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Explanation of symbols

.	= figure not available
*	= provisional figure
x	= publication prohibited (confidential figure)
–	= nil
0 (0.0)	= less than half of unit concerned
blank	= not applicable
2007–2008	= 2007 to 2008 inclusive
2007/2008	= average of 2007 up to and including 2008
2007/'08	= crop year, financial year, school year etc. beginning in 2007 and ending in 2008
2005/'06– 2007/'08	= crop year, financial year, etc. 2005/'06 to 2007/'08 inclusive

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Foreword

The Statistical yearbook of the Netherlands 2008 is a practical compilation of the most important statistics on Dutch society. Each chapter covers one theme, with a brief description of relevant recent developments preceding the statistics. The same thematic arrangement of information is also used on Statistics Netherlands' website (www.cbs.nl). The theme structure is prominently accessible on the home page, providing a clear and consistent presentation of the available information.

The Statistical yearbook of the Netherlands is also available online. All tables in the publication can be accessed at www.cbs.nl.

The information in the Statistical yearbook is only a small selection from the wealth of figures available from Statistics Netherlands. The guide at the beginning of the book explains how these figures can be retrieved. Nearly all statistics and the most recent figures are available in the StatLine databank, which can be accessed free of charge via www.cbs.nl/statline. The databank, too, is set up along the themes presented in this book.

For further information about Dutch statistics, please use the online form at www.cbs.nl/information.

Director General of Statistics,
G. van der Veen

Voorburg/Heerlen, July 2008

Guide

Statistics Netherlands has grouped its statistics into a number of themes. These themes determine the structure of the information both on the website www.cbs.nl and in the StatLine databank (www.cbs.nl/statline). All information available at Statistics Netherlands is arranged in accordance with this theme structure. Each theme has its own theme page, with the latest information, key figures, articles and publications.

All the tables in StatLine, too, are incorporated in the theme tree, an explorer type structure which uses the same theme configuration. The chapters in the Statistical yearbook are also arranged in accordance with these themes. The tables in this book are therefore the best bits from everything contained in StatLine and on the theme pages. If you need information that is not in this book, the website may well be able to provide it.

The following themes are distinguished:

- Agriculture
- Construction and housing
- Education
- Enterprises
- Financial and business services
- Government (and politics)
- Health and welfare
- Income and spending
- International trade
- Labour and social security
- Leisure and culture
- Macro-economics
- Manufacturing and energy
- Nature and environment
- Population
- Prices
- Security and justice
- Trade, hotels and restaurants
- Traffic and transport

In addition, there are a number of dossiers, which incorporate information from a number of themes. These dossiers are also accessible via the website:

- Business cycle
- Census
- Emancipation
- European Union
- Globalisation
- Historical series
- Investment climate
- Life course
- People with a foreign background
- Population ageing
- Regional statistics

The Statistical yearbook does not comprise international figures. Figures on the Netherlands in a European perspective are available from Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, which has its own database, Cronos, and from European Statistical Data Support (ESDS).

For questions and comments, please contact the Information service at Statistics Netherlands.

1. Agriculture

Increase in scale and specialisation

There were 77 thousand farms and agricultural businesses in the Netherlands in 2007. In 1995 there were still as many as 113 thousand. Smaller farms in particular are going out of business, and large farms are becoming even larger. The number of cattle farms, for example, halved in the period 1995–2007 to 21.5 thousand. The number of livestock kept on these farms fell by 20 percent. This pushed up the average number of cattle per farm from 110 to 150 animals. The number of pig farms also fell by half, to just over 4 thousand. The number of pigs per pig farm rose from 1,200 to 2,150, however. In nearly all other sectors of agriculture, too, farms are increasing in size. The agricultural production of farms going out of business is taken over seamlessly by those who carry on.

Farmers are also specialising more and more. In livestock farming, too, specialisation increased in the period 1995–2007. In 2007, 77 percent of all pigs and 75 percent of all chickens were kept on specialised farms. In 1995 this was still only 64 and 72 percent respectively. The share of cattle kept on specialised farms remained around 85 percent in this period.

Less organic farming

Organic agriculture accounted for nearly 40 thousand hectares in the Netherlands in 2007, 1,344 hectares less than in 2006. This puts the share of the organically farmed area in the total Dutch agricultural area at 2.1 percent. Arable farming showed the largest drop in the area used for organic products, with 1,500 hectares, a 16 percent decrease. The area used for organic horticultural products did increase by 275 hectares (+24 percent).

Compared with other European countries, the organic sector is small in the Netherlands. The share of the total agricultural area used for organic farming is much larger in Austria (11 percent) and Italy (8 percent). On average, countries of the European Union use 4 percent of agricultural land for organic farming.

Agriculture

1.1 Farms and horticultural enterprises by main activity

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Total	97,483	81,830	79,435	76,741
Arable farms	13,749	12,358	12,171	11,366
arable vegetable crops	161	171	152	141
root crops	3,923	2,637	2,262	2,425
cereals	1,037	1,194	1,470	1,154
other arable crops	8,628	8,356	8,287	7,646
Horticultural enterprises	13,281	10,239	9,746	9,053
glasshouse flowers and bulbs	5,264	4,123	3,815	3,553
glasshouse vegetables	2,644	1,958	1,843	1,708
open ground flowers and bulbs	2,274	1,905	1,829	1,736
open ground vegetables	1,459	1,081	1,123	1,053
other horticultural crops	1,640	1,172	1,136	1,003
Permanent crop enterprises	5,146	4,520	4,451	4,452
tree nurseries	2,429	2,210	2,249	2,249
fruit farms	2,211	1,809	1,760	1,794
other permanent crops	506	501	442	409
Combined crops	2,095	1,487	1,529	1,346
Grazing livestock farms	47,075	41,098	39,957	39,128
specialised dairy cattle	24,868	20,567	19,697	18,898
veal calves	1,281	1,133	1,159	1,238
other cattle farms	3,739	1,831	1,621	1,331
grass land	3,151	3,157	3,011	3,699
other grazing animals	14,036	14,410	14,469	13,962
Non-grazing livestock	8,382	6,083	5,764	5,771
poultry	1,831	1,410	1,422	1,440
pigs	6,063	4,293	4,160	4,172
other non-grazing animals	488	380	182	159
Combined livestock	3,109	2,017	1,817	1,811
Combined arable/livestock	4,646	4,028	4,000	3,814

1.2 Farms and horticultural enterprises by size

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Total	97,483	81,830	79,435	76,741
By area of agricultural land				
0 to 1 hectare	7,915	7,001	6,305	6,072
1 to 10 hectares	37,365	28,873	27,655	26,373
10 to 30 hectares	28,882	21,904	21,470	20,496
30 to 50 hectares	14,785	13,578	13,184	12,637
50 hectares and more	8,536	10,474	10,821	11,163
By economic size				
3 to 20 dsu	27,706	24,358	23,865	22,727
20 to 70 dsu	29,405	24,076	22,679	21,512
70 to 100 dsu	15,121	12,061	11,458	10,780
100 to 150 dsu	13,523	10,775	10,676	10,671
150 dsu and more	11,728	10,560	10,757	11,051

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1.3 Area of agricultural land per farm/horticultural enterprise (hectares)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Total	200.2	234.5	241.7	249.5
Arable farms	35.3	38.8	38.3	40.9
arable vegetable crops	12.4	25.3	25.1	27.6
root crops	42.1	53.6	56.2	57.0
cereals	19.7	21.2	21.1	23.9
other arable crops	34.6	37.0	36.8	38.6
Horticultural enterprises	5.1	6.6	7.5	8.0
glasshouse flowers and bulbs	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.0
glasshouse vegetables	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.4
open ground flowers and bulbs	12.9	16.3	17.5	17.8
open ground vegetables	10.2	14.4	16.9	19.4
other horticultural crops	5.1	6.7	8.1	8.4
Permanent crop enterprises	6.8	7.9	8.4	8.9
tree nurseries	5.2	7.0	7.4	8.2
fruit farms	9.3	10.3	10.8	11.0
other permanent crops	3.3	3.1	3.8	3.3
Combined crops	23.6	30.3	33.2	33.9
Grazing livestock farms	23.2	26.6	27.6	28.1
specialised dairy cattle	34.0	40.8	42.7	43.9
veal calves	6.3	9.9	10.5	12.0
other cattle farms	12.2	15.2	16.4	18.0
grass land	17.0	17.0	16.8	16.6
other grazing animals	9.9	11.2	11.8	12.2
Non-grazing livestock	5.9	7.0	7.1	7.8
poultry	4.5	5.3	5.3	5.1
pigs	6.4	7.7	7.7	8.6
other non-grazing animals	4.9	5.8	7.7	8.5
Combined livestock	18.2	21.3	22.9	23.0
Combined arable/livestock	24.8	27.9	27.1	27.7

1.4 Economic size of farms and horticultural enterprises (dsu)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Total	82	88	91	94
Arable	57	52	52	56
Horticulture	190	246	263	272
Permanent crops	71	103	111	124
Combined crops	84	99	107	107
Grazing livestock	60	59	60	61
Non-grazing livestock	98	101	99	107
Combined livestock	79	76	81	84
Combined arable/livestock	57	54	61	65

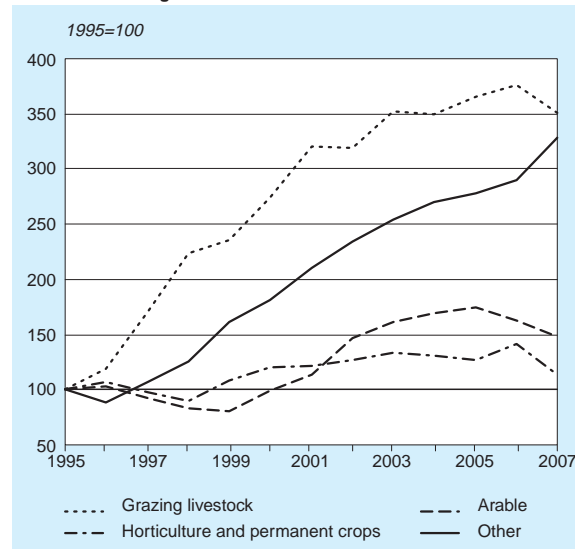
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1.5 Farms and horticultural enterprises with secondary activities

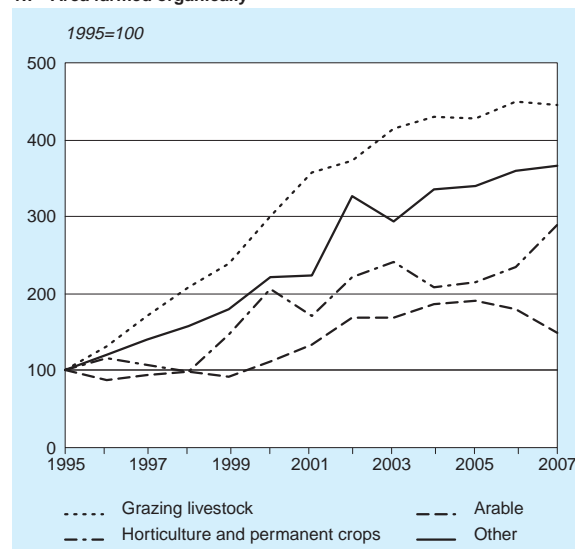
	2003	2005	2007*
Total	85,501	81,830	76,741
Farm gate sales	5,380	4,532	2,851
potatoes	1,816	1,511	1,008
fruit	1,039	998	689
vegetables	1,236	1,070	728
cheese	706	476	426
dairy, other than cheese	345	367	341
ornamental plants and flowers	1,032	745	396
wine	106	168	188
other farm products (e.g. meat and eggs)	1,429	1,845	1,197
Storage of caravans/boats and stabling for animals of other owners	3,835	2,933	2,321
Agrotourism	2,463	2,857	2,432
accommodation (e.g. camp sites, holiday cottages)	1,548	1,670	1,449
visitor facilities (e.g. café, restaurant, museum)	848	1,221	1,057
renting of canoes, bicycles horses, covered wagons, etc.	496	551	510
Production of renewable energy	2,249	2,199	2,385
wind energy	457	477	463
solar energy	574	659	488
other	1,362	1,201	1,584
Processing own produce	1,106	1,057	686
cheese	389	376	313
dairy, other than cheese	200	213	178
products from fruit and vegetables	186	227	120
wine	21	34	37
other	477	391	178
Care-related activities	372	542	605
assistance with labour integration	117	193	162
day activities for people living elsewhere	286	439	534
special-needs residents living and working on the farm	72	65	81
One or more secondary activities	12,527	11,007	8,706

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1.6 Number of organic farms



1.7 Area farmed organically



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1.8 Organic agriculture

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Number of farms/enterprises	906	1,232	1,274	1,208
arable	105	185	173	157
horticulture	144	139	149	121
permanent crops	51	67	81	64
grazing livestock	434	577	595	554
non-grazing livestock	31	67	73	89
combined	141	197	203	223
Agricultural land (ha)	26,874	40,000	41,000	39,656
arable	5,704	9,800	9,150	7,683
horticulture	702	650	700	845
permanent crops	309	400	450	579
grazing livestock	16,162	23,050	24,250	23,981
non-grazing livestock	142	400	450	463
combined	3,854	5,700	6,000	6,105

1.9 Area of agricultural land by use (1,000 hectares)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Total	1,978	1,933	1,920	1,914
Grass land (permanent; natural)	928	789	817	821
Arable crops	959	1,052	1,008	997
potatoes, ware	87	66	69	72
potatoes, seed	42	39	37	37
potatoes, for processing	51	51	50	48
sugar beet	111	91	83	82
onions	20	23	25	26
arable vegetables (excl. onions)	26	25	27	28
barley	47	51	45	46
wheat	137	137	141	141
other cereals	43	36	35	35
fodder maize	205	235	218	222
grass seed	22	28	26	20
grass land (temporary)	110	205	202	196
green manure crops/ fallow and set aside land	25	35	21	17
other	34	31	29	27
Open ground horticulture and permanent crops	80	81	85	86
tree nurseries	11	13	14	15
fruit	21	19	19	19
horticultural vegetables	22	22	24	24
tulips	10	11	10	11
other flowers and ornamental plants	16	16	17	17
Glasshouse horticulture	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.4
vegetables	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.6
garden plants	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
house plants	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
cut flowers	3.7	3.2	3.1	3.0
other	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9

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1.10 Arable and horticultural production (mln kg)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Potatoes, ware	4,465	3,213	3,077	3,607
Potatoes, seed	1,496	1,310	1,298	1,248
Potatoes, for processing	2,166	2,254	1,865	2,016
Sugar beet	6,727	5,931	5,414	5,512
Onions	821	983	853	1,048
Barley	288	307	269	261
Oats	13	9	9	7
Rye	29	11	11	8
Wheat	1,143	1,175	1,184	1,018
Triticale	36	20	20	17
Corn-cob-mix (dry matter)	87	54	50	52
Sweet corn (dry matter)	223	183	130	156
Fodder maize (dry matter)	2,854	3,385	3,140	3,312
Chicory	184	181	99	106
Oil seeds	8	12	16	14
Flax	27	27	22	14
Strawberries	34	39	39	43
Apples	461	359	365	391
Pears	203	195	222	260
Aubergines	33	41	40	41
Mushrooms	265	240	235	240
Courgettes	11	12	12	14
Cucumbers	410	440	440	430
Sweet peppers	285	345	318	320
Tomatoes	520	660	680	685
Peas (picked green)	37	34	34	38
Runner beans	52	71	70	70
Broad beans (picked green)	4	4	4	4
Bunched and washed carrots	132	137	137	144
Celeriac	62	53	50	58
Beetroot	21	22	23	25
Radishes	35	28	26	25
Salsify	21	17	17	20
Winter carrots	253	350	404	399
Cauliflower	43	42	40	46
Curly kale	15	14	11	13
Broccoli	10	14	13	17
Green cabbage	7	4	4	4
Red cabbage	35	40	39	41
Oxheart cabbage	9	10	11	15
Sprouts	80	62	62	69
White cabbage	120	128	132	137
Curly endive	31	28	27	29
Asparagus	15	15	14	15
Iceberg lettuce	50	59	58	72
Other lettuce	22	15	14	14
Leeks	95	82	102	114
Spinach	54	43	41	44
Belgian endive	70	67	56	68

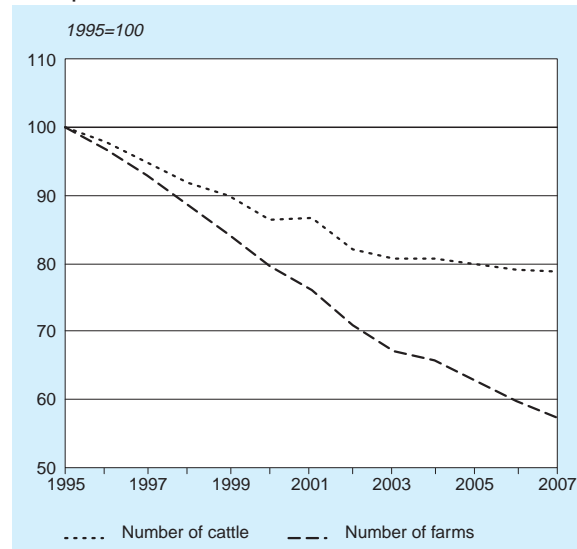
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1.11 Livestock on farms, 1 April (1,000 animals)

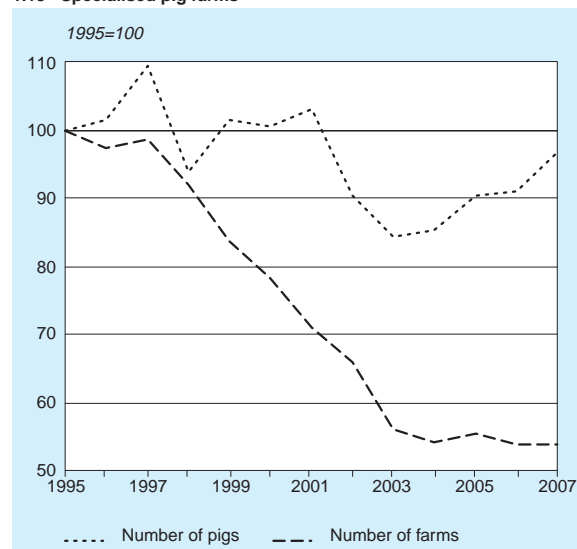
	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Grazing livestock				
Goats	179	292	310	324
milk goats	98	172	228	223
younger than 1 year (not yet productive)	.	.	51	35
older than 1 year (for milk production)	.	.	177	189
other goats	81	120	81	101
Horses and ponies	118	133	128	134
Cattle	4,070	3,799	3,745	3,763
dairy and breeding cattle	2,907	2,649	2,597	2,598
dairy and calving cows (for milk production)	1,504	1,433	1,420	1,413
meat and grazing cows (no longer used for milk production)	68	61	52	55
young stock for milk production	1,325	1,142	1,117	1,120
other dairy and breeding cattle	10	12	8	10
meat and grazing cattle	1,163	1,150	1,148	1,165
veal calves	783	829	844	860
other meat and grazing cattle	380	321	304	305
Sheep	1,308	1,363	1,376	1,369
lambs	605	686	696	691
ewes and rams	703	677	681	679
Non-grazing livestock				
Chickens	104,015	92,914	91,782	92,763
laying chickens (incl. mother hens)	44,036	42,630	43,023	43,341
mother hens (for meat chickens)	9,042	5,788	6,845	7,070
meat chickens	50,937	44,496	41,914	43,352
Other poultry (ducks, turkeys)	2,799	2,551	2,553	2,950
Rabbits	392	360	324	387
Fur bearing animals	590	704	704	820
Pigs	13,118	11,312	11,356	11,663
piglets	5,102	4,563	4,647	4,837
breeding pigs	1,511	1,244	1,234	1,266
porkers	6,505	5,504	5,476	5,559

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1.12 Specialised cattle farms

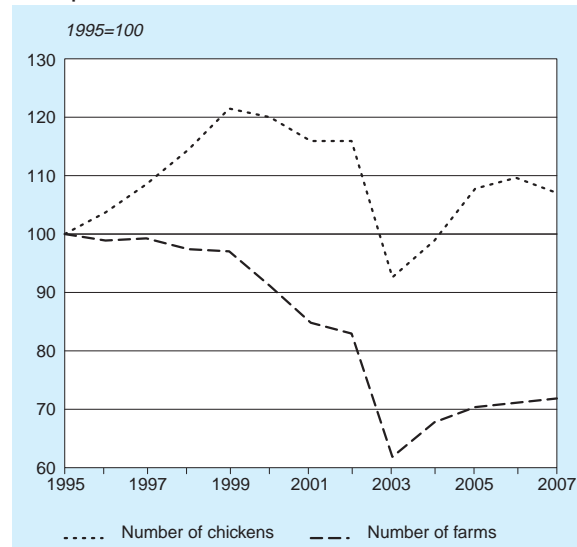


1.13 Specialised pig farms



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1.14 Specialised chicken farms

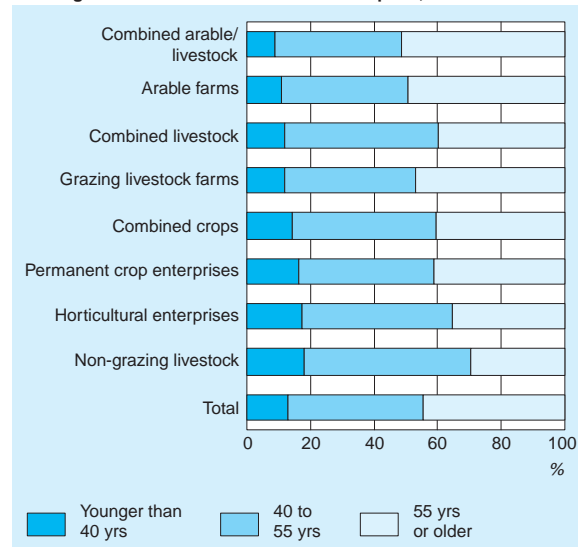


1.15 Meat, dairy and egg production (mln kg)

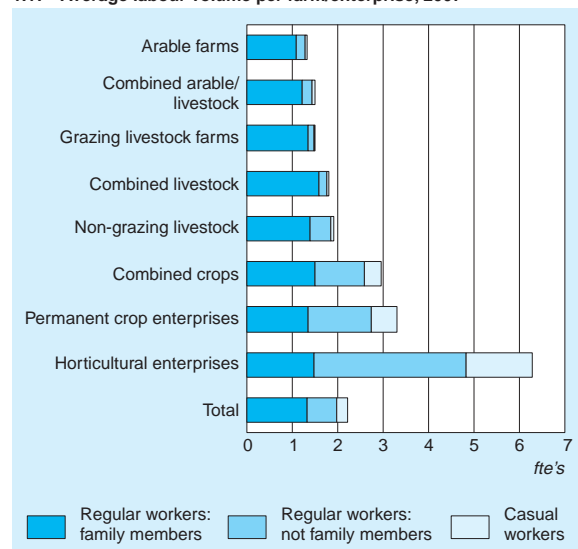
	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Meat production (with bone, incl. fat)				
calves	199	211	205	212
mature cattle	272	185	179	173
sheep and goats	19	14	16	13
pigs	1,623	1,298	1,265	1,290
meat chickens	676	629	616	675
Unprocessed cow's milk delivered to dairy factories				
	10,734	10,408	10,655	10,737
Milk processed to				
butter	126	100	106	110
processed cheese	684	664	711	730
condensed milk	274	293	307	327
milk powder	166	165	158	153
fresh milk products	1,603	1,443	1,385	.
whey powder	130	68	61	86
Chicken's eggs				
	617	559	565	578

Agriculture

1.16 Age of head of farm/horticultural enterprise, 2007



1.17 Average labour volume per farm/enterprise, 2007*



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1.18 Workers in agriculture and horticulture (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Labour volume (fte's)	213	175	169	170
regular workers	198	160	152	151
family members	139	115	105	101
not family members	59	45	47	50
casual workers	15	16	17	19
Regular workers (persons)	282	236	225	224
family members	194	164	157	152
not family members	88	72	68	72

2. Construction and housing

Many new houses completed in 2007

More than 80 thousand new homes were completed in the Netherlands in 2007, the highest number for nearly ten years. More apartments, in particular, were completed. The number of apartments in the rent sector was 15 percent higher than in 2006, the number intended for buyers no less than 28 percent higher. The number of completed family homes was 5 percent higher. Another 7 thousand homes were added to the housing stock as a result of conversions and renovations. On the other hand, nearly 24 thousand homes were withdrawn from the housing stock as a result of demolition etc. The net housing stock grew by nearly 64 thousand dwellings in 2007, to 7.03 million.

The recovery in non-residential construction in 2006 continued into 2007. The value of building permits for company buildings rose by 10 percent. The value of glasshouses and company concourses, in particular, was higher.

Construction turnover up 10 percent in 2007

Turnover in the construction industry was 10 percent higher in 2007 than in 2006, topping 80 billion euro for the first time. Turnover was substantially up in all branches of construction compared with 2006. Installation companies booked the best results, with an increase of over 10 percent. In the largest branch, residential and non-residential construction, turnover grew by 10 percent, in civil engineering it rose by just over 7 percent.

Construction and housing

2.1 Stages of progress in construction process (mln euro)

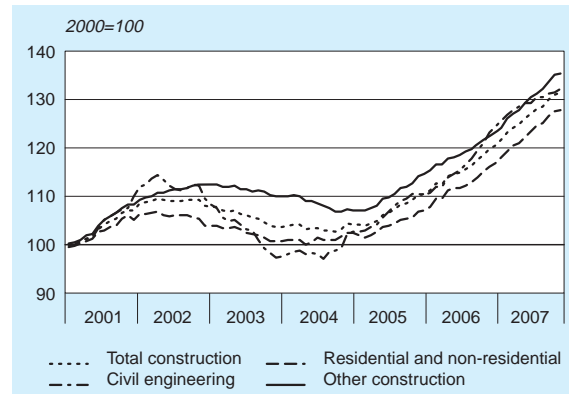
	2000	2004	2005	2006
New orders for buildings	16,757	18,500	19,069	22,259
new construction	13,468	14,542	14,951	18,096
residential	7,336	9,293	10,093	11,996
non-residential	6,132	5,249	4,858	6,100
other work (renovation/extension)	3,289	3,957	4,119	4,163
Production	17,148	16,666	17,900	19,784
new construction	13,871	13,145	14,048	15,730
residential	7,783	8,455	9,354	10,715
non-residential	6,088	4,690	4,694	5,015
other work (renovation/extension)	3,276	3,521	3,851	4,054
To be produced (31 Dec.)	9,447	12,075	13,612	16,276
new construction	7,995	10,035	11,400	13,778
residential	4,007	6,112	7,275	8,841
non-residential	3,988	3,923	4,125	4,937
other work (renovation/extension)	1,452	2,039	2,211	2,498
Buildings completed	16,132	16,335	16,553	17,565
new construction	13,043	13,024	12,829	13,836
residential	7,558	7,786	8,407	9,531
non-residential	5,485	5,238	4,422	4,305
other work (renovation/extension)	3,089	3,311	3,724	3,729

2.2 Turnover construction industry, all companies (2000=100)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Total	100	110	120	131
SIC classification				
earth moving activities	100	120	139	160
residential and non-residential buildings, civil engineering, excl. earth moving activities	100	108	118	128
installations on construction sites	100	107	114	127
completion of buildings	100	130	140	152
lease of construction equipment incl. operators	100	109	122	134
Alternative classification				
residential and non-residential construction	100	107	116	128
civil engineering	100	111	123	132
other construction activities	100	114	122	135

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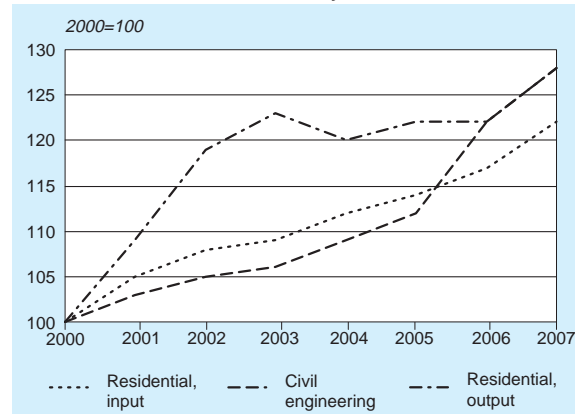
2.3 Turnover in the construction industry, 12-month moving average



2.4 Productive hours in residential and non-residential (per employee)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Hours available in theory	2,080	2,080	2,080	2,088
productive hours	1,450	1,430	1,431	1,423
unproductive hours	630	650	649	665
stoppage because of weather	70	85	98	88
other unproductive hours, e.g. sick leave, holidays, leave	560	565	552	577

2.5 Price indices construction industry



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2.6 Price indices construction industry (2000=100)

	2000	2005	2006	2007 *
Building costs of new homes				
input index	100	114	117	122
wages	100	117	118	120
materials	100	112	116	123
output index	100	122	122	128
Civil engineering	100	112	122	128
sewerage systems	100	116	119	123
earth moving activities	100	119	124	127
bridges, viaducts, etc.	100	108	113	118
railways	100	119	126	134
hydraulic engineering works	100	119	123	129
sealed surface roads	100	104	119	124
open surface roads	100	112	114	117

2.7 Housing stock, 1 January (x 1,000)

	2000	2006	2007	2008
Dwellings	6,590	6,912	6,967	7,030
Dwelling units	107	112	114	117
Holiday homes	87	97	99	100
Capacity of special residential buildings	321	346	347	347

2.8 Changes in housing stock (x 1,000)

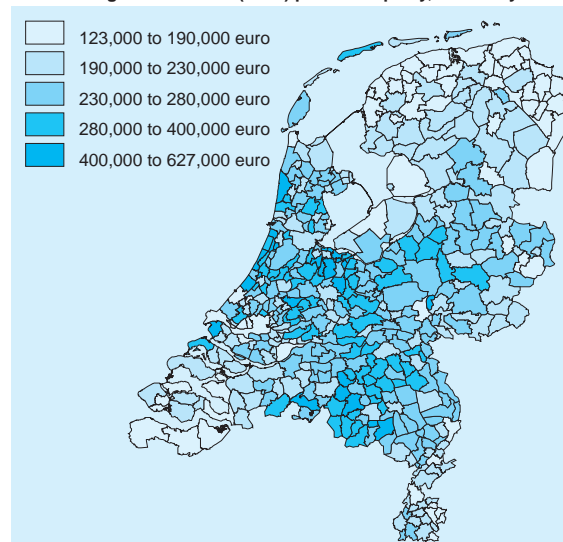
	2000	2005	2006	2007
Stock at beginning of period	6,590	6,859	6,912	6,967
Addition	75	74	80	88
new construction	71	67	72	80
rented	15	17	20	23
owner occupied	56	50	52	57
other	3	7	7	7
rented	1	4	4	4
owner occupied	4	3	3	3
Withdrawal	14	19	22	24
rented	10	15	16	19
owner occupied	4	4	6	5
Net addition	61	55	58	64
Administrative corrections	0	-2	-3	-1
Stock at end of period	6,651	6,912	6,967	7,030

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2.9 Average house value (WOZ) per province (1,000 euro)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	80	200	201	217
Groningen	59	141	142	158
Friesland	60	158	159	178
Drenthe	75	176	177	192
Overijssel	73	185	186	202
Flevoland	78	180	181	191
Gelderland	87	220	221	237
Utrecht	99	231	232	250
North Holland	80	220	222	231
South Holland	77	186	187	203
Zeeland	72	158	161	180
North Brabant	86	226	227	246
Limburg	83	179	180	194

4.10 Average house value (WOZ) per municipality, 1 January 2007



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2.11 Building permits granted for new non-residential construction (mln euro)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	5,995	4,857	6,100	6,696
Barns, livestock sheds, stables	309	372	446	533
Factories	1,389	1,012	1,186	1,533
Glasshouses	142	113	137	278
Halls, warehouses, storage facilities	643	355	507	610
Offices	1,724	714	1,017	953
Schools	270	515	607	602
Shops	126	125	113	68
Other buildings	1,392	1,651	2,086	2,119

2.12 Building permits granted for new non-residential construction (mln euro)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	5,995	4,857	6,100	6,696
Groningen	168	115	319	199
Friesland	216	174	185	251
Drenthe	131	99	170	135
Overijssel	361	404	401	311
Flevoland	200	201	173	207
Gelderland	544	500	773	923
Utrecht	482	370	484	305
North Holland	1,354	664	1,016	938
South Holland	1,046	1,061	1,031	1,731
Zeeland	115	113	181	120
North Brabant	1,019	845	1,024	1,109
Limburg	357	311	343	464

2.13 Dwellings for which building permits were granted

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	78,563	83,273	96,447	87,918
Groningen	2,016	2,924	3,634	3,368
Friesland	2,806	2,891	3,679	2,658
Drenthe	2,455	2,837	3,156	1,693
Overijssel	5,451	7,073	7,859	6,234
Flevoland	4,985	2,590	2,903	2,088
Gelderland	7,383	7,394	10,311	11,463
Utrecht	7,701	7,029	7,397	5,349
North Holland	11,202	14,049	16,163	16,305
South Holland	18,334	15,906	21,969	17,605
Zeeland	1,360	1,599	2,070	1,688
North Brabant	10,157	13,602	11,904	14,353
Limburg	4,713	5,379	5,402	5,114

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2.14 Dwellings under construction, 31 December

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	135,934	149,598	169,992	176,645
Groningen	3,085	3,932	4,884	5,919
Friesland	4,573	4,845	5,659	5,288
Drenthe	3,859	4,452	5,291	4,213
Overijssel	8,152	10,244	12,648	12,060
Flevoland	7,079	4,402	4,966	4,733
Gelderland	11,515	14,038	15,954	18,742
Utrecht	12,409	12,428	14,319	13,337
North Holland	20,742	26,307	30,490	31,735
South Holland	35,480	32,274	37,812	39,166
Zeeland	2,934	2,976	3,264	3,364
North Brabant	18,018	23,847	23,371	26,306
Limburg	8,088	9,853	11,334	11,782

2.15 Dwellings completed

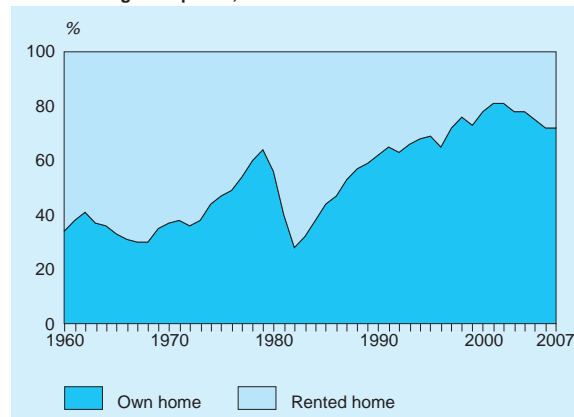
	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	70,650	67,016	72,382	80,193
Groningen	1,769	2,041	2,166	2,147
Friesland	2,503	2,387	2,732	2,772
Drenthe	2,043	2,077	2,266	2,793
Overijssel	4,307	4,968	5,486	6,867
Flevoland	4,565	1,786	2,095	2,260
Gelderland	7,360	7,413	8,323	8,650
Utrecht	6,485	6,587	5,652	6,264
North Holland	10,096	10,749	11,716	14,947
South Holland	14,584	15,749	15,670	16,090
Zeeland	1,845	1,676	1,686	1,489
North Brabant	11,441	8,133	10,925	11,307
Limburg	3,652	3,450	3,665	4,607

2.16 Dwellings completed, by some features (%)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total (abs.)	70,650	67,016	72,382	80,193
1 or 2 rooms	5	4	7	8
3 rooms	25	25	28	28
4 rooms	54	56	51	47
5 rooms	14	13	12	14
6 or more rooms	2	3	3	3
Owner occupied	78	75	72	72
Rented	22	25	28	28
One-family house	75	70	65	62
Multi-family residence	25	30	35	38

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2.17 Dwellings completed, own and rented homes



2.18 Average building costs for rented dwellings (1,000 euro)

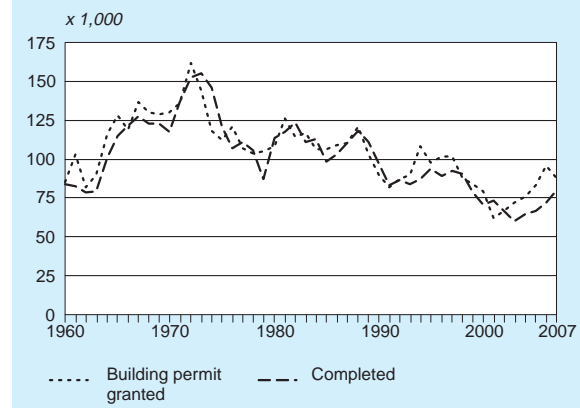
	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	61	85	86	99
Groningen	65	81	90	78
Friesland	66	90	93	90
Drenthe	66	88	88	70
Overijssel	57	79	82	91
Flevoland	44	88	74	72
Gelderland	63	90	89	100
Utrecht	71	88	75	107
North Holland	60	80	72	99
South Holland	61	92	95	106
Zeeland	60	84	103	115
North Brabant	74	82	90	111
Limburg	56	80	99	104

2.19 Average building costs for owner occupied dwellings (1,000 euro)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	99	126	129	141
Groningen	110	124	130	135
Friesland	107	127	135	144
Drenthe	102	123	123	138
Overijssel	96	116	121	134
Flevoland	93	121	124	130
Gelderland	104	132	132	135
Utrecht	90	111	131	151
North Holland	97	118	120	129
South Holland	89	129	126	145
Zeeland	119	147	131	162
North Brabant	114	135	143	149
Limburg	102	136	142	144

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2.20 Building permits granted for dwellings and dwellings completed



3. Education

Higher overall education level

The education level of the Dutch population aged 15–65 years is steadily increasing. In the period 1997–2006, the share of people with only primary school as highest level of completed education fell from 12 to 9 percent, while the share who had graduated from higher education rose from 19 to 25 percent. The number of women with higher education increased in particular in 2007. Within senior secondary vocational education (*mbo*), a shift is noticeable to higher level courses. Most *mbo* students used to do courses at levels 2 and 3. In 2005 and 2006 this shifted to level 4.

Relatively many mature students in apprenticeships

There were 496 thousand students in senior secondary vocational education (*mbo*) in school year 2006/07. Most of them (72 percent) were in the *bol* track, which means they spend most of their time at school and work in traineeships for certain periods. The other 28 percent were in the *bbi* track, which entails working as an apprentice with an employer and going to school for one or two days a week. In the latter track, 37 percent of the students were 25 years or older. Courses in the health and social care sector, in particular, were popular among these mature students. Nearly four in ten were even older than 35 years. In the *bol* track, only 5 percent of students are older than 25 years.

