

The main characteristics of the source (per every type of the source)

1. Official name of the source and its English translation	Population register
2. Purpose of the source:	
2.a. Why was this source created?	Administrative purposes of local and national government. The population registers were derived from censuses.
2.b. Who created it?	Municipal governments
3. Scope: What group of the population was documented in this source?	All residents
4. Time period: When the information of the sources was recorded? Please indicate the start and the end date.	Usually 1846-1900, but 1812-1900 for Sart and 1806-1900 for Verviers.
5. Geographical area: What territory is covered by the source?	Population registers were implemented in all of Belgium after 1846. Some communes had similar systems before that date. Our focus is on the Province of Liège. Data has been collected on the communes of Bettincourt, Clermont, Charneux, Huy, Limbourg, Neufchateau, Polleur, Sart, Seraing, Tilleur, and Verviers.
6. Content: What was recorded?	Name, date of birth, marital status, occupation, residence, and dates of migration, marriage, death
7. Language of written material: original sources and documentation	French
8. Preservation and storage:	
8.a. Completely preserved	Preservation in provincial and municipal archives is required by law but in fair proportion of municipalities they have disappeared because of wars etc..
8.b. Partially destroyed by personnel according to systematic criteria	
8.c. Partially destroyed or damaged for other reasons	
8.d. Reorganized by producer of the source	
8.e. Reorganized by record linkage procedures	
8.f. Where the original records are stored (name of the archive or institution)?	Original documents are in the Royal Archives of Belgium for the Province of Liège and in municipal archives. Some documents have been microfilmed by the LDS Genealogical Society. Copies of most documents are at the University of Geneva and ICPSR.
9. Documentation:	
9.a. Completely documented and accessible by:	
9.b. Partially documented and accessible by:	Documents in provincial archives are highly accessible, but most municipal archives do not have facilities for research access.
9.c. No documentation, but accessible by:	