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FROM DATA TO INSIGHT: KEY FIGURES, CLEARLY VISUALIZED

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Key figures at a glance

The Belgian business landscape counts over **4.15 million registered entities**, of which more than **1.7 million are active**, with data updated in real time. Amid this vast amount of information, it's easy to lose perspective. Which figures are relevant? Which trends are crucial for your decisions?

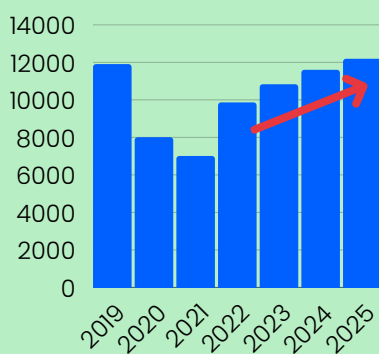
At Trends Business Information, we believe insight starts with filtering what truly matters. That's why we have compiled a selection of **key figures** here. At a glance, you get a clear overview of trends, signals, and benchmarks that help you make **informed decisions**, manage risks, and identify opportunities.

Do you need a detailed company profile or a specific report?

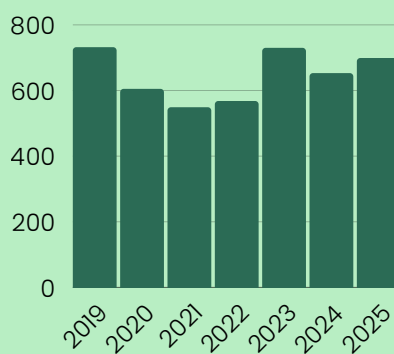
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Insolvency procedure: trends and developments

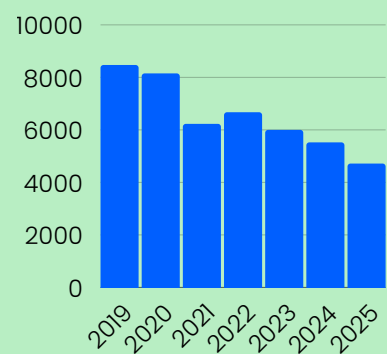
Bankruptcies



Judicial reorganizations



Judicial dissolutions



Bankruptcies

In 2025, the number of bankruptcies increased by **5,9%** compared to 2019. We close 2025 with an all-time record of **over 12,000 rulings**.

Judicial reorganizations

After the COVID-19 dip in 2020–2021, the number of judicial reorganizations in Belgium has **risen sharply again** since 2023. This indicates increasing financial pressure on companies.

