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## Global Barometer on Hope and Despair

# Belgium

Trend data: 1977-2011

(for all years for which data are available)

### Volume 2: Country Report Series



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**FOREWORD**

# **The World's First and the Leading Global Barometer**

The Global Barometer of Hope and Despair, conducted on the eve of every new year since 1977, happens to be the world's first Global Barometer. It was initiated and led by the renowned pollster Dr. George Gallup in that year and has since been conducted annually by research institutes affiliated with Gallup International and other associated research institutions. In 2011 we will be celebrating 34 years of its success.

In 1977 the world was still a stranger to modern computing machines on everyone's desk. It was a world in which the old Main Frame computers were available to the fortunate. Others performed their tasks in more primitive ways. The mode of communication was the Post Office supplemented by what was known as the "Telegraph and Telex Machine". Despite these limitations, the first Global Barometer was conducted by 22 Gallup International Association members across the globe. They included all the G7 countries as well as key countries from all continents. The number of countries has since risen considerably and the survey now covers a highly representative sample of global population. In 2011 the survey covers 58 countries from all parts of Asia, Africa, Latin America and Australasia.

Considering that the Global Barometer was initiated in 1977 under conditions which would now seem primitive by way of international communications as well as information technology, the archives of the Global Barometer were not in a position to present trend data in usable form. It has taken some effort to construct time series data.

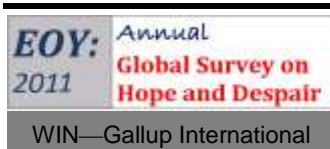
It was a proud privilege for Gallup Pakistan to have accomplished that task in 2010. Despite being relatively limited in its scope, the trend data information is now usable and amendable to updation. It has been updated for the latest year (EOY: 2011)

In the covers of these pages you will find a simple computation of the top lines of country data for all years when the survey was conducted in that country. We hope that we will further refine these Reports, in due course of time.

We would particularly like to thank the team at Gallup Pakistan as well as Ms. Armida Wagman at the Gallup International Secretariat who in 2010 helped compile the trend data for the first 33 years of the series. We very much hope that with the active support of the Expert Group on Opinion Research (details on the Blog of the Group) at WIN-Gallup International we will be able to further pursue this task.

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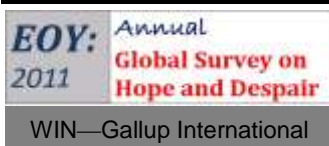


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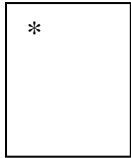
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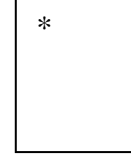
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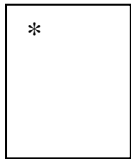
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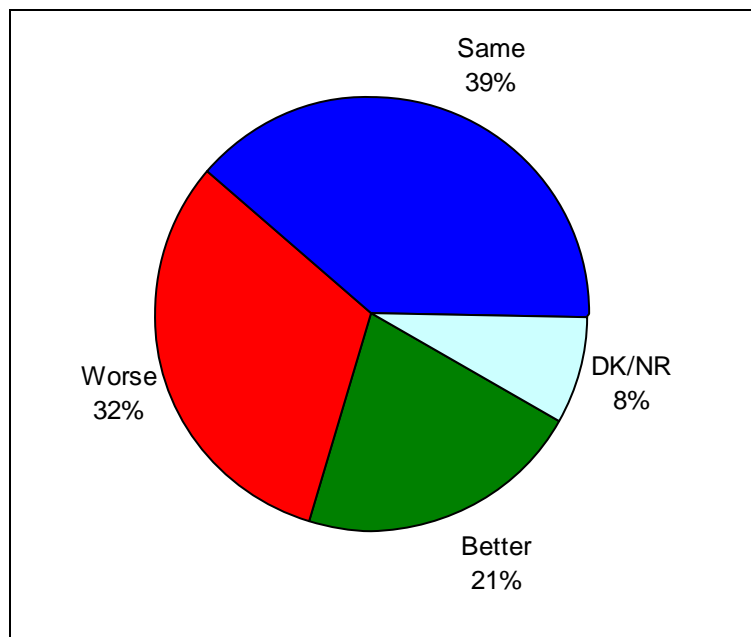


