

Members of the Belgian Chamber of Representatives (1995-2019)

Codebook (v1)

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Description

Dataset containing political background and sociodemographic characteristics of all members elected to the Belgian Chamber of Representatives between 1995 and 2019.

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Variables

mpidterm: unique identifier at the level of the individual MP that varies per legislative term.

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mpname: name of the MP.

ppg: the party group of the MP.

term: the legislative term (49=1995-1999; 50=1999-2003; 51= 2003-2007; 52=2007-2010; 53=2010-2014; 54=2014-2019).

lang: language group of the MP (FR= francophone, NL=Dutch-speaking).

ppgsize: size of the MP's party group (percentage of seats).

govparty: MP belongs to a (1) governing party or (0) opposition party.

ches_genlr: general L-R position of the MP's party (www.chesdata.eu).

gender: sex of the MP (1=woman)

parltenure: number of years since the MP first entered a regional, federal or the European parliament.

dur_years: absolute duration of the MP's mandate during that legislative term (in years).

dur_relative: relative duration of the MP's mandate during that legislative term (0-1).

dur_fullterm: absolute duration of the legislative term (in years).

partylead: MP simultaneously holds a position as extra-parliamentary party president or parliamentary group leader.

mayor: MP simultaneously holds a position as mayor.

elecins: electoral insecurity of the MP based on the previous election results, ranging from 0 (safe seat) to 1 (insecure seat). This measure is calculated by dividing the order of election of an MP by the total number of seats received by the party in the district (André et al., 2015).

substitute: dummy variable indicating whether the MP entered parliament as a substitute.