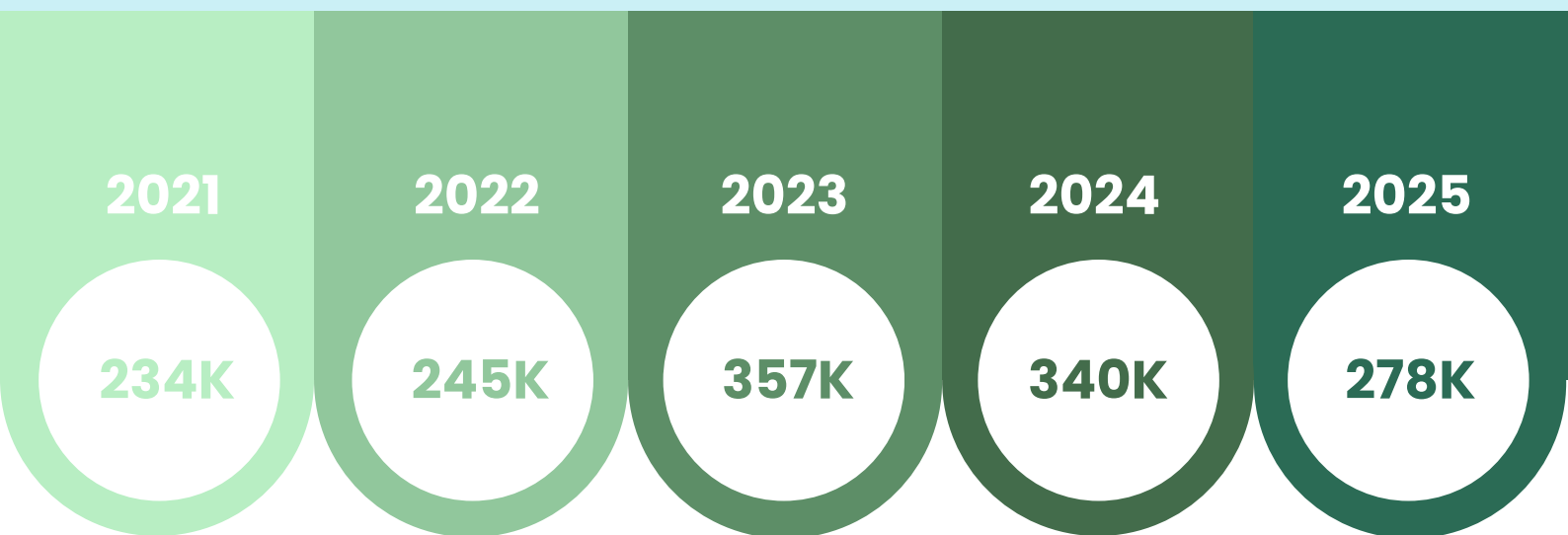
Judicial dissolutions

The number of judicial dissolutions in Belgium has been **steadily decreasing** since 2019, which may indicate that the commercial courts are identifying fewer serious issues, such as non-compliance with legal obligations by companies.

Belgian Official Gazette: processing of legal entity deeds

Deeds

Overview of the number of deeds published over the past five years in the Annex of the Belgian Official Gazette – Legal Entities (each deed is manually coded by Trends Business Information).



Subjects of the deeds

In 2025, a large number of company deeds were registered once again, ranging from **incorporations** and **appointments** to **amendments** and **dissolutions**. The figures on the following page provide an overview of the main categories.

WVV Legislation

Two years after the deadline, **450K companies** have updated their articles of association in accordance with the new WVV legislation. In total, just under **20%** of companies have still not complied with this requirement.