Education spending up to 30 billion euro

Dutch spending on education amounted to nearly 30 billion euro in 2006, 5.3 percent more than in 2005. Government spending on senior secondary vocational education (*mbo*) in particular has risen in recent years. On average, staff costs accounted for three-quarters of costs for educational institutions.

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3.1 Institutions for government-funded education

	2000/ '01	2004/ '05	2005/ '06	2006/ '07*
Primary education	7,059	6,986	6,970	6,941
Special needs primary education	368	328	326	320
Special schools	332	324	323	323
Secondary education	850	668	666	664
Senior sec. vocational education (<i>bol</i>)	73	68	70	71
Senior sec. vocational education (<i>bbi</i>)	70	67	66	67
General secondary education for adults	41	37	37	36
Higher professional education	62	54	52	52
University education	13	13	13	13

3.2 Pupils/students in government-funded education (*x 1,000*)

	2000/ '01	2004/ '05	2005/ '06	2006/ '07*
Primary education	1,547	1,549	1,549	1,549
Special needs primary education	52	50	48	46
Special schools	46	56	59	62
Secondary education	894	935	940	943
Senior sec. vocational education (<i>bol</i>)	299	332	347	355
Senior sec. vocational education (<i>bbi</i>)	153	143	134	141
Basic education	125	140	104	99
General secondary education for adults	24	13	15	10
Higher professional education	313	347	357	366
University education	166	200	206	208

3.3 Students receiving diplomas in government-funded education (*x 1,000*)

	2000/ '01	2003/ '04	2004/ '05	2005/ '06
Secondary education	153	164	162	166
Senior sec. vocational education (<i>bol</i>)	79	79	87	91
Senior sec. vocational education (<i>bbi</i>)	49	60	56	51
General secondary education for adults	5	4	3	4
Higher professional education	53	60	59	59
University education	20	24	26	29

3.4 Pupils in primary education by religion, and underprivileged pupils (*x 1,000*)

	2000/ '01	2004/ '05	2005/ '06	2006/ '07*
Total	1,547	1,549	1,549	1,549
State schools (non-denominational)	492	480	478	476
Denominational schools	1,055	1,069	1,072	1,073
Protestant	400	426	428	429
Roman Catholic	515	522	523	523
other denomination/ideology	139	120	121	121
Underprivileged pupils	433	368	350	321

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3.5 Pupils in special schools, by section (x 1,000)

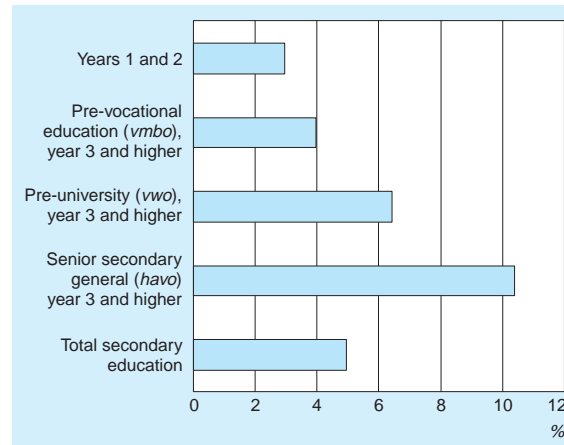
	2000/ '01	2004/ '05	2005/ '06	2006/ '07*
Total	45.8	55.7	59.1	61.9
Sections in primary education	30.3	34.1	35.1	35.8
deaf children	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5
serious speech disability	3.8	4.8	5.3	5.5
chronically ill	4.8	5.9	6.2	6.6
physical disability	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
multiple disabilities	4.4	4.4	4.8	4.8
paedological institutes	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.9
hearing disability	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.6
visual disability	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.3
serious learning difficulties	9.0	9.9	9.6	9.5
serious behavioural problems	3.6	4.0	4.4	4.6
Sections in secondary education	15.5	21.7	23.9	26.1
deaf children	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
chronically ill	0.8	1.6	1.9	2.3
physical disability	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3
multiple disabilities	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.2
paedological institutes	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
hearing disability	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.6
visual disability	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
serious learning difficulties	4.9	6.5	6.9	7.4
serious behavioural problems	6.3	9.4	10.7	11.8

3.6 Pupils in secondary education (x 1,000)

	2000/ '01	2004/ '05	2005/ '06	2006/ '07*
Total	894.1	934.8	939.9	943.0
Years 1 and 2				
Year 3 and higher	390.3	400.2	393.1	388.5
pre-university/senior secondary general	5.6	6.7	6.5	6.3
pre-university (vwo)	128.2	142.6	149.7	155.8
senior secondary general (havo)	117.3	132.6	137.2	141.8
junior secondary general (mavo)	101.0	0.5		
basic vocational education (vbo)	121.4			
pre-vocational education (vmbo):				
theoretical basis		97.2	99.4	100.2
practical basis		86.4	82.8	77.5
for children with learning difficulties		42.3	43.9	45.4
practical training	13.4	26.4	27.3	27.5
special needs secondary education	16.9			
Boys	454.6	472.1	474.1	475.5
Girls	439.5	462.7	465.8	467.4

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3.7 Pupils repeating one or more years in secondary education, 2005/'06*



3.8 Pass rates in secondary education (%)

	2000/'01	2003/'04	2004/'05	2005/'06
Pre-university education (vwo)	91	94	94	93
Senior secondary general education (havo)	90	91	90	89
Pre-vocational (mavo/vmbo): theoretical basis	95	95	94	95
Pre-vocational (mavo/vmbo): practical basis	95	95	95	96

3.9 Students in bol track of senior secondary vocational training (mbo) (x 1,000)

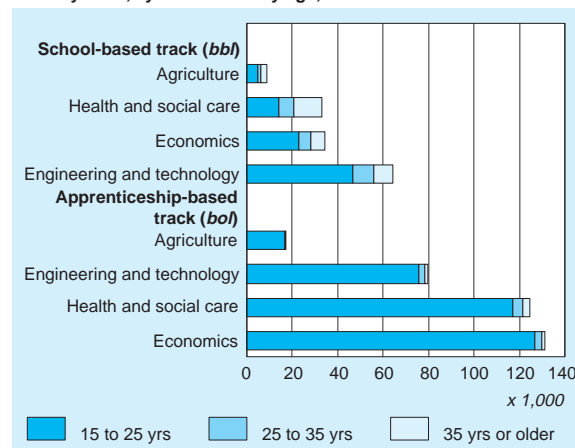
	2000/'01	2004/'05	2005/'06	2006/'07*
Total	298.9	331.5	347.2	355.0
Economics	116.0	134.3	133.8	131.3
Agriculture	16.0	15.8	16.7	17.1
Engineering and technology	80.5	73.9	78.3	79.8
Engineering, technology and economics			1.0	2.2
Health and social care	86.3	107.5	117.5	124.6
Boys	145.5	160.8	166.9	168.6
Girls	153.3	170.8	180.4	186.4

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3.10 Students in bbl track of senior secondary vocational training (mbo) (x 1,000)

	2000/ '01	2004/ '05	2005/ '06	2006/ '07*
Total	153.1	142.8	134.4	140.6
Economics	34.9	31.5	32.2	34.3
Agriculture	8.1	9.3	8.8	8.8
Engineering and technology	75.2	63.0	60.4	64.3
Engineering, technology and economics			0.1	0.3
Health and social care	34.9	39.0	33.0	32.9
Boys	100.8	90.5	88.5	94.4
Girls	52.3	52.2	45.9	46.2

3.11 Students in senior secondary vocational education (mbo), by track, by section and by age, 2006/07*



3.12 Diplomas in bol track of senior secondary vocational education (mbo) (x 1 000)

	2000/ '01	2003/ '04	2004/ '05	2005/ '06
Total	79.4	79.5	86.5	91.0
Economics	33.6	33.5	38.6	37.9
Agriculture	4.7	3.1	4.2	4.5
Engineering and technology	16.7	16.6	15.7	17.5
Engineering, technology and economics				0.1
Health and social care	24.4	26.2	28.0	31.1
Boys	36.1	36.9	39.1	40.9
Girls	43.3	42.6	47.5	50.1

Education

3.13 Diplomas in bbl track of senior secondary vocational education (*mbo*) (*x 1,000*)

	2000/ '01	2003/ '04	2004/ '05	2005/ '06
Total	49.3	60.3	55.9	51.0
Economics	11.1	14.6	14.0	12.9
Agriculture	2.9	3.2	3.5	3.7
Engineering and technology	23.7	24.3	22.4	21.1
Engineering, technology and economics				0.1
Health and social care	11.6	18.2	16.0	13.3
Boys	31.8	34.8	33.7	31.9
Girls	17.5	25.5	22.3	19.1

3.14 Participants in some forms of education (*x 1,000*)

	2000/ '01	2004/ '05	2005/ '06	2006/ '07*
Basic education	125.5	139.8	104.2	99.4
General secondary education for adults	24.3	12.6	15.0	10.1
pre-university (<i>vwo</i>)	4.4	2.5	2.5	1.9
senior secondary general (<i>havo</i>)	9.8	6.5	8.1	5.7
pre-vocational (<i>vmbo</i>): theoretical basis	10.2	3.6	4.5	2.5

3.15 Students enrolled in higher professional education (*hbo*) (*x 1,000*)

	2000/ '01	2005/ '06	2006/ '07	2007/ '08*
Total	312.7	356.8	366.7	374.4
Full-time	245.8	281.0	292.8	301.4
Part-time	59.9	64.0	62.0	61.3
Dual	7.0	11.8	11.9	11.7
Health and welfare	59.1	65.2	68.0	70.5
Agriculture and veterinary sciences	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.0
Science, mathematics and IT studies	18.4	21.5	21.5	21.3
Education	62.1	76.8	77.5	75.5
Services, transport, environment and security	20.7	31.8	34.0	35.6
Social sciences, business and law	99.4	106.2	109.6	114.5
Humanities and arts	16.5	21.3	22.1	22.7
Engineering, manufacturing and construction	32.6	29.7	29.8	30.4
Men	149.8	170.8	175.1	178.5
Women	162.9	186.0	191.6	195.8

Education

3.16 First-year students in higher professional education (*hbo*) (x 1,000)

	2000/ '01	2005/ '06	2006/ '07	2007/ '08*
Total	85.3	88.8	91.0	92.7
Health and welfare	16.2	17.5	18.2	18.7
Agriculture and veterinary sciences	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Science, mathematics and IT studies	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.6
Education	16.8	17.1	17.1	16.0
Services, transport, environment and security	5.8	8.8	8.6	8.7
Social sciences, business and law	27.7	26.3	28.0	30.3
Humanities and arts	4.0	5.1	5.3	5.4
Engineering, manufacturing and construction	8.5	7.6	7.6	8.1
Men	39.9	41.7	42.6	43.2
Women	45.4	47.2	48.4	49.5

3.17 Students enrolled in full-time higher professional education (*hbo*) by ethnic background (x 1,000)

	2000/ '01	2005/ '06	2006/ '07	2007/ '08*
Total (incl. unknown)	245.8	281.0	292.8	301.4
Native Dutch	195.3	212.7	220.6	225.0
Foreign background	40.2	61.6	65.1	67.8
western foreign background	18.3	24.3	25.3	25.7
non-western foreign background of whom:	21.9	37.3	39.8	42.2
Moroccan	3.4	5.5	6.0	6.6
Turkish	3.2	5.1	5.8	6.4

3.18 Graduates from higher professional education (*hbo*) (x 1,000)

	2000/ '01	2004/ '05	2005/ '06	2006/ '07*
Total	53.1	59.3	59.5	59.8
Full-time (incl dual)	44.1	47.4	48.1	49.9
Part-time	9.0	11.9	11.4	9.8
Health and welfare	12.2	11.3	11.7	12.3
Agriculture and veterinary sciences	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0
Science, mathematics and IT studies	2.2	3.4	3.6	3.4
Education	9.9	12.4	12.3	12.1
Services, transport, environment and security	3.8	4.4	4.6	5.2
Social sciences, business and law	15.4	18.0	17.6	17.1
Humanities and arts	2.4	3.2	3.4	3.5
Engineering, manufacturing and construction	6.3	5.7	5.5	5.2
Men	23.4	25.7	26.2	25.8
Women	29.7	33.6	33.3	34.0

Education

3.19 Average duration of studies of graduates from full-time higher professional education (*hbo*) (months)

	Graduation year			
	2000/ '01	2003/ '04	2004/ '05	2005/ '06*
Total	51	51	51	51
Health and welfare	49	48	50	50
Agriculture and veterinary sciences	50	46	45	44
Science, mathematics and IT studies	53	54	54	54
Education	51	51	51	51
Services, transport, environment and security	50	49	50	51
Social sciences, business and law	52	52	52	53
Humanities and arts	54	55	55	55
Engineering, manufacturing and construction	49	48	49	49
Men	52	53	53	53
Women	49	49	50	50

3.20 Students enrolled at university (*x 1,000*)

	2000/ '01	2005/ '06	2006/ '07	2007/ '08*
Total	166.3	205.9	208.6	212.7
Health and welfare	21.0	28.9	30.4	31.5
Agriculture and veterinary sciences	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.5
Science, mathematics and IT studies	13.9	16.2	16.4	16.3
Education	6.0	8.2	8.1	8.4
Services, transport, environment and security	1.5	1.8	1.9	2.0
Social sciences, business and law	83.6	103.7	103.2	104.8
business and administration	19.8	34.9	36.8	38.2
law	22.3	24.1	24.4	24.5
social sciences	41.6	44.7	42.0	42.1
Humanities and arts	20.4	26.6	28.2	29.0
Engineering, manufacturing and construction	17.4	17.8	17.7	17.9
Unknown		0.2	0.2	0.3
Men	86.2	103.2	103.4	104.6
Women	80.1	102.7	105.2	108.2

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3.21 First-year university students (x 1,000)

	2000/ '01	2005/ '06	2006/ '07	2007/ '08*
Total	32.9	42.3	43.3	45.3
Health and welfare	3.2	5.3	5.5	5.3
Agriculture and veterinary sciences	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Science, mathematics and IT studies	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.4
Education	1.6	2.0	1.9	1.9
Services, transport, environment and security	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5
Social sciences, business and law	17.1	21.6	21.9	23.5
business and administration	4.0	8.0	8.5	9.4
law	4.1	4.7	4.8	4.9
social sciences	9.0	8.9	8.6	9.2
Humanities and arts	4.3	5.7	6.0	6.1
Engineering, manufacturing and construction	3.1	3.7	3.6	4.0
Unknown		0.1	0.1	0.1
Men	16.1	20.4	20.5	21.4
Women	16.8	21.9	22.8	23.9

3.22 Full-time university students by ethnic background (x 1,000)

	2000/ '01	2005/ '06	2006/ '07	2007/ '08*
Total (incl. unknown)	152.8	192.1	195.3	200.4
Native Dutch	121.7	144.8	145.7	147.6
Foreign background	27.9	43.4	45.3	46.5
western foreign background	15.2	20.8	21.7	22.1
non-western foreign background	12.7	22.5	23.6	24.4
of whom:				
Moroccan	1.3	2.1	2.1	2.2
Turkish	1.6	2.5	2.6	2.7

Education

3.23 University graduates (x 1,000)

	2000/ '01	2004/ '05	2005/ '06	2006/ '07*
Total	20.4	26.2	29.3	30.5
Health and welfare	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.5
Agriculture and veterinary sciences	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4
Science, mathematics and IT studies	1.6	2.2	2.5	2.6
Education	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.3
Services, transport, environment and security	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Social sciences, business and law	10.5	14.0	16.3	16.7
business and administration	2.7	4.3	5.7	6.4
law	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.4
social sciences	5.1	6.8	7.7	6.8
Humanities and arts	2.2	2.7	2.9	3.4
Engineering, manufacturing and construction	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.2
Unknown		0.0	0.0	0.0
Men	10.0	12.1	13.8	14.1
Women	10.4	14.1	15.5	16.4

3.24 Average duration of studies of full-time university graduates with previous vwo education (months)

	Graduation year			
	2000/ '01	2003/ '04	2004/ '05	2005/ '06*
Total	71	73	73	74
Health and welfare	65	69	70	71
Agriculture and veterinary sciences	70	68	70	71
Science, mathematics and IT studies	68	77	77	80
Education	59	60	60	62
Services, transport, environment and security	68	75	76	71
Social sciences, business and law	72	71	72	72
Humanities and arts	76	77	77	79
Engineering, manufacturing and construction	81	84	86	87
Men	75	78	79	80
Women	68	68	69	69

3.25 Participants (15 to 65 yrs) in adult education (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Total	1,295	1,354	1,314	1,314
Men	688	669	659	660
Women	607	685	654	654

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3.26 Education level of population aged 15 to 65 yrs (*x 1,000*)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total (incl. unknown)	10,729	10,925	10,943	10,964
Primary	1,288	1,033	1,014	973
Pre-vocational (<i>vmbo</i> ; <i>mbo</i> 1), junior secondary (<i>avo</i> 123) of whom:	2,786	2,673	2,633	2,647
junior secondary (<i>avo</i> 123)	996	1,067	1,082	1,096
Senior secondary, senior sec. vocational	4,334	4,366	4,490	4,515
senior sec. voc. (<i>mbo</i> 23)	1,654	1,390	1,566	1,597
senior sec. voc. (<i>mbo</i> 4)	1,545	1,795	1,793	1,801
pre-university (<i>vwo</i>), senior secondary general (<i>havo</i>)	1,130	1,174	1,128	1,115
Higher professional (<i>hbo</i>), university bachelor	1,489	1,770	1,716	1,734
University master	787	1,002	1,026	1,024

3.27 Total public and private expenditure on education (*bln euro*)

	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Total	21.2	27.6	28.4	29.9
To educational institutions	19.0	24.8	25.6	26.4
from public sector	17.2	22.4	23.4	24.1
primary education	6.3	8.7	8.8	9.1
secondary education	6.8	8.9	9.5	9.9
tertiary education	4.0	4.8	5.1	5.1
from private sector	1.8	2.5	2.2	2.2
primary education	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2
secondary education	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5
tertiary education	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.5
To households (excl. subsidies for college/university fees)	2.2	2.8	2.8	3.6
As % of GDP	5.1	5.6	5.6	5.6

3.28 Expenditure on educational institutions per participant (*1,000 euro*)

	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Primary education	3.9	5.5	5.6	5.7
Secondary education	5.5	6.8	7.0	7.2
Tertiary education	11.5	12.4	12.4	12.4
of which:				
tertiary excl. R&D	7.1	7.7	7.8	7.7

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3.29 Operating balance of educational institutions, 2006* (mln euro)

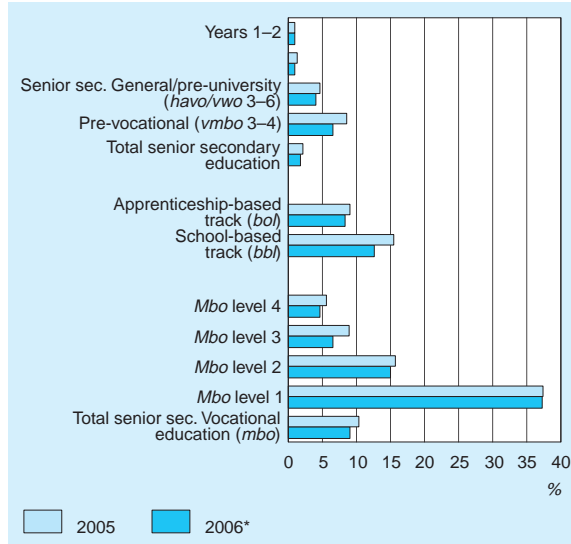
	Primary educa- tion	Sec- ondary educa- tion	Tertiary educa- tion
Assets	8,376	9,942	8,109
transfers from government	8,015	9,128	5,371
fees received			840
work for third parties	1	157	1,228
other assets	360	657	670
Liabilities (-)	8,289	9,756	7,892
staff costs	6,867	7,435	4,773
depreciation	139	409	451
income transfers			698
other liabilities	1,283	1,912	1,970
<i>Net assets</i>	88	186	217
Net financial assets	56	26	5
Extraordinary profits	0	-19	2
Share of third parties	0	0	-8
<i>Net operating surplus</i>	144	193	216

3.30 Balance sheet of educational institutions, 2006* (mln euro)

	Primary educa- tion	Sec- ondary educa- tion	Tertiary educa- tion
Assets	4,007	7,664	7,321
(in) tangible fixed assets	786	4,296	5,023
financial fixed assets	500	536	339
inventories	0	18	53
receivables	840	861	858
securities	60	41	23
liquid assets	1,821	1,911	1,025
Liabilities	4,007	7,664	7,321
own funds	2,421	3,628	3,526
third party interest	0	1	3
settlement of investment			
subsidies	20	170	104
provisions	497	1,017	588
long-term debts	14	978	841
short-term debts	1,055	1,870	2,259

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3.31 School drop-outs by level of education



4. Enterprises

Over three-quarters of a million enterprises

More than 761 thousand enterprises were registered in the Netherlands on 1 January 2007. Just over 90 percent of them had fewer than 10 employees; they constitute the category small companies. Medium-sized companies, employing 10 to 100 employees, account for around 9 percent. Only 1 percent of enterprises employ 100 people or more. These are the large enterprises.

Relatively many energy and water suppliers fall in the categories medium-sized and large companies. One in five manufacturing companies are medium-sized.

Small enterprises are predominant in agriculture and services, accounting for 98 and 92 percent respectively. They are rarest in manufacturing, with only 77 percent.

ICT sector continues to grow

The ICT sector has been benefiting from the economic growth since 2004. Investment, production and value added have all risen, especially in ICT services. The demand for workers in this sector has also increased considerably in recent years. The number of vacancies at enterprises providing computer services, for example, was higher at the end of 2007 (9,800) than it has been since the dotcom stock market hype in 2001.

Investment set to rise in 2008

Manufacturing enterprises expect to invest around 4 percent more capital in 2008 than in 2007. Most branches of manufacturing are positive about investment spending. Only companies producing food, drink and tobacco products foresee a decrease in investment in 2008. Companies in mineral extraction and energy and water companies are positive on the other hand. They expect to increase investment by 24 and 45 percent respectively.

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4.1 Enterprises by activity, 1 January 2007

	Total	Number of employees		
		fewer than 10	10 to 100	100 or more
Total	761,320	688,240	65,565	7,515
Agriculture and hunting	93,135	90,905	2,190	45
Forestry and forestry services	410	385	20	0
Fishery, fish and crustacean farming	720	695	25	0
Peat cutting	10	10	0	0
Oil and gas extraction	180	145	25	10
Sand, gravel, clay and salt production	170	115	50	5
Manufacture of food and drink	4,205	2,770	1,230	205
Tobacco processing	20	5	5	5
Manufacture of textiles	1,320	1,090	195	30
Manufacture of clothing and fur products	1,330	1,260	65	5
Manufacture of leather, leatherwear and shoes	315	280	30	5
Manufacture of wood, cork and wicker products	1,910	1,510	375	25
Manufacture of paper (products) and cardboard (products)	425	200	160	70
Publishing, printing, reproduction	6,940	5,750	1,095	95
Petroleum and coal processing	35	15	10	10
Manufacture of chemical products	915	470	305	140
Rubber and synthetics processing	1,235	710	450	75
Manufacture of glass, pottery, cement, plaster and products	1,745	1,365	320	60
Basic metal industry	295	175	90	30
Manufacture of metal products	7,645	5,580	1,920	145
Manufacture of machines and equipment	4,475	2,985	1,305	185
Manufacture of office machines and computers	200	165	30	5
Manufacture of other electrical appliances	940	675	230	35
Manufacture of audio, video, telecom equipment	420	315	95	15
Manufacture of medical and optical instruments	2,175	1,750	380	45
Manufacture of cars, trailers and semi-trailers	690	445	215	30
Manufacture of other transport equipment	1,840	1,535	265	40
Manufacture of furniture and other goods nec	7,240	6,510	600	135
Preparation for recycling	240	170	65	5
Public energy provision	530	475	25	30
Water provision	35	20	0	10
Construction	85,910	77,675	7,805	430
Trade, car and motorcycle repairs	22,975	20,435	2,430	110
Wholesale trade and trade mediation	59,040	50,410	8,095	535
Retail trade (incl. repairs)	78,795	73,255	5,260	280
Hotels, restaurants, pubs etc.	35,615	31,840	3,685	90
Transport by land	13,025	10,170	2,635	225
Transport by water	4,330	4,110	195	25
Transport by air	235	210	20	5
Transport services	6,665	5,445	1,085	135
Post and telecommunication	3,960	3,670	245	45

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4.1 Enterprises by activity, 1 January 2007 (end)

	Total	Number of employees		
		fewer than 10	10 to 100	100 or more
Financial institutions (excl. insurance)	3,870	3,590	235	45
Insurance and pension funds	705	510	130	65
Activities for financial institutions	11,780	10,795	930	55
Leasing and trading in real estate	21,335	20,125	1,110	100
Leasing movables	4,465	4,075	370	25
Computer services, information technology	21,025	19,145	1,740	140
Research	2,045	1,750	245	45
Other business services	133,350	123,220	9,250	880
Public administration, social security	850	130	225	495
Education	16,865	14,530	1,445	890
Health care and welfare	44,425	40,095	3,280	1,050
Environmental services	920	615	245	60
Non-commercial and interest organisations	3,825	3,010	695	120
Culture, sport and recreation	12,670	10,790	1,740	135
Other services	30,885	30,155	710	20

4.2 Balance sheets, profit and loss account and distribution of profit of non-financial enterprises

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Balance sheet (in % of the balance sheet total)				
Assets				
fixed assets				
(in)tangible	26.9	27.1	26.1	25.4
financial	30.7	30.1	31.0	31.6
current assets				
inventories	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.1
receivables	27.3	26.2	27.4	27.6
liquid assets	7.5	9.1	8.1	8.3
Liabilities				
shareholders' equity	37.4	37.4	40.2	41.4
liabilities				
long-term debt	30.5	30.6	29.8	29.1
current liabilities	32.2	32.0	29.9	29.5
Profit and loss account (in % of turnover)				
Turnover	100	100	100	100
Expenses (-)	75.3	74.6	74.3	74.9
Value added	24.7	25.4	25.7	25.1
Depreciation (-)	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.2
Wages (-)	15.3	16.3	15.4	15.3
Operating profit	5.8	5.3	7.0	6.6
Result of subsidiaries	2.3	2.9	4.7	5.0
Net interest (-)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Other results	2.5	0.0	0.2	-0.1
Result before tax	10.0	7.5	11.2	11.0
Taxes (-)	1.6	1.6	2.0	.
Minority shareholders' interest (-)	0.6	0.2	0.1	.
Net result	7.8	5.7	9.1	.
Distribution of profit (as a % of net result)				
At disposal of shareholders	38.1	53.7	52.9	.
Addition to general reserve	61.9	46.3	47.1	.

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4.3 Balance sheet, turnover and net profits of non-financial enterprises, 2006 (bln euro)

	Agriculture and industry	Trade, repairs, hotels, restaurants	Transport, storage and communication	Services
Balance sheet				
Assets	527.0	224.2	123.2	115.5
fixed assets				
(in)tangible	116.0	49.2	56.0	29.9
financial	206.5	52.9	25.6	27.9
current assets				
inventories	31.6	34.4	1.3	3.3
receivables	140.0	66.0	31.2	36.3
liquid assets	32.8	21.6	9.2	18.1
Liabilities	527.0	224.2	123.2	115.5
shareholders' equity	248.2	82.8	35.4	43.5
liabilities				
long-term debt	134.2	59.3	59.6	34.6
current liabilities	144.6	82.1	28.3	37.4
Turnover	413.5	358.1	79.8	100.9
Net profit	56.9	16.1	6.6	11.5

4.4 Companies with 10 or more employees with a broadband Internet connection, website, online sales and online purchasing, 2006 (%)

	Broadband	Website	Online sales	Online purchasing
Total (excl. agriculture, government and other financial institutions)	87	80	31	43
Sector				
manufacturing	90	83	38	41
public utilities	92	94	29	39
construction	82	71	14	32
repair of consumer goods; trade	84	79	40	51
hotels and restaurants	84	81	32	38
transport, storage and communication	87	65	46	37
insurance, banking, credit institutions	92	81	36	45
leasing and business services	91	87	24	46
health care and welfare	89	84	14	42
culture, recreation and other services	91	90	20	44
Company size				
10 to 20 employees	84	76	28	40
20 to 50 employees	88	82	30	43
50 to 100 employees	92	88	38	49
100 to 250 employees	97	93	44	56
250 to 500 employees	98	94	42	64
500 or more employees	98	94	46	74

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4.5 Job vacancies in enterprises providing computer services

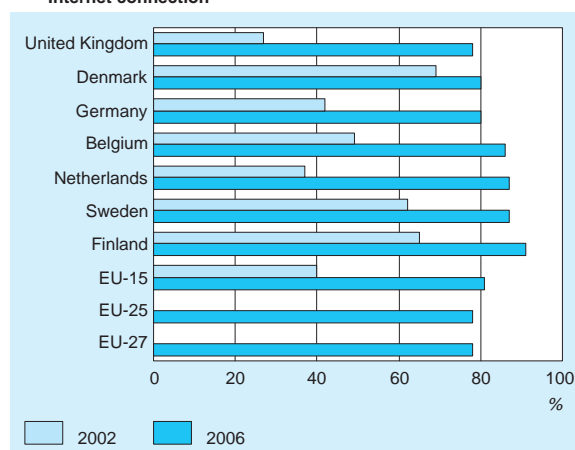


4.6 ICT compared with the Dutch economy (% volume change on previous year)

	2003	2004	2005*	2006*
Production value				
Netherlands	-0.6	1.9	1.5	3.2
ICT sector	0.6	1.7	1.2	4.0
ICT manufacturing	-1.6	3.1	-4.8	1.1
ICT services	1.4	1.2	3.3	5.0
post and telecommunication	4.5	0.6	2.5	2.8
computer service bureaus	-3.7	2.2	4.7	8.5
Gross value added				
Netherlands	0.5	2.3	1.5	3.0
ICT sector	4.2	2.9	2.3	4.2
ICT manufacturing	0.9	6.9	-6.4	0.7
ICT services	4.5	2.5	3.2	4.5
post and telecommunication	8.7	2.5	2.6	1.3
computer service bureaus	-1.2	2.4	4.2	9.1
Investment				
Netherlands	-1.5	-1.6	3.0	7.2
ICT sector	-14.1	3.8	12.2	.
ICT manufacturing	-10.6	-7.3	8.3	.
ICT services	-15.2	7.8	13.4	.
post and telecommunication	-19.4	5.5	14.8	.
computer service bureaus	6.5	17.6	8.1	.
Labour volume of employed persons				
Netherlands	-1.1	-1.0	-0.3	1.8
ICT sector	-6.2	-3.0	-0.5	3.0
ICT manufacturing	-7.4	-3.8	-4.1	0.0
ICT services	-5.7	-2.6	0.9	4.1
post and telecommunication	-8.7	-3.4	-2.6	-1.4
computer service bureaus	-2.9	-2.0	3.8	8.4

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4.7 Companies with 10 or more employees with a broadband Internet connection



4.8 Companies undertaking innovative activities (innovators) by sector and size

	2002–2004	2004–2006	
		of which: have realised	
		product innovation	process innovation
	% of all companies	% of innovators	
Total	25	25	65
10 to 50 employees	22	21	64
50 to 250 employees	38	38	65
250 or more employees	59	56	74
Manufacturing	42	42	67
10 to 50 employees	34	35	67
50 to 250 employees	62	60	65
250 or more employees	78	74	74
Services	23	22	63
10 to 50 employees	21	20	62
50 to 250 employees	31	32	65
250 or more employees	47	45	77
Other	15	15	68
10 to 50 employees	14	13	68
50 to 250 employees	21	26	71
250 or more employees	60	69	64

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4.9 R&D by own staff; expenditure and fte's

	2000	2005*	2006*
R&D expenditure (mln euro)	7,626	8,843	8,909
companies	4,457	5,170	5,134
manufacturing	3,385	3,989	3,686
services	877	977	1,280
other	195	204	168
research institutions	1,049	1,216	1,260
universities	2,120	2,457	2,516
R&D staff (fte's)	87,999	89,528	94,689
companies	47,509	48,414	52,796
manufacturing	33,292	33,546	33,056
services	12,053	13,141	17,402
other	2,164	1,727	2,338
research institutions	13,726	12,706	12,765
universities	26,764	28,408	29,128

4.10 Investment forecasts of companies (% change on previous year)

	2006 (autumn survey 2005)	2007 (autumn survey 2006)	2008 (autumn survey 2007)
Mineral extraction	15	-32	24
Manufacturing	0	9	4
food, drink and tobacco	-6	-8	-6
petroleum and coal processing	0	25	8
chemical products	0	29	8
metal and engineering	12	10	2
other manufacturing	-8	3	9
Energy and water companies	17	51	45

4.11 Investment in tangible fixed assets by sector (mln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Mineral extraction	779	848	1,053	1,894
Manufacturing	8,094	6,533	6,697	7,001
food, drink and tobacco	1,488	1,582	1,626	1,323
petroleum and coal processing	216	310	434	405
chemical products	1,477	1,349	1,278	1,736
metal and engineering	2,998	1,618	1,673	1,613
other manufacturing	2,338	1,674	1,689	1,578
Energy and water companies	1,229	1,717	1,486	1,908
Construction	1,634	1,200	1,403	1,569
Trade and repairs	.	4,931	5,390	5,455
retail trade (incl. repairs)	.	1,910	2,047	1,989
wholesale and trade mediation	2,752	2,245	2,489	2,562
trade, repairs of cars and motorcycles	1,077	777	854	903
Hotels and restaurants	752	677	665	651
Transport, storage and communication	9,432	6,991	6,423	7,977

5. Financial and business services

High growth for business services in 2007

The growth observed in turnover in business services in 2006 continued at the same level in 2007. Compared with the previous year, turnover for the whole sector was up 10 percent. The growth did level off in the course of the year though. Total value added in financial and business services amounted to just over 88 billion euro in 2006.

The percentage of women working in financial and business services varies between the various branches. Women account for nearly half the workforce in financial and legal services, for example, while in computer and IT services they have only 20 percent of the jobs.

Investment by institutional investors growing faster than GDP

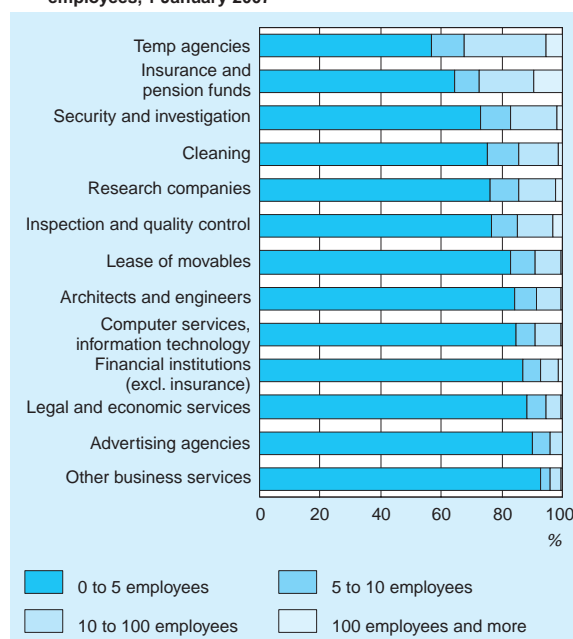
Investment by institutional investors rose by 7 percent in 2006, to 1,149 billion euro. Just as in 2004 and 2005, a large part of this increase was the result of higher share prices. This pushed up the relative significance of shares in total investment further, to 47 percent. Since 2003, the increase in investment by institutional investors has been larger than the increase in the gross domestic product (GDP). The total amount of investments rose from 168 percent of GDP at the end of 2002 to 215 percent of GDP at the end of 2006.

Effects of health insurance for non-life insurance companies

The figures for 2006 are the first to include the new medical care insurance companies (former state funds and former private health insurance companies). These companies came into existence when the new health care insurance act came into effect in 2006. As a result, there have been significant changes in the branch of non-life insurance covering illness and accidents. The new basic health insurance is considered as a form of social insurance, not indemnity insurance. The item receivables on the balance sheet is 10 billion euro higher, and indemnity provisions are 1 billion euro lower. The amounts of premiums and payments are also 4 billion euro lower.

