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Crime clear-up rate up in 2001

According to figures just released by Statistics Netherlands, Dutch police solved 209 thousand cases of reported crime in 2001, 18 thousand more than in 2000. This pushed up the clear-up rate to 15.4 percent in 2001. In 1997 it was 16.3, however.

Developments in crime

Just over 4.6 million offences were committed against civilians in 2001. The slight fall in frequently occurring crimes observed in 2000 thus continued into 2001. Victims of nearly 1.6 million of the crimes committed reported the offences to the police.

Registered crime increasing

Police registered a total 1.4 million crimes in 2001, continuing the recent upward trend. Two-thirds of registered crime consists of crime against property, such as larceny and burglary. One in seven crimes concerns vandalism or another offence against public order. Traffic offences come third followed by violent crime.

Of all the crime that civilians are confronted with, registered violent crime has increased the most strongly. Compared with 2000, it rose by 11 percent and compared with 1997 it was as much as 35 percent higher. Property crime, vandalism and other public order offences rose slightly in the period 1997-2001.

More than four out of ten violent crimes cleared up

In 2001 the police cleared up 15.4 percent of all registered crime, more than in 2000 when the rate was 14.6 percent. In 1997 16.3 percent of all registered crime was cleared up by the police.

Violent crime has the highest clear-up rate; in 2001 44 percent of these cases were solved. For vandalism and other public order offences (13%) and crimes against property (9%) the clear-up rate was considerably lower.

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Clear-up rates per region

The Rotterdam-Rijnmond region had the lowest clear-up rates in 2001. While 44 percent of violent crime was cleared up nationally, this was only 20 percent in Rotterdam-Rijnmond.

The regions Groningen, Friesland, Drenthe and Zeeland have clear-up rates which are well above the national average. The region Amsterdam Amstelland has the highest clear-up rate for vandalism and other public order offences (24%).