

Table 1

Belgium World Cup Squad (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belgium_national_football_team#Current_squad)	Age (years) when joined a Pro Club Youth Academy	Age (years) when made professional debut	Years from joining Academy to making Pro debut	Academy
Thibaut Courtois	7	16	9	Genk
Simon Mignolet	16	<u>18</u>	2	Sint-Truiden
Koen Casteels	10	19	9	Genk
Toby Alderweireld	9	19	10	Beerschot & Ajax
Thomas Vermaelen	6	19	13	Beerschot & Ajax
Vincent Kompany	14	17	3	Anderlecht
Jan Vertonghen	12	19	7	Beerschot & Ajax
Thomas Meunier	12	18	6	Standard Liege
Dedryck Boyata	12	20	8	FC Brussels and Manchester City FC
Leander Dendoncker	8	18	10	Roeselare and Anderlecht
Axel Witsel	14	17	3	Standard Liege
Kevin De Bruyne	8	17	9	Gent and Genk

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Marouane Fellaini	9	19	10	Anderlecht, Mons, Royal Football Club Seraing + Sporting Charleroi
Yannick Carrasco	8	18	10	Diegem Sport and Genk
Youri Tielemans	6	16	10	Anderlecht
Adnan Januzaj	6	18	12	FC Brussels, Anderlecht and Manchester Utd
Mousa Dembélé	14	18	4	Berchem & Beerschot
Nacer Chadli	9	18	9	Standard Liege & Maastricht
Romelu Lukaku	9	16	7	Lierse and Anderlecht
Eden Hazard (<i>captain</i>)	6	16	11	Brainois, Tubize and Lille
Dries Mertens	9	18	9	Stade Leuven , Anderlecht and Gent
Thorgan Hazard	7	18	11	Brainois, Tubize and Lens
Michy Batshuayi	12	18	6	Brussels, Anderlecht & Standard Liege