Financial and business services

5.1 Companies in financial and business services by number of employees, 1 January 2007



5.2 Employees in financial and business services

	2001		2006*	
	total	of whom: women	total	of whom: women
	x 1,000	%	x 1,000	%
Financial institutions (excl. insurance)	170	47	158	46
Insurance and pension funds	56	39	59	42
Lease of movables	29	28	28	29
Computer services, information technology	135	21	139	20
Research companies	33	30	33	36
Architects and engineers	107	22	111	23
Legal and economic services	283	46	310	45
Advertising agencies	75	44	79	41
Temp agencies	412	44	457	40
Other business services	253	53	264	53

Financial and business services

5.3 Labour volume of employees in financial and business services (1,000 fte's)

	2001	2005*	2006*
Financial institutions (excl. insurance)	153	141	142
Insurance and pension funds	52	49	54
Lease of movables	24	23	23
Computer services, information technology	126	118	128
Research companies	30	28	29
Architects and engineers	97	94	98
Legal and economic services	243	245	258
Advertising agencies	53	51	54
Temp agencies	281	269	304
Other business services	172	172	178

5.4 Gross value added (basic prices) in financial and business services (mln euro)

	2001	2005*	2006*
Financial institutions (excl. insurance)	13,701	19,640	15,705
Insurance and pension funds	6,542	10,594	10,917
Lease of movables	4,631	4,274	4,411
Computer services, information technology	8,213	8,587	9,752
Research companies	1,693	1,983	2,019
Architects and engineers	4,558	5,078	5,436
Legal and economic services	14,605	16,516	17,679
Advertising agencies	2,050	2,116	2,295
Temp agencies	10,120	10,642	12,585
Other business services	6,837	7,447	7,779

5.5 Investments by institutional investors (bln euro)

	2002	2004	2005	2006
Total	779.4	933.0	1,069.2	1,148.7
Investment institutions	81.0	86.5	93.5	102.0
Pension funds	432.9	543.4	632.1	687.8
Insurance companies	258.6	294.6	332.8	349.6
Non-supervised insurance companies	6.9	8.5	10.9	9.4

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5.6 Combined balance sheet of financial institutions (bln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Assets	2,231	2,933	3,398	3,697
monetary gold	9	8	10	10
accounts receivable (intern. monetary institutions)	2	2	1	1
cash and current account deposits	49	68	95	168
deposits	182	312	374	394
bonds	386	567	632	660
shares	397	388	483	547
short-term securities holdings	10	19	20	18
holdings	133	165	209	228
short-term loans	193	246	281	310
long-term loans	400	497	543	579
mortgages	297	447	500	546
fixed assets	73	66	67	71
transitional assets	75	133	164	148
other assets	26	15	18	16
Liabilities	2,231	2,933	3,398	3,697
cash	17	22	23	24
current account deposits	182	227	253	299
deposits	352	543	611	711
savings	137	198	211	222
bonds	189	382	482	546
shares and holdings	426	335	403	437
short-term securities	21	37	32	34
short-term debts	55	87	122	106
long-term debts	138	174	195	200
transitional assets	82	175	208	201
reserves	632	754	860	917

5.7 Institutions providing credit

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Institutions				
Total number of institutions	87	89	91	89
branches of foreign credit companies	10	7	6	5
cooperative banks	1	1	1	1
public limited companies	76	81	84	83
Local units	6,152	4,353	4,226	4,309
Automatic cash dispensers	6,921	7,889	7,446	8,235*
Employment				
Employees	140,400	129,036	126,362	125,135
men	73,008	67,099	65,708	65,070
women	67,392	61,937	60,654	60,065
Labour volume (fte's)	127,636	116,249	113,840	112,734

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5.8 Profit and loss account of credit institutions (mln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Income	67,241	65,373	81,976	87,352
interest etc.	54,689	50,571	61,644	62,829
yield on securities	3,767	5,622	5,468	7,569
procuration (2000=net)	5,200	5,586	5,967	6,514
profits on financial transactions	1,839	1,265	2,627	2,676
other income	1,746	2,329	6,270	7,764
Expenses	67,242	65,373	81,976	87,354
interest etc.	41,975	33,913	45,270	48,270
procuration (2000=net)	0	775	838	929
general expenses and administration	13,737	16,049	18,627	21,191
other operating expenses	14	158	128	83
value adjustments to receivables and additions/withdrawals	591	1,420	1,090	972
other value adjustments	1,184	1,136	866	668
operating result	9,741	11,922	15,157	15,241
extra ordinary income and expenses tax	-714	-1	0	0
expenses tax	1,153	1,839	1,935	1,466
net profit in accounting year	7,874	10,082	13,222	13,775

5.9 Balance sheet data of institutions providing credit

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total number of institutions	87	89	91	89
Balance sheet total				
less than 100 mln euro	23	24	22	17
100 to 1,000 mln euro	31	32	34	32
1,000 to 10,000 mln euro	23	21	24	29
10,000 to 100,000 mln euro	7	8	7	7
100,000 mln euro and more	3	4	4	4
Financial data (bln euro)				
Balance sheet total	1,019	1,469	1,752	1,968
Credit	588	839	946	1,046
Amount entrusted	419	562	615	696
Total capital and reserves	81	106	127	138

5.10 Operating results of non-life insurance companies, by sector (mln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Technical result (total)	194	1,925	2,467	2,001
Fire and other damage	79	428	462	392
Motor vehicles	-23	304	456	591
Accidents and illness	14	1,110	1,194	670
Sea, transport and aviation	-12	54	94	79
Other	136	29	260	268

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5.11 Investments and receivables of non-life insurance companies (mln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Total	35,287	41,129	46,326	59,803
Intangible assets enterprises	15	109	207	193
Land and buildings	385	420	412	459
Investment in affiliated enterprises	1,760	2,118	2,342	3,001
Shares	8,036	4,854	6,501	7,591
Bonds	14,723	21,309	23,653	23,094
Mortgages	426	550	453	219
Other loans	2,190	1,202	982	1,016
Deposits with credit institutions	526	1,212	1,384	908
Other financial investments	599	1,229	1,425	3,769
Deposits with ceding enterprises	107	145	166	102
Receivables and other assets	6,520	7,981	8,800	19,451

5.12 Investments and receivables of life insurance companies (mln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Total	241,314	264,579	302,029	307,158
Intangible assets	19	14	139	192
Land and buildings	12,434	13,238	12,090	13,407
Investment in affiliated enterprises	5,557	3,692	6,407	6,596
Shares	35,816	21,190	22,018	34,202
Bonds	43,456	83,152	91,233	90,127
Participation in investment pools	566	474	430	431
Mortgages	28,247	23,617	24,374	22,651
Other loans	25,215	15,532	13,200	11,759
Deposits with credit institutions	3,741	3,051	3,343	3,712
Other financial investments	4,969	5,162	16,738	9,394
Deposits with ceding enterprises	344	473	489	498
Investment where policyholders bear risk	65,463	82,755	95,972	100,032
Receivables and other assets	15,487	12,229	15,596	14,157

5.13 Technical account of life insurance companies (mln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Income	37,290	37,988	51,222	43,955
earned premiums, net of reinsurance	22,426	24,466	24,161	25,122
investment income	13,280	10,336	17,751	14,167
Expenditure (-)	35,632	36,115	48,512	41,093
claims incurred, net of reinsurance	14,109	17,588	16,740	20,500
changes in other technical provisions, net of reinsurance bonuses, rebates, operating costs	11,108	8,700	19,390	9,690
other technical expenses	5,585	5,452	6,953	5,509
	710	1,993	2,258	1,638
Total result technical account	1,658	1,872	2,710	2,863

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5.14 Balance sheet of pension funds (bln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Assets	498	554	641	750
land and buildings	24	21	21	19
mortgages	14	14	13	13
shares	217	237	287	315
bonds	168	220	252	268
long-term loans	31	10	8	7
non-consolidated holdings	15	27	34	42
deposits and liquid assets	6	14	14	29
reinsurance share of technical provisions	14	3	4	3
other receivables	9	8	8	55
Liabilities	498	554	641	750
endowment fund and reserves	113	84	119	173
gross technical provisions	376	454	504	502
long-term loans	1	1	1	1
other liabilities	9	15	17	75

5.15 Profit and loss account of pension funds (bln euro)

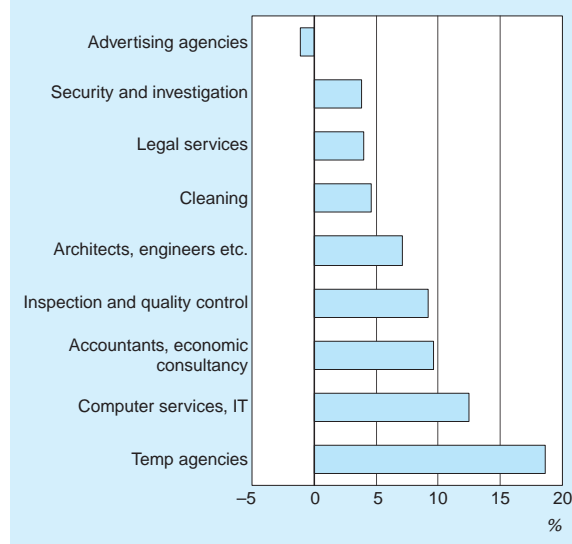
	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Assets	26	75	105	79
premiums	10	22	25	24
return on investment	12	50	76	51
other assets	4	3	4	5
Liabilities	26	75	105	79
net change in technical provisions	23	-16	52	1
pensions paid, lump sum commutes	12	17	18	19
other liabilities	-10	74	35	58

5.16 Turnover indices for business services (2000=100)

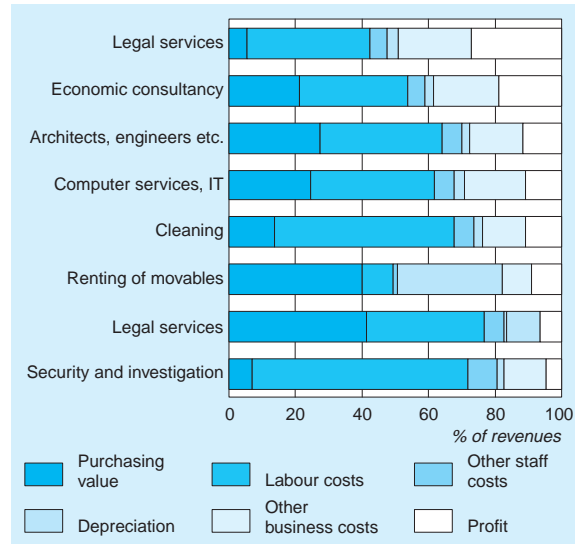
	2005	2006	2007*
Computer services, IT	114	128	144
Accountants, economic consultancy	103	113	124
Architects, engineers etc.	114	124	133
Security and investigation	168	183	190
Inspection and quality control	134	151	165
Legal services	123	130	135
Advertising agencies	94	94	93
Cleaning	121	129	135
Temp agencies	114	139	166
Other business services	98	102	112

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5.17 Turnover in business services, 2007 (change on previous year)

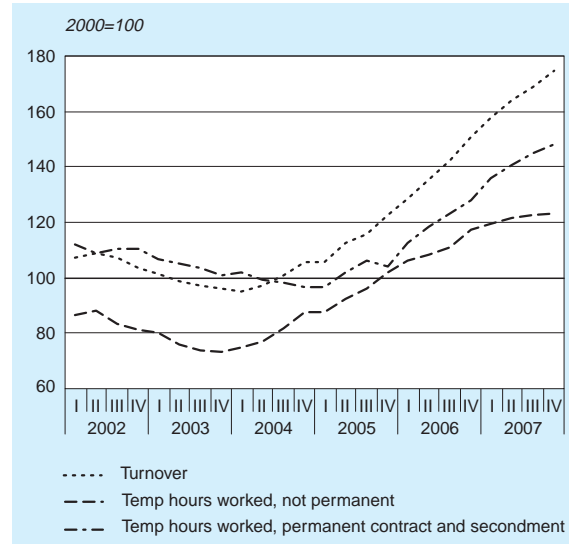


5.18 Costs and profits in business services, 2005



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5.19 Temp agencies, seasonally adjusted



6. Government

Tax revenues continue substantial growth in 2006

Revenues from central government taxes amounted to 125 billion in 2006, 7.8 percent more than in 2005. Improvements on the labour market and a hefty increase in spending pushed up income from wage tax and value added tax by millions of euros. The favourable economic situation also put nearly 1 billion euro more in corporate taxes in government coffers in 2006, in spite of the lower rates for these taxes.

Value added tax amounted to 39 billion euro in 2006. This is the net amount that ended up in the treasury. Part of VAT revenues have to be paid to the European Union: 0.9 billion euro in 2006.

Stronger rise in government spending

Government spending amounted to 129 billion euro in 2006, just over 5 percent more than in 2005, when it rose by 2.6 percent. Spending on social provisions rose by 4.7 billion euro. This increase was mainly caused by the introduction of the health care allowance. The government also put 1.6 billion euro extra into the state old age pension fund, so that the premium for the state pension could remain unchanged. More money was also spent on rent allowances, and on childcare. The termination of the old government health insurance scheme cut government spending on health care by 2.9 billion euro. This was offset by a contribution of 1.9 billion euro to a new care insurance fund for children younger than 18 years.

Higher local taxes

Municipalities expect to increase their revenues from taxes and levies by nearly 4.4 percent in 2008. Sewage charges and property tax, in particular, are set to rise. Taxes for property owners will rise by more than for tenants. Sewage charges are expected to rise by 6.4 percent. In relative terms, revenues from municipal and construction fees will increase by most. Construction fees will generate 10 percent more; municipal fees 11 percent more.

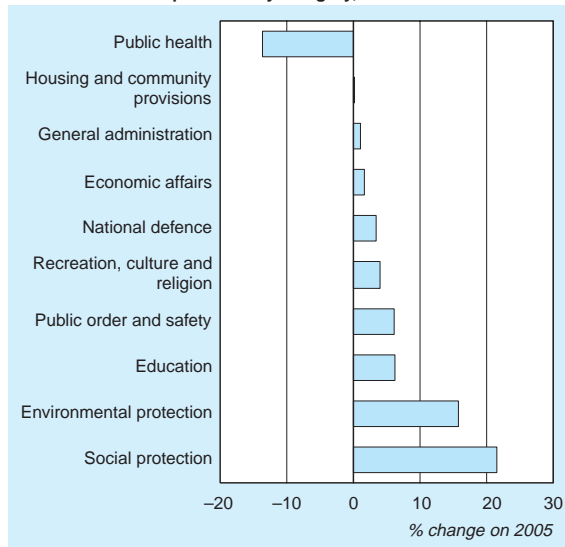
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6.1 Current account of central government by category (mln euro)

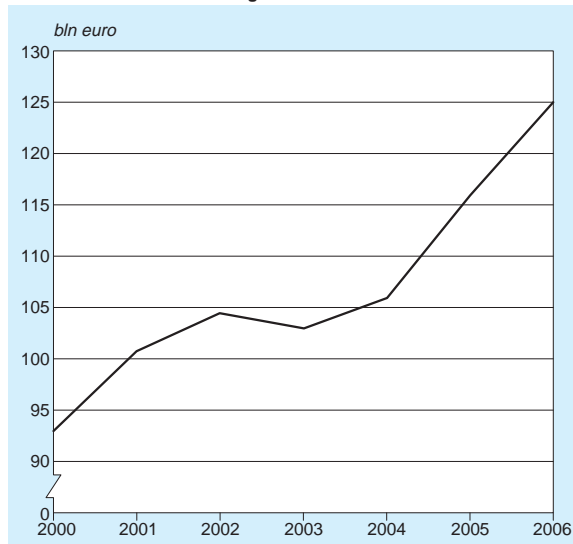
	2003	2004	2005	2006*
Total				
current expenditure	119,490	119,553	122,704	128,978
current revenue	112,189	116,349	128,043	139,774
General administration				
expenditure	42,123	40,795	41,242	41,694
revenue	103,320	106,685	116,465	125,555
Economic affairs				
expenditure	11,606	10,572	11,109	11,284
revenue	6,335	6,870	8,337	11,150
Housing and community provisions				
expenditure	1,009	852	775	776
revenue	56	118	117	141
National defence				
expenditure	6,799	6,754	6,724	6,951
revenue	196	257	851	653
Environmental protection				
expenditure	551	591	613	710
revenue	160	183	199	193
Education				
expenditure	19,757	20,416	20,894	22,184
revenue	527	551	317	305
Public order and security				
expenditure	7,728	8,127	8,294	8,800
revenue	1,058	1,061	1,124	1,152
Recreation, culture and religion				
expenditure	1,585	1,556	1,587	1,650
revenue	227	224	204	217
Social protection				
expenditure	20,472	20,383	21,973	26,698
revenue	66	80	22	61
Public health				
expenditure	7,677	9,267	9,239	7,971
revenue	64	78	155	85
Business activities				
expenditure	182	242	253	263
revenue	182	242	253	263

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6.2 Government expenditure by category, 2006*



6.3 Revenues from national government taxes



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6.4 Revenues from national government taxes (mln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Total	93,042	105,994	115,984	125,037
Excise duties	7,714	9,358	9,327	9,860
Environment taxes	2,849	3,278	4,128	4,545
Car tax	2,875	3,003	3,148	3,452
Legal dues	3,908	4,762	5,209	5,433
Value added tax	27,098	35,098	36,216	38,989
Other production-related taxes	1,282	1,346	1,555	1,461
Dividend tax	2,588	3,388	4,262	4,226
Income tax	-880	109	3,651	3,517
Wage tax	24,433	27,246	27,573	31,641
Corporate tax	16,736	14,994	17,068	17,907
Other income taxes	2,957	1,901	2,138	2,195
Wealth tax	1,483	1,512	1,709	1,810

6.5 Expenditure and revenue of the provinces (mln euro)

	2000	2005	2007*	2008*
Total expenditure	3,706	6,033	5,440	6,252
revenue	3,821	6,033	5,440	6,252
General administration expenditure	191	264	258	292
revenue	31	18	12	8
Economic and agricultural affairs expenditure	207	374	363	416
revenue	264	403	230	333
Environmental control expenditure	417	450	417	496
revenue	219	196	148	184
Public order and security expenditure	6	15	17	18
revenue	0	1	3	3
Recreation and nature expenditure	134	228	229	596
revenue	25	35	16	344
Environmental planning, public housing expenditure	143	304	236	304
revenue	66	183	98	118
Traffic and transport expenditure	1,141	1,583	1,658	1,797
revenue	533	1,007	773	871
Water management expenditure	143	154	165	184
revenue	28	31	33	35
Welfare expenditure	902	1,390	1,435	1,539
revenue	547	865	816	892
Financing and general revenue expenditure	422	1,271	662	610
revenue	2,106	3,294	3,313	3,464

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6.6 Revenues from taxes and levies imposed by provinces, municipalities and water boards (mln euro)

	2000	2005	2007*	2008*
Total	7,675	10,507	10,037	10,608
Community charge	390	505	534	545
Duties on building permits	332	453	438	482
Levies on water pollution	970	1,165	1,209	1,234
Other	348	537	554	701
Parking fees	302	399	446	467
Property tax	2,558	3,613	2,635	2,739
Refuse collection rate	1,245	1,620	1,685	1,711
Sewage charges	656	920	1,093	1,163
Surcharge on motor vehicle tax	714	1,050	1,174	1,290
Water tax for households	160	245	269	276
Municipalities	5,428	7,506	6,810	7,235
Provinces	727	1,086	1,215	1,318
Water boards	1,520	1,915	2,012	2,055

6.7 Expenditure and revenue of municipalities (mln euro)

	2000	2005	2007*	2008*
Total expenditure	44,350	56,199	47,152	49,077
revenue	44,350	56,199	47,153	49,077
General administration expenditure	2,210	2,781	2,686	2,851
revenue	462	508	405	456
Culture and recreation expenditure	3,387	4,332	4,370	4,498
revenue	656	867	665	611
Economic affairs expenditure	1,011	728	743	792
revenue	1,149	940	674	784
Education expenditure	4,599	5,279	4,238	3,734
revenue	3,178	3,396	2,183	1,609
Public order and security expenditure	710	1,272	1,347	1,511
revenue	102	219	141	150
Environmental planning, housing expenditure	7,978	9,085	7,667	8,695
revenue	7,628	9,132	7,334	8,306
Social provisions and social services expenditure	10,840	12,347	13,201	13,619
revenue	7,183	8,572	7,646	7,746
Traffic, transport, public works expenditure	4,012	4,684	3,684	3,850
revenue	2,124	2,305	1,098	1,140
Public health and environment expenditure	3,457	4,409	4,511	4,752
revenue	2,581	3,653	3,743	3,983
Financing and general revenue expenditure	6,147	11,282	4,706	4,776
revenue	19,287	26,608	23,263	24,291

7. Health and welfare

Fewer hospital admissions following heart attack

Twelve per 10 thousand inhabitants in the Netherlands were admitted to hospital following a acute heart infarct in 2005. This is 17 percent less than in 2000. The decrease was stronger for men (19 percent) than for women (13 percent). The reduction in hospital admissions may be accounted for by the lower percentage of people with raised cholesterol levels. This in turn is the result of an increase in the use of cholesterol reducing drugs. But lifestyle changes, such as reduced smoking by men and a lower intake of trans fats, may also be a factor in the lower number of acute heart infarcts.

The total number per 10 thousand inhabitants admitted to hospital at least once for all causes did rise in the period 2000–2005, by 19 percent. This increase mainly took place after 2001, when extra funds were made available to reduce waiting lists.

Around 241 thousand people do not have medical insurance

On 1 May 2006, some 241 thousand people were not insured for the costs of medical treatment. This is 1.5 percent of the Dutch population. These uninsured included around 40 thousand children, mainly in families that did not have medical insurance. About half of people without insurance were in their twenties and thirties. Men were slightly more likely not be uninsured than women: of all people without insurance, 57 percent were men and boys

Care expenditure up by more than 5 percent in 2006

Spending on health care and welfare amounted to 72.2 billion euro in 2006. This is 5.4 percent more than in 2005. The rise can be attributed to the increase in the volume of care supplied, higher wage costs in care institutions, higher fees in the free professions and a new financial system for general practitioners. Following a number of years of stabilisation in the growth rate of the volume of care, volume growth picked up strength again in 2006.

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7.1 Health and functional limitations (%)

	2001	2005	2006	2007
Self-perceived health, ≥0 yrs				
very good	25.3	25.5	26.1	26.2
good	55.5	54.4	54.8	55.0
alright	15.7	16.2	15.3	15.0
bad or very bad	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.8
State of mind, ≥12 yrs in last 4 weeks:				
very nervous	5.9	5.2	5.2	5.1
felt very low	16.4	16.9	15.7	15.4
agitated	18.2	17.1	15.7	16.4
depressed and sombre	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.2
unhappy	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.2
Functional limitations, ≥12 yrs serious problems with:				
movement	7.4	8.1	7.6	8.1
hearing	2.6	3.0	2.5	2.9
sight	3.5	5.0	4.7	4.4

7.2 Chronic disorders (% of total population)

	2001	2005	2006	2007
Arteriosclerosis	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.4
Arthritis	3.3	4.0	3.8	3.7
Asthma/chronic lung diseases	7.0	8.2	7.6	7.2
Back pain	8.1	9.2	8.8	8.1
Bowel disorder	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.9
Cancer	3.5	4.7	4.4	4.7
Diabetes	2.8	3.4	3.6	3.9
Dizziness	2.4	2.6	3.0	2.2
Eczema	4.5	4.7	4.2	4.4
Heart attack	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.2
Heart disease	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.9
High blood pressure	8.6	11.1	11.8	12.0
Incontinence	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.8
Migraine	14.2	12.6	12.1	11.5
Pain in elbow/wrist	5.8	5.5	5.1	5.0
Pain in neck/shoulder	8.1	9.2	8.5	8.5
Psoriasis	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.5
Stroke	1.2	1.9	1.9	2.0
Wear of joints	8.2	9.7	9.6	9.9
Other chronic disorder	7.9	7.5	7.9	8.1

7.3 Smoking and alcohol, 12 yrs and older

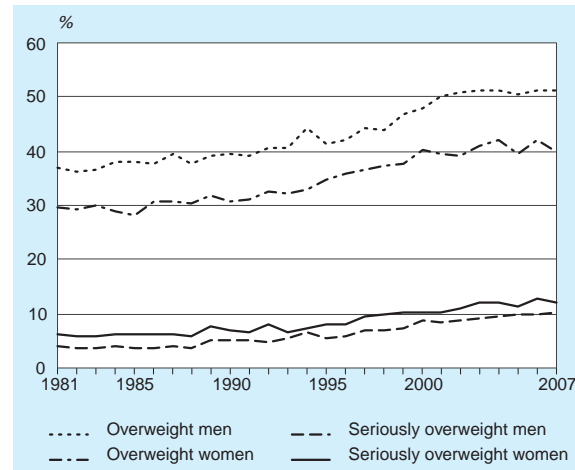
	2001	2005	2006	2007
Smokers (%)	33.3	29.5	29.6	27.9
Heavy smokers (%)	9.8	7.7	7.2	6.7
Smokers: cigarettes per day	12.4	11.7	11.4	11.3
Never drinks alcohol (%)	18.2	18.6	19.0	18.9
Heavy drinkers (%)	13.6	10.8	11.3	10.7
Drinkers: units per day	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3

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7.4 Physical activity, 12 yrs and older

	2001	2005	2006	2007
Complies with norm for healthy exercise (%)	52	55	55	56
Activity (minutes per week)				
household work	680	649	642	625
sports activities	130	138	137	139
leisure time (e.g. walking, cycling and gardening)	413	426	416	416
activity at work/school	934	885	888	887
home to work/school and back	54	55	58	59

7.5 Percentage of the population who are overweight, 20 yrs and older



7.6 Breastfed babies (%)

	1998/ 2000	2001/ 2003	2005/ 2007
At birth	69	75	77
At age 6 weeks	57	61	63
At age 3 months	45	51	52
At age 6 months	24	27	31

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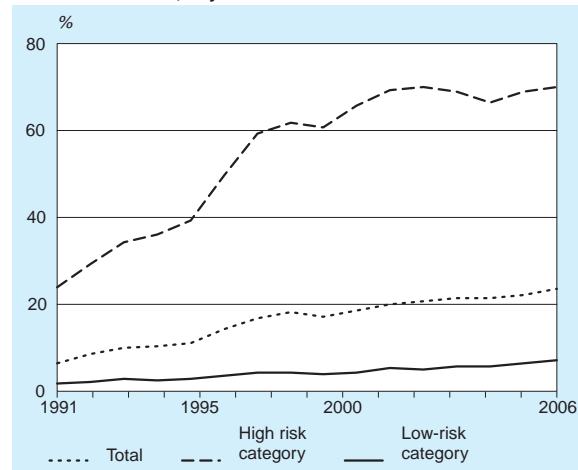
7.7 Birth venue (%)

	1998/ 2000	2001/ 2003	2005/ 2007
Home	34	32	29
Hospital	66	68	70
Elsewhere	0	0	0

7.8 Women and preventive care (%)

	2001	2005	2006	2007
16 to 49 yrs Uses contraceptive pill	43	40	37	38
20 yrs and older Cervical smear test in last 5 years	61	60	59	59
30 yrs and older Mammogram in last 2 years	44	46	46	48

7.9 Flu vaccination, 16 yrs and older



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7.10 Medical consumption by the Dutch population

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Contacts with general practitioner				
Average number of contacts	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.8
Persons contacting GP (%)	75.6	73.1	72.6	72.0
Type of contact with GP (%)				
at the surgery	81.8	84.8	85.0	83.2
GP visits patient	5.2	4.0	4.0	3.3
telephone	12.5	10.1	10.2	12.6
other	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.9
Contacts with specialist				
Average number of contacts	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.8
Persons contacting specialist (%)	38.0	40.0	40.2	41.0
Place of contact (%)				
hospital (incl. out-patients)	90.2	89.3	90.7	91.4
other	9.8	10.7	9.3	8.6
Contacts with dentist				
Average number of contacts	2.4	2.3	2.2	1.9
Persons contacting dentist (%)	78.2	77.9	78.1	77.7
Reason for contact (%)				
toothache	11.6	13.4	12.5	12.2
check-up	63.2	61.8	61.5	62.2
treatment as a result of check-up	11.1	12.1	13.9	13.5
(long-term) treatment	14.1	12.7	12.1	12.0
Contacts with physiotherapist				
Average number of contacts	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.3
Persons contacting physiotherapist (%)	16.2	16.8	17.8	18.8
Alternative healer				
Persons contacting alt. healer (%)	5.9	6.5	6.3	7.0
Regional institute for mental welfare; 4 yrs and older				
Persons contacting institute (%)	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.2
Use of medication				
Prescription drugs in 14 days (%)	33.8	37.1	37.5	38.5
Over-the-counter drugs in 14 days (%)	34.5	39.0	39.9	39.0

7.11 Life expectancy (years)

	Men		Women	
	2001/ 2003	2004/ 2006	2001/ 2003	2004/ 2006
At birth	76.1	77.4	81.0	82.1
years to live				
in good health	62.1	62.9	61.7	62.2
without physical limitations	69.1	69.9	68.7	68.3
without chronic disease	48.2	47.7	41.8	42.2
At age 65 yrs	15.6	16.6	19.5	20.4
years to live				
in good health	9.5	10.0	10.6	10.7
without physical limitations	11.4	12.0	11.1	11.1
without chronic disease	4.8	4.4	4.4	3.7

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7.12 Male deaths by cause (x 1,000)

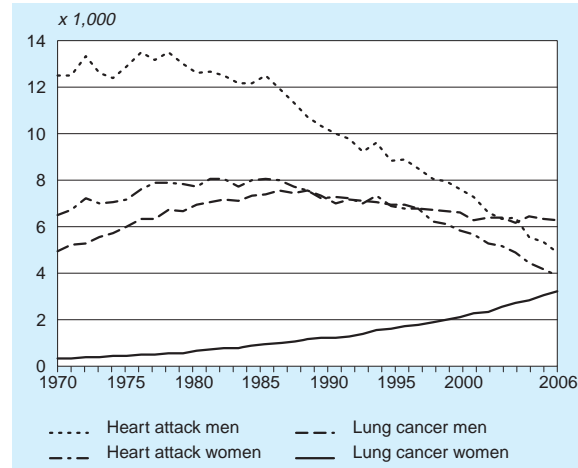
	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	69	66	66	65
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	2	2	2	2
Malignant neoplasms	21	21	21	21
of which:				
trachea, bronchi and lungs	6	6	6	6
prostate	2	2	2	2
Mental disorders	1	2	2	2
Diseases of the respiratory system	8	7	7	7
Cardiovascular disease	24	21	21	20
of which:				
acute heart infarct	7	6	5	5
cerebrovascular disorders	5	4	4	4
Diseases of the digestive system	2	2	2	2
Non-natural causes	3	3	3	3
of which:				
road traffic accidents	1	1	1	1
suicide	1	1	1	1
Other causes	8	8	8	8

7.13 Female deaths by cause (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	72	70	70	70
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	3	3	3	2
Malignant neoplasms	17	18	18	18
of which:				
breast	3	3	3	3
trachea, bronchi and lungs	2	3	3	3
Mental disorders	4	5	5	5
Diseases of the respiratory system	7	6	7	7
Cardiovascular disease	26	23	23	22
of which:				
acute heart infarct	6	4	4	4
cerebrovascular disorders	7	7	6	6
Diseases of the digestive system	3	3	3	3
Non-natural causes	2	2	2	2
of which:				
road traffic accidents	0	0	0	0
suicide	1	0	0	0
Other causes	11	10	9	11

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7.14 Deaths from lung cancer and heart attacks



7.15 Men admitted to hospital for some diagnoses, standardised for age (per 10,000 inhabitants)

	2000	2004	2005
Total diagnoses	870.6	992.6	1,014.8
of which:			
conditions originating in the perinatal period	39.8	44.1	44.9
malignant neoplasms	48.8	54.8	56.4
of which:			
skin cancer	2.8	4.8	5.9
lung and trachea cancer	8.2	8.1	7.8
prostate cancer	5.2	6.9	7.0
accidents	80.5	87.8	89.1
respiratory disease	97.7	100.2	104.9
cardiovascular disease	137.2	148.0	150.4
of which:			
acute heart infarct	19.9	16.7	16.0
cerebrovascular episode	16.9	19.9	21.3
disease of musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	109.0	128.0	131.7
metabolic disease	101.1	117.4	120.0
disease of the urinal tract and genital organs	53.6	59.5	57.7

Source: Prisma and Statistics Netherlands.

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7.16 Women admitted to hospital for some diagnoses, standardised for age (per 10,000 inhabitants)

	2000	2004	2005
Total diagnoses	1,066.6	1,249.2	1,285.3
of which:			
conditions originating in the perinatal period	33.8	37.4	38.4
malignant neoplasms	50.8	57.4	59.1
of which:			
breast cancer	14.8	15.8	15.8
skin cancer	2.6	4.6	5.8
lung and trachea cancer	3.1	4.0	4.3
accidents	78.0	88.2	89.5
respiratory disease	78.7	84.3	88.9
cardiovascular disease	108.9	124.6	128.3
of which:			
acute heart infarct	9.4	8.6	8.2
cerebrovascular episode	16.2	19.5	21.2
disease of musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	120.1	148.6	155.6
metabolic disease	83.8	103.2	108.3
disease of the urinal tract and genital organs	86.8	101.1	103.5

Source: Prismant and Statistics Netherlands.

7.17 Care; key figures (mln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Financing sources	46,967	65,552	68,483	72,203
government and soc. insurance	33,157	45,314	47,294	58,224
private care insurance	5,705	8,668	9,167	2,900
other sources	8,104	11,570	12,023	11,079
Expenditure	46,967	65,552	68,483	72,203
policy and management organisations	1,684	2,141	2,291	2,390
health care	26,874	37,795	39,778	42,497
welfare	18,408	25,616	26,414	27,316
Expenditure per capita (euro)	2,949	4,026	4,196	4,417
Expenditure (as a % of GDP)	11	13	14	14

7.18 Care expenditure; index figures (1998=100)

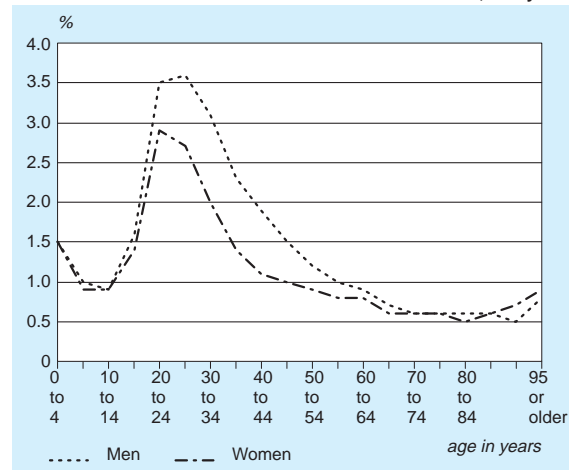
	2000	2004	2005	2006
Health care	114	160	169	180
Welfare	118	164	169	175
Per capita	113	155	161	170
Total, corrected for price changes	106	129	132	136

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7.19 Care expenditure by actors (mln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	46,967	65,552	68,483	72,203
Care for the disabled	3,994	6,061	6,361	6,617
Care for the elderly	8,673	12,337	12,660	13,266
Hospitals and specialist practices	11,261	16,364	17,580	18,972
Medical and paramedical practices	3,731	5,002	5,049	5,615
Medicines and aids	5,859	7,691	7,961	8,385
Mental health care	2,572	3,748	4,048	4,182
Policy and management	1,684	2,141	2,291	2,390
Other	9,193	12,208	12,533	12,776

7.20 Persons not insured for costs of medical treatment, 1 May 2006



8. Income and spending

Purchasing power down slightly in 2005

Overall, the purchasing power of the Dutch population fell by 0.3 percent in 2005. For self-employed people and their families it rose by 1 percent, and for employees, too, it increased slightly (0.2 percent). For people who were not active on the labour market, however, purchasing power was lower: they had to make do with 1 percent less. In 2003 and 2004, too, this group was worse off than people who had a job.

Optimism about own financial situation in 2007

The share of households reporting that their financial situation had improved in the preceding twelve months rose in 2007 for the second year in a row. The percentage who said it had deteriorated was lower. As a result, the number of households reporting an improvement (20 percent) approached the number reporting a decline (22 percent). Households were also more positive about their financial future. For the first time since 2000, the percentage who expected an improvement in the coming twelve months (19 percent) was higher than the percentage foreseeing a deterioration (14 percent).

Highest incomes in North Holland and Utrecht

Bloemendaal was again the richest municipality in the Netherlands in 2005. Average income in this municipality, located in the province North Holland, was 67 percent higher than the national average. Not much changed in the municipal income rankings between 2001 and 2005. Inhabitants in municipalities in North Holland and Utrecht are still relatively wealthy, those in Groningen and Friesland relatively poor. At the top of the list, Wassenaar and Blaricum follow Bloemendaal. The bottom of the list includes the municipalities Reiderland, Pekela and Eemsum, all in Groningen, where income was 23 to 16 percent below the national average.

