



Belgium

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

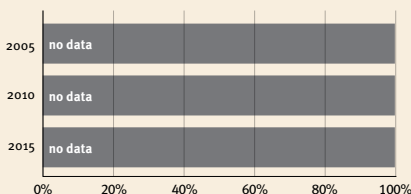
Demographics

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| Population | 11,589,616 |
| Annual births | 124,027 |
| Children under 5 | 633,653 (5%) |
| Under-five mortality | 3/1,000 |

Threats to Early Childhood Development

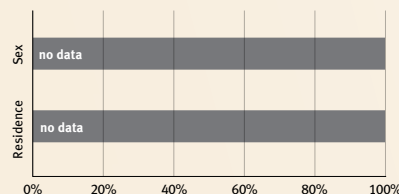
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| Maternal mortality | 5/100,000 | Young mothers (births by 18y) | no data |
| Low birthweight | 7% | Preterm births | 8% |
| Child poverty | no data | Under-five stunting | no data |
| Violent discipline | no data | Inadequate supervision | no data |

Young children at risk of poor development



At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Risk by sex and residence



Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

no data Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage

Children with functional difficulty

no data

Children developmentally on-track

no data

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

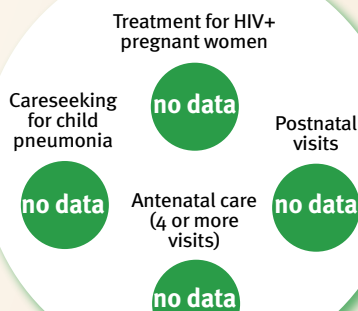
Parents and caregivers need a facilitating environment of laws, policies, services and community support to assist them in providing their young children with nurturing care.

Facilitating environments

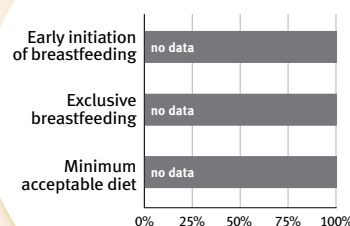
| Policies | | | | |
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| None | <14 | 14 - <18 | 18 - <26 | ≥26 |
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| Paid maternity leave (weeks) | | | | |
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| Not | Slightly | Moderately | Substantially |
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| International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes (alignment) | | | |
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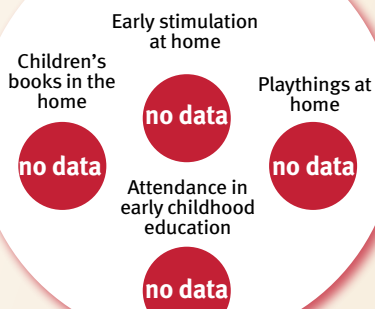
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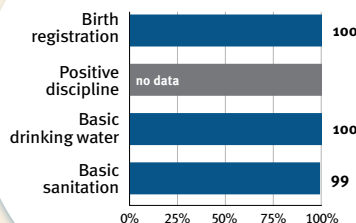
Nutrition



Early learning



Security and safety



Responsive caregiving

Public information about ECD
Parental mental health
Parent support (groups, home visits)
Quality child day care

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Comparative country data urgently needed

International conventions

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| ✓ | Convention on the Rights of the Child |
| ✓ | Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities |
| ✓ | CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography |
| ✓ | Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption |