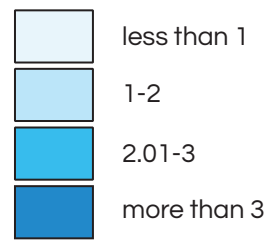
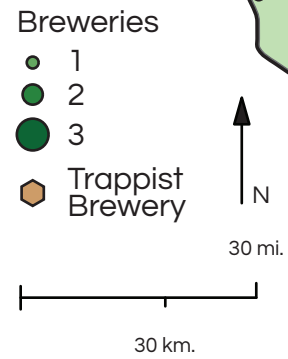
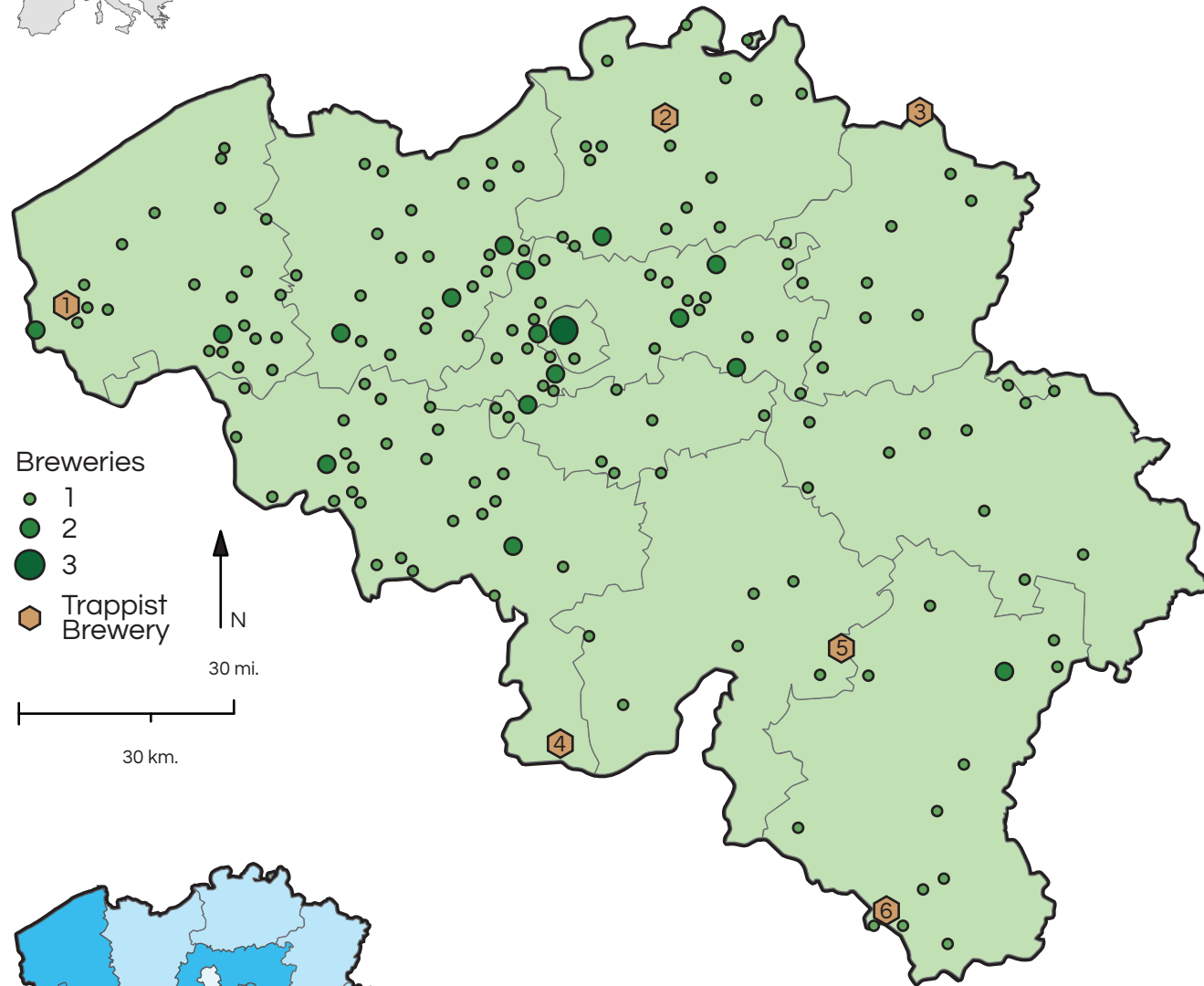