Income and spending

8.1 Average disposable income by household composition (1,000 euro)

	2001	2004	2005*
Total	27.5	29.0	29.1
One-person household	16.0	16.9	17.1
single man	17.2	17.6	17.8
single woman	15.1	16.2	16.5
Multi-person household	33.3	35.2	35.5
couple	34.1	36.2	36.5
without children	30.4	32.5	32.9
only underage children	34.1	36.5	36.9
at least one child of age	45.3	47.6	47.6
one-parent family	23.5	24.6	24.3
only underage children	18.0	19.4	19.4
at least one child of age	30.5	31.2	30.6
other multi-person households	37.3	39.1	39.5

8.2 Households by composition and disposable income, 2005* (x 1,000)

	Total	One-person household	Multi-person household
Total	7,061	2,435	4,626
Less than 10,000 euro	470	382	88
10,000 to 20,000 euro	2,046	1,439	607
20,000 to 30,000 euro	1,795	443	1,352
30,000 to 40,000 euro	1,316	106	1,211
40,000 to 50,000 euro	713	36	677
50,000 euro and more	721	30	691

8.3 Average personal income of persons by socio-economic category (1,000 euro)

	2001	2004	2005*
Total	22.4	24.3	24.4
Employed	26.7	29.0	29.3
employee	26.3	28.9	29.2
self-employed	31.2	32.3	32.2
other employment (freelance etc.)	9.7	9.5	10.4
Not employed	14.5	16.1	16.2
unemployment benefit or income support	12.0	13.9	13.7
disabled	16.2	17.4	17.6
pensioner	16.7	18.9	19.3
other (e.g. students)	6.9	7.2	7.2

Income and spending

8.4 Change in source of household income (%)

	Main source of household income in 2005*			
	total population	income from labour	income from own enterprise	income from transfers
Main source of household income in 2004				
Total	100	61	13	26
labour	100	94	2	4
own enterprise	100	9	88	3
transfers	100	7	1	92

8.5 Median change in purchasing power by main source of household income (%)

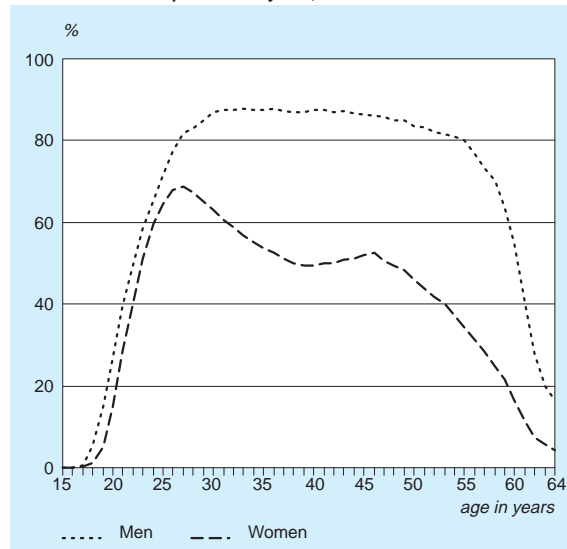
	2001	2003	2004	2005*
Population, total	5.0	0.1	0.7	-0.3
Income from labour	6.6	0.4	1.1	0.0
Income from own enterprise	2.9	-2.6	2.1	0.1
Income from transfers	3.0	0.1	0.1	-0.8
of which: with the same source of income as in previous year				
income from labour	6.8	0.6	1.2	0.2
income from own enterprise	4.0	-1.7	3.4	1.0
income from transfers	2.8	0.1	0.0	-1.0

8.6 Economic independence of persons aged 15 to 65 years (%)

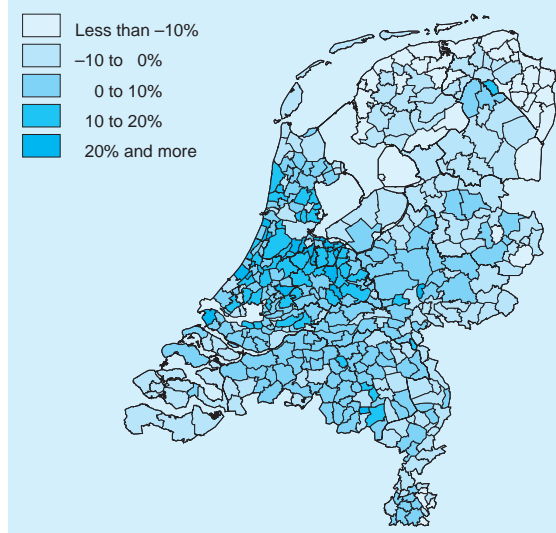
	2000	2003	2004	2005*
Men	71	70	68	68
15 to 25 yrs	28	26	24	23
25 to 35 yrs	86	84	82	82
35 to 45 yrs	88	87	86	86
45 to 55 yrs	85	84	83	83
55 to 65 yrs	51	56	57	57
Women	39	42	42	42
15 to 25 yrs	22	21	19	17
25 to 35 yrs	60	62	62	62
35 to 45 yrs	47	51	51	52
45 to 55 yrs	40	46	48	49
55 to 65 yrs	15	20	21	23

Income and spending

8.7 Economic independence by sex, 2001/2005*



8.8 Deviation of average income level from national average, 2005



Income and spending

8.9 Low income households by country of origin (x 1,000)

	2001	2003	2004	2005*
Total	627	641	618	662
Netherlands	428	427	406	440
Other western foreign background	68	68	68	75
Non-western foreign background	131	146	144	146
Morocco	26	28	27	26
Netherlands Antilles and Aruba	11	13	12	13
Suriname	27	29	26	27
Turkey	25	30	30	31
other	42	47	49	49

8.10 Perception of income and financial situation of households (%)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Financial situation in the previous 12 months				
Improved	30	11	15	20
Unchanged	57	51	52	57
Deteriorated	12	38	32	22
Don't know	1	1	1	1
Financial situation in the next 12 months				
Will improve	26	14	17	19
Will not change	62	58	62	63
Will deteriorate	9	23	17	14
Don't know	4	4	5	4
Financial situation of own household				
In debt	2	3	2	2
Having to use savings	3	6	5	4
Exactly enough to get by	39	47	47	45
Has a little left at end of month	37	33	33	35
Has a lot left at end of month	16	10	11	12
Don't know	2	2	2	2

Income and spending

8.11 Household spending by age of main earner, 2005 (%)

	Total	Younger than 45 yrs	45 to 65 yrs	65 yrs and older
Total spending	100	100	100	100
Food	16.2	16.1	16.5	15.6
bread, pastries and dry goods	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8
potatoes, vegetables and fruit	2.1	1.9	2.1	2.2
sugary products and drinks	2.8	2.5	3.1	3.0
oil and fat	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
meat, meat products and fish	2.5	2.1	2.8	2.8
dairy products	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.8
consumptions away from home and other food	5.1	6.0	4.8	3.7
House	34.8	33.4	33.1	42.7
rent, maintenance of home and garden	23.7	22.7	22.3	30.5
furniture, soft furnishings, linen	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
household appliances and tools	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8
heating and light	5.5	5.2	5.2	6.8
Clothing and shoes	6.1	6.8	6.1	4.6
clothes	4.4	4.9	4.4	3.4
shoes and accessories	1.7	2.0	1.7	1.2
Hygiene and medical care	7.7	8.5	6.9	8.4
household services and cleaning	2.8	4.0	2.0	2.5
personal care	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.1
medical care	2.7	2.2	2.7	3.9
Education, recreation and transport	32.6	33.1	34.4	25.9
education	4.1	4.2	4.7	2.6
sports, games and holidays	6.7	6.3	7.4	5.8
other recreation	4.1	4.5	4.2	2.7
smoking	0.9	0.9	0.9	x
traffic, transport and communication	16.8	17.3	17.3	14.0
Other spending	2.8	2.4	3.1	3.0
private insurance	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.8
contribution to social organisations	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.7
charities and other donations	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.9
other spending	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Total spending (euro)	29,016	28,278	33,539	21,759

9. International trade

Smaller increase in international trade

The volume of imports and exports of goods rose by less in 2007 than in 2006. Imports were up 6 percent and exports 8 percent. In 2006 both grew by 10 percent. Import prices rose by 2 percent in 2007, export prices by 1 percent. The value of imports and exports rose by 7 and 9 percent respectively.

Compared with 2006, exports to countries outside the European Union rose by more than exports within the EU (12 percent and 8 percent respectively). Imports from EU countries rose by significantly more (10 percent) than imports from outside the EU (5 percent).

Trade surplus hits new record

The surplus on the balance of trade rose by 7.5 billion euro to a record 41 billion euro in 2007. Exporters of chemical, food and machinery products accounted for the bulk of the surplus. The balance of trade with the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Poland, Spain, Denmark and Nigeria rose most substantially. The trade deficit with China increased again: it was 23 billion euro in 2007, nearly 3 billion euro more than in 2006.

Further growth for international trade in services

The value of Dutch trade in services with the rest of the world was nearly 153 billion euro in 2007. This is an increase of 4 percent on 2006. The value of exports rose by 5 percent, that of imports by 3 percent. Countries outside the EU accounted for nearly half of the increase in total exports. Switzerland, in particular, contributed strongly to this. Exports to this country were 21 percent higher than in 2006. The increase consisted mainly of royalties and other business services.

International trade

9.1 Imports and exports of goods, totals (mln euro)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Imports	216,057	249,845	285,370	306,213
European Union	118,720	138,195	158,460	173,563
other countries	97,337	111,649	126,910	132,650
Exports	231,854	281,300	318,953	347,612
European Union	178,973	216,178	242,566	261,961
other countries	52,881	65,122	76,387	85,652
Balance of trade	15,797	31,455	33,583	41,399
European Union	60,253	77,983	84,106	88,398
other countries	-44,456	-46,527	-50,523	-46,999

9.2 Imports according to sections of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) (mln euro)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Total	216,057	249,845	285,370	306,213
Food and live animals	16,707	19,195	20,886	23,605
Beverages and tobacco	2,416	2,666	2,872	2,855
Inedible raw materials except fuel	8,653	9,768	11,134	12,904
Mineral fuels	22,176	36,956	47,553	48,108
Animal and vegetable oils and fats	1,047	1,979	2,043	2,203
Chemical products	24,096	32,502	36,030	41,400
Manufactured goods	27,045	28,322	34,365	39,154
Machines and transport equipment	86,019	89,066	97,608	102,378
Miscellaneous articles	27,898	29,391	32,879	33,606

9.3 Exports according to sections of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) (mln euro)

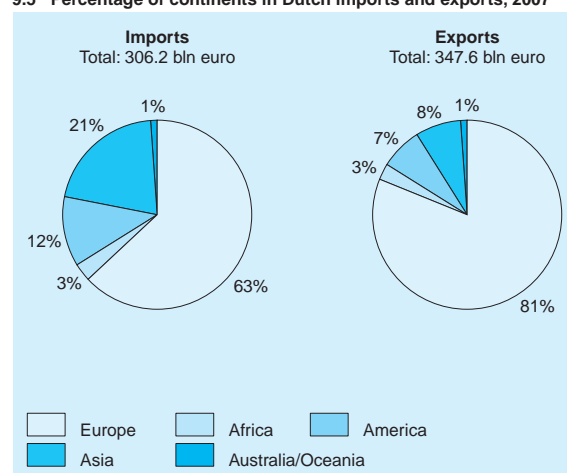
	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Total	231,854	281,300	318,953	347,612
Food and live animals	27,974	32,430	34,568	37,937
Beverages and tobacco	5,183	5,617	6,064	6,360
Inedible raw materials except fuel	11,724	15,414	17,602	18,725
Mineral fuels	19,917	30,813	41,430	41,413
Animal and vegetable oils and fats	1,377	1,831	2,329	2,545
Chemical products	36,066	47,678	53,072	60,279
Manufactured goods	24,436	27,063	32,310	36,824
Machines and transport equipment	79,469	90,731	97,936	113,255
Miscellaneous articles	25,708	29,724	33,642	30,274

International trade

9.4 Imports and exports by country and region (mln euro)

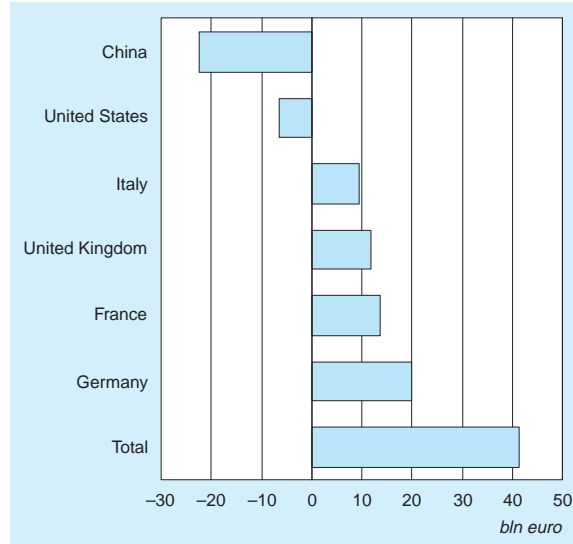
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	2006	2007*	2006	2007*
Total	285,370	306,213	318,953	347,612
Europe	179,106	194,268	263,302	284,092
European Union	158,460	173,563	242,566	261,961
of which:				
Belgium	31,036	33,047	39,613	41,322
Germany	55,504	61,761	78,917	81,748
France	14,266	14,906	26,285	28,492
Italy	7,121	7,669	16,007	17,249
United Kingdom	18,136	19,527	28,427	31,441
other western Europe	8,386	9,065	12,323	13,502
eastern Europe	12,379	11,721	8,683	8,917
of which:				
Russia	10,969	10,340	5,294	6,516
Africa	7,200	8,982	6,549	8,663
America	35,050	36,783	22,349	24,801
of which:				
United States	23,757	24,001	16,166	17,405
Asia	63,075	65,126	23,238	26,205
of which:				
China	23,007	26,206	3,263	3,659
Japan	6,479	7,181	2,206	2,546
Australia, Oceania and others	939	1,054	3,524	3,852

9.5 Percentage of continents in Dutch imports and exports, 2007*

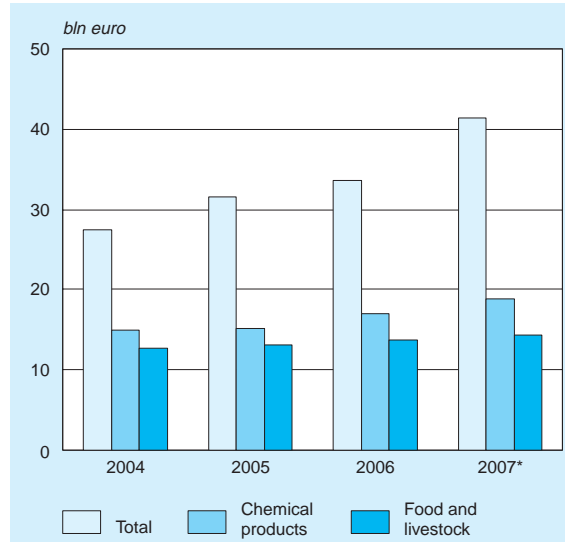


International trade

9.6 Balance of trade, total and for main trade partners, 2007*



9.7 Balance of trade, total and for main product groups



International trade

9.8 Imports and exports of services by country and region (mln euro)

	2003	2005	2006	2007*
Imports	62,563	67,934	72,441	74,402
European Union (15)	36,535	39,653	41,703	42,417
Other countries	26,027	28,281	30,738	31,985
European Union	37,779	40,924	43,087	44,154
Other countries	24,784	27,009	29,354	30,248
of which:				
Switzerland	2,523	2,638	2,524	2,640
United States	9,175	9,849	9,886	9,201
Japan	890	1,002	1,004	886
Exports	62,739	73,998	75,012	78,589
European Union (15)	35,584	38,318	39,487	40,852
Other countries	27,155	35,680	35,524	37,737
European Union	37,087	40,599	41,941	43,892
Other countries	25,652	33,398	33,071	34,697
of which:				
Switzerland	2,291	2,518	2,306	2,791
United States	7,055	8,547	8,340	8,011
Japan	1,318	1,616	1,318	1,239

9.9 Exports of services, by type of services (mln euro)

	2003	2005	2006	2007*
Total	62,739	73,998	75,012	78,589
Transport services	13,441	17,257	16,386	16,998
Travel services	8,099	8,421	9,037	9,799
Communication services	2,543	3,024	3,184	3,299
Construction services	1,639	2,217	1,829	2,167
Insurance services	296	362	408	446
Financial services	665	867	1,149	1,286
Computer and information services	2,766	2,997	3,105	3,096
Royalties and copyrights	7,945	8,234	8,723	10,126
Other business services	23,141	28,364	28,809	28,808
Personal, cultural and recreational services	501	727	717	742
Government services	1,701	1,527	1,664	1,822

9.10 Imports of services, by type of services (mln euro)

	2003	2005	2006	2007*
Total	62,563	67,934	72,441	74,402
Transport services	9,983	12,025	13,809	14,584
Travel services	13,689	12,996	13,560	13,912
Communication services	2,427	2,566	2,775	2,688
Construction services	925	1,140	958	1,174
Insurance services	584	646	705	750
Financial services	863	1,277	1,535	1,758
Computer and information services	2,284	2,982	2,981	3,044
Royalties and copyrights	7,448	6,901	6,876	7,012
Other business services	22,870	25,924	27,808	28,143
Personal, cultural and recreational services	651	760	788	771
Government services	838	717	647	567

10. Labour and social security

Buoyant labour market

The situation on the Dutch labour market was very positive in 2007. The prospering economy pushed up employment, and fewer people claimed social benefits. The demand for labour increased substantially. The number of job vacancies hit a record level in the course of the year, and unemployment dropped sharply.

More people in work

The employed labour force rose by 185 thousand in 2007, to nearly 7.3 million people. The gross participation rate, the percentage of 15–64 year-olds active on the labour market, also rose. Employment rose in the older segments of the labour force in particular. Among 55–64 year-olds the gross participation grew from 42 percent in 2006 to 45 percent in 2007. The favourable labour market conditions pushed down unemployment by nearly 70 thousand people. As a result only 4.5 percent of the labour force were unemployed in 2007. In 2006 this was still 5.5 percent.

Lowest number of income support claimants for more than 25 years

The number of people claiming income support fell further, to 305 thousand in 2007, 25 thousand fewer than in the previous year. The number of income support claimants has not been this low for 25 years. The number of incapacity benefits, too, was lower. At the end of 2007, 847 thousand people were receiving an incapacity benefit, of whom 38 thousand under the new law on work and income (WIA) which replaced the old disability act (WAO) on 1 January 2006.

Collectively negotiated wage rates rise in the course of 2007

The increasing labour shortage was only reflected in higher wage demands in the second half of 2007. In the first half of the year, the increase in collectively negotiated wage rates was 1.7 percent, in the second half it shot up to 2.4 percent. The overall increase in 2007 was 2.1 percent, around the same as in 2006. The rise in contractual wage costs was nearly the same as the wage increase, as employer-paid premiums remained unchanged from 2006.

Labour and social security

10.1 Employment (1,000 persons)

	2000	2004	2005*	2006*
Total employed persons	8,115	8,211	8,231	8,383
Employees	6,988	7,083	7,077	7,189
Self-employed	1,127	1,128	1,154	1,194
Men	4,572	4,489	4,487	4,578
Women	3,544	3,722	3,744	3,805
Agriculture and fishery	280	271	270	264
Manufacturing and construction	1,575	1,462	1,441	1,448
Commercial services	3,811	3,784	3,816	3,943
Non-commercial services	2,450	2,695	2,704	2,728

10.2 Jobs of employees (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005*	2006*
Total	7,410	7,472	7,468	7,589
Agriculture and fishery	130	133	135	134
Manufacturing and construction	1,475	1,352	1,319	1,310
mineral extraction	9	9	9	9
manufacturing	1,011	920	896	888
energy and water companies	33	31	30	29
construction	422	391	384	384
Commercial services	3,622	3,543	3,566	3,681
trade	1,245	1,247	1,232	1,245
hotels and restaurants	269	269	268	275
transport and communication	469	464	456	451
financial institutions	287	274	275	284
business services	1,352	1,290	1,335	1,427
Non-commercial services	2,183	2,444	2,449	2,464
public administration	510	536	525	515
education	404	441	441	444
health care, welfare	955	1,137	1,156	1,179
culture, other services	315	329	328	326
Men	4,237	4,132	4,114	4,183
Women	3,173	3,340	3,354	3,406
Full-time	4,151	3,875	3,797	3,855
Part-time	3,258	3,597	3,671	3,734
Permanent contract	6,726	6,794	6,756	6,831
Flexible contract	684	678	713	758

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10.3 Jobs of employees by sex, 2006* (x 1,000)

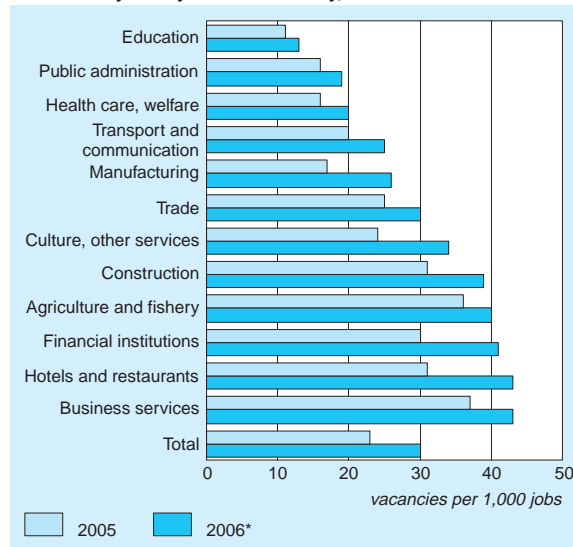
	Total	Men	Women
Total	7,589	4,183	3,406
Agriculture and fishery	134	92	42
Manufacturing and construction	1,310	1,063	246
mineral extraction	9	8	1
manufacturing	888	685	203
energy and water companies	29	23	6
construction	384	348	36
Commercial services	3,681	2,137	1,545
trade	1,245	683	562
hotels and restaurants	275	132	143
transport and communication	451	328	122
financial institutions	284	156	128
business services	1,427	837	590
Non-commercial services	2,464	891	1,573
public administration	515	331	184
education	444	184	260
health care, welfare	1,179	216	963
culture, other services	326	160	166

10.4 Vacancies (x 1,000)

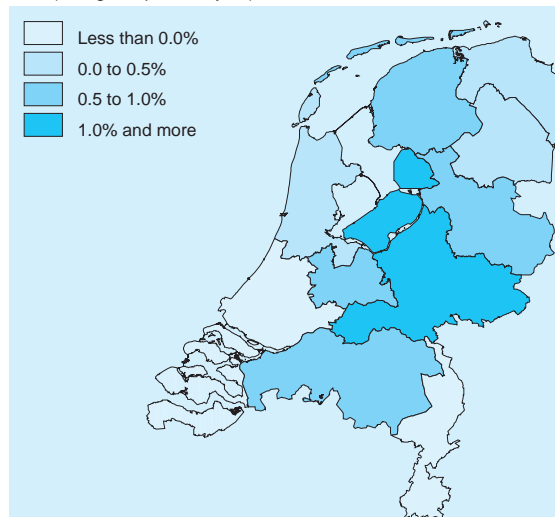
	2000	2005	2006	2007
Job vacancies				
Total	202.8	149.8	194.6	225.9
Agriculture and fishery	3.4	4.0	4.0	4.0
Manufacturing and construction	47.5	22.7	33.5	42.0
manufacturing	28.2	12.5	17.8	23.2
construction	18.6	9.7	14.8	17.5
Commercial services	109.7	88.7	114.0	129.4
trade	34.6	25.0	33.2	36.2
hotels and restaurants	8.5	10.1	11.7	13.3
transport and communication	12.3	7.6	10.6	12.6
financial institutions	7.3	7.1	9.7	12.7
business services	46.8	38.9	48.8	54.6
Non-commercial services	42.3	34.5	43.1	50.5
public administration	9.4	6.7	8.0	8.9
subsidised education	5.8	4.8	5.7	6.6
health care, welfare	19.1	15.8	20.9	25.5
culture, other services	7.9	7.2	8.4	9.5
Company size				
1 to 10 employees	49.8	53.6	62.4	52.1
10 to 100 employees	65.5	42.7	58.1	75.9
100 and more employees	87.4	53.6	74.1	97.9
New and filled job vacancies				
New vacancies	1,018	869	1,045	1,053
Filled vacancies	997	832	994	1,034

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10.5 Vacancy rate by sector of industry, 31 December



10.6 Jobs of employees per province, 31 December 2005*
(change on previous year)

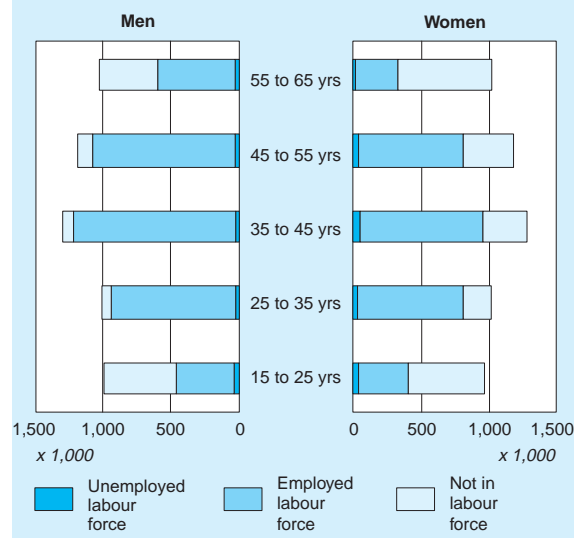


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10.7 Labour force aged 15 to 65 years (x 1,000)

	2001	2005	2006	2007
Labour force	7,272	7,401	7,486	7,603
men	4,311	4,283	4,275	4,297
women	2,961	3,117	3,211	3,306
15 to 25 yrs	935	842	845	870
25 to 35 yrs	2,023	1,827	1,787	1,752
35 to 45 yrs	2,070	2,155	2,170	2,170
45 to 55 yrs	1,671	1,784	1,837	1,885
55 to 65 yrs	573	793	847	927
Employed labour force	7,020	6,918	7,074	7,259
men	4,202	4,045	4,084	4,144
women	2,818	2,873	2,990	3,115
15 to 25 yrs	867	731	755	790
25 to 35 yrs	1,967	1,721	1,704	1,691
35 to 45 yrs	2,005	2,028	2,066	2,090
45 to 55 yrs	1,622	1,693	1,751	1,812
55 to 65 yrs	559	745	798	877
Unemployed labour force	252	483	413	344
men	109	238	191	153
women	143	245	222	190
15 to 25 yrs	68	112	91	80
25 to 35 yrs	57	106	83	61
35 to 45 yrs	65	126	105	80
45 to 55 yrs	49	91	86	73
55 to 65 yrs	13	48	49	50

10.8 Labour force position of the population by sex and age, 2007



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10.9 Gross labour participation, 15–64 years (labour force as a % of the population)

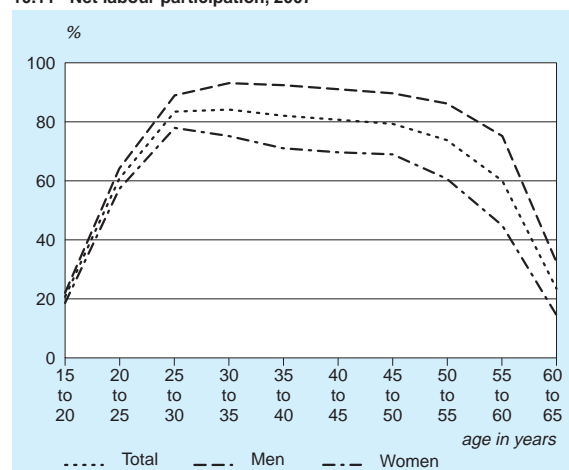
	2001	2005	2006	2007
Total	67.3	67.7	68.4	69.4
Men	78.8	77.6	77.5	77.9
Women	55.5	57.5	59.1	60.7
15 to 25 yrs	49.5	43.5	43.5	44.4
25 to 35 yrs	84.4	85.5	86.1	86.6
35 to 45 yrs	80.9	82.7	83.5	84.3
45 to 55 yrs	72.7	77.2	78.6	79.7
55 to 65 yrs	34.5	40.7	42.4	45.3
Native Dutch	68.6	68.8	69.8	70.8
Western foreign background	65.5	67.5	67.7	68.1
Non-western foreign background	57.5	58.9	58.3	60.1
Turkish	53.7	56.4	55.2	55.8
Moroccan	51.3	55.7	51.8	55.2
Surinamese	66.5	67.9	69.0	69.0
Antillean/Aruban	62.2	66.7	67.8	66.1
other non-western	56.0	54.8	54.9	58.5

10.10 Net labour participation, 15 to 65 years (employed labour force as a % of the population)

	2001	2005	2006	2007
Total	65.0	63.2	64.6	66.2
Men	76.8	73.3	74.0	75.1
Women	52.8	53.0	55.0	57.2
15 to 25 yrs	45.9	37.7	38.8	40.4
25 to 35 yrs	82.0	80.5	82.1	83.6
35 to 45 yrs	78.4	77.8	79.5	81.2
45 to 55 yrs	70.6	73.3	75.0	76.6
55 to 65 yrs	33.7	38.2	40.0	42.8
Native Dutch	66.7	65.2	66.7	68.1
Western foreign background	62.5	62.1	62.9	64.3
Non-western foreign background	52.7	49.2	50.1	54.0
Turkish	49.6	48.0	47.3	50.8
Moroccan	46.7	45.2	43.3	48.9
Surinamese	61.9	58.6	61.6	63.7
Antillean/Aruban	56.5	56.2	57.6	59.0
other non-western	50.5	44.7	46.6	51.4

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10.11 Net labour participation, 2007

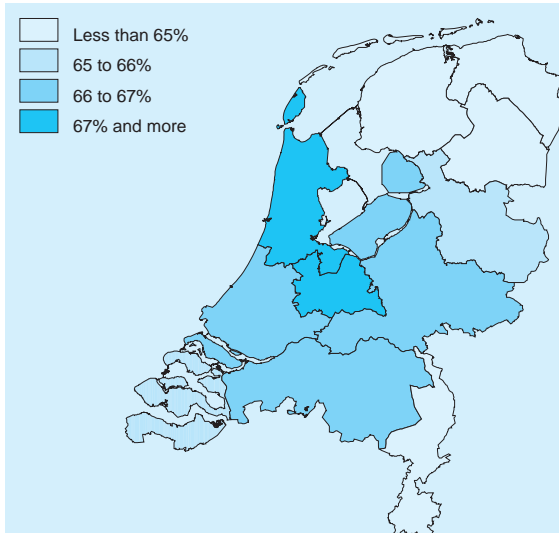


10.12 Unemployment (unemployed labour force as a % of the labour force)

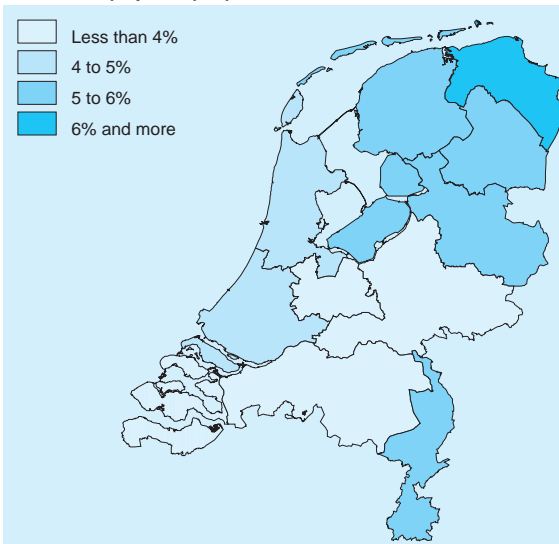
	2001	2005	2006	2007
Total	3.5	6.5	5.5	4.5
Men	2.5	5.6	4.5	3.6
Women	4.8	7.8	6.9	5.8
15 to 25 yrs	7.3	13.2	10.7	9.2
25 to 35 yrs	2.8	5.8	4.6	3.5
35 to 45 yrs	3.1	5.9	4.8	3.7
45 to 55 yrs	3.0	5.1	4.7	3.9
55 to 65 yrs	2.3	6.0	5.7	5.4
Native Dutch	2.9	5.2	4.4	3.8
Western foreign background	4.6	7.9	7.0	5.6
Non-western foreign background	8.5	16.4	14.1	10.2
Turkish	7.7	14.8	14.3	8.8
Moroccan	8.9	18.8	16.5	11.4
Surinamese	6.9	13.7	10.7	7.6
Antillean/Aruban	9.1	15.7	15.1	10.8
other non-western	9.8	18.4	15.2	12.1
Primary education		12.7	12.2	9.1
Pre-vocational education (<i>vmbo</i>)		9.0	7.3	6.5
Secondary and senior sec. voc. education (<i>havo, vwo, mbo</i>)		6.2	5.3	4.3
Higher professional education (<i>hbo</i>) and university bachelor		3.9	3.1	2.6
University master and doctor		5.0	4.2	3.3

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10.13 Net labour participation per province, 2007



10.14 Unemployment per province, 2007



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10.15 Employed labour force (x 1,000)

	2001	2005	2006	2007
Total	7,020	6,918	7,074	7,259
Native Dutch	5,866	5,716	5,846	5,963
Western foreign background	631	632	638	651
Non-western foreign background	524	570	590	644
Turkish	105	139	117	128
Moroccan	81	116	89	102
Surinamese	135	91	149	155
Antillean/Aruban	45	51	52	54
other non-western	157	173	183	205
Primary education		335	330	335
Pre-vocational education (<i>vmbo</i>)		1,297	1,308	1,314
Secondary and senior sec. voc. education (<i>havo, vwo, mbo</i>)		3,053	3,136	3,222
Higher professional education (<i>hbo</i>) and university bachelor		1,356	1,387	1,444
University master and doctor		810	836	864
Elementary occupational level	477	497	516	541
Lower occupational level	1,768	1,698	1,732	1,748
Intermediate occupational level	2,722	2,659	2,683	2,727
Higher occupational level	1,404	1,471	1,481	1,544
University graduate oc. level	542	546	578	609
Employees	6,168	5,998	6,132	6,294
permanent employment	5,669	5,518	5,602	5,715
flexible employment	499	480	530	579
Independent	852	919	941	964
12 to 20 hrs a week	673	685	699	720
20 to 35 hrs a week	1,711	1,889	1,963	2,055
35 hrs and more a week	4,637	4,344	4,411	4,484
Regular working hours	3,108	3,109	3,166	3,175
Non-regular working hours	3,910	3,808	3,906	4,081
evenings	3,048	3,071	3,147	3,283
nights	1,136	1,139	1,172	1,179
Saturdays	3,137	2,971	3,071	3,165
Sundays	1,963	2,003	2,070	2,162
Years in employment				
less than 1 year	1,160	823	1,001	1,145
1 to 5 years	2,206	2,040	1,880	1,879
5 to 10 years	1,073	1,536	1,668	1,686
10 to 20 years	1,397	1,342	1,342	1,325
20 years and more	1,107	1,096	1,093	1,126
unknown	77	81	90	99
Commuting distance: home to work (workers with fixed place of work)				
0 to 7 km	2,558	2,310	2,366	2,422
8 to 18 km	1,382	1,365	1,374	1,419
18 to 33 km	899	905	916	970
33 km and more	696	741	764	818

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10.16 Working hours of employees, excl. overtime, 31 December 2005*

	Annual	Weekly	Holiday and compensation days
	<i>hours</i>		<i>days</i>
All employees	1,342	29.7	23.2
of whom:			
full-time employees	1,724	38.4	29.3
Agriculture and fishery	1,330	29.4	22.6
Manufacturing and construction	1,581	35.9	31.7
mineral extraction	1,695	38.0	30.2
manufacturing	1,565	35.2	29.6
energy and water companies	1,636	36.3	28.0
construction	1,611	37.3	36.6
Commercial services	1,316	29.0	22.1
trade	1,254	27.7	21.8
hotels and restaurants	974	21.0	15.1
transport and communication	1,478	32.6	24.5
financial institutions	1,499	33.0	24.7
business services	1,353	29.7	22.4
Non-commercial services	1,254	27.4	20.4
public administration	1,519	33.1	23.4
education	1,322	29.0	21.5
health care, welfare	1,111	24.2	18.2
culture, other services	1,235	27.2	21.1

10.17 Hourly earnings of employees, 31 December 2005* (euro)

	Total	Men	Women
All employees	18.44	19.80	16.17
of whom:			
full-time employees	19.74	20.47	16.97
Agriculture and fishery	14.55	15.25	11.94
Manufacturing and construction	18.68	19.15	15.82
mineral extraction	29.41	30.37	22.24
manufacturing	18.50	19.13	15.61
energy and water companies	24.20	25.17	20.12
construction	18.42	18.57	15.97
Commercial services	17.52	19.12	14.52
trade	15.72	17.46	12.76
hotels and restaurants	12.56	13.42	11.60
transport and communication	17.17	17.73	15.14
financial institutions	23.86	27.22	18.81
business services	18.51	20.13	15.49
Non-commercial services	19.80	22.59	17.75
public administration	21.59	22.49	19.73
education	21.45	23.58	19.62
health care, welfare	18.39	23.63	16.93
culture, other services	17.91	19.80	15.71
15 to 25 yrs	9.81	9.88	9.73
25 to 35 yrs	16.31	16.67	15.83
35 to 45 yrs	19.97	21.13	17.89
45 to 55 yrs	21.44	23.31	17.97
55 to 65 yrs	22.45	24.06	18.25
65 to 75 yrs	18.20	19.08	14.43

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10.18 Annual earnings of employees (1,000 euro)

	2000	2003	2004	2005*
All employees	23.7	27.2	27.5	27.8
of whom:				
full-time employees	31.7	37.0	38.1	39.0
Agriculture and fishery	18.4	21.3	21.4	21.3
Manufacturing and construction	28.3	32.6	33.1	34.1
mineral extraction	46.7	55.4	58.1	60.2
manufacturing	28.0	32.1	32.5	33.5
energy and water companies	37.9	44.2	44.9	44.0
construction	27.7	32.2	32.9	34.2
Commercial services	22.0	25.1	25.4	25.7
trade	19.0	21.5	21.6	22.3
hotels and restaurants	11.7	12.9	12.7	12.8
transport and communication	26.9	29.3	29.8	30.4
financial institutions	35.0	41.3	42.9	44.4
business services	22.5	26.4	26.6	26.2
Non-commercial services	23.6	27.4	27.5	27.6
public administration	30.8	35.7	36.3	36.7
education	27.1	31.5	31.4	31.5
health care, welfare	19.0	22.4	22.6	22.8
culture, other services	20.5	23.8	23.8	24.3

10.19 Collectively agreed wages of employees (% change on previous year)

	2001	2005	2006	2007*
Gross hourly wage (incl. special payments)	4.4	0.7	2.0	2.1
Private sector	4.2	0.7	1.9	1.7
Subsidised sector	5.2	0.9	1.7	2.1
Government	4.4	0.4	3.0	2.9
Agriculture and fishery	3.4	0.3	1.6	2.0
Manufacturing and construction	4.2	1.0	1.8	1.7
mineral extraction	.	.	.	.
manufacturing	3.9	0.9	1.8	1.6
energy and water companies	4.2	0.8	3.5	2.6
construction	4.8	1.3	1.4	1.5
Commercial services	4.3	0.6	2.0	1.9
trade	3.6	0.4	1.6	1.8
hotels and restaurants	3.7	0.0	1.4	1.3
transport and communication	3.3	0.5	2.4	2.3
financial institutions	5.8	0.9	3.1	2.1
business services	4.8	1.0	1.8	1.8
Non-commercial services	4.8	0.6	2.4	2.6
public administration	4.3	0.4	3.3	2.8
education	4.6	0.4	2.6	3.2
health care, welfare	5.5	0.7	1.7	2.1
culture, other services	4.4	0.9	1.7	2.0

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10.20 Incidental developments in hourly wage rates of employees (% change on previous year)

	2000	2003*	2004*	2005*
Total	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.4
Private sector	0.8	1.7	1.2	0.0
Subsidised sector	1.5	-1.6	0.6	1.2
Government	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.4
Agriculture and fishery	-0.2	2.7	3.4	-3.3
Manufacturing and construction	0.0	1.6	1.6	0.1
mineral extraction	.	.	.	.
manufacturing	-0.2	1.9	1.0	0.4
energy and water companies	1.3	2.2	1.0	-0.4
construction	0.7	0.8	2.6	-0.9
Commercial services	1.5	1.6	1.2	-0.2
trade	0.7	1.8	0.0	1.2
hotels and restaurants	-2.0	-0.6	-0.1	1.4
transport and communication	-0.1	1.7	2.3	-0.7
financial institutions	2.1	0.6	1.7	0.9
business services	3.3	2.1	0.8	-1.9
Non-commercial services	0.9	0.2	0.7	1.3
public administration	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.5
education	0.5	-0.1	0.5	0.7
health care, welfare	1.7	-1.0	0.3	1.8
culture, other services	0.5	2.5	1.1	1.6

10.21 Contractual wage costs per hour (% change on previous year)

	2001	2005	2006	2007*
Total	4.3	1.2	1.0	2.1
Private sector	4.2	1.0	1.2	1.9
Subsidised sector	5.1	1.6	1.2	2.1
Government	4.3	1.4	0.5	3.2
Agriculture and fishery	3.8	0.2	1.4	2.0
Manufacturing and construction	3.8	1.4	1.1	1.8
mineral extraction	.	.	.	.
manufacturing	3.6	1.4	1.1	2.0
energy and water companies	3.8	2.3	0.7	2.6
construction	4.1	1.2	0.9	1.4
Commercial services	4.3	1.0	1.2	1.9
trade	3.3	0.8	0.5	1.6
hotels and restaurants	3.4	0.4	0.3	0.7
transport and communication	3.4	1.2	2.5	2.8
financial institutions	6.6	0.7	2.2	2.3
business services	4.8	1.2	0.9	1.8
Non-commercial services	4.7	1.5	0.8	2.7
public administration	4.5	1.5	1.2	3.0
education	4.3	1.4	-0.3	3.4
health care, welfare	5.2	1.5	1.0	2.3
culture, other services	5.0	1.3	0.9	1.9

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10.22 Social security benefits, 31 December (x 1,000)

	2000	2006	2007*
Incapacity benefits	957	863	847
Incapacity from early age	127	156	167
Labour incapacity	772	642	599
Labour incapacity for self-employed	58	47	43
Complete labour incapacity (from 1-1-2006)		4	8
Partial labour incapacity (from 1-1-2006)		15	30
Unemployment benefit	189	249	192
Income support	354	329	305
Income provisions for older and partially disabled workers	19	7	6
Income provisions for older and partially disabled self-employed	4	2	2
Family allowance	1,842	1,927	.
Benefits for surviving relatives	168	131	.
Old age pension	2,334	2,605	2,664

10.23 Labour incapacity benefits, 31 December (x 1,000)

	2000	2006	2007*
Total labour disablement	957	863	847
Incapacity from early age	127	156	167
Labour incapacity	772	642	599
Labour incapacity for self-employed	58	47	43
Complete labour incapacity (from 1-1-2006)		4	8
Partial labour incapacity (from 1-1-2006)		15	30
Men	551	475	462
Women	406	388	384
15 to 25 yrs	31	40	45
25 to 35 yrs	103	68	67
35 to 45 yrs	172	138	132
45 to 55 yrs	291	236	224
55 to 65 yrs	359	379	374
Native Dutch	772	.	.
Western foreign background	89	.	.
Non-western foreign background	76	.	.
Completely disabled	698	615	603
Partially disabled	259	248	243
General and endocrine disorders	184	.	.
Mental disorders etc.	319	.	.
Musculoskeletal diseases	275	.	.
Other disorders	179	.	.

