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Increase in the number of motor vehicles in 2000

On 1 January 2001 there were over 7.9 million motor vehicles registered in the Netherlands including 6.5 million cars. The total number of motor vehicles increased by almost 4% on the year before, according to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands. The number of cars increased by 3%, not as much as in the previous year. The number of motor bikes went up by almost 6% to a total of 438 thousand.

Almost one car for every two inhabitants

Nearly 1 out of 2 residents of the Netherlands owns a car. However, there are great differences between the various age categories. Only 1 in 15 people aged 18 and 19 owns a car; in the age class 20 to 25 this is 1 in 4. Well over half of all inhabitants aged between 30 and 60 own a car whereas it is slightly over 1 in 3 for people over 65.

Increased number of motor bikes

On 1 January 2001 there were 438 thousand motor bikes in the Netherlands, up nearly 6% on the year before. There are striking differences between the age groups, as is the case with cars. Less than 1% of people between 18 and 25 own a motor bike, whereas in the age group between 30 and 50 some 6% of the inhabitants own a motor bike.

Company cars newer than privately owned cars

Some 11% of all cars is registered as a company car, according to Statistics Netherlands. These are mainly cars owned by lease companies. Such cars are of significantly more recent vintage than privately owned cars. Almost a third of the company cars is less than a year old. This is barely 6% for privately owned cars. About 1% of the motor bikes is owned by a company. However, this share seems to be on the increase, since 7% of all motor bikes sold in 2000 is registered in the name of a company.

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Motor vehicles on 1 January 2001, by year of construction

	Total	Privately owned cars	Company cars					Motor bikes	
			Total	Vans	Lorries	Tractors	Special vehicles	Buses	
Total	7 927 246	6 539 212	950 236	755 977	83 458	59 828	39 599	11 374	437 798
Year									
2000	714 932	583 348	113 488	95 082	7 045	8 549	2 025	787	18 096
1999	725 974	591 936	116 913	98 151	7 317	8 322	2 407	716	17 125
1998	639 660	513 781	111 821	93 157	7 241	8 999	1 825	599	14 058
1997	558 234	448 700	93 806	78 364	6 382	6 487	2 099	474	15 728
1996	533 983	438 460	79 064	63 564	6 646	6 418	1 808	628	16 459
1995	486 160	411 696	58 091	44 882	5 351	5 541	1 744	573	16 373
1994	460 909	397 276	45 488	35 335	4 768	3 241	1 588	556	18 145
1993	428 766	355 840	50 215	42 976	3 315	1 705	1 667	552	22 711
1992	523 004	438 949	61 457	50 068	5 112	2 885	2 732	660	22 598
1991	479 606	414 000	44 819	34 654	4 535	1 985	2 794	851	20 787
1990	431 865	379 728	34 509	25 417	4 225	1 626	2 281	960	17 628
1989	383 897	342 655	25 435	18 056	3 496	1 151	2 091	641	15 807
1988	332 288	294 323	20 986	14 455	3 298	863	1 824	546	16 979
1987	323 880	281 086	23 682	18 390	2 814	495	1 542	441	19 112
1986	249 970	207 094	17 832	13 426	2 269	438	1 290	409	25 044
1985	150 196	117 696	11 039	7 750	1 685	270	937	397	21 461
1984	87 235	64 138	6 624	4 159	1 211	170	734	350	16 473
1983	58 284	39 587	4 319	2 498	819	86	684	232	14 378
1982	39 391	21 392	3 341	1 846	652	74	564	205	14 658
1981	25 434	11 720	2 980	1 631	539	55	615	140	10 734
1980	23 254	9 910	2 996	1 524	609	65	679	119	10 348
1979	25 273	12 769	2 901	1 425	576	53	753	94	9 603
1978	24 092	11 199	2 643	1 350	427	32	764	70	10 250
1977	19 808	8 823	2 263	1 283	330	37	554	59	8 722
1976	15 133	7 157	1 736	955	241	26	487	27	6 240
1975 and earlier	186 018	135 949	11 788	5 579	2 555	255	3 111	288	38 281

Source: Statistics Netherlands.

Number of motor vehicles and composition, 1 January ¹⁾

	Total	Privately owned cars	Company cars					Motor bikes	
			Total	Vans	Lorries	Tractors	Special vehicles	Buses	
x 1 000									
1980	4 557	4 123	340	204	82	21	24	9	94
1985	5 062	4 551	390	249	79	24	27	11	121
1990	5 800	5 118	539	385	84	33	26	11	143
1995	6 529	5 581	654	495	83	41	24	11	294
1996	6 645	5 664	666	501	83	45	25	12	315
1997	6 859	5 810	695	525	84	47	28	11	354
1998	7 043	5 931	738	567	82	49	30	11	373
1999	7 319	6 120	806	628	82	53	33	11	392
2000	7 641	6 343	884	696	83	57	36	11	414
2001	7 927	6 539	950	756	83	60	40	11	438

¹⁾ The data on 1976 through 1996 are originally based on 1 August figures; in this time series the figures have been recalculated to 1 January of the same year to make the figures comparable.

Source: Statistics Netherlands.

Motor vehicles per province, 1 January 2001

	Privately owned cars	Company cars					Motor bikes	
		Total	Vans	Lorries	Tractors	Special vehicles		
Total	6 539 212	950 236	755 977	83 458	59 828	39 599	11 374	437 798
Groningen	217 495	31 894	25 703	2 230	1 865	1 781	315	15 923
Friesland	241 735	43 500	34 937	3 273	2 358	2 172	760	19 383
Drenthe	201 019	30 089	23 806	2 337	2 079	1 710	157	16 705
Overijssel	435 606	63 196	50 254	5 108	4 330	2 909	595	34 356
Flevoland	129 301	16 051	13 596	1 077	719	620	39	8 481
Gelderland	809 975	118 084	91 219	12 059	8 081	5 791	934	60 836
Utrecht	481 088	68 262	54 543	6 476	3 575	2 375	1 293	28 767
North Holland	996 377	141 683	118 780	10 256	5 097	5 214	2 336	65 460
South Holland	1 320 336	193 373	155 287	16 680	12 906	6 104	2 396	71 653
Zeeland	154 669	22 637	17 986	1 876	1 550	1 037	188	11 637
North Brabant	1 073 449	160 622	124 070	15 938	12 120	7 157	1 337	72 016
Limburg	478 162	60 845	45 796	6 148	5 148	2 729	1 024	32 581

Source: Statistics Netherlands.