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## Graph for Hope and Despair in Belgium for Year 2011

Question: **So far as you are concerned do you think that 2012 will be better or worse than 2011?**



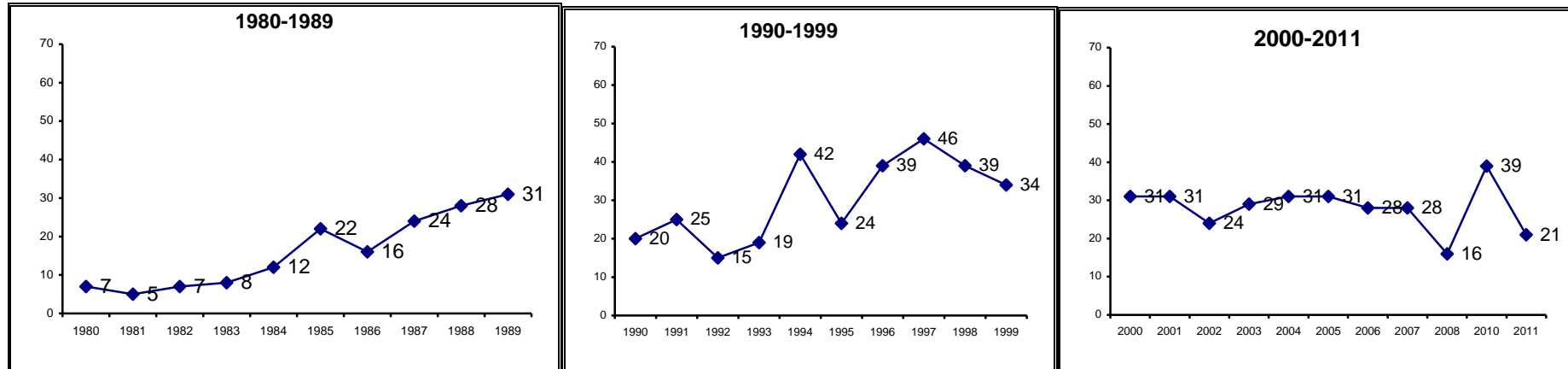
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(Note applicable for all tables ahead): Rounding off to 100:  
When the total does not add up to 100, it is because of rounding off issues.



The trend of  
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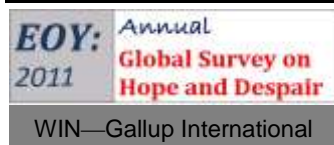
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Note: Reported for all the years for which survey was carried out and data are available.

Year	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Percent of Respondents										
Hope	7	5	7	8	12	22	16	24	28	31	20	25	15	19	42	24	39	46	39	34	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2010	2011
Hope																					31	31	24	29	31	31	28	28	16	39	21

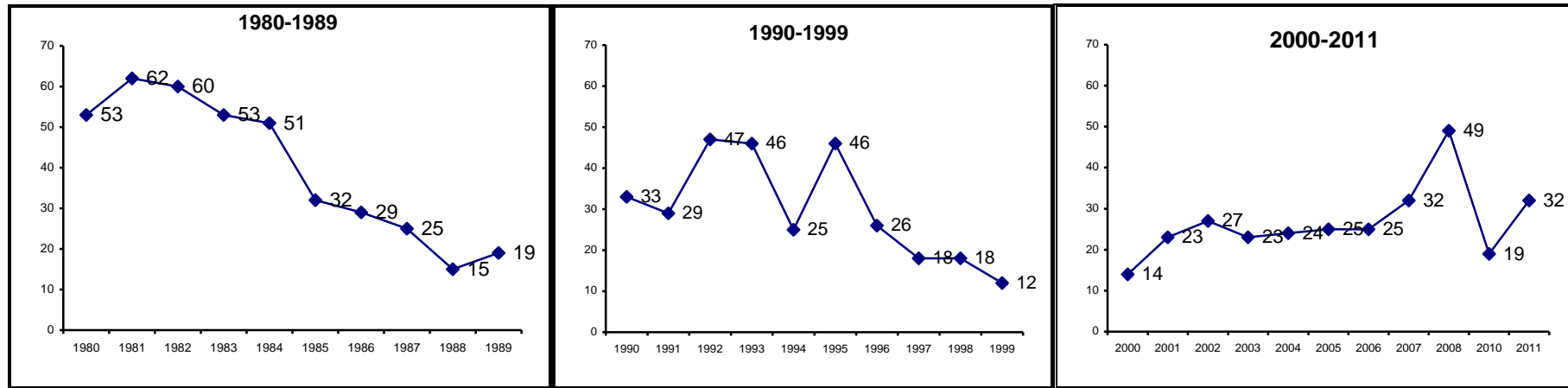
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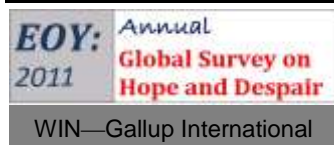


