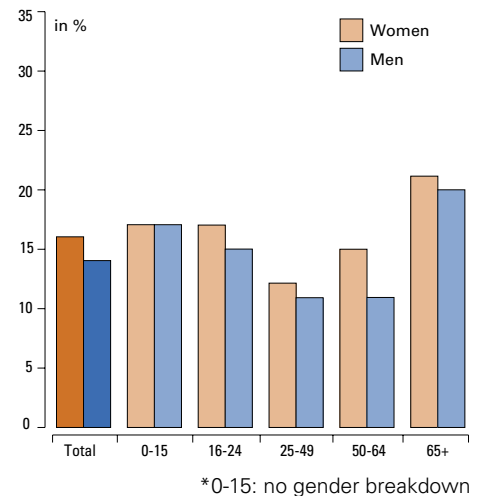


Social Protection and Financial Sustainability

Income Composition, by Income Groups*, 2001

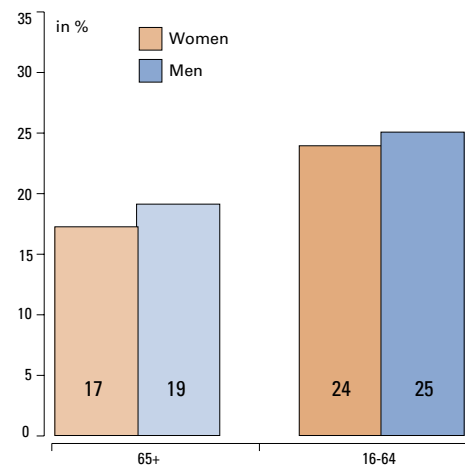


Relative Income Poverty Rate*, 2004



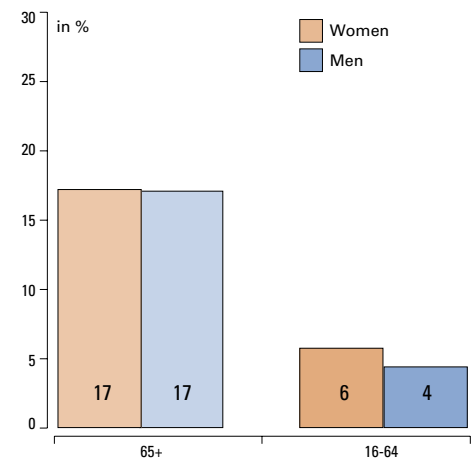


Median Income Poverty Gap*, 2004



*at 60% median threshold

Persistent Income Poverty Rate*, 2001



*3 years poor out of 4

Sources

Poverty Gap; Persistent Poverty Rate:
EUROSTAT, Income and Living Conditions Indicators, 2006

Income Composition: Own calculations based on ECHP:

Institutional Features:
MISSOC, Social protection systems in the Member states and the European Economic Area (2006); National source

Minimum Income Protection Level:
National source

EUROSTAT,
Income and Living Conditions Indicators, 2006

Institutional Features of the Minimum Income Guarantee for older People, 2006

Minimum pension:

Guaranteed minimum pay for each career year: Persons with at least 15 career years as an employee whose annual pension for a complete career does not exceed € 12,199.05 for a single person and € 15,248.83 for a household, are entitled to a minimum for each career year calculated on the basis of a minimum guaranteed pay of € 14,810.70 for a complete career.

Guaranteed minimum pension (pension minimale garantie/gewaarborgd minimum-pensioen) for a complete career, as well as for the equivalent of 2/3 of a complete career (following stated annual amounts prorata): minimum pension for employees: Household rate: € 12,990.85 Single rate: € 10,395.95; minimum pension for independent workers: Household rate: € 11,306.45 Single rate: € 8,537.09

Non contributory Minima:

Guaranteed income for elderly (GRAPA: Garantie de Revenus aux Personnes Agées)

Main conditions of eligibility and amount payable:

Man and women must be aged 64 (increased to 65 from 2009) and actually resident in Belgium. Resources must be below a certain ceiling.

Single: € 8,234.87 per year. Couple: € 10,979.82 per year.

Automatic revaluation by 2% when the Consumer Price Index varies by 2%.

Minimum Income Level as % of *, 2006

Number of Claimants of Minimum Income Guarantee, 2000-2006

Minimum pension (employees and independent workers): 19%

Guaranteed income for the elderly: 4%

Per Capita Expenditure on Minimum Income Protection Schemes, 2005

Minimum pension (employees and independent workers): 6061,85 (2005)

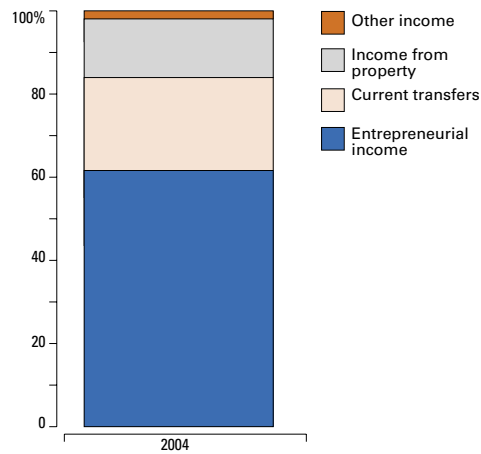
Guaranteed income for the elderly: 2980,24 (2006)

*No determined minimum wage exists



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Composition of Wealth Holdings by Components*, 2004



*Household mean income instead of wealth holdings

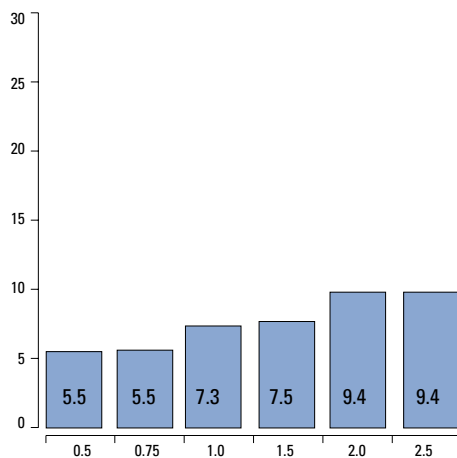
Sources:

Wealth holdings composition: Statistics Belgium

Pension Wealth, Replacement Rates:

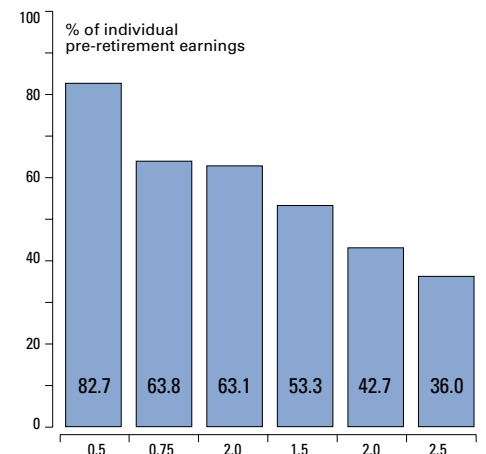
OECD, Pensions at a Glance (2005)

Gross Pension Wealth, 2005



*By earnings level: multiple of national average earnings

Net Replacement Rates, 2005



*By earnings level: multiple of national average earnings