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10.24 Unemployment benefits, 31 December (x 1,000)

	2000	2006	2007*
Total	189	249	192
Men	108	134	101
Women	82	115	91
15 to 25 yrs	8	7	4
25 to 35 yrs	35	30	20
35 to 45 yrs	37	60	42
45 to 55 yrs	39	71	52
55 to 65 yrs	70	81	73
North Netherlands	28	32	24
East Netherlands	36	52	39
West Netherlands	79	98	77
South Netherlands	47	63	49

10.25 Income support, 31 December (x 1,000)

	2000	2006	2007
Total	354	329	305
Men	149	139	126
Women	205	191	179
15 to 25 yrs	26	20	15
25 to 35 yrs	79	58	47
35 to 45 yrs	92	83	74
45 to 55 yrs	76	75	73
55 to 65 yrs	62	65	65
65 yrs and older	19	28	31
Single	194	190	178
Single parent	96	83	74
Couple	62	56	52
Other	2	1	0
Less than 1 year	68	57	51
1 year or longer	286	273	254

10.26 Income support, debtors and fraud (mln euro)

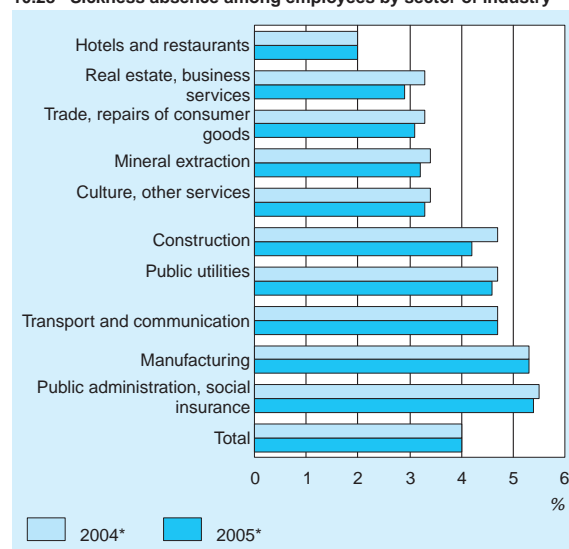
	2003	2006	2007*
Income support debtors (incl. unknown), net amount outstanding, June	1,136.8	1,264.0	1,276.9
fine	6.8	6.0	4.6
money loan	375.4	417.7	421.8
reclamation	596.2	683.2	705.3
recoupment	128.0	134.0	126.1
other reclamations	22.1	16.4	16.8
Income support fraud, amount, 1st six months; municipalities with:	45.2	62.7	61.0
fewer than 20,000 inhabitants	2.7	2.2	2.5
20,000 to 50,000 inhabitants	6.4	10.1	10.0
50,000 to 100,000 inhabitants	7.1	11.5	11.4
100,000 to 150,000 inhabitants	6.4	7.7	5.7
150,000 to 250,000 inhabitants	5.8	8.0	7.5
250,000 inhabitants and more	16.8	23.2	23.8

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10.27 Benefits, 31 December 2007* (x 1,000)

	Income support	Disability*	Unemployment*
Total (incl. abroad and unknown)	305	599	192
Provinces			
Groningen	15	21	8
Friesland	11	19	9
Drenthe	7	19	7
Overijssel	17	40	13
Flevoland	7	14	5
Gelderland	28	65	22
Utrecht	17	40	12
North Holland	58	108	27
South Holland	87	102	34
Zeeland	5	12	4
North Brabant	32	86	30
Limburg	21	51	19
Large cities			
Amsterdam	36	32	10
Rotterdam	34	18	7
The Hague	19	17	5
Utrecht	7	10	3

10.28 Sickness absence among employees by sector of industry



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10.29 Sickness absence among employees

	Absence rate (%)		Fre-	Average
	2004*	2005 *	quency	duration (days)
	2004*	2005 *	2005*	2005*
Total	4.0	4.0	0.99	18.4
Men	3.9	3.9	0.97	18.0
Women	4.3	4.3	1.02	19.2
15 to 25 yrs	1.9	1.6	0.60	11.5
25 to 35 yrs	3.8	3.5	1.09	14.5
35 to 45 yrs	4.4	4.4	1.12	18.0
45 to 55 yrs	5.2	5.5	1.10	22.8
55 to 65 yrs	5.5	6.2	0.95	29.5
Never married	3.0	2.9	0.92	14.2
Married	4.6	4.6	1.00	21.1
Divorced	6.6	6.7	1.33	23.0
Widowed	5.9	6.3	1.01	28.8
Native Dutch	3.9	3.9	0.96	18.6
Western foreign background	4.3	4.2	1.09	17.7
Non-western foreign background	4.7	4.6	1.16	17.5
Turkish	5.4	5.2	1.05	22.3
Moroccan	5.2	5.0	1.13	19.3
Surinamese	5.3	5.3	1.54	15.6
Antillean/Aruban	4.4	4.3	1.35	14.1
other non-western	3.5	3.4	0.90	16.3
Wage category				
less than 30,000 euro	4.2	4.1	0.96	19.2
30,000 to 40,000 euro	4.4	4.6	1.15	18.0
40,000 to 50,000 euro	3.3	3.5	1.04	15.3
50,000 euro and more	2.4	2.5	0.83	14.4
Company size				
1 to 10 employees	2.6	2.3	0.26	40.1
10 to 100 employees	3.4	3.4	0.66	23.0
100 employees and more	4.5	4.6	1.25	16.6

10.30 Total old-age pension entitlements of residents in the Netherlands, 31 December 2005 (in % of the maximum entitlement for age group concerned)

	Total	Native Dutch	Foreign background
Total	94.1	98.7	75.9
15 to 25 yrs	97.3	99.8	89.5
25 to 35 yrs	92.5	99.4	71.5
35 to 45 yrs	93.0	98.8	70.4
45 to 55 yrs	93.9	98.2	72.4
55 to 65 yrs	94.5	97.4	76.9
Men	94.1	98.4	76.3
15 to 25 yrs	97.7	99.7	91.1
25 to 35 yrs	92.9	99.3	72.5
35 to 45 yrs	92.8	98.6	70.1
45 to 55 yrs	93.6	97.9	71.8
55 to 65 yrs	93.9	96.9	76.8
Women	94.1	98.9	75.5
15 to 25 yrs	96.9	99.8	87.9
25 to 35 yrs	92.0	99.5	70.5
35 to 45 yrs	93.2	99.0	70.7
45 to 55 yrs	94.1	98.6	73.0
55 to 65 yrs	95.0	98.0	77.1

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10.31 Old age pensions, 31 December (x 1,000)

	2002	2006	2007
Total	2,402	2,605	2,664
Complete pension	2,086	2,193	2,226
Reduced pension	316	412	438
Netherlands	2,221	2,368	2,415
Abroad	181	236	249
Men	1,013	1,133	1,167
Women	1,389	1,472	1,498
65 to 75 yrs	1,338	1,445	1,474
75 to 85 yrs	816	881	899
85 to 95 yrs	234	262	274
95 yrs and older	15	17	18
Married	1,389	1,561	1,609
Not married	1,013	1,044	1,056
Native Dutch	.	2,104	2,140
Foreign background	.	289	303

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Dutch spend half their holidays in their own country

The Dutch population took nearly 35 million holidays in 2006. Just over half of these were spent in their own country. Just as in the preceding years, France was the most popular destination for holidays abroad, followed closely by Germany and Belgium. Many holidaymakers also headed for the Mediterranean, with Spain, Italy, Greece and Turkey the favoured destinations. For holidays outside Europe, more people travelled to the United States and the Caribbean.

Larger audiences for the performing arts

The performing arts staged more than 47 thousand performances in 2005, 9 percent more than in 2002. For the first time in two years, audience numbers were up. At more than 16 million, total attendance was slightly higher than in 2002. Music, in particular, attracted larger audiences: just over six in ten of people attending performances went to music or music theatre productions. The strongest growth was in the category cabaret and variety performances. These attracted 15 percent more theatregoers than in 2002. Audiences for dance and the category 'other performing arts' decreased considerably, on the other hand.

Net telephony used by one quarter of Internet users

Net telephony has increased substantially. While still only 6 percent of Internet users used their computer to phone via Skype or MSN messenger in 2005, in 2007 this had risen to one quarter of Internet users. People aged under 25 years in particular used this new Internet service. With the rise in Internet telephony, fewer people communicated via chat sites.

Internet was also used more to listen to the radio, watch TV and read or download newspapers.

In 2007, nine out of ten people in the Netherlands had access to the Internet at home.

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11.1 Supply and use of overnight accommodation (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Hotels, boarding houses and youth hostels				
Number (abs.)	2,835	3,135	3,099	3,196
Beds	173	192	192	200
Guests	15,539	16,382	18,030	19,229
Dutch	7,801	8,301	9,463	10,516
foreign	7,739	8,081	8,567	8,713
Nights spent	29,722	29,518	31,759	34,159
by Dutch guests	14,027	14,375	15,783	17,831
by foreign guests	15,695	15,143	15,976	16,328
Tourist camp sites				
Number (abs.)	2,140	2,446	2,462	2,452
Beds	726	728	724	736
Guests	3,518	3,473	3,521	3,603
Dutch	2,593	2,701	2,715	2,736
foreign	925	772	806	867
Nights spent	20,934	22,117	21,251	20,823
by Dutch guests	16,878	18,375	17,397	16,847
by foreign guests	4,056	3,741	3,853	3,976
Holiday parks				
Number (abs.)	711	783	806	838
Beds	183	212	215	221
Guests	5,604	4,937	5,524	5,989
Dutch	4,348	3,882	4,283	4,643
foreign	1,257	1,055	1,241	1,346
Nights spent	28,204	24,468	26,813	29,283
by Dutch guests	21,224	18,711	20,375	22,102
by foreign guests	6,980	5,757	6,438	7,181
Accommodation for larger groups				
Number (abs.)	758	796	787	783
Beds	57	57	57	56
Guests	1,215	1,402	1,428	1,439
Dutch	1,132	1,298	1,303	1,357
foreign	83	104	125	82
Nights spent	3,711	4,057	4,120	4,002
by Dutch guests	3,181	3,489	3,501	3,534
by foreign guests	530	568	619	467

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11.2 Guests and nights spent in accommodation by province (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Guests	25,876	26,194	28,503	30,260
Groningen	412	421	560	550
Friesland	1,238	1,195	1,345	1,410
Drenthe	1,283	1,200	1,436	1,439
Overijssel	1,493	1,652	1,552	1,597
Flevoland	370	382	433	444
Gelderland	2,868	2,726	2,829	3,119
Utrecht	858	980	1,101	1,050
North Holland	7,221	7,674	8,355	8,865
South Holland	3,151	3,081	3,276	3,498
Zeeland	1,491	1,460	1,676	1,860
North Brabant	2,224	2,499	2,603	2,985
Limburg	3,268	2,925	3,336	3,443
of whom:				
foreign guests	10,003	10,012	10,739	11,008
Groningen	113	108	115	106
Friesland	237	247	288	240
Drenthe	159	120	163	129
Overijssel	202	229	235	232
Flevoland	100	88	92	112
Gelderland	366	361	356	370
Utrecht	323	311	364	328
North Holland	5,031	5,338	5,571	5,771
South Holland	1,509	1,414	1,453	1,488
Zeeland	617	518	635	702
North Brabant	593	615	696	762
Limburg	753	662	770	767
Nights spent	82,571	80,161	83,943	88,267
Groningen	1,178	1,149	1,402	1,346
Friesland	4,905	4,556	4,625	4,745
Drenthe	5,494	4,788	5,666	5,657
Overijssel	5,262	5,405	5,062	5,180
Flevoland	1,606	1,581	1,669	1,642
Gelderland	10,041	9,662	9,440	10,182
Utrecht	1,984	2,320	2,407	2,410
North Holland	17,363	17,654	19,195	19,835
South Holland	8,016	7,424	7,942	8,642
Zeeland	7,789	7,577	8,183	9,115
North Brabant	8,122	8,229	8,217	9,032
Limburg	10,813	9,815	10,136	10,482
of which:				
nights spent by foreign guests	27,261	25,210	26,887	27,952
Groningen	340	269	308	274
Friesland	1,046	1,073	1,094	954
Drenthe	624	369	520	459
Overijssel	591	499	487	523
Flevoland	405	376	385	450
Gelderland	995	1,039	1,011	1,046
Utrecht	655	585	624	602
North Holland	11,195	11,180	11,826	12,112
South Holland	4,077	3,554	3,697	3,854
Zeeland	3,350	2,725	3,221	3,529
North Brabant	1,625	1,593	1,661	1,893
Limburg	2,360	1,949	2,053	2,256

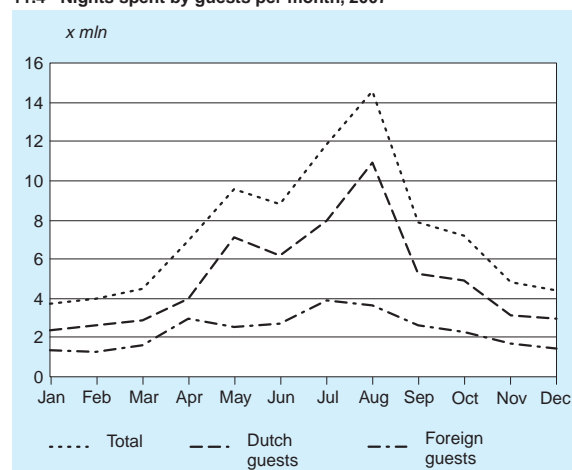
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11.3 Guests and nights spent in accommodation (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Guests from	25,876	26,194	28,503	30,260
Netherlands	15,873	16,182	17,765	19,252
Abroad	10,003	10,012	10,739	11,008
Europe	7,957	7,940	8,598	8,904
Belgium	677	917	991	1,101
Denmark	119	148	171	163
Germany	2,884	2,570	2,812	2,833
France	512	527	608	613
Great Britain	1,838	1,853	1,913	1,903
Italy	374	374	398	398
Spain	251	322	392	436
Switzerland	144	141	173	177
other Europe	1,158	1,088	1,142	1,282
Africa	108	101	93	92
America	1,216	1,222	1,325	1,274
Australia and Oceania	128	105	121	121
Asia	595	644	602	617
Nights spent by guests from	82,571	80,161	83,943	88,267
Netherlands	55,310	54,951	57,057	60,315
Abroad	27,261	25,210	26,887	27,952
Europe	23,122	21,503	22,992	24,107
Belgium	1,882	2,392	2,542	2,864
Denmark	271	305	373	340
Germany	11,716	10,044	10,630	10,981
France	1,030	1,017	1,230	1,249
Great Britain	3,982	3,663	3,745	3,802
Italy	809	838	856	846
Spain	561	710	840	966
Switzerland	320	304	391	382
other Europe	2,550	2,230	2,385	2,678
Africa	251	227	183	181
America	2,453	2,150	2,379	2,300
Australia and Oceania	268	206	244	245
Asia	1,167	1,125	1,089	1,119

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11.4 Nights spent by guests per month, 2007



11.5 Nights spent by Dutch guests in accommodation by tourist region (*x mln*)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Netherlands	55.3	55.0	57.1	60.3
Wadden Islands	4.0	3.7	3.8	4.0
Shores of the IJsselmeer	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.1
Sandy areas in Groningen, Friesland and Drenthe	5.8	5.2	6.0	5.9
Lakes in Groningen, Friesland and north-western Overijssel	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.1
Twente, Salland and Vechtstreek	4.3	4.6	4.2	4.4
Achterhoek	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.7
River district in Gelderland	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5
Veluwe and Veluwerand	6.5	6.1	5.5	6.4
Utrecht Hills and 't Gooi	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.4
North Sea coastal resorts	7.5	8.1	8.3	9.0
Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague and Utrecht	1.8	1.7	2.0	2.5
Lakes in Holland and Utrecht	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
Delta area	1.4	1.8	1.9	2.2
Western and central Brabant	5.5	5.6	5.6	6.1
Eastern Brabant, northern and central Limburg, Rijk van Nijmegen	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.8
Southern Limburg	3.7	3.2	3.5	3.7
Other Netherlands	2.5	2.3	2.9	3.4

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11.6 Holidays of the Dutch population at home and abroad

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Holidays in the Netherlands				
Holidays (x 1,000)	16,649	17,979	17,314	17,793
Expenditure (bln euro)	2	3	3	3
Expenditure per holiday maker (euro)	127	143	143	144
Holidays abroad				
Holidays (x 1,000)	13,896	17,173	17,086	16,752
Expenditure (bln euro)	8	10	10	10
Expenditure per holiday-maker (euro)	595	589	600	622

11.7 Foreign holidays of the Dutch population by country destination (%)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Austria	6.9	6.3	6.0	6.9
Belgium	10.3	13.0	11.9	11.5
Caribbean	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.3
Czech Republic	1.6	2.3	2.4	2.0
Denmark	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.1
Egypt	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.2
Far East	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.4
France	19.8	16.8	16.2	16.3
Germany	13.7	15.7	15.2	15.3
Great Britain	4.4	4.1	3.7	3.8
Greece	4.2	3.1	3.2	3.9
Hungary	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8
Italy	4.6	4.3	4.4	5.2
Luxemburg	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.4
Norway, Sweden, Finland	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8
Portugal	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.4
Spain	10.5	9.2	9.6	9.3
Switzerland	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.1
Turkey	2.7	4.8	5.8	3.8
United States	1.8	1.6	1.7	2.0
Other countries	7.1	6.3	7.1	7.5
Total (x 1,000)	13,896	17,173	17,086	16,752

11.8 People aged 12 years and older who walk or cycle regularly (%)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Walks regularly	59	59	60	60
of whom:				
5 hrs or more per week	22	23	24	24
1 to 5 hrs per week	62	62	62	62
Cycles regularly	49	50	50	50
of whom:				
5 hrs or more per week	23	22	25	24
1 to 5 hrs per week	62	64	61	62

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11.9 Performing arts

	2002	2003	2004	2005*
Venues (abs.)	318	309	307	311
Performances (abs.)	43,373	46,155	45,998	47,133
Attendance (x 1,000)	16,085	16,024	15,604	16,370
cabaret and variety	2,078	2,194	2,412	2,398
performance				
dance and movement	919	912	726	672
music	6,137	6,200	6,637	6,874
music theatre	2,979	3,460	2,979	3,260
theatre	2,244	2,239	1,988	2,283
other	1,729	1,020	861	884
Staff (x 1,000)	.	16.4	16.5	16.7
of whom:				
in paid employment	.	7.7	8.2	8.3
voluntary workers	.	4.0	3.8	4.1

Operating account (1,000 euro)

Assets	525,594	541,179	598,839	633,419
turnover	262,988	262,929	300,812	331,468
audience-related				
revenues	177,020	181,952	207,928	227,050
catering	57,723	54,166	60,618	71,169
other	28,245	26,811	32,266	33,249
subsidies	239,712	258,978	273,184	281,000
other	22,893	19,272	24,843	20,951
Liabilities (-)	552,463	517,708	546,283	580,265
staff	208,008	178,860	194,546	205,540
staging costs	169,172	174,300	173,691	186,058
other	175,283	164,548	178,046	188,667
Net operating result	-26,869	23,471	52,556	53,154

11.10 Media use (%)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Watching TV				
20 hrs and more per week	32	31	30	29
10 to 20 hrs per week	37	38	37	37
5 to 10 hrs per week	19	18	20	20
1 to 5 hrs per week	10	10	10	11
Less than 1 hr per week	3	3	2	3
Subscription to newspaper	61	52	51	50

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11.11 ICT use by persons aged 12 to 75 years (%)

	2005	2006	2007
Personal computer			
Access to pc (desktop or laptop)	87	88	90
access to desktop computer	83	83	84
access to laptop computer	32	38	45
Most recent use of pc			
less than 3 months previously	84	85	87
3 months to 1 year previously	1	2	1
more than one year previously	3	3	2
never used a pc	12	11	9
Frequency of pc use (% of pc users in previous 3 months)			
(almost) daily	75	79	81
not daily but at least once a week	20	16	15
not weekly, but at least once a month	4	4	3
less than once a month	2	1	1
Internet			
Access to the Internet	83	85	88
broadband Internet connection	59	71	79
pc with Internet access	82	85	87
Most recent use of the Internet			
less than 3 months previously	80	82	85
3 months to 1 year previously	2	2	1
more than one year previously	1	1	1
never used the Internet	17	15	12
Frequency of Internet use (% of Internet users in previous 3 months)			
(almost) daily	75	75	79
not daily but at least once a week	20	19	17
not weekly, but at least once a month	4	4	3
less than once a month	2	1	1
Activities on the Internet (% of Internet users in previous 3 months)			
looking for/applying for a job	19	22	21
banking	58	67	72
sending/receiving e-mail	92	93	94
telephone	6	12	26
other communication, e.g. chat sites	40	40	35
information about travel services	49	50	54
information about health	47	54	52
information about goods and services	87	88	89
buying/selling goods and services	45	49	53
radio, television and newspapers	46	58	63

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11.12 Social contacts of persons aged 12 years and older (%)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
With relatives				
once a week or more	83	86	87	86
twice a month	8	7	7	6
once a month	5	4	3	3
less than once a month	2	2	2	2
hardly ever or never	2	1	1	2
With friends and acquaintances				
once a week or more	79	80	81	81
twice a month	11	9	9	9
once a month	6	6	5	5
less than once a month	2	2	2	2
hardly ever or never	2	3	2	2

11.13 Satisfaction with life situation, persons aged 12 years and older (%)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Happiness				
very happy	21	20	20	21
happy	68	67	69	68
not happy, not unhappy	8	9	8	8
not very happy	2	3	2	2
unhappy	0	1	0	1
Satisfaction with life at present				
extremely satisfied	9	8	8	8
very satisfied	33	32	33	35
satisfied	46	48	46	46
fairly satisfied	8	9	9	8
not very satisfied	3	4	3	3

11.14 Religious denomination and church attendance, persons aged 12 years and older (%)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Religious denomination				
Calvinist	7	5	4	4
Dutch Reformed Church	13	11	9	9
Protestant church in the Netherlands	.	5	5	6
Roman Catholic	31	29	30	28
other religious denomination	8	9	8	9
no religious denomination	41	42	43	44
Church attendance				
once a week or more	12	11	11	11
two to three times a month	5	4	4	4
once a month	5	4	4	4
less than once a month	10	9	9	8
hardly or never	68	71	73	73

12. Macro-economics

Highest economic growth since 2000

The Dutch economy grew by 3.5 percent in 2007, the highest growth rate since 2000. The economy in the Netherlands performed better than the main economies in Europe such as those in Germany, France and the United Kingdom. A wide range of factors contributed to the high growth in 2007. Just as in the preceding years, exports were the main factor, with a noticeable strong increase in exports of products manufactured in the Netherlands. In addition, investment spending and household consumption were important contributors. Although consumer confidence dropped sharply in September, spending by households was still higher overall in 2007 than in 2006. Consumers spent substantially more on durables such as clothing, electronics, and furniture. Companies invested widely in machines, new company buildings and computers in 2007. The economic growth was reflected in a further improvement on the labour market: the number of jobs rose strongly, unemployment fell and job vacancies reached a new record. Average wage rises remained modest, but did increase in the course of the year.

Consumers borrow just as much as in 2006

Dutch consumers borrowed 10.4 billion euro in consumer loans in 2007. This is the same amount as in 2006. The amount of new consumer credit has been fluctuating around 10.4 billion euro since the beginning of the century. Repayments have been rising in recent years. In 2007 the Dutch repaid 12.4 billion euro. Again this is more than loans granted and interest, so that the total outstanding debt was slightly lower again in 2007. As current account overdrafts did increase further, however, the total consumer debt of households did rise. Overdrafts of Dutch consumers were 8 percent higher at the end of 2007 than twelve months previously. Many people take advantage of the credit facility on their current accounts.

Macro-economics

12.1 Economic and social key figures

	2000	2006*	2007*
Macroeconomic key figures			
Gross domestic product (market prices (GDP) (% volume change)	3.9	2.9	3.5
Net national income per capita (% change)	4.3	3.9	3.8
Consumer price index (% change)	2.6	1.1	1.6
Surplus of the nation on current transactions (% of GDP)	6.4	7.6	8.4
Labour			
Labour input (% volume change)	1.9	1.8	.
Jobs of employees (x 1,000)	7,410	7,589	7,779
Employed labour force (% of population 15 to 65 yrs)	.	7,074	7,259
Unemployed labour force (% of labour force)	.	64.6	66.2
	.	413	344
	.	5.5	4.5
Income, expenditure and savings			
Final consumption expenditure (% volume change)	3.2	2.5	2.3
Fixed capital formation (% volume change)	0.6	7.2	5.1
Net national saving (% of net disposable income)	15.9	14.9	15.9
Government			
Burden of taxation and social security contributions (% of GDP)	39.1	39.0	.
EDP deficit (% of GDP)	2.0	0.5	0.4
Government debt, EMU-definition (% of GDP)	53.8	47.9	45.4
Demography enterprises			
Foundations (x 1,000)	36.0	42.8	42.7
Bankruptcy (abs.)	4,498	9,179	7,950
Demography population			
Average population (x 1,000)	15,922	16,341	16,358
Migration surplus (% of population)	0.34	-0.19	-0.04

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12.2 The three approaches of domestic product (mln euro)

	2000	2006*	2007*
From the output			
Output (basic prices)	806,161	1,015,178	1,071,277
Intermediate consumption (excl. deductible VAT) (-)	432,746	541,568	574,562
<i>Value added (gross, basic prices)</i>	373,415	473,610	496,715
Taxes less subsidies on products	43,833	60,806	64,161
taxes on products	48,060	65,163	68,223
subsidies on products (-)	4,227	4,357	4,062
Difference imputed and paid VAT	712	-92	-1,339
<i>Domestic product (gross, market prices)</i>	417,960	534,324	559,537
From the generation of income			
Compensation of employees	211,803	263,127	.
wages and salaries	170,718	205,538	.
employers' social contributions	41,085	57,589	.
Taxes on production and imports			
subsidies	44,975	63,121	65,349
taxes on production and imports	52,381	70,815	74,121
subsidies (-)	7,406	7,694	8,772
Operating surplus/mixed income (gross)	161,182	208,076	.
consumption of fixed capital	61,308	78,360	81,165
operating surplus/mixed income (net)	99,874	129,716	.
<i>Domestic product (gross, market prices)</i>	417,960	534,324	559,537
From the final expenditure			
Final consumption expenditure	302,694	389,176	404,455
Fixed capital formation (gross)	91,652	105,283	111,625
Changes in inventories	430	114	-1,244
Exports of goods and services	292,916	391,346	421,342
Imports of goods and services (-)	269,732	351,595	376,641
<i>Domestic product (gross, market prices)</i>	417,960	534,324	559,537

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12.3 The main macroeconomic balancing of domestic product and national net lending or net borrowing (mln euro)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Domestic product (gross, market prices)	417,960	534,324	559,537
Consumption of fixed capital (-)	61,308	78,360	81,165
Net primary income from the rest of the world	9,020	8,792	11,187
<i>National income (net, market prices)</i>	365,672	464,756	489,559
Net current transfers from the rest of the world	-5,817	-8,141	-9,029
<i>Disposable national income (net)</i>	359,855	456,615	480,530
Final consumption expenditure (-)	302,694	389,176	404,455
Adjustment for net equity in pension funds reserves (surplus of the nation)	207	457	312
<i>National saving (net)</i>	57,368	67,896	76,387
Fixed capital formation (net) (-)	30,344	26,923	30,460
Changes in inventories (-)	430	114	-1,244
<i>Surplus of the nation on current transactions</i>	26,594	40,859	47,171
Net capital transfers from the rest of the world	-1,214	-1,651	-2,531
<i>National net lending (+) or net borrowing (-)</i>	25,380	39,208	44,640
change in assets on the rest of the world	309,621	338,663	.
change in liabilities to the rest of the world (-)	286,703	302,394	.
statistical discrepancy	2,462	2,939	.

12.4 Domestic product and national income, alternative definitions (mln euro)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Domestic product (gross, market prices)	417,960	534,324	559,537
compensation of employees	211,803	263,127	.
taxes on production and imports less subsidies	44,975	63,121	65,349
operating surplus/mixed income (gross)	161,182	208,076	.
Consumption of fixed capital (-)	61,308	78,360	81,165
<i>Domestic product (net, market prices)</i>	356,652	455,964	478,372
Net primary income from the rest of the world	9,020	8,792	11,187
<i>National income</i>			
gross, market prices	426,980	543,116	570,724
net, market prices	365,672	464,756	489,559
Net current transfers from the rest of the world	-5,817	-8,141	-9,029
<i>Disposable national income</i>			
gross, market prices	421,163	534,975	561,695
net, market prices	359,855	456,615	480,530
GDP per full-time equivalent job (euro)	63,969	81,214	.
Net national income per capita (euro)	22,966	28,441	29,928
Net disposable national income per capita (euro)	22,601	27,943	29,376

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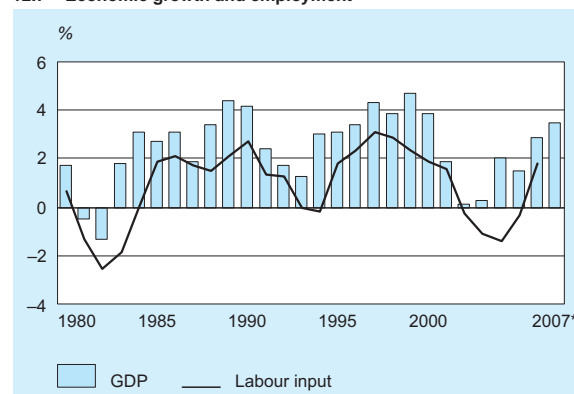
12.5 Domestic product and national income, alternative definitions (% volume changes)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Domestic product			
gross, market prices	3.9	3.0	3.5
net, market prices	3.6	3.2	3.8
National income			
gross, market prices	5.2	3.8	3.6
net, market prices	5.1	4.1	3.9
Disposable national income			
gross, market prices	4.9	3.9	3.5
net, market prices	4.8	4.2	3.8
GDP per full-time equivalent job (euro)	2.0	1.2	.
Net national income per capita (euro)	4.3	3.9	3.8
Net disposable national income per capita (euro)	4.0	4.1	3.7

12.6 Domestic product and national income, alternative definitions (deflators: % change)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Domestic product			
gross, market prices	4.1	1.9	1.2
net, market prices	4.3	2.0	1.1
National income			
gross, market prices	4.0	2.2	1.4
net, market prices	4.2	2.3	1.4
Disposable national income			
gross, market prices	4.0	2.2	1.4
net, market prices	4.2	2.3	1.4

12.7 Economic growth and employment



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12.8 Value added (gross, basic prices) by industry (mln euro)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Total	373,415	473,610	496,715
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	9,870	10,410	10,546
Mining and quarrying	9,101	16,960	17,403
Manufacturing	58,078	63,087	65,496
Electricity, gas and water supply	5,038	7,948	8,998
Construction	20,926	26,278	28,115
Trade, hotels, restaurants and repair	59,556	70,035	73,653
Transport, storage and communication	26,645	33,774	35,173
Financial and business activities	101,785	131,212	138,499
General government	41,265	53,718	55,552
Care and other service activities	41,151	60,188	63,280

12.9 Value added (gross, basic prices) by industry (% volume change)

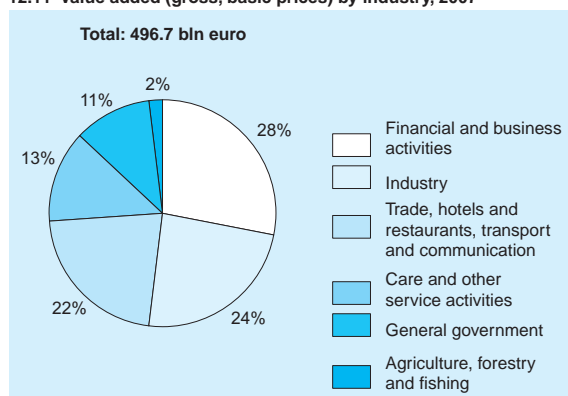
	2000	2006*	2007*
Total	4.0	3.0	3.5
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2.1	-1.9	1.1
Mining and quarrying	-4.6	-3.3	1.3
Manufacturing	6.7	2.3	2.5
Electricity, gas and water supply	3.4	0.1	1.9
Construction	3.5	4.1	5.7
Trade, hotels, restaurants and repair	5.1	6.8	5.2
Transport, storage and communication	11.0	3.1	3.2
Financial and business activities	2.5	3.9	4.4
General government	1.4	0.0	1.0
Care and other service activities	2.5	2.5	3.6

12.10 Value added (gross, basic prices) by industry (deflators: % change)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Total	4.3	1.7	1.3
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5.3	10.0	0.3
Mining and quarrying	50.9	29.2	1.3
Manufacturing	1.1	-2.6	1.3
Electricity, gas and water supply	-6.3	15.2	11.1
Construction	6.0	3.3	1.2
Trade, hotels, restaurants and repair	3.1	-0.8	0.0
Transport, storage and communication	-3.0	0.1	0.9
Financial and business activities	5.4	1.1	1.1
General government	5.0	2.4	2.4
Care and other service activities	5.5	1.6	1.4

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12.11 Value added (gross, basic prices) by industry, 2007*



12.12 Labour input of employed persons by industry (1,000 fte's)

	2000	2005*	2006*
Total	6,534	6,463	6,579
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	239	214	209
Mining and quarrying	9	9	8
Manufacturing	952	839	832
Electricity, gas and water supply	32	28	27
Construction	472	453	466
Trade, hotels, restaurants and repair	1,263	1,227	1,246
Transport, storage and communication	425	404	400
Financial and business activities	1,336	1,312	1,392
General government	758	788	783
Care and other service activities	1,048	1,191	1,216

12.13 Labour productivity per fte by industry (1,000 euro)

	2000	2005*	2006*
Total	57	70	72
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	41	45	50
Mining and quarrying	987	1,563	2,019
Manufacturing	61	75	76
Electricity, gas and water supply	157	247	296
Construction	44	54	56
Trade, hotels, restaurants and repair	47	54	56
Transport, storage and communication	63	81	84
Financial and business activities	76	95	94
General government	54	67	69
Care and other service activities	39	49	50

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12.14 Labour productivity per full-time equivalent job by industry (% volume change)

	2000	2005*	2006*
Total	2.1	1.7	1.2
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2.7	1.6	0.2
Mining and quarrying	-2.9	-6.7	0.0
Manufacturing	7.0	3.1	3.2
Electricity, gas and water supply	7.5	5.7	3.8
Construction	1.0	2.4	1.1
Trade, hotels, restaurants and repair	2.9	3.7	5.1
Transport, storage and communication	6.0	4.8	4.0
Financial and business activities	-0.5	0.3	-2.1
General government	0.0	1.3	0.6
Care and other service activities	0.7	0.4	0.4

12.15 Supply and disposition of goods and services (mln euro)

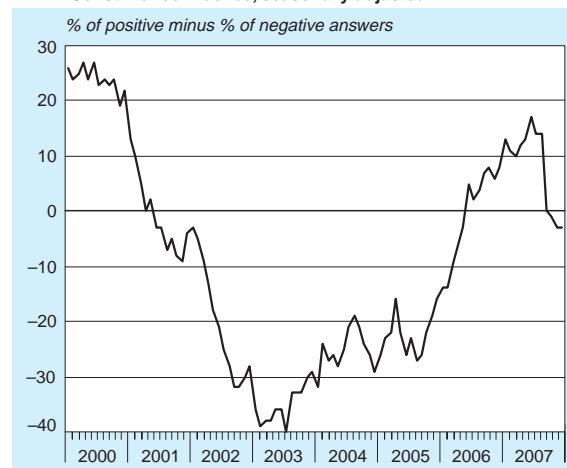
	2000	2006*	2007*
Disposable for final expenditure domestic product (gross, market prices)	687,692	885,919	936,178
imports of goods and services	417,960	534,324	559,537
goods	269,732	351,595	376,641
services	208,558	274,431	298,173
Total final expenditure	61,174	77,164	78,468
national final expenditure	687,692	885,919	936,178
final consumption expenditure	394,776	494,573	514,836
fixed capital formation (gross)	302,694	389,176	404,455
corporations and households incl. NPI households	91,652	105,283	111,625
general government	78,540	87,881	93,389
changes in inventories	13,112	17,402	18,236
exports of goods and services	430	114	-1,244
goods	292,916	391,346	421,342
services	232,334	314,033	338,931
	60,582	77,313	82,411

12.16 Supply and disposition of goods and services (% volume change)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Disposable for final expenditure domestic product (gross, market prices)	7.0	5.0	4.3
imports of goods and services	3.9	3.0	3.5
goods	12.2	8.1	5.5
services	14.1	9.2	6.8
Total final expenditure	6.2	4.5	0.9
national final expenditure	7.0	5.0	4.3
final consumption expenditure	2.7	3.4	2.6
fixed capital formation (gross)	3.2	2.5	2.3
corporations and households incl. NPI households	0.6	7.2	5.1
general government	-0.9	8.2	5.4
changes in inventories	10.5	2.1	3.7
exports of goods and services	13.5	7.0	6.4
goods	15.3	8.1	6.5
services	7.0	2.9	5.8

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12.17 Consumer confidence, seasonally adjusted



12.18 Final consumption expenditure (mln euro)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Total	302,694	389,176	404,455
Households incl. NPISH	210,823	253,482	263,150
Idem corrected for changes in the health care insurance system		262,322	.
General government	91,871	135,694	141,305
Idem corrected for changes in the health care insurance system		126,854	.