80%

have updated to the new
articles of association

18.493

Dissolutions /
Liquidations 2025

42.431

Changes in Registered
Addresses 2025

6.069

Name changes

138.284

New companies
in 2025

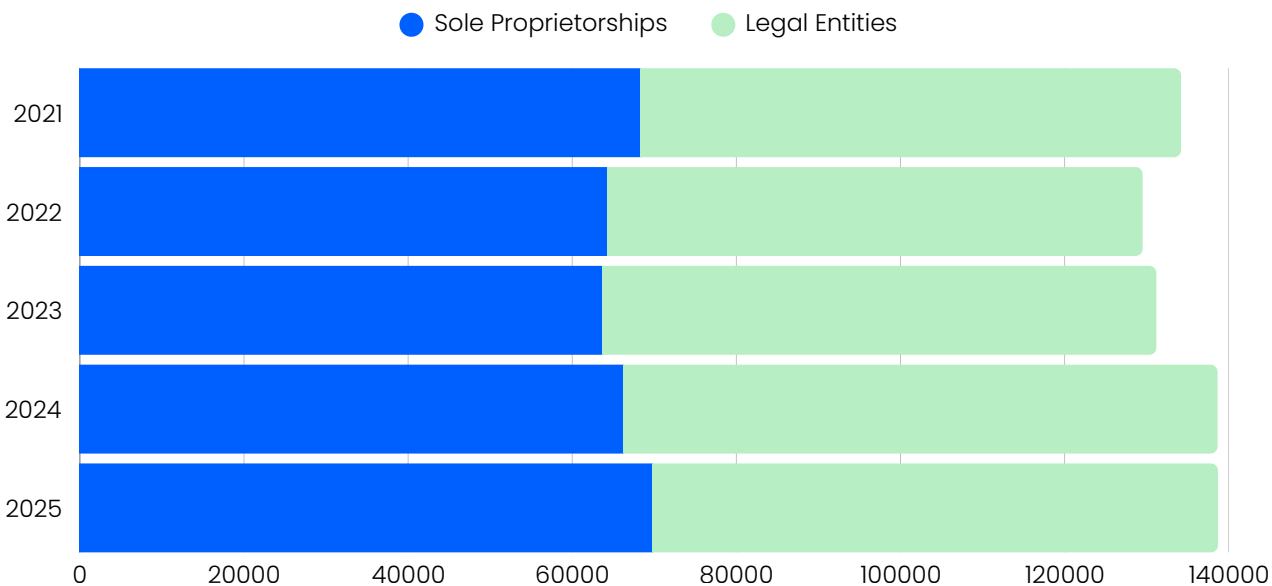
56.839

Appointments
in 2025

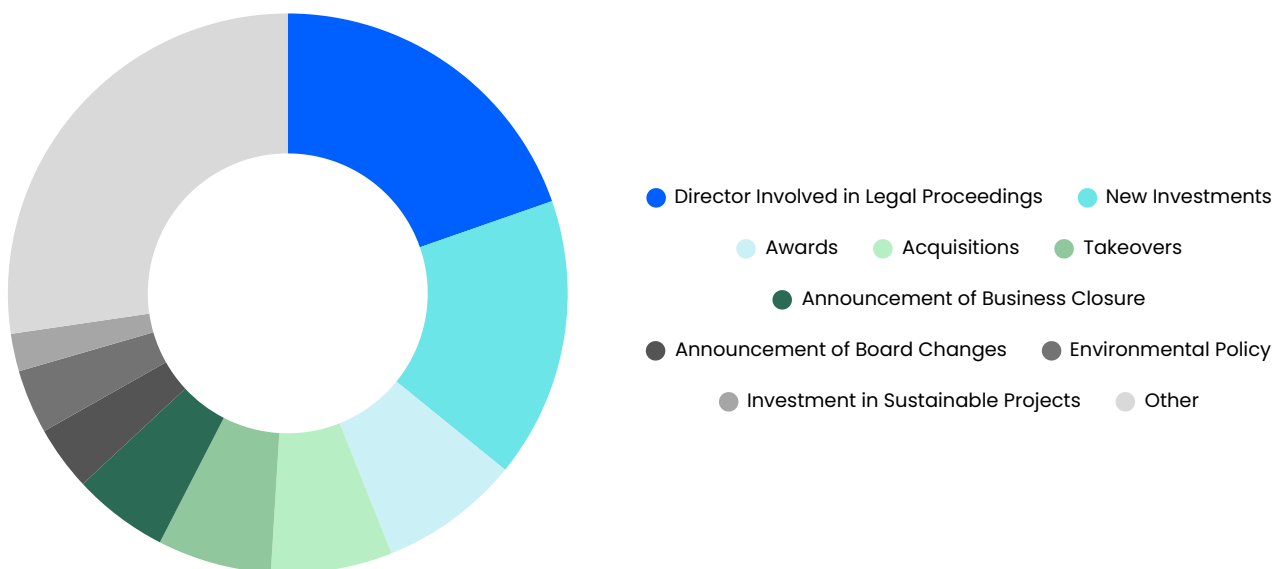
Formation of Belgian companies in balance

New companies

In Belgium, the number of new companies remains **stable**. The figures show no significant decline, but also no notable increase, indicating a market currently finding a balance between growth and continuity. This stability reflects an environment in which entrepreneurs carefully weigh when and how to start their businesses. It demonstrates that the Belgian business landscape is robust, yet predictable, allowing companies and investors to focus on **sustainable development**.



Recent company events by the numbers



Access to **real-time events** and **news** provides companies with continuously up-to-date and relevant insights. By analyzing and integrating both positive and negative news daily into the Trends Business Information database, businesses gain a **dynamic view** of the financial and operational health of other companies. This is particularly valuable for small enterprises, where financial data is often limited or delayed. Thanks to this continuous **news monitoring**, companies can assess risks more quickly, identify opportunities, and make better-informed business decisions.

From full to micro: a closer look at annual accounts (2024)

Annual accounts

In Belgium, annual accounts are an important source of insight into the **financial health** of companies and associations. The growth in the number of filed annual accounts is a natural consequence of the expanding population of active Belgian businesses.

+ 35 %

increase in filings:
2013 vs 2024

98,2 %

of the filings
were companies

1,8 %

of the filings were
associations/foundations

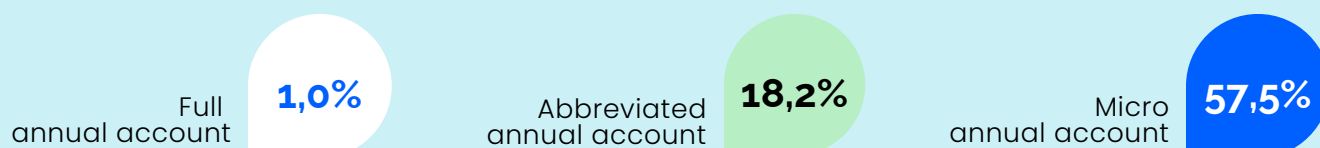
Types of annual accounts

In 2024, a large portion of Belgian organizations met the criteria for simplified annual accounts. Among companies with capital, only 2.6% filed a full set of accounts. Associations and foundations rarely publish full annual accounts, often thanks to administrative exemptions. The trend is most pronounced among companies without capital: **57.5% filed micro-annual accounts**.

