

Extracted on 17 February 2025

	European Union	Euro area	Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria
Population on 1 January (absolute number)	448 803 078 (2023)	349 665 601 (2023)	9 104 772 (2023)	11 742 796 (2023)	6 447 710 (2023)
Youth population (15 - 29 years) (as percentage of the total population)	16.2% (2023)	16.3% (2023)	16.9% (2023)	17.8% (2023)	13.2% (2023)
First time asylum applicants (absolute number)	1 049 550 (2023)	N/A	56 135 (2023)	29 260 (2023)	22 390 (2023)
Gender pay gap (as percentage of average gross hourly earnings of men; unadjusted)	12.7% (2022)	13.1% (2022)	18.7% (2022)	0.7% (2022)	12.6% (2022)
Minimum wage (Euro per month)	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 994.2€ (2024-S1)	477.0€ (2024-S1)
People at risk of poverty or social exclusion (as percentage of the population)	21.6% (2022)	21.8% (2022)	17.5% (2022)	18.7% (2022)	32.2% (2022)
Early school leavers (as percentage of the population aged 18 - 24)	9.5% (2023)	9.8% (2023)	8.6% (2023)	6.2% (2023)	9.3% (2023)
Inflation rate (percentage change compared to previous year)	6.4% (2023)	5.4% (2023)	7.7% (2023)	2.3% (2023)	8.6% (2023)
Unemployment rate (as percentage of the labour force aged 15 - 74 years)	6.1% (2023)	6.6% (2023)	5.1% (2023)	5.5% (2023)	4.3% (2023)
Youth unemployment rate (percentage of labour force aged less than 25)	14.5% (2023)	14.5% (2023)	10.4% (2023)	16.1% (2023)	12.1% (2023)
GDP per capita (Euro per inhabitant)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Government gross debt (as percentage of GDP)	80.8% (2023)	87.4% (2023)	78.6% (2023)	103.1% (2023)	22.9% (2023)
Government deficit / surplus (as percentage of GDP)	-3.5% (2023)	-3.6% (2023)	-2.6% (2023)	-4.2% (2023)	-2.0% (2023)
Greenhouse gas emissions (Tonnes per capita)	7.8 (2022)	N/A	8.3 (2022)	9.3 (2022)	9.1 (2022)
Renewable energy (as percentage in gross final energy consumption)	23.1% (2022)	21.8% (2022)	34.1% (2022)	13.8% (2022)	19.0% (2022)
Electricity prices (Euro per MWh, incl. taxes)	285.0€ (2023-S2)	305.4€ (2023-S2)	288.5€ (2023-S2)	377.2€ (2023-S2)	119.4€ (2023-S2)
Energy imports dependency (percentage of gross available energy)	62.5% (2022)	68.0% (2022)	74.2% (2022)	74.0% (2022)	37.1% (2022)
Recycling rate of municipal waste (percentage of total municipal waste)	49.1% (2022)	N/A	62.6% (2022)	54.7% (2022)	24.6% (2022)