



Belgium

Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

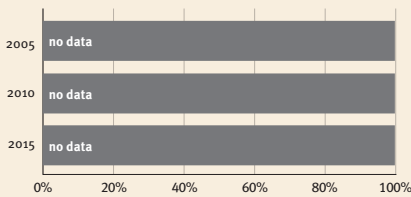
Demographics

Population	11,632,334
Annual births	123,807
Children under 5	628,638 (5%)
Under-five mortality	3/1,000

Threats to Early Childhood Development

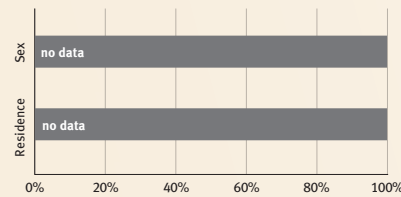
Maternal mortality	5/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	6/1,000
Low birthweight	7%	Preterm births	8%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	2%
Violent discipline	no data	Inadequate supervision	no data

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

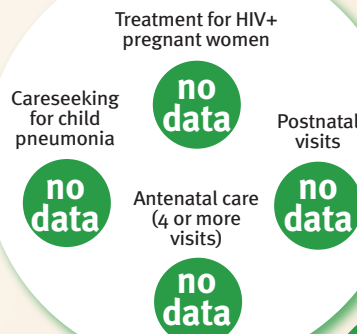
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Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

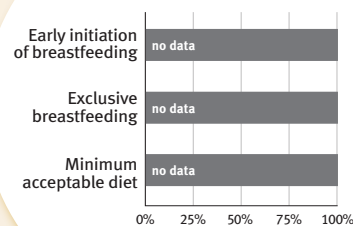
Parents and caregivers need a facilitating environment of laws, policies, services and community support to assist them in providing their young children with nurturing care.

Facilitating environments

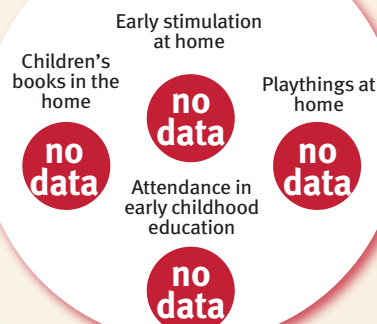
Health



Nutrition



Early learning



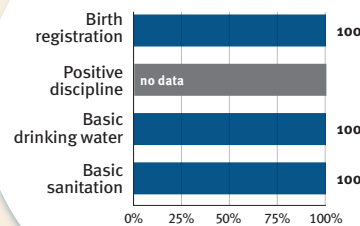
Responsive caregiving

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



Comparative country data urgently needed

Security and safety



Policies

	None	<14	14 - <18	18 - <26	≥26
Paid maternity leave (weeks)					
Paid paternity leave (weeks)					

International conventions

✓	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