12.19 Final consumption expenditure (% volume change)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Total	3.2	2.5	2.3
Households incl. NPISH	3.7	-0.8	2.1
Idem corrected for changes in the health care insurance system		2.7	.
General government	1.9	9.4	2.7
Idem corrected for changes in the health care insurance system		2.2	.

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12.20 Imports of goods and services by product group (mln euro)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Imports of goods (fob) and services	269,732	351,595	376,641
Products of agriculture and fishing	9,525	11,311	13,262
Crude oil, gas and other minerals	17,321	32,673	32,994
Manufactured products	183,182	234,472	256,175
food, beverages and tobacco products	13,560	17,819	20,246
textiles, wearing apparel and leather	10,404	11,614	12,292
paper, printed matter and recorded media	6,819	7,239	7,790
coke, petroleum products and other fuel	5,836	13,981	15,537
chemical products and manmade fibres	24,326	36,459	40,869
rubber and plastic products	5,810	6,804	7,458
basic metals and metal products	14,327	22,140	26,437
machinery and equipment i.e.	12,344	17,624	20,914
electrical machinery, optical equipment	62,005	70,204	71,629
transport equipment	17,439	19,669	20,692
other manufactured products i.e.	10,312	10,919	12,311
Other products	51,658	65,518	65,946
Final consumption by resident households abroad	10,053	10,498	11,236
Cif/fob-adjustment	-2,007	-2,877	-2,972
Imports of goods (fob)	208,558	274,431	298,173
imports of goods (cif)	214,935	283,909	307,804
cif/fob adjustment and reclassification	-6,377	-9,478	-9,631
Imports of services (fob)	61,174	77,164	78,468
imports of services (cif)	56,804	70,563	71,809
final consumption by resident households	10,053	10,498	11,236
other imports of services	46,751	60,065	60,573
cif/fob reclassification	4,370	6,601	6,659

12.21 Imports of goods and services by product group (% volume change)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Imports of goods (fob) and services	12.2	8.1	5.5
Products of agriculture and fishing	2.2	3.4	5.7
Crude oil, gas and other minerals	8.3	-0.2	-1.7
Manufactured products	15.2	11.2	8.0
food, beverages and tobacco products	5.3	4.7	4.5
textiles, wearing apparel and leather	5.9	10.1	6.7
paper, printed matter and recorded media	-0.5	4.4	5.3
coke, petroleum products and other fuel	17.1	17.1	6.8
chemical products and manmade fibres	11.9	6.4	11.1
rubber and plastic products	5.3	5.2	8.1
basic metals and metal products	5.6	14.9	7.1
machinery and equipment i.e.	3.8	23.7	17.6
electrical machinery, optical equipment	36.3	12.2	7.1
transport equipment	4.1	13.4	3.5
other manufactured products i.e.	2.7	7.9	8.9
Other products	6.2	3.8	0.2
Final consumption by resident households abroad	4.7	-0.3	4.8
Cif/fob-adjustment	8.1	19.8	1.6
Imports of goods (fob)	14.1	9.2	6.8
imports of goods (cif)	13.9	9.5	6.6
cif/fob adjustment and reclassification	8.1	20.7	-0.1
Imports of services (fob)	6.2	4.5	0.9
imports of services (cif)	6.0	3.2	1.1
final consumption by resident households	4.7	-0.3	4.8
other imports of services	6.3	3.8	0.4
cif/fob reclassification	8.1	21.1	-0.8

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12.22 Exports of goods and services by product group (mln euro)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Exports of goods and services	292,916	391,346	421,342
Products of agriculture and fishing	14,136	18,043	19,020
Crude oil, gas and other minerals	5,790	14,153	14,056
Manufactured products	206,757	274,714	299,014
food, beverages and tobacco products	28,304	34,226	37,815
textiles, wearing apparel and leather	7,633	9,095	9,764
paper, printed matter and recorded media	6,456	6,622	7,108
coke, petroleum products and other fuel	14,882	26,980	27,993
chemical products and manmade fibres	36,719	53,129	59,249
rubber and plastic products	5,570	6,952	7,654
basic metals and metal products	13,603	22,754	25,834
machinery and equipment i.e.	12,404	19,196	22,587
electrical machinery, optical equipment	62,869	74,441	77,068
transport equipment	12,184	14,460	16,522
other manufactured products i.e.	6,133	6,859	7,420
Transport and communication services	17,715	22,596	23,841
Financial and business services	29,287	37,591	40,163
Other products	12,472	16,262	16,598
Final consumption by non-resident households in the Netherlands	8,320	9,849	10,421
Exports of used fixed capital goods	446	1,015	1,201
Cif/fob adjustment	-2,007	-2,877	-2,972
Exports of goods (fob)	232,334	314,033	338,931
exports of goods (fob) excl. re-exports	129,505	168,090	178,697
re-exports	102,383	144,928	159,033
exports of used fixed capital goods	446	1,015	1,201
Exports of services	60,582	77,313	82,411
consumption of services by non-residential households	8,320	9,849	10,421
other exports of services	54,269	70,341	74,962
cif/fob adjustment	-2,007	-2,877	-2,972

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12.23 Exports of goods and services by product group (% volume change)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Exports of goods and services	13.5	7.0	6.4
Products of agriculture and fishing	3.5	1.4	1.7
Crude oil, gas and other minerals	8.3	-0.6	2.3
Manufactured products	16.7	9.1	7.3
food, beverages and tobacco products	3.5	4.6	2.6
textiles, wearing apparel and leather	5.5	10.5	7.9
paper, printed matter and recorded media	3.6	1.9	4.2
coke, petroleum products and other fuel	7.5	6.8	0.1
chemical products and manmade fibres	10.8	6.3	9.6
rubber and plastic products	5.5	5.5	7.9
basic metals and metal products	4.0	12.9	6.4
machinery and equipment i.e.	15.9	16.8	16.3
electrical machinery, optical equipment	42.3	11.9	7.8
transport equipment	7.5	10.2	12.5
other manufactured products i.e.	0.5	7.1	5.0
Transport and communication services	6.5	3.0	4.4
Financial and business services	9.2	3.7	7.1
Other products	4.0	1.7	0.4
Final consumption by non-resident households in the Netherlands	4.5	3.9	4.1
Exports of used fixed capital goods	3.5	26.5	15.2
Cif/fob adjustment	8.1	19.8	1.6
Exports of goods (fob)	15.3	8.1	6.5
exports of goods (fob) excl. re-exports	6.6	3.9	3.5
re-exports	28.6	13.1	9.9
exports of used fixed capital goods	3.5	26.5	15.2
Exports of services	7.0	2.9	5.8
consumption of services by non-residential households	4.5	3.9	4.1
other exports of services	7.4	3.4	5.9
cif/fob adjustment	8.1	19.8	1.6

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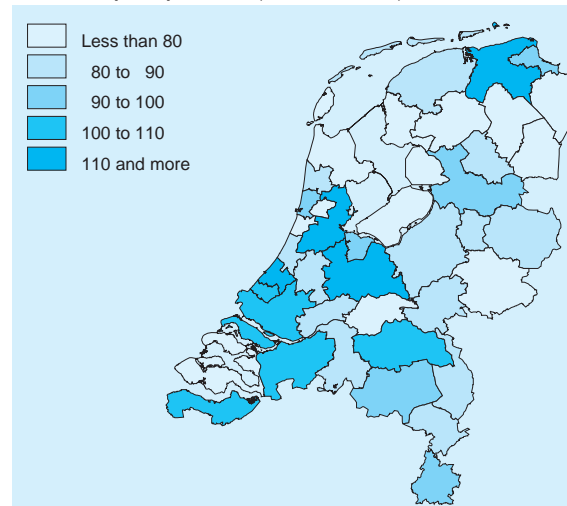
12.24 Fixed capital formation (gross) by type of capital (mln euro)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Total	91,652	105,283	111,625
Dwellings	24,674	33,961	36,036
Non-residential buildings	14,968	15,321	17,268
Civil engineering works	9,931	11,046	11,878
Transport equipment	9,917	11,530	11,673
Machinery and equipment	14,761	14,308	15,901
Other fixed assets	18,491	21,445	21,318
Sales of existing fixed assets (-)	1,090	2,328	2,449

12.25 Fixed capital formation (gross) by type of capital good (% volume change)

	2000	2006*	2007*
Total	0.6	7.2	5.1
Dwellings	1.6	4.5	4.7
Non-residential buildings	6.5	1.5	10.2
Civil engineering works	10.9	5.1	3.7
Transport equipment	1.7	12.4	0.0
Machinery and equipment	-8.4	12.6	10.0
Other fixed assets	-2.2	10.6	1.7
Sales of existing fixed assets (-)	6.6	8.1	5.3

12.26 GDP per capita, 2005* (Netherlands=100)



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12.27 Consumer credit (mln euro)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Credit granted	10,658	10,100	10,350	10,439
Interest	1,303	1,550	1,543	1,636
Repayments	10,647	12,158	12,058	12,406
Outstanding debt	15,244	17,594	17,429	17,098
closed-end credit	3,065	2,161	2,213	2,318
credit cards	486	1,249	1,363	1,352
open-end credit (incl savings-based)	11,694	14,183	13,853	13,428
Credit limits granted	23,608	32,704	33,615	33,711

12.28 Current account overdrafts



12.29 Money raised on the capital market via Euronext Amsterdam (mln euro)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	90,592	119,196	117,686	175,860
Shares	28,200	12,322	8,903	25,005
financial institutions	2,205	2,722	498	14,997
investment companies	11,472	5,519	6,731	6,079
real estate companies	507	343	447	523
other companies	14,014	3,738	1,227	3,405
Bonds	59,969	106,856	108,783	150,855
government	15,045	32,889	21,490	21,089
financial institutions	26,880	71,252	83,804	124,367
other private sector	17,542	2,715	3,489	5,248
foreign	500	-	-	-
Mortgage bonds, bills and savings certificates	2,423	18	-	151

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12.30 Dividend on ordinary shares of companies listed on the Amsterdam stock exchange (mln euro)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	14,211	20,517	20,034	22,869
Construction and installation	164	111	156	193
Mineral extraction	3,281	4,868	3,806	3,783
Trade	739	137	144	242
Manufacturing industry	2,340	2,750	3,478	3,920
Non-financial services	703	831	764	1,105
Transport, storage and communication	604	2,037	1,413	1,475
Banks/financial services	1,445	1,904	2,335	2,434
Insurance	3,044	5,172	5,051	6,138
Investment companies	733	1,548	1,556	1,945
Real estate companies	838	996	1,006	846
Other companies	319	161	329	787

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Manufacturing turnover and output continue to rise

The Dutch manufacturing industry contributed substantially to economic growth in 2007. Like 2006, last year was a good one for this sector. Turnover and production grew by 8.5 and nearly 3 percent respectively. Producers' confidence was higher on average in 2007 than in the previous year. The business sentiment among manufacturers has been buoyant since mid 2006. In the first half of 2007, the increase in manufacturing turnover was mainly the result of the larger volume of sales. In the last six months it was mainly caused by higher prices. In food and oil refining, in particular, prices of end products were much higher. Sales of Dutch products abroad grew by nearly 8 percent; domestic sales by 9 percent.

Production was higher in all sectors of manufacturing. It grew by most in the petroleum, chemical, rubber and synthetics industry: 3.5 percent. The metal, electrical engineering and transport equipment sector also did well, with a production increase of just under 3.5 percent.

Less renewable electricity produced

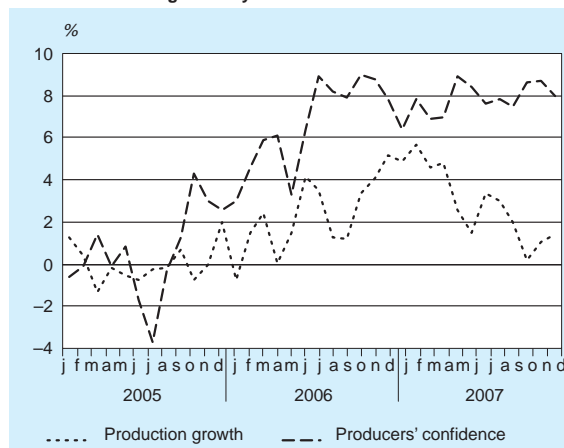
The production of renewable electricity fell from 6.5 percent of domestic electricity consumption in 2006 to 6.0 percent in 2007. This is the result of a substantial drop in the amount of biomass cofired in electricity plants. In 2007 the amount of biomass cofired was just under half that in the previous year. In the period 2003–2005, cofiring of biomass rose fourfold. Biomass input in the production of renewable energy varies strongly. It is affected by a number of strongly fluctuating factors such as subsidy rates, the price of biomass, the price of the fossil fuel it replaces, the public debate on sustainability of biomass, and the stoppage of large electricity plants for maintenance. Electricity generated by wind turbines rose by one quarter in 2007. Wind energy accounted for half of renewable energy production, and is now the main source of renewable energy in the Netherlands.

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13.1 Manufacturing turnover and production per sector (2000=100)

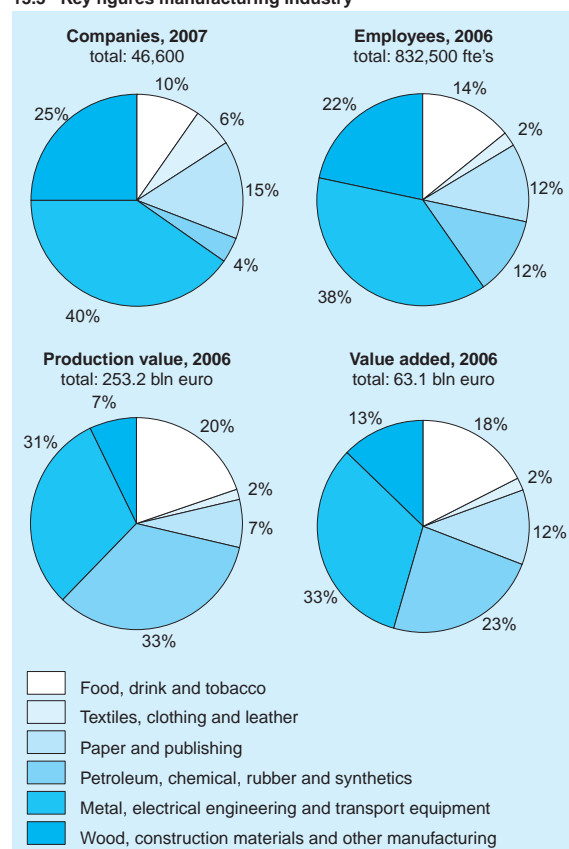
	2005	2006	2007 *
Turnover	105.9	115.5	125.3
Destination			
domestic market	102.2	109.0	119.2
exports	109.3	121.3	130.8
Sector			
food, drink and tobacco	104.9	110.1	121.6
textiles, clothing and leather	77.6	80.9	80.9
paper and publishing	97.7	99.3	104.5
petroleum, chemical, rubber and synthetics	118.9	132.4	139.8
metal, electrical engineering and transport equipment	99.8	111.8	124.8
wood, construction materials and other manufacturing	93.2	99.7	108.0
Production	102.2	104.5	107.5
Sector			
food, drink and tobacco	104.0	106.1	108.5
textiles, clothing and leather	78.0	80.8	83.3
paper and publishing	93.4	94.0	96.0
petroleum, chemical, rubber and synthetics	125.4	129.2	133.7
metal, electrical engineering and transport equipment	94.7	97.5	100.7
wood, construction materials and other manufacturing	97.4	98.4	100.5

13.2 Producers' confidence and production growth in the manufacturing industry



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13.3 Key figures manufacturing industry



13.4 Labour volume of employees in manufacturing (1,000 fte's)

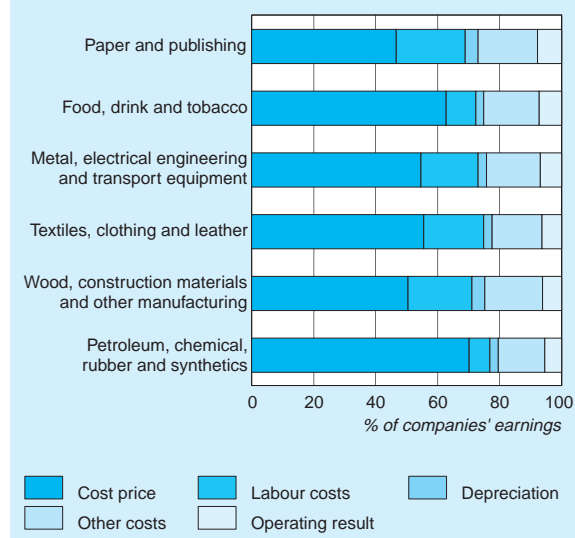
	2000	2005*	2006*
Total	952	840	833
Food, drink and tobacco	137	120	118
Textiles, clothing and leather	28	19	19
Paper and publishing	119	99	98
Petroleum, chemical, rubber and synthetics	109	102	100
Metal, electrical engineering and transport equipment	364	319	317
Wood, construction materials and other manufacturing	195	180	180

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13.5 Fixed capital formation in manufacturing per sector (mln euro)

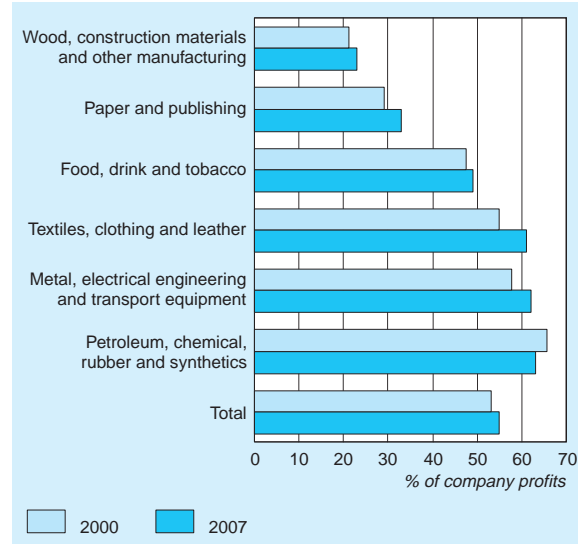
	2000	2005	2006*
Total	9,103	7,648	7,646
Food, drink and tobacco	1,598	1,735	.
Textiles, clothing and leather	140	86	.
Paper and publishing	987	843	.
Petroleum, chemical, rubber and synthetics	2,216	2,011	.
Metal, electrical engineering and transport equipment	3,379	2,402	.
Wood, construction materials and other manufacturing	783	571	.

13.6 Costs and operating results in the manufacturing industry, 2005

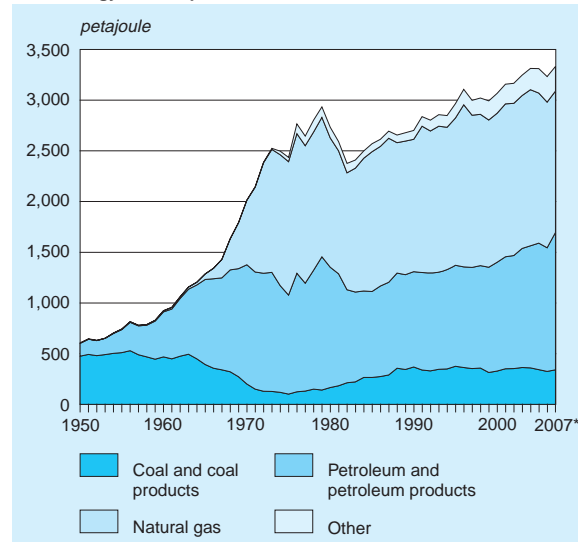


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13.7 Percentage of exports in manufacturing turnover



13.8 Energy consumption



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13.9 Energy balance sheet (petajoule)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Production	2,417	2,628	2,581	2,582
Imports	7,527	8,586	8,983	8,641
Exports (-)	6,076	6,978	7,406	7,068
Bunkers (-)	705	870	898	835
Used from stocks	-98	-55	-26	12
<i>Domestic consumption</i>	3,065	3,311	3,233	3,333
Energy use by energy companies	600	662	631	654
extraction companies	35	39	35	27
coking factories	12	14	13	14
refineries	180	184	187	203
central electr. and heat producing companies	252	308	286	303
decentral electr. and heat producing companies	45	36	32	32
waste incineration plants	41	47	45	45
distribution companies	35	34	32	31
Energy use by customers	2,465	2,649	2,601	2,677
manufacturing	1,075	1,214	1,143	1,266
transport	462	486	500	495
households and other customers	928	948	958	916

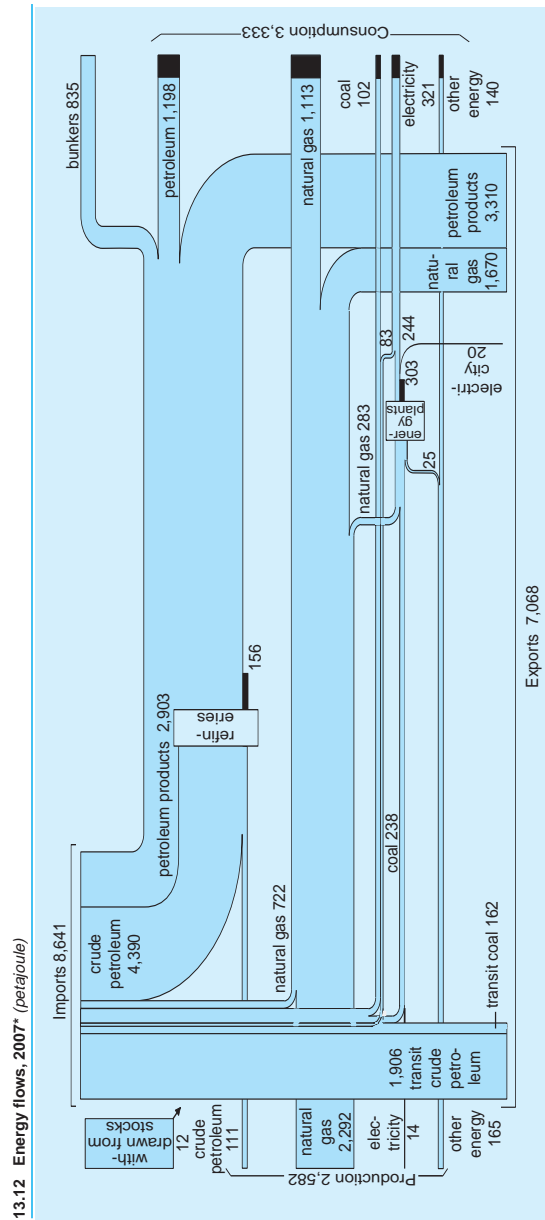
13.10 Coal balance sheet (mln kg)

	2000	2003	2004	2005*
Imports	22,296	21,640	22,600	20,469
Exports (-)	9,123	7,498	9,262	7,418
Net change in stocks	-272	-536	230	-12
<i>Domestic sales</i>	12,901	13,606	13,568	13,039
coking factories	3,006	3,050	3,131	3,156
electricity plants	8,722	9,159	8,857	8,267
iron and steel industry	1,036	1,316	1,496	1,520
chemical industry	36	0	0	0
other manufacturing	79	80	82	36
other users	24	1	2	60

13.11 Petroleum balance sheet (mln kg)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Initial stock	2,808	3,431	3,673	3,350
Extraction	2,351	2,269	2,022	2,576
Imports	54,308	54,178	49,909	47,755
From warehouses	5,998	7,554	9,450	10,929
Exports (-)	184	1,138	671	935
Processing (-)	61,788	62,621	61,034	59,952
<i>Final stock</i>	3,492	3,673	3,350	3,722

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N.B. Not all details are included in this figure. The sum of the black blocks equals total energy consumption.

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13.13 Petroleum products balance sheet (mln kg)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Gross production	84,868	96,504	94,649	89,812
Imports	44,674	63,575	73,321	68,298
Exports (-)	63,442	75,964	84,362	77,651
Bunkers (-)	16,910	20,931	21,609	20,083
Net change in stock	-1,353	-650	-421	558
Consumption by refineries and petrochemical industry (-)				
as raw material	30,046	43,701	42,484	41,029
as fuel	4,030	4,343	4,749	5,206
Domestic sales	13,761	14,490	14,343	14,699

13.14 Natural gas balance sheet (mln m³)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Extraction	69,180	74,460	73,300	72,431
Own use by extraction companies (-)	895	686	573	514
Flared/blown off (-)	128	38	29	71
Supplied to natural gas distributors	68,157	73,736	72,698	71,846
Imports	16,500	21,747	23,866	24,387
Exports (-)	39,329	49,445	51,813	52,769
Net changes in stock	-5	8	7	-22
Domestic sales	45,323	46,046	44,742	43,487
via gas distribution companies	23,320	21,734	21,627	20,182
to electricity producers	6,242	8,837	8,320	8,935
other direct supplies	15,761	15,475	14,795	14,370

13.15 Electricity balance sheet (mln kWh)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Gross production				
electr. producing companies	56,546	69,208	67,136	70,405
other electr. production	32,879	31,216	31,699	32,990
Own use (-)				
electr. producing companies	2,258	2,627	2,603	2,703
other electr. production	1,395	1,309	1,350	1,343
Total net production	85,771	96,488	94,882	99,349
Net imports	18,915	18,292	21,461	17,609
Available for domestic use				
via public network	92,768	101,989	102,777	103,136
via self-generation network	11,919	12,790	13,564	13,825
Net losses (-)	4,083	4,478	4,537	4,560
Domestic sales	100,604	110,302	111,806	112,398

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13.16 Domestic production of renewable energy in terms of avoided use of primary energy (terajoule)

	2000	2003	2005	2006
Total	37,577	48,396	80,538	89,751
Biomass	28,242	34,411	59,208	62,140
waste incineration plants	11,417	11,484	11,874	12,400
incineration in energy production plants	1,755	7,127	30,522	29,445
wood-burning stoves in households	5,701	5,464	5,464	5,464
wood-burning stoves in industry	1,806	1,811	1,914	2,145
other incineration of biomass	2,317	3,098	4,397	5,319
biogas	5,246	5,292	4,936	5,389
biofuels for road vehicles	.	134	101	1,979
Heat pumps and heat/cold storage	809	1,380	2,328	3,192
Hydro-power	1,179	607	733	871
Wind energy	6,861	11,112	17,222	22,463
Solar energy	487	886	1,047	1,085
photovoltaic	66	270	295	298
thermal	421	617	752	787
Percentage of total energy use (%)	1.2	1.5	2.4	2.8

13.17 Renewable electricity as a percentage of total electricity consumption (%)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Domestic production	2.55	6.13	6.54	6.01
biomass	1.61	4.22	4.06	.
photovoltaic solar energy	0.01	0.03	0.03	.
hydro power	0.14	0.08	0.09	0.09
wind energy	0.79	1.81	2.35	2.94
Imports	.	8.56	7.85	10.50
biomass	.	1.29	1.23	1.24
photovoltaic solar energy	.	–	–	–
hydro power	.	7.26	6.62	9.14
wind energy	.	0.00	–	0.12

13.18 Electricity production and capacity

	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Capacity (MWe)	20,782	21,505	21,978	22,982
CHP	9,238	10,490	10,740	11,482
non-CHP	11,544	11,015	11,238	11,500
Electricity production (GWh)	90,181	102,145	100,769	98,835
CHP	47,696	53,942	55,613	55,750
non-CHP	42,485	48,203	45,155	43,085

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13.19 Energy use by households

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Natural gas (mln m ³)	10,540	10,450	9,950	9,525
Electricity (mln kWh)	21,808	23,531	24,232	24,233
Gas oil, diesel oil, fuel oil (mln kg)	50	53	52	50
LPG, propane, butane (mln m ³ ae)	30	33	32	31
Paraffin (mln kg)	13	14	13	13
Coal and lignite (mln kg)	7	7	7	7
Hot water (PJ)	16	19	18	19

13.20 Sales of motor fuels (mln litres)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Diesel	6,483	7,481	7,825	7,979
LPG	1,069	676	618	607
Petrol	5,347	5,466	5,563	5,585
euro lead free (euro 95)	4,752	5,235	5,348	5,418
super plus lead free (euro 98)	592	230	215	166
other lead free petrol	3	1	1	1

13.21 Recommended prices of motor fuels (euro/100 litres)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Diesel	84.50	102.40	108.72	109.80
LPG	45.30	50.98	56.83	59.24
Petrol				
euro lead free (euro 95)	115.78	135.26	141.22	145.93
super plus lead free (euro 98)	120.79	140.70	147.06	152.31

13.22 Energy prices paid by the manufacturing industry (euro/GJ)

	2000	2003	2004	2005
Natural gas	4.61	5.18	4.96	6.03
Electricity	14.20	14.03	14.20	15.55
Gas oil and light fuel oil	12.72	13.14	14.87	17.74
Coal	1.69	2.21	2.02	1.71
Coke	5.23	5.30	6.69	11.02
Heavy fuel oil	4.33	4.35	5.69	8.13

14. Nature and environment

Climate change

Temperatures have been rising in recent years. The ten warmest years measured since 1901 were all after 1989. Nature is reacting to this: animal and plant species that have established themselves in the Netherlands in the last century largely originate from warmer more southerly climes. Populations of cold-loving birds are declining, while warm-loving species are increasing. The periods in which plants grow and bloom and breeding seasons of birds are also moving forward.

Not every increase in southern species can be attributed to climate change. A number of newcomers prefer cities and industrial areas, as these built-up areas are warmer than the surrounding countryside.

Government using more herbicides

The government used nearly 54 thousand kilos of chemical herbicides and pesticides on public land in 2005. This is over one quarter more than in 2001. Herbicides accounted for nearly all this amount. The use of herbicides on paved areas such as footpaths and cycle paths rose by most. Municipalities are the largest users of herbicides: they used 37 percent more in 2005 than in 2001. For maintenance of paved areas the amount used even increased by half.

Companies double environmental investment

Dutch companies invested 655 million euro in environmental provisions in 2006, twice as much as in 2005. The energy sector was the largest investor in the environment, with 395 million euro. Generation of renewable energy accounted for a large part of this: 200 million euro was invested in new wind parks, for example.

The percentage of environmental investment in total investment also rose strongly in 2006, to 6.5 percent. Environmental investment by companies in manufacturing, mineral extraction and the energy sector as a percentage of total investment has not been this high since 1997.

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14.1 Water birds passing through and wintering in the Netherlands (1975=100)

	2000/'01	2003/'04	2004/'05	2005/'06
Water birds	217	275	257	283
of which:				
geese (excl. exotic species)	384	603	634	731
wadern	128	145	129	149
swans	244	290	321	321

Source: SOVON Dutch Centre for Field Ornithology and Statistics Netherlands.

14.2 Breeding birds (1990=100)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	128	118	118	116
of which:				
woodland species	86	78	82	78
dune species				
open dunes	42	32	29	27
scrub	139	141	133	131
heath land species	75	59	54	52
of which:				
open heath land	44	36	34	31
marsh species	98	84	91	84
of which:				
scrub	170	187	198	188
urban species	95	90	99	92
meadow species	86	73	70	68

Source: SOVON Dutch Centre for Field Ornithology and Statistics Netherlands.

14.3 Wintering birds (1980=100)

	2000/'01	2004/'05	2005/'06	2006/'07
Total	159	150	153	134
Land birds	152	133	144	117
Water birds	173	187	171	172

Source: SOVON Dutch Centre for Field Ornithology and Statistics Netherlands.

14.4 Mammals active by day

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Fox (1994=100)	92	104	135	108
Hare (1997=100)	79	75	75	73
Rabbit (1997=100)	45	53	49	54
Roe deer (1994=100)	108	119	118	124
Squirrel (1996=100)	59	63	77	61

Source: Dutch Flemish Mammal Society (VZZ) and Statistics Netherlands.

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14.5 Bats (1986=100)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	268	396	418	389
of which:				
whiskered bat	205	299	301	283
Natterer's bat	455	932	1,145	1,042
long-eared bat	158	181	204	151
Geoffrey's bat	736	1,577	1,729	1,716
pond bat	224	258	264	269
greater mouse-eared bat	226	326	276	311
Daubenton's bat	182	229	252	209

Source: Dutch Flemish Mammal Society (VZZ) and Statistics Netherlands.

14.6 Amphibians (1997=100)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	125	134	142	142
of which:				
alpine newt	116	140	172	165
European tree frog	219	479	636	646
common frog	144	149	148	161
yellow-bellied toad (2000=100)	100	173	163	270
common toad	103	133	138	132
green frog	142	147	151	144
moor frog	121	100	135	122
northern crested newt	109	137	152	130
pool frog	134	131	128	119

Source: Netherlands foundation for reptile, amphibian and fish studies (RAVON) and Statistics Netherlands.

14.7 Reptiles (1994=100)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	150	137	156	157
of which:				
heath land species	124	112	122	125
sand lizards in dune habitats	261	325	357	353

Source: Netherlands foundation for reptile, amphibian and fish studies (RAVON) and Statistics Netherlands.

14.8 Butterflies (1992=100)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	62	45	56	49
of which:				
woodland species	60	56	54	52
dune species	19	14	34	42
grass land species	74	62	54	48
heath land species	58	34	38	23

Source: Netherlands butterfly foundation and Statistics Netherlands.