COMPANIES WITH CAPITAL



COMPANIES WITHOUT CAPITAL



ASSOCIATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS

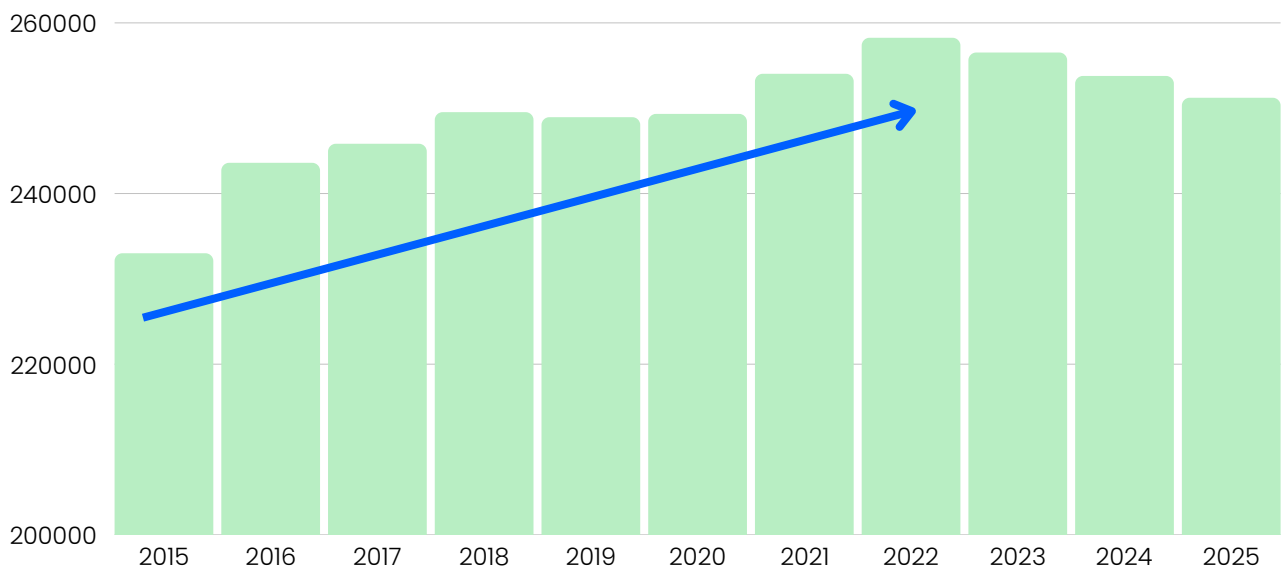


Since the WVV **no longer requires a minimum share capital for private limited companies** (BV), the proportion of filings by companies without capital has risen sharply. At the same time, annual accounts are now submitted much more promptly thanks to **stricter enforcement**: companies that ignore their obligations face faster judicial dissolution. These developments significantly enhance financial transparency and compliance within the Belgian business landscape.

Employers: from growth to stabilization

Number of employers

The number of employers in Belgium increased from 233,000 in 2015 to a peak of 258,253 in 2022, partly due to COVID-related personnel subsidies. Since then, a **gradual decline** has been observed: in 2025, Belgium has 251,223 employers. This trend is partly due to the discontinuation of labor market support measures.



Executive summary

01 Insolvency trend

Insolvency procedures have shown clear changes over the years. Bankruptcies and reorganizations indicate **increasing financial pressure** on companies.

02 Focus on reorganization

Judicial reorganization is increasingly being used as an alternative to bankruptcy. This indicates a greater willingness to **restructure companies rather than to liquidate** them.

03 Data diversity

Business insights come from many sources, including financial, legal, ESG, and media data. The real value lies in combining these **sources into a single, coherent picture**.

04 Decision insight

Clear key figures help companies **assess risks more accurately**. Real-time, filtered data supports faster and better-informed decision-making.

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