

# Genomic surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 in Belgium

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## Executive summary

42,965 Belgian sequences of SARS-CoV-2 are now publicly available on GISAID.

Among these, 1,139 sequences of positive SARS-CoV-2 samples collected between 23rd and 5th of September were reported in the context of baseline surveillance, B.1.617.2 (*Delta*) represented 99.5% (equal to the last report).

Other variants currently represent less than 1% of the circulating strains.

The genomic surveillance in Belgium is stable in comparison with the situation described last week. Therefore no extensive narrative report is provided and we refer to the report of last week for further discussion on the current situation.

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