Labour Market and Labour Market Participation

Sources:
Labour Force Participation Rate*, Employment Rate, Share, Unemployment: OECD statistics, 2006
Median Age: Own calculations based on the ECHP

Notes:
* ratio between the number of persons in the labour force (employed or unemployed) in a given age group and the population in the same age group.
**% of employed individuals on the working age population.
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Median Age, 2001

Unemployment Rates***, 1983-2005

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Age Discrimination, 2001

Inactivity Rates*, 1960-2005

Time Spent in Paid vs. Unpaid Work Activities

Long-Term Unemployment Rates**, 1983-2005

Share of Non-Employed Disability Benefit Recipients

Notes:
* ratio between the number of persons out the labour force (neither employed nor unemployed) in a given age group and the population in the same age group.
** % of long-term unemployed (individuals who are unemployed for more than 1 year) on the total number of unemployed individuals (OECD definition)

Sources:
Inactivity Rates and Long-Term Unemployment: OECD statistics, 2006
Average Exit Age: OECD Statistics, 2006;
Own calculations based on the ECHP
Early/Late Retirement: European Commission

Belgium

Average Effective Labour Market Exit Age

Early / Late Retirement, 2001

*See Notes
**Belgium**

**Lifetime Allocation*, 2000**

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* Based on average ages of entry and exit to/from the labour market calculated for 2000

**Average Age of Entry into Employment, 2000**

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**Implicit Tax on Continuing Working, 2003***

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*For a single worker with average production worker earnings

**Flexible Retirement**

**Early retirement:**
Earliest possible retirement age: 60
(subject to 28 years of employment)

**Upper age limit to withdraw pensions:**
Men: 65, Women: 64 in 2006, 65 as from 2009 (Most generally the statutory age limit is respected)

**Sources:**
- Entry into Employment, Flexible Retirement: European Commission, 2003
- Implicit Tax: Duval, OECD, Economics Department WP 370, 2003