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Higher profits for companies quoted on the stock exchange

Total net profits of Dutch companies quoted on the Amsterdam stock exchange were over 20 billion euro higher in 2000 than in 1999, amounting to 44 billion euro according to Statistics Netherlands. Companies making profits realised a combined net profit of 46.9 billion euro, the remaining companies incurred losses totalling 2.9 billion euro. The net results are dominated by the results of a few large companies.

Best results for manufacturing

The manufacturing industry performed best of all sectors of industry. Within this sector profits were mainly pushed up in the machinery and electronics and the chemical sectors. In addition to manufacturing, financial institutions also showed good results.

Statistics Netherlands reported declining profits in the services sector. Eight of the 28 companies in this sector quoted on the stock exchange saw their profits reduced. Profits also shrank in the transport, storage and communications sector. Profits in this sector fell by 87% to only 40 million euro. Telecommunications and cable companies in particular performed less well.

Influence of large companies

The overall results of all quoted companies has been dominated by a small number of large companies for a long time now. In 2000, the overall growth in profits of companies quoted on the stock exchange was 84%. If the four companies with the largest growth are left out of account, the growth for the remaining companies is 6.6%.

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