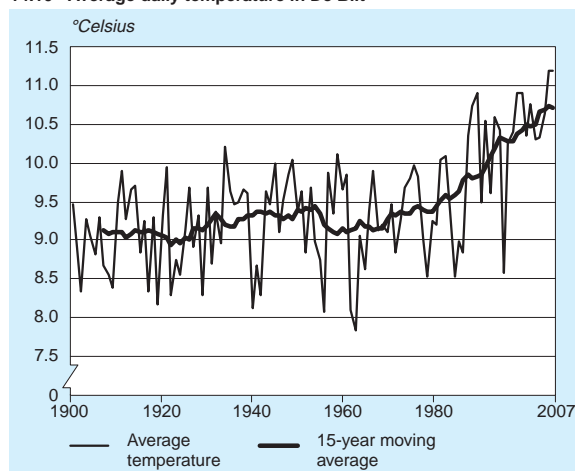
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14.9 Meteorological data, De Bilt

	1971/ 2000	2000	2005	2007
Air temperature (degrees Celsius)				
daily average	9.8	10.9	10.7	11.2
winter average	3.2	5.0	3.6	5.7
summer average	16.6	16.4	16.9	17.2
Days with official summer temperature (max. $\geq 25.0^{\circ}\text{C}$)				
	22	22	34	20
Days with official frost (min. $< 0.0^{\circ}\text{C}$)				
	58	35	48	35
Precipitation (mm)				
	793	975	943	1,033
Evaporation (mm)				
	543	541	591	581
Sunshine (hours)				
	1,524	1,515	1,789	1,690

Source: Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute

14.10 Average daily temperature in De Bilt



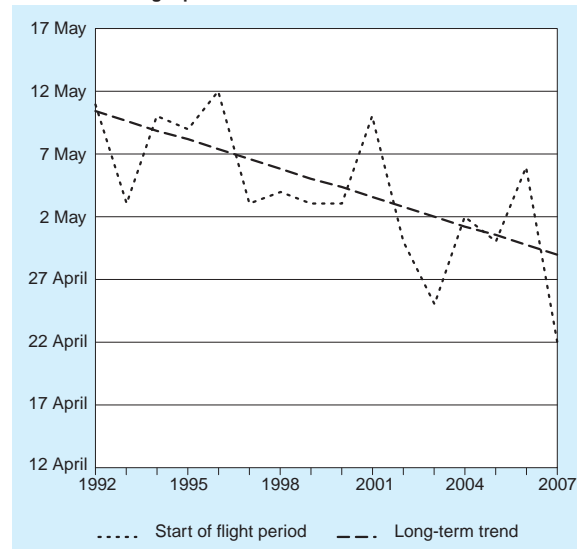
14.11 Bird species and climate (1990=100)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Cold-loving species	65	36	34	30
Neutral species	78	74	76	65
Warm-loving species	116	124	124	117

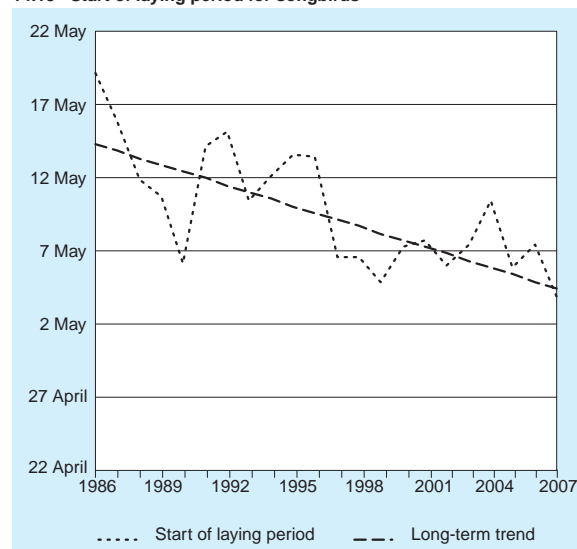
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14.12 Start of flight period for butterflies



14.13 Start of laying period for songbirds

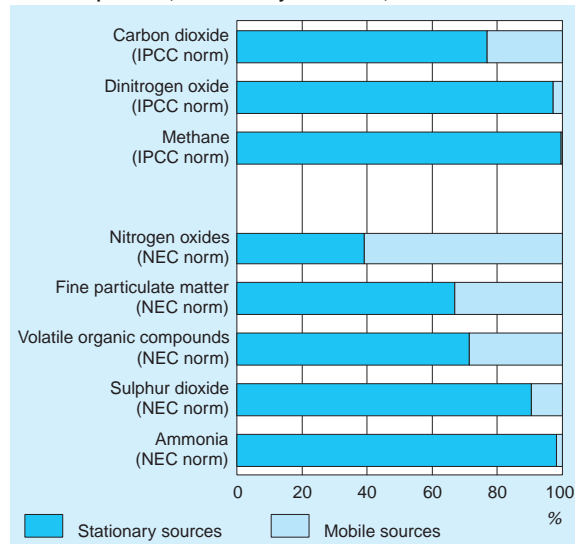


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14.14 Air pollution, emissions by all sources (mln kg)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Greenhouse gases (IPCC norm)				
Dinitrogen oxide	61	56	55	55
Carbon dioxide	169,700	181,000	175,800	172,000
Methane	915	822	802	775
Acidifying and large-scale air pollution (NEC norm)				
Ammonia	152	134	133	130
Fine particulate matter	45	39	38	38
Nitrogen oxides	398	357	343	327
Volatile organic compounds	224	168	173	168
Sulphur dioxide	73	67	65	65

14.15 Air pollution, emissions by all sources, 2005



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14.16 Air pollution, greenhouse gas emission according to IPCC (1990=100)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total (CO ₂ equivalents)	101	105	102	100
Dinitrogen oxide	95	87	86	85
agriculture	93	82	82	81
manufacturing	96	92	90	88
Carbon dioxide	106	113	110	108
manufacturing	83	83	82	83
energy sector	120	136	130	118
road traffic	124	133	133	137
households	99	98	93	89
Methane	76	68	66	64
agriculture	87	84	84	84
energy sector	51	47	51	45
waste management	69	55	52	48

14.17 Air pollution, emissions by stationary sources (mln kg)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Greenhouse gases (IPCC norm)				
Dinitrogen oxide	60	54	54	53
Carbon dioxide	133,000	142,300	136,900	132,400
Methane	912	819	799	772
Acidifying and large-scale air pollution (NEC norm)				
Ammonia	150	131	130	127
Fine particulate matter	29	26	25	25
Nitrogen oxides	149	138	133	128
Volatile organic compounds	151	113	121	120
Sulphur dioxide	64	60	59	59

14.18 Air pollution, emissions by mobile sources (mln kg)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Greenhouse gases (IPCC norm)				
Dinitrogen oxide	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5
Carbon dioxide	36,700	38,600	38,800	39,600
Methane	3.4	2.8	2.7	2.7
Acidifying and large-scale air pollution (NEC norm)				
Ammonia	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Fine particulate matter	15	13	13	12
Nitrogen oxides	250	218	211	199
Volatile organic compounds	73	55	51	48
Sulphur dioxide	9.2	6.5	6.5	6.2

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14.19 Air pollution, emissions by mobile sources (mln kg)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Carbon dioxide (IPCC norm)	36,700	38,600	38,800	39,600
road traffic	31,700	33,800	33,900	34,800
other mobile sources	5,000	4,800	4,900	4,800
Fine particulate matter (NEC norm)	15	13	13	12
commercial inland shipping	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
fishing	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
road traffic	10.4	9.1	8.7	8.4
other mobile sources	3.2	2.7	2.8	2.6
Nitrogen oxides (NEC norm)	250	218	211	199
commercial inland shipping	30	29	29	28
fishing	16	12	11	11
road traffic	164	142	133	125
other mobile sources	40	36	38	34
Volatile organic compounds (NEC norm)	73	55	51	48
commercial inland shipping	7.7	7.1	6.0	5.8
road traffic	60	43	40	37
other mobile sources	5.5	5.0	5.3	5.1

14.20 Air pollution, emissions by seagoing ships (mln kg)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
In port				
fine particulate matter	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
nitrogen oxides	16	18	18	18
sulphur dioxide	10	10	10	10
Dutch continental shelf				
fine particulate matter	6.5	5.8	6.1	6.1
nitrogen oxides	94	105	105	105
sulphur dioxide	55	51	54	54

14.21 Water pollution, emissions by all sources (1,000 kg)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Phosphorus	15,472	11,413	15,064	14,831
Nitrogen	88,767	89,888	89,351	88,239
Cadmium	1.28	1.37	1.17	1.19
Chromium	30.2	29.0	29.0	28.5
Copper	297	269	250	248
Lead	78.6	89.0	76.1	75.6
Mercury	0.65	1.07	0.44	0.41

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14.22 Water pollution, load on surface water (mln kg)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Phosphorus	9.6	7.1	6.5	6.1
direct discharges	2.4	0.8	0.7	0.7
effluent waste water treatment	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6
overflows/rainwater leaching and run-off from land	0.10	0.05	0.06	0.06
leaching and run-off from land	4.3	3.5	3.0	2.8
Nitrogen	140	101	90	85
direct discharges	9.7	10.0	7.9	7.1
effluent waste water treatment	29	23	22	19
overflows/rainwater atmospheric deposits excl. in North Sea	1.5	1.0	1.3	1.2
leaching and run-off from land	17	10	16	15
leaching and run-off from land	83	56	43	42

14.23 Water purification by sewage treatment installations

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Influent (1,000 kg)				
biochemical oxygen demand	353,527	358,617	351,649	347,972
chemical oxygen demand	920,719	948,748	943,467	937,860
total phosphorus	13,300	14,328	14,425	14,341
total nitrogen	84,726	84,244	84,825	85,842
cadmium	1.0	1.2	1.3	0.9
chromium	23	16	17	17
copper	157	158	160	150
mercury	0.51	0.40	0.42	0.38
lead	59	49	44	42
Effluent (1,000 kg)				
biochemical oxygen demand	11,284	9,408	8,684	8,313
chemical oxygen demand	91,033	80,849	77,895	77,268
total phosphorus	2,845	2,748	2,651	2,596
total nitrogen	28,952	23,475	21,742	19,057
cadmium	0.47	0.32	0.25	0.25
chromium	5.0	2.8	3.4	3.0
copper	18	13	12	10
mercury	0.14	0.10	0.10	0.10
lead	8.6	6.6	6.2	5.4
Removal (%)				
biochemical oxygen demand	97	97	98	98
chemical oxygen demand	90	91	92	92
total phosphorus	79	81	82	82
total nitrogen	66	72	74	78
cadmium	54	73	81	72
chromium	78	83	80	83
copper	89	92	92	94
mercury	72	74	77	73
lead	86	87	86	87

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14.24 Production of sludge by sewage treatment plants (1,000 kg)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	1,426,447	1,486,535	1,494,028	1,610,518
Components of which:				
dry matter	336,361	341,646	347,557	359,431
phosphorus	7,258	7,657	7,771	8,909
nitrogen	15,962	15,319	18,733	18,878
cadmium	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
chromium	17	15	14	13
copper	131	134	132	140
mercury	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
lead	51	46	39	43
Treatment method (dry matter)				
cement industry			27,325	27,477
composting	39,452	45,945	46,582	47,591
dumping	64,147	15,158	14,283	14,752
incineration and wet oxidation	194,848	252,139	232,746	252,512
other	37,913	28,404	26,620	17,098

14.25 Production of sludge by private waste water treatment installations (1,000 kg of dry matter)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	205,750	187,388	174,651	160,747
Sectors				
food and drink	64,152	53,147	50,640	45,488
paper and cardboard	56,604	53,220	45,621	32,609
petroleum, chemical, rubber and synthetics	45,704	38,894	38,549	36,631
other	39,290	42,127	39,841	46,019
Treatment methods				
composting	1,109	14,214	8,849	9,139
animal feed	21,333	7,631	7,479	4,079
agriculture	36,127	27,745	33,703	25,661
dumping	39,389	19,869	18,312	21,148
incineration	46,880	37,252	31,549	34,098
other	60,912	80,676	74,760	66,621

14.26 Generation and treatment of waste in the Netherlands (mln kg)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	63,242	60,783	60,408	59,758
Recycled	50,925	50,424	50,357	49,286
Dumped	4,832	1,783	2,226	2,663
Incinerated	7,083	7,904	7,178	7,230
Other	402	672	648	579

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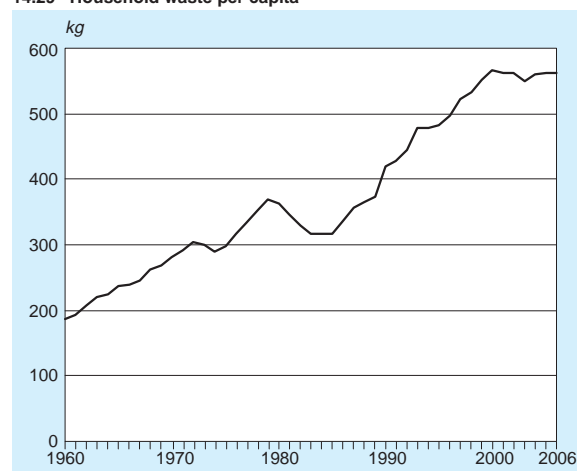
14.27 Municipal waste (mln kg)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	10,262	10,382	10,408	10,395
Household waste taken by household to collection point	8,986	9,120	9,158	9,176
collected from household	2,426	2,719	2,755	2,794
Cleansing waste	6,560	6,401	6,403	6,381
Other waste	1,068	1,102	1,106	1,084
	208	160	144	135

14.28 Household waste by waste category (mln kg)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	8,986	9,120	9,158	9,176
Non-separated collected waste	4,827	4,740	4,784	4,790
construction waste	98	108	110	109
bulky household waste	794	698	716	716
household waste	3,935	3,933	3,958	3,965
Separated collected waste	4,159	4,380	4,374	4,385
compostable waste	1,457	1,407	1,362	1,296
glass	326	342	338	341
bulky garden waste	359	397	406	409
wood	225	310	318	341
hazardous household waste	21	21	21	21
paper	1,022	1,027	1,045	1,081
rubble	451	455	448	442
textiles	50	54	60	62
electrical appliances	43	67	71	70
other separated waste	205	300	305	323

14.29 Household waste per capita



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14.30 Industrial waste by sector (mln kg)

	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Total non-hazardous waste	20,642	19,156	18,766	18,213
Mineral extraction	203	275	229	206
Manufacturing	18,651	17,205	16,993	16,548
food industry	10,127	8,438	8,070	7,820
chemical industry	1,251	1,156	1,164	1,174
basic metal industry	2,552	2,702	2,803	2,824
other manufacturing	4,721	4,909	4,956	4,730
Public utilities companies	1,788	1,676	1,544	1,459

14.31 Industrial waste by method of treatment, 2005 (mln kg)

	Total	Recycled	Final disposal
Non-hazardous waste	18,213	16,012	2,201
Chemical waste	1,131	883	248
Non-chemical waste	17,082	15,130	1,952
animal and vegetable waste	6,359	6,192	167
mixed waste	1,431	308	1,123
glass	68	27	41
wood	482	459	24
synthetics and rubber	179	162	17
metals	687	675	12
minerals and stonelike materials	6,303	5,942	361
other non-chemical waste	26	15	11
paper and cardboard	823	812	11
sludge	681	519	162
textiles and leather	41	18	23

14.32 Motor vehicles dismantled

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Commercial vehicles (x 1,000)	17	20	15	12
Cars (x 1,000)	310	232	226	201
Commercial vehicles (mln kg)	31	30	26	23
Cars (mln kg)	275	212	209	187

14.33 Chemical pesticides used in agriculture (1,000 kg active matter)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	11,382	10,655	10,704	10,462
Fungicides/bactericides	4,925	4,387	4,394	4,141
Herbicides, defoliators	3,500	3,592	3,496	3,280
Insecticides, arachnicides	290	248	212	203
Growth regulators	214	218	236	257
Other pesticides	2,453	2,210	2,366	2,580
of which: soil disinfectants	1,402	1,171	1,406	1,486

Source: Plant Protection Service of the Netherlands.

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14.34 Use of pesticides on some horticultural crops (1,000 kg active matter)

	2000	2004
Cucumbers	9,106	7,373
Bell peppers	15,600	10,916
Tomatoes	30,014	19,799
Carnations	1,653	–
Chrysanthemums	32,059	31,084
Freesias	2,502	1,698
Gerberas	7,346	7,108
Lilies (cut flowers)	1,741	3,064
Orchids	1,209	947
Bedding plants	7,086	7,477
House plants, non-flowering	3,505	5,120
House plants, flowering	8,730	8,671
Roses	57,194	57,653

14.35 Use of herbicides and pesticides by the government (kg active matter)

	2001	2005
Total	42,142	53,594
Planted areas in built-up areas	10,222	12,107
Planted areas outside built-up areas	192	592
Woods and nature areas	103	135
Sports fields	4,165	3,760
Water courses and ponds	–	6
Other green elements	890	833
Nurseries	22	74
Railways	6,040	6,350
Paved and semi-paved areas	20,508	29,737

14.36 Production of manure and minerals (mln kg)

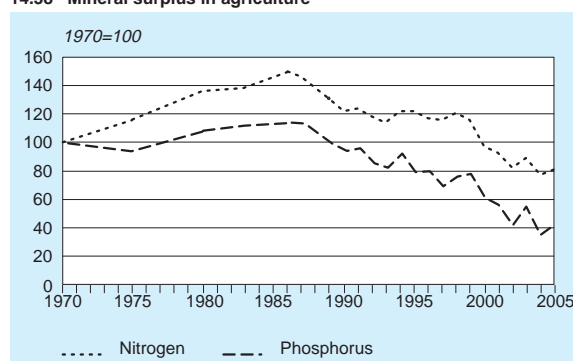
	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Manure from livestock	75,603	70,147	69,284	69,479
rabbits and furred animals	81	91	88	103
horses and ponies	836	938	895	931
poultry	2,105	1,484	1,471	1,500
cattle	56,742	54,052	53,306	53,192
sheep and goats	1,712	1,731	1,737	1,744
pigs	14,127	11,852	11,787	12,009
Mineral excretion				
phosphate (as P ₂ O ₅)	185	167	165	166
potassium (as K ₂ O)	539	519	514	515
nitrogen (total N)	529	468	460	464

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14.37 Production of manure: nitrogen per hectare (mln kg N)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Up to 170 kg N/ha	29	31	32	33
grazing livestock farms	16	20	22	22
non-grazing livestock farms	0	0	0	0
other farms	13	11	10	10
171 to 250 kg N/ha	87	93	99	98
grazing livestock farms	81	87	93	92
non-grazing livestock farms	1	1	1	1
other farms	5	5	5	5
More than 250 kg N/ha	313	276	261	265
grazing livestock farms	187	160	144	144
non-grazing livestock farms	119	108	109	112
other farms	6	8	8	8

14.38 Mineral surplus in agriculture



14.39 Minerals balance sheet for arable land (mln kg)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Nitrogen				
Deposits	822	717	702	709
manure	386	330	337	336
artificial fertilisers	330	289	269	277
other deposits	106	98	96	96
Withdrawal with crops (-)	414	413	384	361
<i>Net load</i>	408	304	318	348
Phosphorus				
Deposits	106	86	91	90
manure	74	63	65	65
artificial fertilisers	27	18	21	21
other deposits	5	5	5	4
Withdrawal with crops (-)	58	56	54	49
<i>Net load</i>	48	30	37	41

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14.40 Costs and financing of environmental management (mln euro)

	2000	2001	2003	2005
Net environmental costs	9,116	9,650	10,440	10,105
General costs	1,401	1,453	1,693	1,856
Waste disposal	2,802	2,987	3,232	2,972
Soil	977	1,037	908	731
Noise	286	341	312	165
Air	1,435	1,547	1,888	1,795
Water	2,217	2,284	2,408	2,586
Companies (excl. construction)	4,336	4,632	5,067	4,691
Government	4,473	4,734	5,043	5,052
Households	307	285	330	362
Net environmental expenditure	.	9,650	10,440	10,105
Companies (excl. construction)	.	3,990	4,223	3,861
Government	.	3,054	2,755	3,150
Households	.	2,606	3,462	3,094
Investment in environment protection measures	2,037	2,206	2,299	2,649

14.41 Costs and financing of wildlife and nature areas, excl. abroad (mln euro)

	2000	2001	2003	2005
Gross costs by activity	915	1,000	974	955
overheads	224	255	299	291
structuring and management	320	375	369	428
land acquisition	234	228	135	142
other activities	136	142	171	95
Proceeds (-)	47	49	57	74
Net costs	868	951	917	881
government	432	515	522	537
private households	436	436	395	358
Net expenses	868	951	917	881
government	597	685	713	695
other (incl. households)	271	266	204	186

14.42 Investment in environmental measures by industry, companies with 20 and more employees (excl. construction) (mln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Total	407	377	334	655
Air	245	202	195	515
Natural landscape	5	16	0	0
Noise	16	24	10	10
Soil	35	44	26	25
Waste	37	25	10	5
Water	69	67	92	105
Percentage of total investment (%)	4.5	4.4	3.8	6.5

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14.43 Net environmental costs for industry, companies with 10 and more employees (excl. construction) (mln euro)

	2000	2003	2004	2005
Total	2,017	2,136	2,067	1,949
Waste	423	470	458	440
Air	666	715	653	588
Water	501	505	490	485
Other	428	446	466	436
Mineral extraction	x	160	167	x
Food, drink and tobacco	267	306	309	306
Chemical	x	561	536	521
Basic metal and metal products	181	183	175	179
Other manufacturing	626	701	705	701
Public utilities	233	224	176	x

14.44 Revenues from environmental taxes and levies (mln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Environmental levies and green taxes	16,879	19,643	20,981	22,659
environmental levies	2,906	3,579	3,711	3,951
refuse collection rates	1,183	1,513	1,555	1,572
sewerage charges	650	831	875	1,022
surface water pollution levy	1,003	1,173	1,197	1,263
waterboards	967	1,141	1,165	1,226
other	36	32	32	37
other environmental levies	70	62	84	94
green taxes	13,973	16,064	17,270	18,708
vehicle taxes	11,106	12,790	13,141	14,167
excise duties	5,290	6,459	6,420	6,818
motor vehicle tax	2,941	3,328	3,573	3,897
special tax on cars and motorcycles	2,875	3,003	3,148	3,452
regulating environmental levy	2,867	3,274	4,129	4,541
Pre-paid disposal fees (durable goods)	117	70	67	80

14.45 Environmental services

	2000	2003	2004	2005
Companies	597	652	600	572
Employees (x 1,000)	20	24	23	23
Profitability (%)	4	5	4	8
Total assets (mln euro)	3,716	4,694	4,714	4,614
of which: invoiced turnover (mln euro)	3,587	4,493	4,516	4,340
Profit before tax (mln euro)	154	223	180	355
Investment (mln euro)	369	377	444	389

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14.46 Environmental costs for agriculture (mln euro)

	2000	2001	2003	2005
Investment in environmental measures	146	207	189	176
Environment-related costs	676	744	784	657
soil	363	363	326	240
natural landscape	33	38	53	67
air	72	87	137	152
water	30	43	51	56
other	30	51	54	51
administrative costs	148	163	164	92
Subsidies (-)	132	159	217	192
Net environment-related costs	544	585	568	465

14.47 Environmental costs of road traffic (mln euro)

	2000	2001	2003	2005
Investment in environmental measures	299	292	272	410
Environment-related costs	888	969	1,071	1,042
government	185	237	349	249
waste	7	7	8	8
soil and natural landscape	19	25	33	31
noise	154	200	303	205
water	4	5	5	5
road users	703	733	722	793
waste	35	38	46	37
soil and natural landscape	74	57	37	38
noise	76	71	62	48
air	486	532	540	588
water	32	35	38	81
Net environment-related costs	711	740	759	825

15. Population

Over 16 million people in the Netherlands

Just over 16.4 million people now live in the Netherlands. Older people are the fastest growing group in the Dutch population. There are now 2.4 million people aged over 65 years, 250 thousand more than in 2000. The growth in this age group is expected to pick up speed after 2010, as the post-war baby boom generation reaches retirement age. By 2030 the number of over-65s will have risen to 4.0 million.

One in nine inhabitants is of non-western descent. The largest groups are those with a Turkish, Moroccan and Surinamese background. In the next 25 years the share of people with a non-western origin will rise to 14 percent, as the second generation – born in the Netherlands – continues to grow.

The number of singles will rise from 2.5 million in 2007 to 3.4 million in 2030. The number of couples with children, however, will decrease. The total number of households will increase by 1 million to 8.1 million in 2030.

Population growth doubled in 2007

Net population growth was 46 thousand in 2007. This is nearly twice as large as in 2006, when the increase reached a historic low. The stronger growth in 2007 was caused by higher immigration and lower emigration. As a result, the net emigration fell from 31 thousand in 2006 to 6 thousand in 2007.

Nearly 181 thousand babies were born in the Netherlands in 2007, just over 4 thousand fewer than in 2006 and 26 thousand fewer than in 2000. The main reason for this is that the number of women aged around thirty is decreasing. At 133 thousand, the number of deaths was also lower than in recent years, in spite of the continuing population ageing. Net natural population growth (births minus deaths) remained considerable at 48 thousand.

Population

15.1 Population; key figures, 1 January (*x 1,000*)

	2000	2005	2007	2008*
Total	15,864	16,306	16,358	16,404
Men	7,846	8,066	8,089	8,112
Women	8,018	8,240	8,269	8,293
Never married	7,049	7,450	7,543	.
Married	7,071	7,003	6,928	.
Widowed	882	877	872	.
Divorced	862	976	1,015	.
Younger than 20 yrs	3,873	3,988	3,957	3,939
20 to 40 yrs	4,762	4,468	4,319	4,267
40 to 65 yrs	5,077	5,561	5,713	5,783
65 to 80 yrs	1,652	1,715	1,768	1,799
80 yrs or older	500	574	601	615

15.2 Population by age and demographic burden, 1 January (%)

	2000	2005	2007	2008*
Age				
younger than 20 yrs	24.4	24.5	24.2	24.0
20 to 39 yrs	30.0	27.4	26.4	26.0
40 to 64 yrs	32.0	34.1	34.9	35.3
65 to 79 yrs	10.4	10.5	10.8	11.0
80 yrs or older	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.8
Demographic burden	61.2	62.6	63.0	63.2
green burden	39.4	39.8	39.4	39.2
grey burden	21.9	22.8	23.6	24.0
Inhabitants per km ² of land (abs.)	468	483	484	486

15.3 Population; size and growth (*x 1,000*)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Population on 1 January	15,864	16,306	16,334	16,358
births	207	188	185	181
deaths	141	136	135	133
immigration	133	92	101	117
emigration	79	120	132	123
other corrections, net	3	5	5	5
Total growth	123	29	24	46
Population on 31 December	15,987	16,334	16,358	16,404
Population growth (per 1,000 inhabitants)	7.8	1.8	1.5	2.8

Population

15.4 Population by sex and age, 1 January (*x 1,000*)

	2000	2005	2007	2008*
Men	7,846	8,066	8,089	8,112
0 to 5 yrs	504	517	495	483
5 to 10 yrs	512	506	514	517
10 to 15 yrs	490	517	505	501
15 to 20 yrs	475	500	510	513
20 to 25 yrs	483	490	488	495
25 to 30 yrs	595	498	495	496
30 to 35 yrs	672	599	534	513
35 to 40 yrs	670	667	654	641
40 to 45 yrs	614	663	664	660
45 to 50 yrs	575	606	622	631
50 to 55 yrs	583	562	570	574
55 to 60 yrs	436	563	561	550
60 to 65 yrs	358	413	464	499
65 to 70 yrs	305	329	346	356
70 to 75 yrs	242	264	271	275
75 to 80 yrs	181	190	201	207
80 to 85 yrs	93	119	123	126
85 to 90 yrs	44	46	54	58
90 to 95 yrs	12	14	15	16
95 yrs or older	2	2	3	3
Women	8,018	8,240	8,269	8,293
0 to 5 yrs	480	494	472	461
5 to 10 yrs	489	482	492	494
10 to 15 yrs	470	493	481	478
15 to 20 yrs	453	479	488	491
20 to 25 yrs	473	479	478	483
25 to 30 yrs	581	495	494	494
30 to 35 yrs	643	593	534	513
35 to 40 yrs	645	647	642	633
40 to 45 yrs	600	645	646	643
45 to 50 yrs	559	596	613	622
50 to 55 yrs	563	551	562	568
55 to 60 yrs	424	551	550	540
60 to 65 yrs	365	411	460	496
65 to 70 yrs	339	349	362	369
70 to 75 yrs	308	314	314	315
75 to 80 yrs	277	270	275	278
80 to 85 yrs	182	216	216	216
85 to 90 yrs	113	114	127	132
90 to 95 yrs	44	49	51	52
95 yrs or older	10	12	13	13

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15.5 Population by ethnic origin, 1 January (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2007	2008*
Total	15,864	163,055	16,358	16,404
Native Dutch	13,089	13,183	13,188	13,188
Foreign background	2,775	3,123	3,170	3,216
1st generation	1,431	1,607	1,601	1,621
western	545	582	587	603
of whom:				
EU countries	267	311	330	347
Indonesia	141	131	126	124
non-western	886	1,024	1,014	1,018
of whom:				
Morocco	153	168	168	167
Neth. Antilles and Aruba	69	82	79	79
Suriname	183	188	186	185
Turkey	178	196	195	195
2nd generation	1,344	1,516	1,569	1,595
western	822	841	845	847
of whom:				
EU countries	473	501	504	505
Indonesia	264	265	264	263
non-western	523	675	724	748
of whom:				
Morocco	110	147	162	168
Neth. Antilles and Aruba	38	48	51	53
Suriname	119	141	147	150
Turkey	131	163	173	178

15.6 Population by ethnic origin, 1 January (%)

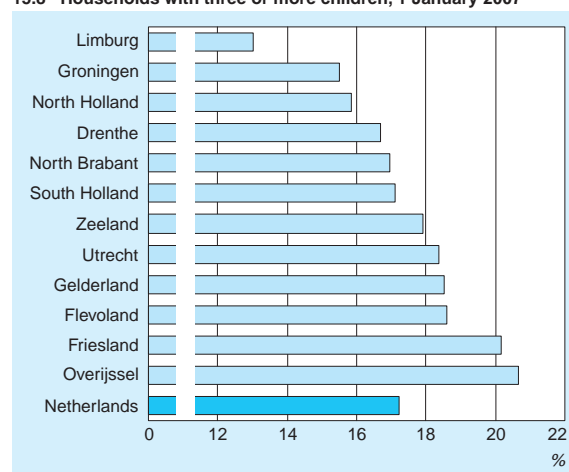
	2000	2005	2007	2008*
Native Dutch	82.5	80.8	80.6	80.4
Foreign background	17.5	19.2	19.4	19.6
western	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.8
non-western	8.9	10.4	10.6	10.8

15.7 Households by type, 1 January (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	6,801	7,091	7,146	7,191
One-person households	2,272	2,449	2,502	2,537
Multi-person households	4,529	4,642	4,644	4,654
couples without children	2,016	2,062	2,067	2,080
unmarried	495	499	495	496
married	1,521	1,564	1,572	1,584
couples with children	2,082	2,087	2,077	2,066
unmarried	163	249	264	281
married	1,920	1,839	1,813	1,785
one-parent households	384	444	452	459
other	46	48	48	49

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15.8 Households with three or more children, 1 January 2007



3.9 Households by size, 1 January (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	6,801	7,091	7,146	7,191
1 person	2,272	2,449	2,502	2,537
2 persons	2,242	2,318	2,328	2,348
3 persons	897	906	903	901
4 persons	944	973	973	972
5 persons or more	446	445	440	433
Average household size (abs.)	2.30	2.27	2.26	2.25

15.10 Population by position in household, 1 January (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
In private household	15,640	16,092	16,126	16,151
child living at home	4,541	4,635	4,620	4,601
single	2,272	2,449	2,502	2,537
living together	8,196	8,299	8,287	8,292
without children				
unmarried	989	997	990	992
married	3,042	3,128	3,144	3,168
with children				
unmarried	326	497	528	562
married	3,839	3,677	3,625	3,570
single parent	384	444	452	459
other	246	266	263	263
In institutional household	224	213	209	207

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15.11 Population in institutional households, 1 January (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	224	213	209	207
Family replacement homes, etc.	36	41	40	41
Homes for mentally handicapped	27	23	22	22
Monasteries and convents	6	5	5	5
Boarding schools	3	3	3	3
Prisons	3	3	3	4
Psychiatric institutions	12	11	11	12
Nursing homes	32	28	29	28
Care homes	105	98	95	93

15.12 Population in institutional households by marital status, 1 January (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Men	80.5	81.0	79.1	79.9
never married	50.6	50.9	49.7	50.4
married	11.4	11.1	10.7	10.6
widowed	13.2	12.6	12.3	12.2
divorced	5.2	6.3	6.3	6.6
Women	143.5	132.2	129.5	126.8
never married	48.2	43.3	41.9	41.1
married	11.0	10.6	10.2	10.0
widowed	76.9	70.3	69.3	67.5
divorced	7.4	8.0	8.1	8.3

15.13 Live births; key figures (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Total	207	188	185	181
Sex				
boys	106	96	95	92
girls	101	92	90	89
Birth order				
1st child	96	85	83	82
2nd child	74	70	69	67
3rd child	26	24	24	23
4th or higher order child	11	9	9	9
Legitimacy				
marital	155	122	116	109
non-marital	52	66	69	72
Live births per 1,000 inhabitants (abs.)	13.0	11.5	11.3	11.0
Live births per 1 000 women aged 15 to 50 yrs (abs.)	52.4	48.0	47.3	46.6
Total fertility rate (abs.)	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7

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15.14 Live births by mother's age (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	206.6	194.0	187.9	185.1
15 to 20 yrs	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.9
20 to 25 yrs	17.5	17.4	16.7	16.3
25 to 30 yrs	57.4	49.3	48.9	49.3
30 to 35 yrs	87.1	79.0	73.8	71.0
35 to 40 yrs	36.8	39.7	40.0	40.0
40 to 45 yrs	5.2	6.2	6.3	6.3
45 yrs or older	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

15.15 Average age of mother at birth

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	30.7	31.0	31.1	31.1
1st child	29.1	29.4	29.4	29.4
2nd child	31.4	31.8	31.8	31.8
3rd child	32.9	33.3	33.3	33.3
4th or higher order child	34.7	35.0	35.1	35.1

15.16 Stillbirths by duration of pregnancy

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Absolute				
24 weeks or longer	1,253	1,013	983	856
28 weeks or longer	1,000	795	760	642
Per 1,000 births				
24 weeks or longer	6.0	5.2	5.2	4.6
28 weeks or longer	4.8	4.1	4.0	3.5

15.17 Single and multiple births (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	203.9	191.2	185.2	182.4
Single births	200.2	187.6	181.7	179.2
Multiple births	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.2
twins	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.2
two boys	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.0
one boy, one girl	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1
two girls	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0
three or more babies	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0

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15.18 Live births to foreign-background parents, by parents' country of birth (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	44.7	45.5	44.6	44.0
Western of which:	12.1	12.5	12.1	12.1
Belgium	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Germany	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.0
Indonesia	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8
former Yugoslavia	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1
United Kingdom	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Non-western of which:	32.6	33.0	32.5	31.9
Morocco	7.5	8.2	8.3	8.0
Neth. Antilles and Aruba	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1
Somalia	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5
Suriname	4.8	4.1	3.9	3.7
Turkey	7.0	6.3	6.4	6.0

15.19 Mortality; key figures

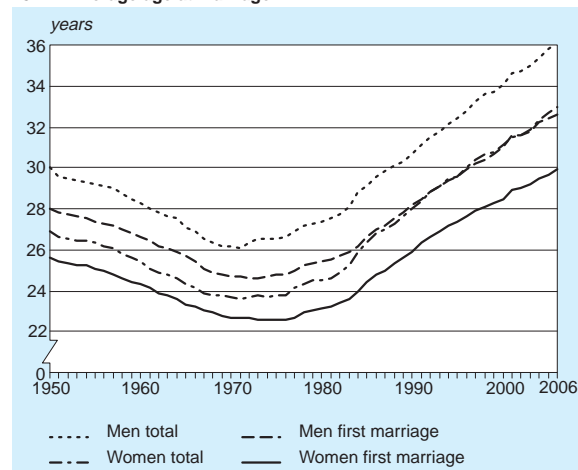
	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Deaths (x 1,000)	140.5	136.4	135.4	132.9
men	68.8	66.4	65.3	64.7
women	71.8	70.0	70.1	68.3
Infant mortality (x 1,000)	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7
Perinatal mortality (x 1,000)	1.6	1.3	1.1	.
Deaths per 1,000 inhabitants	8.8	8.4	8.3	8.1
Standardised mortality per 1,000 inhabitants	8.0	7.2	7.0	.
men	7.9	6.9	6.6	.
women	8.0	7.3	7.1	.
Infant mortality per 1,000 live births	5.1	4.9	4.4	4.1
Perinatal mortality per 1,000 births	7.8	6.9	6.0	.
Life expectancy at birth (years)				
men	75.5	77.2	77.6	78.1
women	80.6	81.6	81.9	82.4
Average age at death				
men	71.9	73.0	73.2	.
women	78.2	78.7	79.1	.

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15.20 Deaths by sex and age (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Men	68.8	66.4	65.3	64.7
0 to 20 yrs	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.8
20 to 40 yrs	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.3
40 to 60 yrs	8.8	8.1	7.8	7.3
60 to 80 yrs	32.7	30.0	29.4	29.1
80 yrs or older	24.3	26.0	25.9	26.2
Women	71.8	70.0	70.1	68.3
0 to 20 yrs	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5
20 to 40 yrs	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.8
40 to 60 yrs	5.9	6.1	5.9	5.6
60 to 80 yrs	22.1	20.2	20.0	19.6
80 yrs or older	41.9	42.2	42.8	41.8

15.21 Average age at marriage



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15.22 Marriage and partnership registrations; key figures

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Marriages (x 1,000)	88.1	72.3	72.4	73.6
two men		0.6	0.6	0.6
man and woman	88.1	71.1	71.2	72.3
two women		0.6	0.6	0.7
Partnership registrations (x 1,000)	2.9	11.3	10.8	10.6
two men	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
man and woman	1.3	10.7	10.2	10.0
two women	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
Marriages per 1,000 inhabitants	5.5	4.4	4.4	4.5
Partnership registrations per 1,000 inhabitants	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.6
Average age at marriage				
men	34.1	35.8	36.1	.
women	31.1	32.7	33.0	.

