

Our figures

	2021	2020	2019
ITM in the world			
Institutional partners	19	19	19
Reference laboratories	13	14	14
Diagnostic tests sent across the world*	2,215,841	2,098,004	2,364,546
Staff at ITM			
Academic, scientific and medical staff	194	166	166
Administrative and technical staff	294	281	265
Male/female (M/F) ratio (%)	35/65	33/67	33/67
M/F ratio executive academic, scientific and medical staff (%)	54/46	57/43	59/41
M/F ratio academic, scientific and medical staff (%)	36/64	33/67	32/68
M/F ratio administrative and technical staff (%)	29/71	29/71	29/71
Research			
Scientific excellence and impact			
Papers in scientific journals	422	387	311
New international research projects	41	61	31
International research consortia led by ITM	7	9	7
Innovative research projects running with the support of Flanders	23	20	12
Clinical trials coordinated by ITM**	29 (16+6+7)	12	11
Education			
Master			
Master students	67	62	62
Master students Public Health	43	43	39
Master students Topical Medicine	18		
Master students Tropical Animal Health	19	19	23
Nationalities			
Belgian	2	4	1
Other EU countries	1	2	2
Non-EU countries	64	56	59
Postgraduate			
Postgraduate students	108	45	117
Postgraduate Tropical Medicine for Bachelors in Nursing and Midwifery	75	0	59
Postgraduate Certificate in Tropical Medicine and International Health	33	45	58
Nationalities			
Belgian	75	36	73
Other EU countries	32	7	27
Non-EU countries	1	2	17

* Due to the presence of a new Scientific Head in the Unit of Applied Technology & Production, the way of calculating the numbers changed in 2021.

** From 2021 onwards we combine the clinical (16), interventional (6) and observational (7) studies in our reporting".

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Short courses			
Short course students	217	121	196
Nationalities			
Belgian	44	17	1
Other EU countries	15	11	2
Non-EU countries	158	93	59
PhD students			
Ongoing PhD's at ITM (31/12/2020)	101	80	83
Nationalities			
Belgian	21	18	20
Other EU countries	20	9	8
Non-EU countries	60	53	55
PhD dissertations in 2020	5	16	19
Interns and master thesis students			
Interns	50	109	117
Nationalities			
Belgian	38	37	44
Other EU countries	7	14	17
Non-EU countries	5	58	56
Master thesis students*	16	10	17
Nationalities			
Belgian	9	5	9
Other EU countries	2	3	3
Non-EU countries	5	2	5

* University students who have written their master thesis at ITM

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Medical services			
Consultations			
Consultations in 2020	33,029	28,864	42,398
HIV (%)	20%	14%	14%
PrEP (%)	13%	9%	7%
STD (%)	11%	10%	7%
Pre-travel (%)	34%	21%	51%
Helpcenter (%)	6%	8%	8%
Post-travel, pediatrics (%)	10%	13%	14%
Nurses	7%		
COVID-19 (%)		17%	
By phone (%)		9%	
Patient samples			
Analyses*	459,612 analyses for 38,627 patient contacts	472,470 analyses for 41,093 patient contacts	589,391 analyses for 43,480 patient contacts
Analyses as National Reference Centre for the Diagnosis of Infectious and Tropical Diseases (KRL)	86,263	78,039	121,047
Newly diagnosed HIV infections in the National HIV/STD Reference Laboratory	270	272	313
Travel medicine			
Visitors and patients for travel advice and vaccinations	11,008	6,159	21,563
Administered vaccinations	17,098	15,031	48,751
Top 5 diseases for which visitors got vaccinated (%)	1. Yellow fever 26% 2. Hepatitis A 17% 3. Polio 12% 4. Diphtheria 10% 5. Tetanus 10%	1. Yellow fever 30% 2. Hepatitis A 22% 3. Tetanus & diphtheria 17% 4. Polio & pertussis 14% 5. Rabies 7%	1. Yellow fever 53% 2. Hepatitis A 43% 3. Tetanus & diphtheria 26% 4. Polio & pertussis 26% 5. Rabies 21%
People returning from the South who came to our clinic with medical symptoms	3,670	3,694	5,835
The most common diseases	1. Malaria: 13,5% 2. Diarrhea (acute/chronic): 11,7% 3. Schistosomiasis: 10,9% 4. Skin/soft tissue infection: 6,9% 5. Scabies: 6,5% 6. NB: COVID-19: 2,6%	1. COVID-19: 21,57% 2. Diarrhea (acute/chronic): 10,78% 3. Schistosomiasis: 9,8% 4. Malaria: 4,9% 5. Skin/soft tissue infection: 4,9%	1. Diarrhoea (all types): 26.52% 2. Malaria (all types): 9.58% 3. Skin/soft tissue infection/rash/abcess: 8.83% 4. Animal bites/rabies PEP: 4.7% 5. Arboviral infections: 3.45%
Page views on Wanda - Travel in good health (website)	263,514	487,136	421,434
New users in Wanda - Travel in good health (app)	9,436	19,856	
User engagement in Wanda - Travel in good health (app)	92,981	120,606	

*In 2021 we refined our counting methods which give more accurate results.

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Infectious Diseases ward at UZA			
Patients admitted in the Infectious Diseases Ward	348	486, predominantly COVID-19	347
Acquired HIV infections			
HIV reference center			
Patients in follow-up	3,113	3,008	3,054
Average age	49	48	48
Nationality (%)	Europe & North America 67% Asia 4% Africa 22% Latin America 5% Unknown 2%	Europe & North America 67% Asia 4% Africa 22% Latin America 5% Unknown 2%	Europe & North America 68% Asia 4% Africa 22% Latin America 4% Unknown 2%
Gender ratio (M/F %)	75/25	75/25	75/25
Number of newly registered HIV patients	127	148	163
Helpcenter - Low-threshold centre			
Visitors	1,760	1,496	2,459
Priority target groups	MSM: 637 Migrants (outside Europe): 352 Commercial sex workers (CSW): 30 Clients of CSW: 92 High risk: IVDU (intravenous drug users), Persons with occasional sexual contacts, Group sex: 1614	MSM: 401 Migrants (outside Europe): 607 Commercial sex workers (CSW): 23 Clients of CSW: 93 IVDU (intravenous drug users): 9 Persons with occasional sexual contacts: 1,216 Group sex: 764	MSM: 1,048 Migrants (outside Europe): 619 Commercial sex workers (CSW): 54 Clients of CSW: 276 IVDU (intravenous drug users): 20 Persons with occasional sexual contacts: 1,370 Group sex: 547
HIV tests performed	1,063	381	1,724
Newly diagnosed HIV infections	11	6	16
Swab2Know programme			
Collected oral fluid tests	369	417	906
Newly diagnosed HIV infections. 2021: reactive samples	5	2	4