

EUTHANASIA - Figures for 2025

Language of registration documents

	TOTAL	4486	%
Dutch		3379	75,3
French		1107	24,7

Patient gender

	TOTAL	4486	%
Female		2343	52,2
Male		2143	47,8

Patient age

	TOTAL	4486	%
Under 18 years		1	0,0
18-29 years		20	0,4
30-39 years		40	0,9
40-49 years		111	2,5
50-59 years		249	5,6
60-69 years		759	16,9
70-79 years		1289	28,7
80-89 years		1328	29,6
90-99 years		662	14,8
100 years and over		27	0,6

Location of the procedure

	TOTAL	4486	%
At home		2176	48,5
Hospital with PCU		1386	30,9
Hospital		1101	24,5
Palliative care unit (PCU)		285	6,4
Rest Homes - Rest and Care Homes		834	18,6
Other		90	2,0

Basis of the written request

	TOTAL	4486	%
Current request		4480	99,9
Advance declaration of euthanasia		6	0,1

Conditions

Breakdown according to the category of conditions, all expected time of death durations included	TOTAL	4486	%
Tumours (cancers)		2237	49,9
Polypathologies (combination of several chronic refractory conditions)		1327	29,6
Diseases of the nervous system		369	8,2
Diseases of the respiratory system		146	3,3
Diseases of the circulatory system		107	2,4
Cognitive disorders (dementia)		77	1,7
Psychiatric conditions		74	1,6
Diseases of the osteoarticular system, muscles and connective tissue		50	1,1
Diseases of the digestive system		24	0,5
Traumatic lesions, poisoning and certain other consequences with external causes		20	0,4
Diseases of the genitourinary system		17	0,4
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings not listed elsewhere		10	0,2
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases		8	0,2
Diseases of the eye and its appendages		6	0,1
Congenital disorders and chromosomal abnormalities		4	0,1
Skin diseases and those of the sub-cutaneous cellular tissue		3	0,1
Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain immune system disorders		2	0,0
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process		2	0,0
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period		2	0,0
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases		1	0,0

Expected time of death

	TOTAL	4486	%
Expected in the short term (short)		3369	75,1
Not expected in the short term (not short)		1117	24,9

		Short	Short
Breakdown according to the category of conditions, short term			
	TOTAL	3369	%/3369
Tumours (cancers)		2210	65,6
Polypathologies (combination of several chronic refractory conditions)		687	20,4
Diseases of the nervous system		192	5,7
Diseases of the respiratory system		130	3,9
Diseases of the circulatory system		71	2,1
Diseases of the digestive system		21	0,6
Diseases of the genitourinary system		16	0,5
Diseases of the osteoarticular system, muscles and connective tissue		10	0,3
Traumatic lesions, poisoning and certain other consequences with external causes		8	0,2
Other		24	0,7

		NOT short	NOT short
Breakdown according to the category of conditions, NOT short term			
	TOTAL	1117	%/1117
Polypathologies (combination of several chronic refractory conditions)		640	57,3
Diseases of the nervous system		177	15,8
Cognitive disorders (dementia)		70	6,3
Psychiatric conditions		70	6,3
Diseases of the osteoarticular system, muscles and connective tissue		40	3,6
Diseases of the circulatory system		36	3,2
Tumours (cancers)		27	2,4
Diseases of the respiratory system		16	1,4
Traumatic lesions, poisoning and certain other consequences with external causes		12	1,1
Other		29	2,6

Suffering mentioned

	TOTAL	4486	%
Physical and psychological suffering reported simultaneously		3858	86,0
Physical suffering only		545	12,1
Psychological suffering only (resulting from both psychiatric and physical conditions)		83	1,9

Doctors consulted

Qualification of the reporting doctor

	TOTAL	4486	%
General Practitioner		3267	72,8
Specialist		1213	27,0
Psychiatrist		6	0,1

End-of-life training of the reporting doctor * <i>19,2% of doctors consulted</i>	TOTAL	860	%
EOL-LEIF		356	7,9
Trained in palliative care		235	5,2
EOL-LEIF and trained in palliative care		269	6,0
No additional training		3626	80,8

