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Tourism down

During the second quarter the number of guest in Dutch hotels and other types of overnight accommodation was down by 243 thousand compared to the second quarter of last year. This constitutes a 3.1% drop. In total some 7.6 million guest used overnight accommodation during the second quarter according to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands.

Fewer foreign guests

The drop in the number of guests is mainly caused by the fact that fewer foreign guests spent the night in Dutch accommodations. The number of foreign guests was down 7.6% on the second quarter of 2000. The number of German guest fell sharply (-13.2%). The number of Dutch guests fell by a mere 0.2% during this period.

Fewer overnight stays

There were not only fewer guests but also fewer overnight stays. The drop in the number of overnight stays (-1.8%) was less than the drop in the number of guests (-3.1%). The number of overnight stays by foreign guests went down sharply(-7.5%). The number of overnight stays by Dutch guests actually went up slightly, by 1.3%.

Fewer tourist in areas where foot and mouth disease broke out

The number of guests visiting areas where foot and mouth disease occurred was down by 9.2%. Elsewhere in the Netherlands there was a 2.6% drop. The areas where foot and mouth disease occurred were visited mostly by Dutch people (88%). The number of Dutch guests staying in the hotels etc in the areas where foot and mouth disease occurred fell by 8.6% on the same months in 2000, while the number of Dutch guests elsewhere in the Netherlands increased by 0.8%. The number of foreign tourists who booked a stay in the areas where foot and mouth disease occurred also went down, (-13%). Elsewhere in the Netherlands there was also a substantial drop in the number of foreign visitors, -7.5%.

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Drops across the board

The drops on the second quarter of last year are across the board. Hotels, boarding houses and youth accommodations had 1.9% fewer guests, who also did not stay as many nights (- 3.6%). Camping grounds also had fewer guests (-7.8%), but the number of overnight stays actually increased by 2%. The only positive growth figure in the branch. This is due to the holidays Dutch people spent in the Netherlands. Apartments booked 2.7% fewer guests and 1.5% fewer overnight stays. Group accommodation welcomed 2.7% fewer guests and had 8.5% fewer overnight stays.

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Guests and overnight stays, second quarter 2001.¹⁾

	Guests (x 1000)	Year on year % change	Overnight stays (x 1000)	Year on year % change
Dutch	4755	-0.2	15485	1.3
foreign	2852	-7.6	7698	-7.5
Of which:				
Germany	901	-13.2	3443	-11.0
Other countries	1951	-4.8	4255	-4.4
Total	7607	-3.1	23183	-1.8

¹⁾ Preliminary figures

Source: Statistics Netherlands

Guests and overnight stays, second quarter 2001 in areas with foot and mouth disease and the rest of the country.¹⁾

	Number X 1.000			Year on year % change		
	areas with foot and mouth disease	Rest of the Nether- lands	Nether- lands	areas with foot and mouth disease	Rest of the Netherlands	Netherlands
Guests	527	7080	7607	-9.2	-2.6	-3.1
- Dutch	463	4293	4755	-8.6	0.8	-0.2
- foreign	64	2788	2852	-13.0	-7.5	-7.6
Overnight stays	1800	21383	23183	-13.0	-0.7	-1.8
- Dutch	1622	13863	15485	-12.8	3.3	1.3
- foreign	178	7521	7698	-15.1	-7.3	-7.5

Source: Statistics Netherlands

Guests and overnight stays by type accommodation, second quarter 2001. 1)

a. Hotels, boarding houses and youth accommodation

	Guests (x 1000)	Year on year % change	Overnight stays (x 1000)	Year on year % change
Dutch	2091	1.3	3728	-0.5
foreign	2166	-4.8	4371	-6.1
Of which:				
Germany	373	-13.6	822	-17.4
Other countries	1793	-2.7	3549	-3.0
Total	4257	-1.9	8100	-3.6

b. camping grounds

	Guests (x 1000)	Year on year % change	Overnight stays (x 1000)	Year on year % change
Dutch	947	-0.7	4947	7.3
foreign	234	-28.7	1057	-17.3
Of which:				
Germany	164	-28.8	768	-21.4
Other countries	70	-28.4	289	-3.9
Total	1181	-7.8	6004	2.0

c. apartments

	Guests (x 1000)	Year on year % change	Overnight stays (x 1000)	Year on year % change
Dutch	1248	-1.8	5658	-0.6
foreign	425	-5.3	2167	-3.8
Of which:				
Germany	345	-2.2	1777	-1.1
Other countries	80	-16.7	390	-14.5
Total	1672	-2.7	7825	-1.5

d. Group accommodation

	Guests (x 1000)	Year on year % change	Overnight stays (x 1000)	Year on year % change
Dutch	470	-1.4	1151	-6.8
foreign	27	-20.8	103	-24.3
Of which:				
Germany	19	-16.0	76	-24.7
Other countries	8	-30.1	27	-23.1
Total	497	-2.7	1254	-8.5

¹⁾ Preliminary figures

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