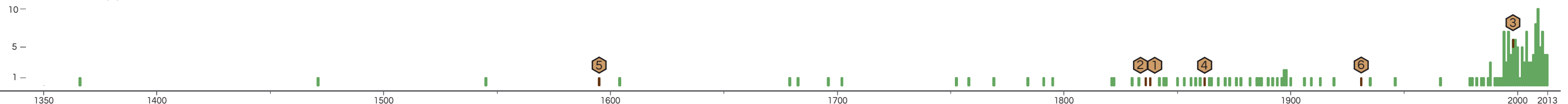
Belgian Breweries

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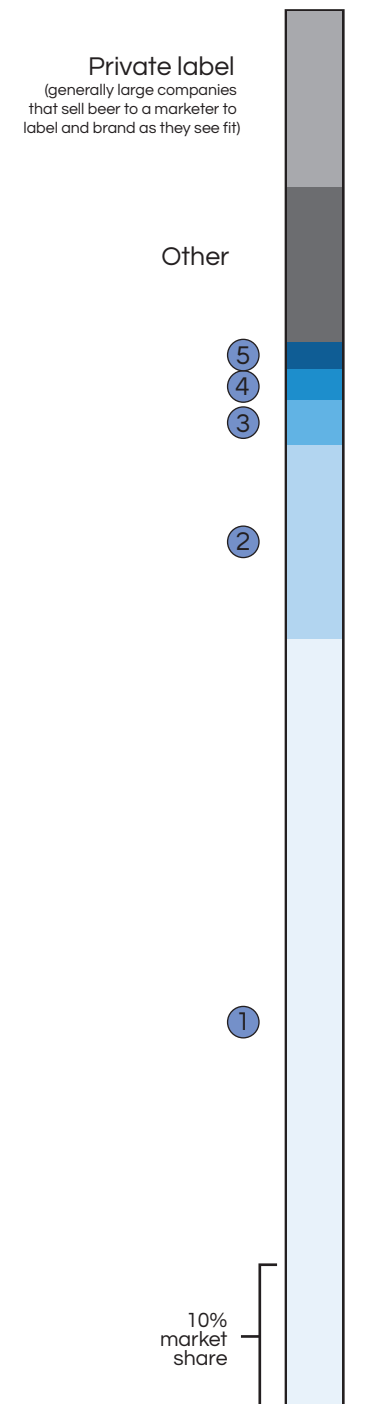
Breweries built by year



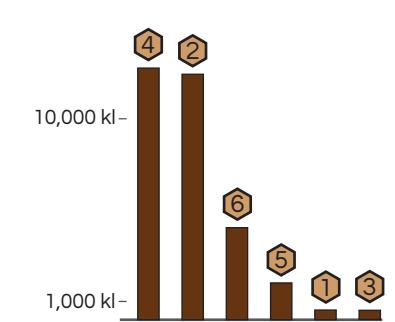
In Belgium today, there are roughly 200 breweries and every year the Belgian people drink 75 liters of beer per capita. While this puts Belgium in the top 20 beer consuming countries per capita, the figures are paltry compared to the staggering 3000+ breweries and 200+ liters consumed per capita in 1900. Belgium is home to many unique styles of beer including Saison, Flanders Red Ale, Oud Bruin, Lambic, and Abbey style ales. The history of Belgian beer culture is inexorably linked with the church. Historically, Belgian abbeys sold their high quality beer to the public in order to sustain themselves financially.

The popularity of these abbey beers gave them an image of quality which still exists today. However, more often than not, "abbey beers" today are mostly secular products which exploit that image of quality. There is a subset of Abbey beers which are called "Trappist Beers" which are frequently regarded as some of the best beers in the world. To be a certified trappist beer, the beer must be brewed within the walls of a Cistercian monastery, and the brewery must be a non-profit enterprise of secondary importance within the monastery. Currently there are ten Trappist breweries in the world and six of them are located in Belgium.

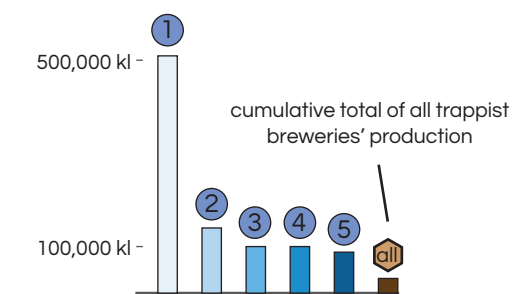
Market share of all producers on the Belgian beer market



Trappist Breweries	Year est.	Production (in kiloliters)
1 Westvleteren Brewery	1838	475
2 Westmalle Brewery	1836	12,000
3 Achel Brewery	1998	450
4 Chimay Brewery	1862	12,300
5 Rochefort Brewery	1595	1,800
6 Orval Brewery	1931	4,500



Largest Breweries (or brewing companies)	Production (in kiloliters)
1 Ab InBev (4 breweries)	510,000
2 Alken-Maes (4 breweries)	140,000
3 Haacht (1 brewery)	100,000
4 PALM breweries (3 breweries)	100,000
5 Duvel Moortgat (3 breweries)	88,000



10% market share