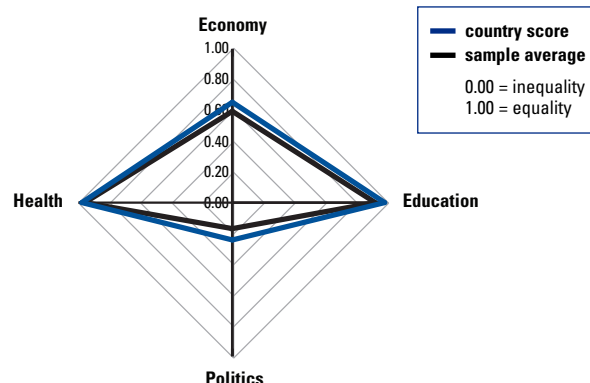


Belgium

Rank Score (0.000 = inequality, 1.000 = equality)

Gender Gap Index 2009 (out of 134 countries)	33	0.717
Gender Gap Index 2008 (out of 130 countries)	28	0.716
Gender Gap Index 2007 (out of 128 countries)	19	0.720
Gender Gap Index 2006 (out of 115 countries)	33	0.691



Key Indicators

Total population (millions)	10.63
Population growth (%)	0.73
GDP (US\$ billions)	265.27
GDP (PPP) per capita	33,399
Mean age of marriage for women (years)	28
Fertility rate (births per woman)	1.60
Year women received right to vote	1919, 1948
Overall population sex ratio (male/female)	0.96

Gender Gap Subindexes

	Rank	Score	Sample average	Female	Male	Female-to-male ratio
Economic Participation and Opportunity 65 0.653 0.594						
Labour force participation	55	0.82	0.69	60	73	0.82
Wage equality for similar work (survey)	87	0.61	0.66	—	—	0.61
Estimated earned income (PPP US\$)	87	0.52	0.52	20,683	40,000	0.52
Legislators, senior officials, and managers	48	0.46	0.30	31	69	0.46
Professional and technical workers	66	0.96	0.84	49	51	0.96
Educational Attainment 71 0.991 0.930						
Literacy rate	1	1.00	0.87	100	100	1.00
Enrolment in primary education	1	1.00	0.97	98	98	1.01
Enrolment in secondary education	98	0.96	0.92	85	89	0.96
Enrolment in tertiary education	1	1.00	0.87	70	55	1.26
Health and Survival 55 0.979 0.960						
Sex ratio at birth (female/male)	1	0.94	0.93	—	—	0.94
Healthy life expectancy	65	1.06	1.04	73	69	1.06
Political Empowerment 29 0.243 0.169						
Women in parliament	13	0.55	0.22	35	65	0.55
Women in ministerial positions	39	0.30	0.17	23	77	0.30
Years with female head of state (last 50)	41	0.00	0.14	0	50	0.00

Additional Data

Maternity and Childbearing

Births attended by skilled health staff (%)	99
Contraceptive prevalence, married women (%)	78
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	4
Length of paid maternity leave	15 weeks
Maternity leave benefits (% of wages paid)	82% for the first 30 days and 75% for the remaining period (up to a ceiling)
Provider of maternity coverage	Social security
Maternal mortality ratio per 100,000 live births	8
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15–19)	10

Education and Training

Female teachers, primary education (%)	80
Female teachers, secondary education (%)	57
Female teachers, tertiary education (%)	42

Employment and Earnings

Female adult unemployment rate (%)	8.73
Male adult unemployment rate (%)	6.69
Women in non-agricultural paid labour (% of total labour force)	46
Ability of women to rise to enterprise leadership*	4.75

Basic Rights and Social Institutions**

Paternal versus maternal authority	0.00
Female genital mutilation	0.00
Polygamy	0.00
Existence of legislation punishing acts of violence against women	0.00

*Survey data, responses on a 1-to-7 scale (1 = worst score, 7 = best score)

**Data on a 0-to-1 scale (1 = worst score, 0 = best score)