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Year	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Despair	53	62	60	53	51	32	29	25	15	19	33	29	47	46	25	46	26	18	18	12

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2010	2011
Despair	14	23	27	23	24	25	25	32	49	19	32

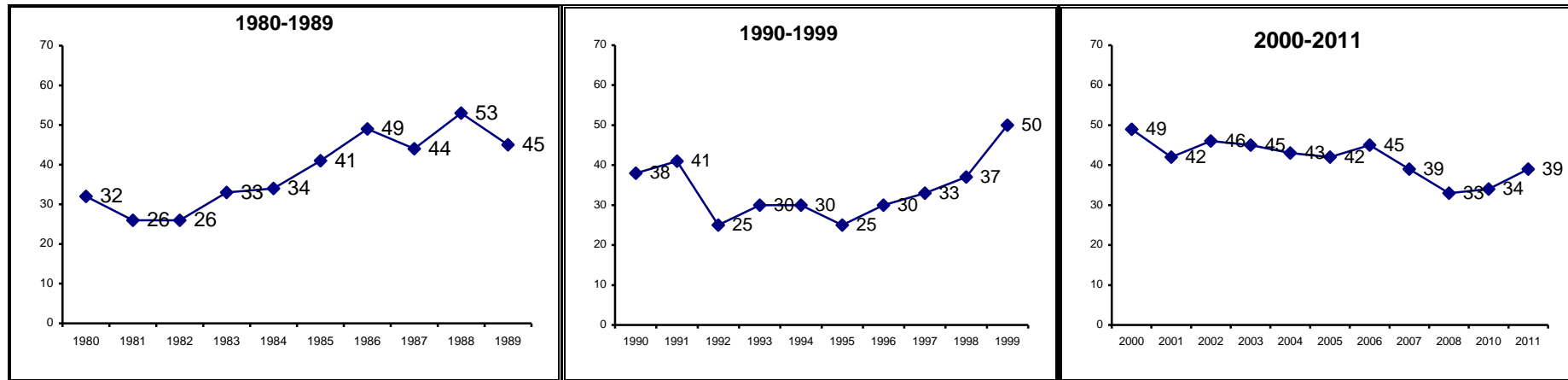
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# NO CHANGE



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Year	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
<b>No change</b>	32	26	26	33	34	41	49	44	53	45	38	41	25	30	30	25	30	33	37	50

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2010	2011
<b>No change</b>	49	42	46	45	43	42	45	39	33	34	39

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## Hope and Despair in Belgium

Question: **So far as you are concerned do you think that 2012 will be better or worse than 2011?**

