

BELGIUM (FLEMISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY)

Question	Data					Notes and sources used
1. Number of compulsory school aged pupils (including those with SEN)	Public Sector		Private Sector		Total	Academic Year of Reference
	268,088		603,832 *			
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	871,920	2008/2009
	150,495	113,375 In addition: Part-time secondary: 3,352 Home educated: 866 **	258,930	341,319 Part-time secondary: 3,583		
2. Number of compulsory school aged pupils who have SEN (in all educational settings)	Public Sector		Private Sector		Total	Academic Year of Reference
	54,336		-			
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	54,336 *	2008/2009
	32,068	22,268	-	-		
3. Pupils with SEN in segregated special schools	Public Sector		Private Sector		Total	Academic Year of Reference
	17,430		28,661			
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	46,091	2008/2009
	10,740	6,690	16,803	11,858		
4. Pupils with SEN in segregated special classes in mainstream schools	Public Sector		Private Sector		Total	Academic Year of Reference
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	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	- *	-
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5. Pupils with SEN in fully inclusive settings	Public Sector		Private Sector		Total	Academic Year of Reference	Source: Statistical yearbook of Flemish education. These pupils are included in mainstream classes for more than 80% of their school day. * It is not possible to tell which of these pupils are in private or public education.
	8,245 *		-				
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary			
	4,525	3,720			8,245	2008/2009	
6. Compulsory age phase	The age range covered by compulsory education is from 6 to 18 years old. Primary school: 6 to 12 years (compulsory). Secondary school: 12 to 18 years (compulsory).						
7. Clarification of Public - Private sector education	Public education refers to community education and subsidised publicly run schools. Private sector refers to subsidised privately run schools. These are general Catholic schools and the Government finances them. The number of independent private schools is limited in the Flemish Community. Data on this type of school is not collected by the Department for Education and Training.						
8. Legal Definition of SEN	Special education is defined as: 'education, based on a pedagogical project that provides adapted schooling, care and therapy for pupils whose personal development cannot be or can insufficiently be guaranteed, temporarily or permanently, in a mainstream school.' 8 types of special education are distinguished. The same categorisation is used for funding integrated education. Reference: Decree, 1997.						