* data available since March 2025 (document adaptation)

Qualification of doctors compulsorily consulted

Qualification of the first doctor compulsorily consulted		
TOTAL	4486	%
General Practitioner	2820	62,9
Specialist	1541	34,4
Psychiatrist	125	2,8
End-of-life training		
<i>63,8 % of doctors consulted</i>		
TOTAL	4486	%
EOL-LEIF	1966	43,8
Trained in palliative care	389	8,7
EOL-LEIF and trained in palliative care	505	11,3
No additional training	1626	36,2
Qualification of the second doctor compulsorily consulted (death not expected in the short term)		
TOTAL	1117	%/1117
Psychiatrist	487	43,6
Specialist	361	33,2
General Practitioner	259	23,2
End-of-life training		
<i>53,27% of doctors consulted</i>		
TOTAL	1117	%
EOL-LEIF	530	47,4
Trained in palliative care	24	2,1
EOL-LEIF and trained in palliative care	41	3,7
No additional training	522	46,7

Products used

TOTAL	4486	%
Propofol + neuromuscular paralyzing agent by intravenous administration	2220	49,5
Thiopental + neuromuscular paralyzing agent by intravenous administration	1544	34,4
Thiopental only by intravenous administration	674	15,0
Barbiturates by oral administration	19	0,4
Morphine and/or anxiolytic + neuromuscular paralyzing agent by intravenous administration	19	0,4
Other	10	0,2

Actions of the Commission

TOTAL	4486	%
Acceptance during the Commission's 1st session <i>No further information was requested</i>	3840	85,6
Acceptance during the Commission's 1st session but further information was requested from the doctor for administrative reasons	273	6,1
<i>Request for missing administrative data (e.g.: place of death, INAMI-RIZIV number, etc.)</i>	197	4,4
<i>Request for missing administrative data and informative comment only (e.g.: method, time taken for the form to be sent, etc.)</i>	10	0,2
<i>Request for missing administrative data and informative comment on how the procedure and/or essential requirements sections were completed (e.g.: brief response but information either in the annexes or elsewhere in the document)</i>	66	1,5
Acceptance during the Commission's 1st session but informative comment sent to the doctor	235	5,2
<i>Form completed properly but informative comment only provided (e.g. method, time taken for the form to be sent)</i>	180	4,0
<i>Informative comment on how the procedure and/or essential requirements sections were completed (e.g.: brief response but information either in the annexes or elsewhere in the form)</i>	55	1,2
Requests for additional information from the doctor for clarification on the procedure carried out or on compliance with the essential requirements *	138	3,1
<i>Request for clarification on the procedure and/or the essential requirements</i>	106	2,4
<i>Request for clarification on the procedure and/or the essential requirements and informative comment only (e.g.: method, time taken for the form to be sent, etc.)</i>	7	0,2
<i>Request for clarification on the procedure and/or the essential requirements and request for missing administrative data</i>	20	0,4
<i>Request for clarification on the procedure and/or the essential requirements, request for missing administrative data and informative comment only (e.g.: method, time taken for the form to be sent, etc.)</i>	5	0,1

* All cases for which further information was requested were approved during the Commission's 2nd or 3rd session following explanations provided by the doctors.

Residence of patients

TOTAL	4486	%
Province of Antwerp	988	22,0
Province of East Flanders	743	16,6
Province of Antwerp	697	15,5
Province of Flemish Brabant	498	11,1
Province of Liège	368	8,2
Province of Limburg	316	7,0
Brussels-Capital Region	245	5,5
Province of Hainaut	211	4,7
Province of Walloon Brabant	141	3,1
Province of Namur	103	2,3
Province of Luxembourg	54	1,2

Patients living in Belgium	4363	97,3
Patients living abroad	123	2,7

Patients living abroad

TOTAL	123	%
France	110	89,4
Netherlands	7	5,7
Belgians living in the USA	1	0,8
Belgians living in Switzerland	1	0,8
Spain	1	0,8
Italy	1	0,8
Russia	1	0,8
Thailand	1	0,8