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Mobility stable in 2000

The Dutch population travelled nearly 187 billion kilometres within the country, according to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands. This is about the same number as in 1999. People travelled more kilometres by train than in 1999. However the main form of transport is the car, in which three quarters of all kilometres were travelled. Work and shopping are the main mobility motives.

Same total distance travelled, more train kilometres

According to Statistics Netherlands mobility did not increase between 1999 and 2000. The Dutch population travelled about 187 billion kilometres in both years. The number of times inhabitants travelled, as well as the number of kilometres travelled per travelling instance, remained virtually the same. There was a slight shift in the means of transport used. The only feature standing out is the 3% increase in the number of kilometres travelled by train.

Three quarters of all kilometres travelled by car

Almost half of all kilometres was travelled by car drivers, and over a quarter by car passengers. About 12% was covered by public transport. The remaining kilometres were covered on bike, on foot, and on light motorised bikes.

Most mobility for work and shopping

In 2000 the average Dutch inhabitant went out about 22 times a week. In terms of means of transport this means that the inhabitant used the car about 10 to 11 times a week, either as its driver or as a passenger, took public transport at least once, got on the bike about 5 to 6 times, and used another way of travelling 4 to 5 times. In total inhabitants covered 32 kilometres on average. They mostly went out for work and shopping.

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Table 1. Total mobility of the Dutch population ¹⁾

	1999	2000
	<i>billion km</i>	
Total	186.6	186.6
Car (driver)	88.4	89.1
Car (passenger)	52.9	52.0
Train	15.0	15.4
Bus/tram/metro	7.5	7.5
Motor bike	1.1	1.0
Bike	13.1	13.1
Walking	3.9	3.9
Other	4.7	4.6

1) Excluding mobility of the institutionalised population

Source: Statistics Netherlands

Table 2. Mobility by motive

	1999	2000
	<i>Average number of moves per person per day</i>	
From/to work	0.51	0.51
Business appointment	0.11	0.11
Services/personal care	0.15	0.14
Shopping	0.66	0.64
Education/taking course	0.28	0.28
Visit/stay	0.47	0.46
Touring/walks	0.23	0.22
Social gathering/recreation	0.39	0.39
Other	0.35	0.36
Total	3.15	3.11

Source: Statistics Netherlands

Table 3. Distance covered by motive

	1999	2000
<i>Average number of km per person per day</i>		
From/to work	8.00	8.06
Business appointment	3.15	3.00
Services/personal care	0.98	1.02
Shopping	3.06	2.96
Education/taking course	1.89	1.89
Visit/stay	6.97	6.87
Touring/walks	2.07	1.90
Social gathering/recreation	3.47	3.43
Other	2.83	2.88
Total	32.44	32.01

Source: Statistics Netherlands

Table 4. Moves by main means of transport. 2000

	2000
<i>Average number of moves per person per day</i>	
Total	3.11
Car (driver)	1.00
Car (passenger)	0.51
Train	0.06
Bus/tram/metro	0.09
Motor bike	0.03
Bike	0.80
Walking	0.58
Other	0.04

Source: Statistics Netherlands