<i>Percent of Respondents</i>					
Serial #	Year	Better	Same	Worse	DK/NR
1	1980	7	32	53	8
2	1981	5	26	62	7
3	1982	7	26	60	7
4	1983	8	33	53	6
5	1984	12	34	51	3
6	1985	22	41	32	5
7	1986	16	49	29	6
8	1987	24	44	25	7
9	1988	28	53	15	4
10	1989	31	45	19	5
11	1990	20	38	33	9
12	1991	25	41	29	5
13	1992	15	25	47	13
14	1993	19	30	46	5
15	1994	42	30	25	3
16	1995	24	25	46	5
17	1996	39	30	26	5
18	1997	46	33	18	3
19	1998	39	37	18	6
20	1999	34	50	12	4
21	2000	31	49	14	6
22	2001	31	42	23	5
23	2002	24	46	27	3
24	2003	29	45	23	3
25	2004	31	43	24	3
26	2005	31	42	25	2
27	2006	28	45	25	2
28	2007	28	39	32	1
29	2008	16	33	49	2
30	2010	39	34	19	7
31	2011	21	39	32	8

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## Economic prosperity in Belgium

**Question: Compared with this year, in your opinion, will next year be a year of economic prosperity, economic difficulty or remain the same?**

*Percent of Respondents*

Serial #	Years	Economic prosperity	Remain the same	Economic Difficulty	DK/NR
1	1980	2	26	66	6
2	1981	2	24	68	6
3	1997	17	48	31	4
4	1998	16	50	28	6
5	1999	28	49	20	3
6	2000	31	38	25	6
7	2001	11	29	54	6
8	2002	11	35	49	5
9	2003	17	37	41	4
10	2004	16	36	44	4
11	2005	14	36	48	3
12	2006	14	37	47	2
13	2007	15	33	51	2
14	2008	6	16	76	2
15	2010	26	40	27	6
16	2011	7	26	61	6

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## Unemployment in Belgium

**Question: In the next 12 months do you expect the number of unemployed in ... (YOUR COUNTRY) to increase a lot, to increase slightly, remain the same, fall slightly or fall a lot?**

*Percent of Respondents*

Serial #	Years	Increase a lot	Increase slight	Remain the same	Fall Slight	Fall a lot	DK/NR
1	1997	10	37	20	28	2	3
2	1998	11	35	22	27	2	3
3	1999	6	23	26	38	4	3
4	2000	5	18	23	43	6	5
5	2001	20	42	19	13	2	5
6	2002	16	48	18	12	1	3
7	2003	17	43	18	18	2	3
8	2004	17	46	17	16	2	2
9	2005	15	45	20	15	2	3
10	2006	27	43	13	14	2	1
11	2007	9	35	28	24	2	2
12	2008	38	43	8	7	3	2
13	2010	11	33	23	26	1	6

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## Employment in Belgium

Question: **Are you now in paid employment - either full time or part time?**

*Percent of Respondents*

Serial #	Years	Full time	Part time	No
1	1997	40	7	53
2	1998	33	15	52
3	1999	38	15	47
4	2000	42	10	48
5	2001	39	12	49
6	2002	39	11	50
7	2003	39	12	49
8	2004	37	12	51
9	2005	40	11	49
10	2006	40	13	47
11	2007	40	13	47
12	2008	37	14	50
13	2010	40	11	50

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## Job security in Belgium

Question: **Do you think your present job is safe, or do you think there's a chance you may become unemployed?**

*Percent of Respondents*

Serial #	Years	Present job safe	Chance of unemployment	DK/NR
1	1997	72	24	4
2	1998	78	17	5
3	1999	79	19	2
4	2000	81	17	2
5	2001	71	26	3
6	2002	64	32	3
7	2003	74	22	4
8	2004	71	27	2
9	2005	73	26	2
10	2006	77	22	1
11	2007	75	23	2
12	2008	71	28	1
13	2010	87	12	1

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## Ease of Job in Belgium

Question: **If you became unemployed, do you think you'd be able to find a new job fairly quickly, or do you think it might take longer?**

*Percent of Respondents*

Serial #	Years	New job quickly	May take longer	Wouldn't look	DK/NR
1	1997	45	40	12	3
2	1998	50	38	8	4
3	1999	54	33	9	4
4	2000	62	23	12	3
5	2001	55	31	12	2
6	2002	43	41	13	3
7	2003	47	40	11	2
8	2004	49	36	12	3
9	2005	55	34	9	2
10	2006	56	32	10	2
11	2007	61	28	10	1
12	2008	49	39	9	3
13	2010	55	35	6	4

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