15.23 Marriage partners by previous marital status (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Men	84.6	69.5	70.3	71.5
never married	67.0	54.6	55.0	55.9
widowed	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
divorced	15.8	13.3	13.6	13.9
Women	82.8	68.2	68.7	69.9
never married	66.8	54.3	54.6	55.5
widowed	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5
divorced	14.6	12.5	12.7	13.0

15.24 Wedding anniversaries (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
12.5 yrs	74	75	73	69
25 yrs	79	60	63	59
40 yrs	50	60	64	66
50 yrs	22	28	30	32
60 yrs	4	3	5	7

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15.25 Marriage dissolution (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Total	93.6	88.2	86.9	87.0
Cause:				
death of husband	41.1	38.6	37.9	37.5
death of wife	17.9	17.7	17.3	17.1
divorce	34.7	31.9	31.7	32.4

15.26 Divorcing persons by age (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Men	32.5	29.1	29.8	29.7
younger than 30 yrs	2.2	1.4	1.4	1.4
30 to 40 yrs	12.6	9.3	9.0	8.5
40 to 50 yrs	11.0	11.5	12.1	12.1
50 yrs or older	6.8	6.8	7.3	7.8
Women	33.2	30.0	30.8	30.7
younger than 30 yrs	4.8	3.2	3.2	3.0
30 to 40 yrs	14.1	11.5	11.4	10.7
40 to 50 yrs	9.9	10.7	11.4	11.7
50 yrs or older	4.5	4.5	4.9	5.2

15.27 Marriage dissolution; key figures

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Marriage dissolution per 1,000 inhabitants	5.9	5.4	5.4	5.3
of which:				
by divorce	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.9
Marriage dissolution by death per 1,000 couples	16.6	16.1	16.1	15.9
men	11.6	11.1	11.0	10.9
women	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0
Divorce rate (%)	33.9	32.3	33.4	33.8
Average marriage duration at divorce (years)	12.9	13.6	13.8	14.0
Average age at divorce				
men	41.9	43.3	43.7	44.1
women	39.0	40.3	40.7	41.1
Average age at death of married person				
men	72.7	73.2	73.6	73.8
women	69.2	69.5	69.9	69.9
Average age of surviving partner				
men	71.0	71.3	71.7	71.7
women	69.2	69.8	70.2	70.3

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15.28 Internal migration (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Total	1,586	1,652	1,678	1,641
Moving within the same municipality	972	1,009	1,026	994
Moving to another municipality in the same province	614	642	652	647
Moving to another municipality in another province	359	384	387	383
	255	258	265	264

15.29 Internal migration by sex and age (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Moving within the same municipality				
Men	488	484	503	509
younger than 20 yrs	110	112	115	118
20 to 40 yrs	251	239	247	245
40 to 65 yrs	95	100	107	111
65 to 85 yrs	27	27	28	30
85 yrs or older	5	5	5	5
Women	484	487	507	517
younger than 20 yrs	111	113	117	119
20 to 40 yrs	236	234	244	245
40 to 65 yrs	81	85	91	95
65 to 85 yrs	42	41	41	42
85 yrs or older	14	14	15	15
Moving to another municipality				
Men	307	307	318	323
younger than 20 yrs	68	70	72	73
20 to 40 yrs	171	164	169	170
40 to 65 yrs	56	59	63	66
65 to 85 yrs	11	11	12	13
85 yrs or older	2	2	2	2
Women	307	311	324	329
younger than 20 yrs	71	75	79	79
20 to 40 yrs	171	168	174	176
40 to 65 yrs	46	48	51	53
65 to 85 yrs	15	15	15	16
85 yrs or older	5	5	5	6

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15.30 External migration by country of birth (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2006	2007*
Immigration	132.9	92.3	101.2	116.6
Continents				
Africa	17.8	9.3	8.7	9.1
America	22.4	12.2	12.9	13.5
Asia	24.3	15.1	16.3	18.2
Europe	66.9	54.7	62.1	74.6
Oceania	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.2
Countries				
of which:				
Netherlands	23.8	20.2	23.5	25.1
Germany	5.2	5.3	6.0	6.8
United Kingdom	5.6	2.9	3.3	3.7
EU countries (excl. Netherlands)	21.8	26.3	30.4	42.4
China	2.6	3.2	3.1	3.6
former Yugoslavia	4.8	0.9	0.8	1.0
Morocco	4.5	2.4	2.1	1.7
Netherlands Antilles and Aruba	10.2	2.4	2.7	3.2
former Soviet Union	6.1	2.8	2.6	2.9
Suriname	3.6	2.2	1.8	2.0
Turkey	5.4	3.4	3.2	2.8
Emigration (incl. administrative corrections)	79.0	119.7	132.5	123.2
Continents				
Africa	5.9	12.3	12.3	9.6
America	8.3	12.7	13.5	12.2
Asia	6.8	13.1	15.0	13.6
Europe	57.0	80.4	90.3	86.6
Oceania	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.2
Countries				
of which:				
Netherlands	37.4	53.7	59.3	57.5
Germany	4.0	4.4	4.8	4.6
United Kingdom	3.4	3.6	4.0	3.5
EU countries (excl. Netherlands)	14.5	19.3	23.3	23.2
China	0.5	1.8	2.4	2.1
former Yugoslavia	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.0
Morocco	1.1	2.0	2.4	2.2
Netherlands Antilles and Aruba	2.4	4.6	4.0	3.3
former Soviet Union	0.7	1.8	1.9	1.5
Suriname	1.3	2.2	2.5	1.9
Turkey	1.2	2.9	3.3	2.9

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15.31 Foreigners by country of origin, 1 January (*x 1,000*)

	2000	2005	2007	2008*
Continents (total)	2,775	3,123	3,170	3,216
Africa	414	510	522	530
America	498	571	581	588
Asia	638	705	709	715
Europe	1,209	1,316	1,339	1,364
Oceania	17	20	20	20
Countries				
western	1,367	1,424	1,432	1,450
of which:				
EU countries	739	812	834	852
Australia	12	14	15	15
Canada	11	13	13	13
Hungary	12	13	13	13
Indonesia	405	396	390	387
former Yugoslavia	67	76	76	77
Poland	29	40	51	59
former Soviet Union	23	44	47	50
United States	27	30	31	32
non-western	1,409	1,699	1,738	1,766
of which:				
Afghanistan	21	37	37	37
Angola	4	12	9	9
China	30	44	45	48
Egypt	14	19	19	20
Ethiopia	9	10	10	11
Ghana	16	19	19	19
Hong Kong	18	18	18	18
Iraq	33	44	44	45
Iran	23	29	29	30
Cape Verde	18	20	20	20
Morocco	262	316	329	335
Netherlands Antilles and Aruba	107	131	130	131
Pakistan	16	18	18	19
Somalia	29	22	19	20
Suriname	303	329	334	336
Thailand	8	12	14	14
Turkey	309	359	369	373
Vietnam	15	18	18	19

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15.32 First generation foreigners by country of origin, 1 January (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2007	2008*
Continents (total)	1,431	1,607	1,601	1,621
Africa	254	295	288	287
America	306	337	334	335
Asia	315	357	353	355
Europe	550	610	619	637
Oceania	6	7	7	7
Countries				
western	545	582	587	603
of which:				
EU countries	267	311	330	347
Australia	4	5	5	5
Canada	4	5	5	5
Hungary	5	6	6	6
Indonesia	141	131	126	124
former Yugoslavia	50	54	53	53
Poland	16	25	35	42
former Soviet Union	16	34	36	37
United States	17	19	19	19
non-western	886	1,024	1,014	1,018
of which:				
Afghanistan	20	32	31	31
Angola	3	9	7	7
China	20	31	31	33
Egypt	9	11	11	11
Ethiopia	7	7	7	7
Ghana	11	12	12	12
Hong Kong	10	10	10	10
Iraq	30	36	35	36
Iran	20	24	24	24
Cape Verde	11	12	11	11
Morocco	153	168	168	167
Netherlands Antilles and Aruba	69	82	79	79
Pakistan	10	11	11	11
Somalia	21	15	13	14
Suriname	183	188	186	185
Thailand	5	9	10	10
Turkey	178	196	195	195
Vietnam	10	12	12	12

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15.33 Second generation foreigners by parents' country of origin, 1 January (x 1,000)

	2000	2005	2007	2008*
Continents (total)	1,344	1,516	1,569	1,595
Africa	159	215	234	243
America	192	234	247	253
Asia	323	348	356	360
Europe	659	706	720	726
Oceania	11	12	13	13
Countries				
western	822	841	845	847
of which:				
EU countries	473	501	504	505
Australia	8	9	10	10
Canada	7	8	9	9
Hungary	7	7	7	7
Indonesia	264	265	264	263
former Yugoslavia	17	22	24	24
Poland	13	15	17	17
former Soviet Union	7	10	11	12
United States	10	12	12	12
non-western	523	675	724	748
of which:				
Afghanistan	2	5	6	6
Angola	1	2	2	3
China	10	13	14	15
Egypt	5	8	8	8
Ethiopia	2	3	3	4
Ghana	5	7	7	7
Hong Kong	7	8	8	8
Iraq	4	8	9	10
Iran	3	5	5	6
Cape Verde	7	8	9	9
Morocco	110	147	162	168
Netherlands Antilles and Aruba	38	48	51	53
Pakistan	6	7	7	8
Somalia	7	7	6	6
Suriname	119	141	147	150
Thailand	2	3	4	4
Turkey	131	163	173	178
Vietnam	4	6	6	7

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15.34 Changes of nationality by previous nationality (*x 1,000*)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Acquisition of Dutch nationality (other than by birth)	50.0	26.2	28.5	29.1
Continents				
African	18.1	7.1	8.8	9.0
American	3.6	2.3	3.4	2.8
Asian	8.3	3.3	4.0	3.5
European	12.6	6.8	7.4	7.2
Oceanian	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
none or unknown	7.4	6.7	4.8	6.5
Nationalities of which:				
Chinese	1.0	0.7	1.3	0.8
Iraqi	2.4	0.5	0.3	0.3
Iranian	1.4	0.1	0.2	0.2
former Yugoslavian	3.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
Moroccan	13.5	5.9	7.1	6.9
Somali	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
former Soviet Russian	1.1	0.5	1.2	1.0
Surinamese	2.0	1.4	2.0	1.6
Loss of Dutch nationality	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3

15.35 Acquisition of Dutch nationality (other than by birth), by regulation (*x 1,000*)

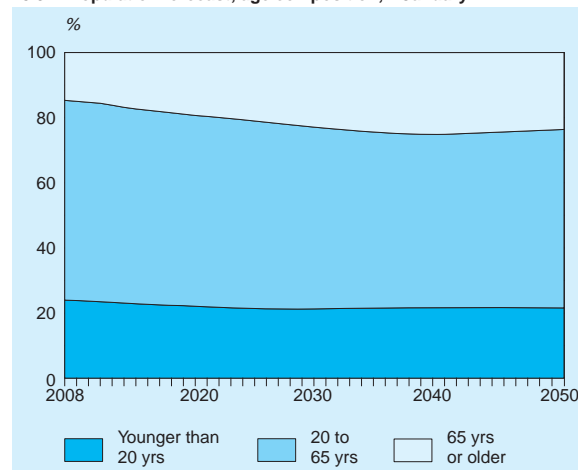
	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	50.0	26.2	28.5	29.1
Adoption	0.9	0.9	1.4	0.7
Recognition	0.8			
Naturalisation	45.9	20.6	21.3	21.0
independently	30.8	13.3	15.3	15.2
co-dependently	15.1	7.3	6.0	5.8
Option	2.3	4.7	5.8	7.3

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15.36 Population forecast; key figures

	2010	2020	2030	2050
Population by age, 1 January (x 1,000)	16,433	16,748	16,976	16,797
younger than 20 yrs	3,895	3,678	3,626	3,626
20 to 40 yrs	4,132	4,110	4,190	4,056
40 to 65 yrs	5,885	5,679	5,210	5,150
65 to 80 yrs	1,881	2,512	2,851	2,470
80 yrs or older	640	769	1,098	1,494
Population change on previous year (x 1,000)	29	26	9	-17
of which:				
live births	177	181	185	178
deaths	143	163	190	219
immigration	120	122	119	117
emigration (incl. administrative corrections)	125	114	105	93
net migration (incl. administrative corrections)	-5	8	14	24
Total fertility rate	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
Life expectancy at birth (years)				
men	78.3	79.5	80.2	81.5
women	81.9	82.5	83.1	84.2
Population by age, 1 Jan. (%)				
younger than 20 yrs	23.7	22.0	21.4	21.6
20 to 65 yrs	61.0	58.4	55.4	54.8
65 yrs or older	15.3	19.6	23.3	23.6
Demographic burden (total) 1 Jan. (%)	64.0	71.1	80.6	82.4
green burden	38.9	37.6	38.6	39.4
grey burden	25.2	33.5	42.0	43.1

15.37 Population forecast; age composition, 1 January



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15.38 Forecast of native and foreign population, 1 January

	2010	2020	2030	2050
Absolute (x 1,000)				
native Dutch	16,433	16,748	16,976	16,797
western foreign background	1,459	1,592	1,737	2,105
non-western foreign background	1,807	2,047	2,270	2,691
Proportion (%)				
native Dutch	80.1	78.3	76.4	71.4
western foreign background	8.9	9.5	10.2	12.5
non-western foreign background	11.0	12.2	13.4	16.0

15.39 Forecast of persons with a foreign background, 1 January (x 1,000)

	2010	2020	2030	2050
First generation	1,623	1,766	1,933	2,284
Western	606	703	803	1,043
European Union	354	453	549	770
other Europe	96	112	128	158
Indonesia	119	98	80	56
other non-Europe	37	40	46	59
Non-western	1,017	1,063	1,130	1,240
of which:				
Africa	112	110	118	145
Asia	229	251	284	365
Latin America	50	58	67	93
Morocco	168	173	176	172
Netherlands Antilles and Aruba	79	92	105	125
Suriname	184	183	180	154
Turkey	195	197	200	187
Second generation	1,642	1,873	2,073	2,513
Western	853	890	934	1,062
European Union	508	528	561	704
other Europe	47	63	79	109
Indonesia	262	255	243	176
other non-Europe	37	43	51	72
Non-western	789	984	1,139	1,451
of which:				
Africa	79	98	113	147
Asia	104	152	199	306
Latin America	31	46	63	104
Morocco	180	225	250	280
Netherlands Antilles and Aruba	55	71	90	132
Suriname	155	173	186	206
Turkey	186	217	239	276

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15.40 Household forecast; households by type and size, 1 January (x 1,000)

	2010	2020	2030	2050
Total	7,346	7,821	8,094	8,035
Household type				
one-person household	2,686	3,103	3,401	3,518
multi-person household	4,660	4,717	4,692	4,517
couples	4,131	4,174	4,160	3,977
one-parent household	479	491	480	487
other	49	52	53	53
Average household size (abs.)	2.21	2.12	2.07	2.06

15.41 Household forecast; population by position in household, January (x 1,000)

	2010	2020	2030	2050
Men	8,121	8,289	8,397	8,286
single	1,254	1,473	1,624	1,686
living together	4,146	4,188	4,174	3,991
living with parent(s)	2,434	2,342	2,300	2,302
single parent	77	79	73	70
in other household	140	150	155	148
living in institution	70	56	70	88
Women	8,311	8,459	8,579	8,512
single	1,432	1,631	1,777	1,832
living together	4,131	4,174	4,160	3,977
living with parent(s)	2,090	1,993	1,959	1,961
single parent	402	412	406	417
in other household	133	144	150	161
living in institution	122	106	127	164

16. Prices

Inflation remains low in 2007

Inflation in the Netherlands was 1.6 percent in 2007. This was the fourth year in succession that it remained under 2 percent. In 2006 the average price increase was 1.1 percent. Compared with other countries in Europe, inflation is very low in the Netherlands. In 2007, lower prices for audio, video and computer equipment curbed inflation; Internet and telephone rates were also substantially lower than twelve months previously. The increases in prices of food and soft drinks were also smaller than overall inflation, at 1.0 percent. Meat was even slightly cheaper. Bread, cereal products and dairy products did cost a lot more than in 2006. Price rises for gas and electricity had a strong upward effect on inflation: they cost 5.0 and 2.9 percent more respectively in 2007 than in 2006. Consumers also had to pay a lot more for petrol than in 2006: 3.3 percent.

Factory gate prices rose by less than in recent years

Prices of products sold by the manufacturing industry were 4 percent higher than in 2006. This increase was smaller than in the two previous years. The largest price increase was in the wood industry. Prices in this sector were 9.3 percent higher. In the food industry, too, product prices rose by more than average, by 8.6 percent. Price increases in oil refining and the basic metal industry were limited, at 2.9 percent in 2007. In the previous year, prices in these sectors rose by more than 10 percent.

Prices of intermediate consumption rose by just over 5 percent in 2007. In 2006 the increase was twice as large. In the basic metal industry prices of intermediate consumption rose by 12.9 percent, while producers of food products paid just over 10 percent more for raw materials and semi-processed products.

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16.1 Prices of industrial products by sector (excl. construction) (% change on previous year)

	2001	2006	2007
Mineral extraction	14.7	30.1	1.6
domestic sales	12.7	25.4	7.9
exports	17.3	36.4	-6.1
Manufacturing	0.9	4.8	4.0
domestic sales	1.9	4.5	4.4
intermediate goods	1.4	5.5	4.7
consumer goods	3.2	2.0	3.8
investment goods	2.4	2.4	3.2
exports	0.3	5.1	3.7
Public utilities companies	x	x	x
domestic sales	-0.8	23.4	2.6
intermediate goods	-1.2	25.4	2.8
consumer goods	0.2	18.7	2.1
investment goods	-1.7	27.4	2.9

16.2 Prices of intermediate consumption by sector (excl. construction) (% change on previous year)

	2001	2006	2007
Mineral extraction	-3.3	14.9	2.9
purchased in the Netherlands	3.0	9.2	4.4
manufactured products	0.4	5.9	3.5
electricity, gas and water	-1.1	24.1	2.6
imports	-6.1	17.1	2.3
Manufacturing industry	-0.1	10.0	5.3
purchased in the Netherlands	3.8	8.1	5.4
agricultural products	12.2	5.7	9.1
minerals	12.4	24.8	7.9
manufactured products	0.9	6.1	4.3
electricity, gas and water	-1.2	25.3	2.7
imports	-2.5	11.1	5.2
Public utilities companies	6.2	26.6	6.4
purchased in the Netherlands	6.4	26.5	6.1
minerals	13.3	27.0	8.1
manufactured products	0.5	13.7	3.4
electricity, gas and water	-1.6	26.6	2.8
imports	5.8	26.8	6.8

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16.3 Prices of industrial products by industry class (excl. construction) (% change on previous year)

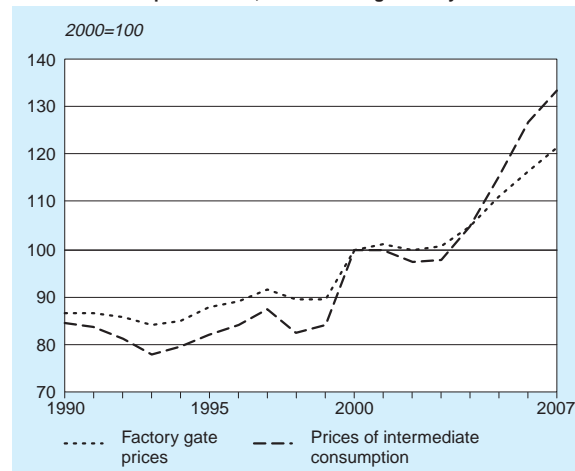
	2001	2006	2007
Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas	15.5	32.0	1.5
Other mineral extraction	6.1	0.6	3.5
Tobacco products	5.8	0.4	1.0
Food and beverages	5.1	2.0	8.6
Clothing and fur items	1.1	0.7	-0.9
Leather, leather products, footwear	4.5	0.4	2.9
Textiles	1.6	1.0	1.6
Wood, cork and cane products	4.7	3.0	9.3
Paper and cardboard products	3.0	1.6	4.8
Printing and publishing	2.4	0.7	1.1
Oil and coal products	-7.9	14.5	2.9
Chemical products	-2.3	7.3	2.5
Glass, earthenware, cement and plaster products	4.5	3.6	5.4
Rubber and synthetic products	2.0	3.0	2.4
Metal and electrical engineering	1.0	3.1	2.7
basic metals	-1.6	10.5	2.9
metal products	1.7	4.3	5.0
machines and equipment	2.2	1.6	2.0
electrical and optical instruments	1.5	0.8	1.6
transport equipment	-0.2	1.1	1.8
Furniture and other manufac. products	2.8	2.4	2.5

16.4 Prices of intermediate consumption by industry class (excl. construction) (% change on previous year)

	2001	2006	2007
Tobacco products	2.1	2.6	10.4
Food and beverages	5.5	4.2	10.3
Clothing and fur items	2.4	1.7	1.4
Leather, leather products, footwear	3.8	2.7	1.6
Textiles	1.9	2.6	1.8
Wood, cork and cane products	-0.7	10.0	8.2
Paper and cardboard products	0.7	5.8	3.9
Printing and publishing	3.2	1.8	1.7
Oil and coal products	-8.9	22.3	2.8
Chemical products	-1.8	11.5	2.8
Glass, earthenware, cement and plaster products	2.9	6.3	5.2
Rubber and synthetic products	0.2	7.4	2.8
Metal and electrical engineering	0.2	6.8	6.1
basic metals	-0.4	17.0	12.9
metal products	-0.2	9.1	9.1
machines and equipment	0.3	4.5	4.4
electrical and optical instruments	-0.7	5.2	3.7
transport equipment	1.4	3.2	2.9
Furniture and other manufac. products	0.8	6.3	5.1

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16.5 Producers' prices index, manufacturing industry



16.6 Consumer prices, all households (% change on previous year)

	2001	2006	2007
Total expenditure	4.2	1.1	1.6
Food and non-alcoholic drinks	7.0	1.7	1.0
food	7.5	1.4	0.9
bread and cereal products	4.4	-0.2	2.0
fruit	10.1	1.8	0.8
vegetables and potatoes	9.4	9.8	3.2
milk, cheese and eggs	7.6	-1.1	2.5
oils and fats	3.8	1.1	2.9
sugar, sweets and ice cream	4.4	-1.7	-1.3
fish, shellfish and crustaceans	10.3	3.2	0.5
meat	9.7	1.0	-0.4
other food	5.3	1.4	-1.0
non-alcoholic drinks	2.6	4.8	2.3
coffee, tea and cocoa	-0.9	2.3	-2.7
mineral water, soft drinks and juice	4.3	6.0	5.0
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	5.8	-0.7	1.4
alcoholic drinks	5.8	-0.7	1.4
tobacco	7.4	2.1	2.2
Clothing and footwear	1.8	0.5	1.2
clothes and clothes fabrics	0.8	0.3	1.3
footwear, incl. repairs	6.7	1.1	0.7
Housing, water and energy	5.0	3.9	2.6
energy	15.2	9.6	4.1
housing	2.6	2.3	2.0
housing maintenance and repairs	5.9	3.3	4.6
water supply and other housing-related services	4.5	1.1	1.3

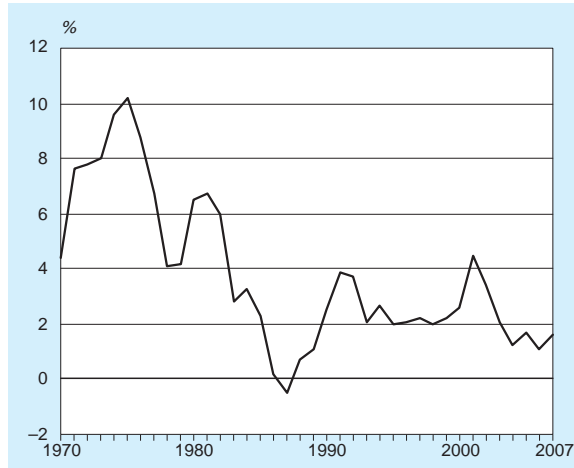
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16.6 Consumer prices, all households (end) (% change on previous year)

	2001	2006	2007
Furnishings, household appliances	5.4	0.0	1.2
daily maintenance	6.8	0.9	1.6
home and garden tools (incl. electrical)	3.8	-0.1	2.0
household appliances, incl. repairs	0.3	-1.0	-1.3
household linens	6.3	-0.8	1.0
furniture and floor coverings	6.2	0.3	1.3
crockery, glassware and household items	4.8	-1.9	2.3
Health	2.9	0.1	1.2
Transport	2.7	2.4	1.8
purchase of vehicles	3.0	0.8	1.1
use of private vehicles (incl. fuel)	2.2	3.6	2.4
transport services	4.0	1.6	0.7
Communication	-0.9	-2.4	-2.8
Recreation and culture	3.2	0.4	-0.7
audio and video equipment, computers and software	-3.8	-7.5	-12.1
books, newspapers, magazines and stationery	5.1	1.1	1.1
durable goods for recreation and culture	6.9	3.6	2.2
package holidays	6.4	2.7	2.3
recreational and cultural services	4.9	2.6	3.1
toys, games, flowers, plants and pets	5.4	0.1	2.0
Education	3.3	1.4	-1.4
Hotels, cafés and restaurants	5.8	2.0	3.5
accommodation	6.0	1.9	4.4
restaurants, pubs, canteens	5.8	2.0	3.4
Miscellaneous goods and services	4.5	-0.5	2.9
items for personal use n.e.c.	5.1	7.8	3.6
financial services	4.3	-4.2	5.2
personal hygiene	4.7	1.0	2.3
social protection	1.4	-11.0	2.6
insurance	3.8	-2.1	2.2
other services n.e.c.	6.5	3.0	3.9
Consumption-related taxes and public services	1.6	-12.8	2.9
consumption-related taxes	1.9	-14.9	2.5
public services, incl. fees for secondary and tertiary education	0.7	-6.0	4.1
Consumption abroad	2.9	3.0	2.3

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16.7 Inflation



17. Security and justice

Fewer victims of frequently occurring crime

Twenty-six percent of the Dutch population aged 15 years and older reported that they had been the victim of frequently occurring crime in 2007. Two years previously this was still 29 percent. Fewer victims reported bicycle theft and other larceny offences in particular. Victim rates for violent crime and vandalism have remained fairly stable in recent years.

City dwellers are more likely to be affected by crime than people who live in rural areas. In the urban police-force regions of Utrecht, Amsterdam and The Hague, the percentage of victims was higher than the national average. In the south of the province of Gelderland, too, the percentage was higher than average in 2007. Zeeland had the lowest victim rate, at 19 percent. And inhabitants of Friesland, Drenthe and the north and east of Gelderland were also less likely to be affected by crime.

Lowest number of asylum requests since 1988

In 2007, 9,700 people submitted an application for asylum in the Netherlands. This is the lowest number since 1988, when 7,500 people requested asylum. The number of asylum applications shot up in the first half of the 1990s, to reach a record of nearly 53 thousand in 1994. After two to three years of decrease, the number doubled between 1996 and 1998, to start falling again after the turn of the century. In contrast with the rest of Europe, the number of applications rose slightly in the Netherlands in 2006.

Number of debt management plans no longer rising

Official debt management schemes were offered to 14,900 natural persons in 2007. This is the same number as in 2006. The number of natural persons declared bankrupt by courts fell by 12 percent in 2007, to just under 4,400. From 1999 to 2006 the number of personal debt management schemes and the number of personal bankruptcies rose every year. These increases have now apparently come to an end.

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17.1 Feelings of insecurity related to crime, population aged 15 yrs and older (%)

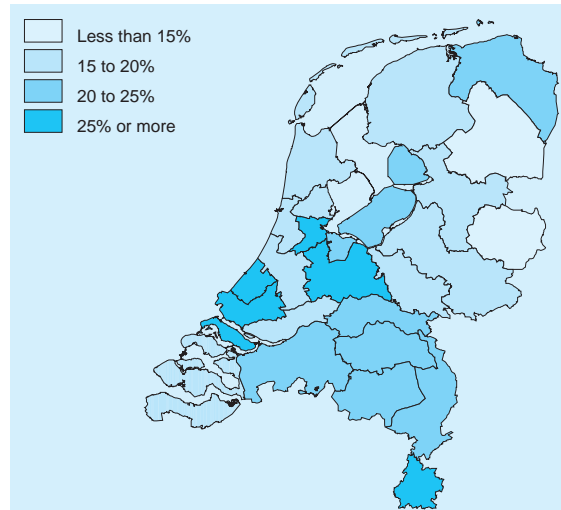
	2005	2006	2007
Does not feel safe sometimes	27.0	23.7	21.8
Often does not feel safe	4.8	3.8	2.9
Persons reporting that the following is often the case:			
does not feel it is safe to answer the door in the evening and at night	14.6	15.3	14.1
leaves valuables at home to prevent theft or mugging	12.6	10.3	9.2
avoids certain unsafe areas in the place of residence	9.0	8.0	7.0
makes a detour to avoid unsafe areas	7.9	6.6	5.9
forbids children to go to certain locations because of safety risk	20.3	20.1	18.7

17.2 Victims of frequently occurring crime, population aged 15 yrs and older (%)

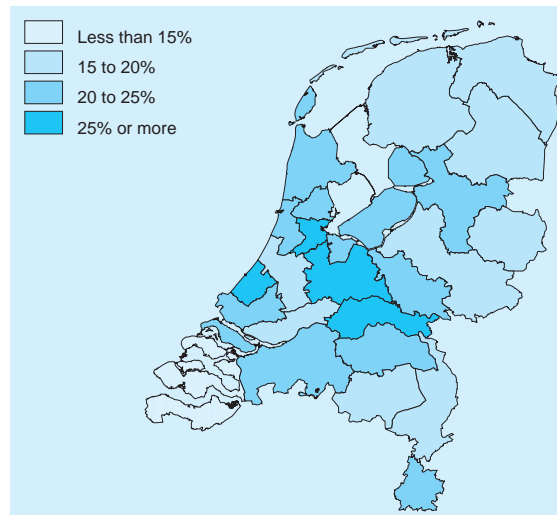
	2005	2006	2007
Total (excl. other offences)	28.8	27.2	25.8
Failing to stop after an accident	1.7	1.6	1.5
Violent crime	5.8	5.1	5.3
threatening behaviour	4.1	3.1	3.2
assault	1.5	1.6	1.6
sexual offence	0.9	0.9	1.1
Vandalism	13.0	12.0	11.7
damage to/theft from car (18 yrs and older)	8.9	8.1	7.9
other vandalism	5.1	4.9	4.7
Larceny	14.4	13.7	12.3
car theft (18 yrs and older)	0.4	0.2	0.2
theft from car (18 yrs and older)	2.0	1.7	1.7
bicycle theft	5.8	5.6	4.7
break-in/attempted break-in	3.0	2.6	2.5
attempted break-in	1.9	1.5	1.5
break-in	1.4	1.3	1.2
pickpocketing	1.4	1.5	1.5
pickpocketing without violence	1.2	1.2	1.4
pickpocketing with violence	0.3	0.3	0.2
other theft	4.0	3.7	3.1
Other offences	0.9	1.0	0.8

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17.3 Feelings of insecurity related to crime, population aged 15 yrs and older



17.4 Victims of frequently occurring crime, population aged 15 yrs and older



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17.5 Number of crimes experienced, population aged 15 yrs and older

	2005	2006	2007
Total (x 1,000)	6,178	5,609	5,325
Failing to stop after an accident	233	221	209
Violent crime	1,302	1,096	1,157
threatening behaviour	867	657	675
assault	254	259	281
sexual offence	181	181	201
Vandalism	2,410	2,185	2,119
damage to/theft from car	1,519	1,312	1,264
other vandalism	891	873	854
Larceny	2,233	2,107	1,840
car theft	46	30	22
theft from car	274	241	232
bicycle theft	965	909	763
break-in/attempted break-in	156	162	149
attempted break-in	47	55	45
break-in	109	108	104
pickpocketing	182	176	181
pickpocketing without violence	151	145	157
pickpocketing with violence	30	31	25
other theft	610	589	492
Other offences	151	153	132
Total (per 100 inh.)	47.2	42.7	40.4
Failing to stop after an accident	1.8	1.7	1.6
Violent crime	10.0	8.3	8.8
threatening behaviour	6.6	5.0	5.1
assault	1.9	2.0	2.1
sexual offence	1.4	1.4	1.5
Vandalism	18.4	16.6	16.1
damage to/theft from car	11.6	10.0	9.6
other vandalism	6.8	6.6	6.5
Larceny	17.1	16.0	13.9
car theft	0.4	0.2	0.2
theft from car	2.1	1.8	1.8
bicycle theft	7.4	6.9	5.8
break-in/attempted break-in	1.2	1.2	1.1
attempted break-in	0.4	0.4	0.3
break-in	0.8	0.8	0.8
pickpocketing	1.4	1.3	1.4
pickpocketing without violence	1.2	1.1	1.2
pickpocketing with violence	0.2	0.2	0.2
other theft	4.7	4.5	3.7
Other offences	1.2	1.2	1.0

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17.6 Number of crimes reported to the police, population aged 15 yrs and older (per 100 experienced crimes)

	2005	2006	2007
Total	35.9	36.8	36.4
Failing to stop after an accident	32.4	31.0	39.8
Violent crime	30.7	31.4	31.5
threatening behaviour	28.3	31.4	29.3
assault	52.8	44.8	51.4
sexual offence	11.3	12.6	11.3
Vandalism	27.0	27.4	25.5
damage to/theft from car	30.3	28.5	26.3
other vandalism	21.3	25.7	24.3
Larceny	45.0	45.8	46.8
car theft	92.7	83.1	100.0
theft from car	79.3	69.0	78.2
bicycle theft	37.5	39.4	38.0
break-in/attempted break-in	71.7	77.2	76.6
attempted break-in	76.6	70.8	73.1
break-in	69.6	80.4	78.2
pickpocketing	54.1	68.6	61.9
pickpocketing without violence	46.5	70.0	62.3
pickpocketing with violence	92.1	62.2	59.4
other theft	28.1	28.7	28.7
Other offences	56.8	59.4	65.7

17.7 Number of crimes for which a document was signed (per 100 experienced crimes)

	2005	2006	2007
Total	24.3	24.7	25.7
Failing to stop after an accident	24.0	21.9	24.5
Violent crime	14.1	16.8	18.1
threatening behaviour	11.7	14.2	13.4
assault	27.7	30.4	38.4
sexual offence	6.2	6.7	5.3
Vandalism	16.2	17.6	17.1
damage to/theft from car	19.3	21.0	19.2
other vandalism	10.9	12.6	14.2
Larceny	37.2	34.0	37.5
car theft	92.7	84.4	96.4
theft from car	76.9	60.4	64.4
bicycle theft	28.5	27.9	28.9
break-in/attempted break-in	61.6	65.4	65.4
attempted break-in	70.1	52.8	46.6
break-in	57.9	71.8	73.6
pickpocketing	51.5	50.5	53.3
pickpocketing without violence	43.3	49.9	52.3
pickpocketing with violence	92.1	52.9	59.8
other theft	18.6	16.4	21.2
Other offences	27.6	32.0	41.0

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17.8 Crime prevention measures (%)

	2005	2006	2007
Car owners			
car with alarm/electronic engine immobiliser	56.2	56.5	57.1
self built alarm/ electronic engine immobiliser	6.7	6.0	5.0
Bicycle owners			
bicycle insured against theft	46.9	45.2	46.3
bicycle with theft prevention chip	10.0	10.4	11.3
Mobile phone owners			
mobile phone with pin code	86.7	86.7	87.1
PC owners			
PC with password	62.4	63.1	65.4
Measures in and around the home			
(extra) outside lighting	78.9	77.7	80.1
(extra) hinges and locks	82.4	82.6	82.8
burglar alarm	11.8	10.9	11.5
window and door shutters	14.9	15.1	15.7
police prevention approval	14.6	15.3	16.0

17.9 Contact between citizens and police, population aged 15 yrs and older (%)

	2005	2006	2007
Been in contact with the police	27.7	28.5	28.4
Most recent contact by reason	100	100	100
report/statement	49.5	49.6	51.5
report of crime	35.3	36.8	37.1
witness statement	2.4	3.0	2.7
report of suspicious situation	11.9	9.8	11.7
enforcement	13.4	13.1	12.3
fine	7.4	6.8	7.0
police/security check	3.7	3.9	3.2
caution	2.3	2.4	2.1
other reasons	37.0	37.4	36.2
request for assistance	6.1	7.9	8.3
information and advice	4.1	4.4	4.1
open day	0.3	0.5	0.5
licence application	0.9	0.9	1.1
other	25.7	23.6	22.2

17.10 Cases of victim support concluded by crime (x 1,000)

	2002	2004	2005	2006
Total	82.6	85.4	87.1	81.0
Violent crimes	30.3	35.4	38.4	36.5
Traffic accidents	20.2	19.6	19.1	17.4
Larceny	21.2	19.0	18.0	16.2
Indecent assault/sexual offences	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7
Other assistance	6.2	6.8	6.9	6.2

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17.11 Criminal offences recorded by police and military police (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	1,328.9	1,295.6	1,255.1	1,218.4
Road traffic act	131.1	131.6	153.2	153.9
Penal Code	1,183.6	1,137.8	1,076.5	1,039.2
violent offences	91.7	109.9	110.5	109.2
crimes against property	895.5	814.8	743.6	703.3
of which:				
simple theft	364.9	334.0	315.6	293.9
aggravated theft	500.9	443.6	393.2	372.1
vandalism and public order offences	190.0	202.9	211.4	215.2
other offences under Penal Code	6.4	10.3	11.0	11.5
Other acts	14.1	26.2	25.4	25.4

17.12 Crime suspects by ethnic origin and generation, 12–79 yrs (%)

	2000	2003	2004	2005
Total population	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.6
Native Dutch	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.2
Foreign background	2.3	2.8	2.9	3.0
1st generation	2.5	2.9	3.0	3.0
western	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.4
non-western	3.2	3.7	3.8	3.8
2nd generation	2.0	2.6	2.9	3.1
western	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.6
non-western	4.5	5.3	5.8	6.0

Source: Statistics Netherlands/ National police department (KLPD).

17.13 Fines imposed for traffic offences (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Based on vehicle registration number	7,006.1	8,766.5	9,341.8	10,411.5
failing to stop for a red light	224.4	269.0	278.6	242.7
parking offences	933.6	1,074.9	984.7	938.7
speeding	5,556.1	7,097.9	7,778.3	8,692.7
other	292.0	324.7	300.2	537.4
Stopped by police	787.9	1,606.2	1,635.6	1,532.2
failing to stop for a red light	53.5	110.4	122.9	119.5
parking offences	33.1	57.2	55.2	48.7
speeding	92.1	173.1	185.8	181.3
other	609.2	1,265.5	1,271.7	1,182.5

Source: Ministry of Justice, Collector's department.

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17.14 Sub-district courts, settlement by public prosecutors' office (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	89.1	53.6	48.6	49.1
Act on transport of persons	1.1	2.5	1.7	1.5
Immigration law	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.3
Motor vehicle liability act	5.4	2.5	2.4	3.4
Penal code	3.2	2.1	3.5	4.8
Police byelaws	4.1	5.4	5.2	5.9
Road traffic act	8.9	7.2	6.3	6.4
Traffic regulations and traffic signals	50.6	19.6	15.4	16.4
Vehicle regulations	9.8	6.0	6.3	4.2
Other laws and regulations	5.6	7.7	7.3	6.3

17.15 Sub-district courts, conviction by judge at first instance (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	96.1	203.6	192.0	194.0
Act on transport of persons	16.3	46.3	41.9	30.3
Immigration law	0.8	4.3	4.6	3.9
Motor vehicle liability act	24.0	32.5	39.5	43.8
Penal code	4.0	8.2	11.6	22.6
Police byelaws	17.7	49.9	44.6	48.7
Road traffic act	11.2	16.9	15.1	14.7
Traffic regulations and traffic signals	14.8	33.5	22.4	19.3
Vehicle regulations	2.8	2.2	2.4	1.9
Other laws and regulations	4.7	9.8	9.9	9.0

17.16 District courts, criminal cases settled by public prosecutors' office (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	61.5	78.6	76.1	77.9
Drugs act	0.7	3.6	3.3	3.5
Road traffic act	15.0	12.4	11.5	12.7
Penal Code	23.1	37.8	40.1	43.7
violent offences	4.7	8.3	9.2	10.1
crimes against property	10.4	15.7	16.6	18.3
vandalism and public order	6.5	11.0	11.5	12.5
other offences under Penal Code	1.5	2.8	2.7	2.8
Economic offences act	17.5	20.2	16.8	13.4
Weapons and munitions act	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.2
Other acts/unknown	3.5	2.2	2.0	2.4

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17.17 District courts, criminal cases: conviction by judge at first instance (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	105.4	126.2	124.4	124.5
Drugs act	6.3	9.0	8.5	8.9
Road traffic act	24.4	27.8	27.9	29.1
Penal Code	66.4	80.0	78.1	76.7
violent offences	16.9	24.2	24.4	24.5
crimes against property	35.9	37.7	34.9	33.9
vandalism and public order	11.6	14.8	15.3	15.0
other offences under Penal Code	2.0	3.3	3.5	3.3
Economic offences act	4.6	5.5	6.3	6.2
Weapons and munitions act	1.8	2.2	2.1	2.0
Other acts/unknown	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.5

17.18 Penalties imposed by judge at first instance in criminal cases tried at district courts (x 1,000)

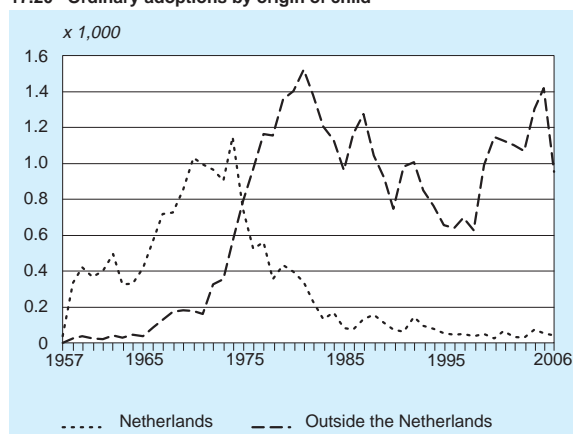
	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total (incl. unknown)	155.3	188.7	185.5	185.0
Main penalty	120.9	144.5	142.6	141.4
of which:				
fine	51.3	54.8	54.4	54.7
prison sentence	44.6	48.4	43.9	40.0
youth detention	4.0	6.0	5.6	4.6
community service	20.8	35.1	38.4	41.8
Secondary penalties	19.7	22.4	21.6	22.6
of which: driving licence suspended	16.7		18.3	18.4
Measures	13.8	18.4	20.6	20.2

17.19 Adopted children by age at application for adoption

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	1,299	1,633	1,720	1,216
Adoption granted by court,				
incl. age unknown	989	1,368	1,451	985
0 to 3 yrs	533	830	1,037	638
3 to 5 yrs	191	297	214	158
5 to 7 yrs	107	83	82	71
7 to 10 yrs	73	46	47	45
10 yrs and older	85	112	71	73
Adoption under The Hague Treaty	310	265	269	231

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17.20 Ordinary adoptions by origin of child



17.21 Children placed in custody and under guardianship (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Placed in custody				
Placed in custody during the year	5.5	6.7	7.7	8.3
Removed from custody during the year	5.2	5.6	5.9	6.0
In custody on 31 December	21.0	22.2	24.0	26.4
Guardianship				
Placed under guardianship during the year	7.4	1.4	1.3	1.3
Removed from guardianship during the year	4.5	3.7	2.5	1.9
Under guardianship on 31 December of whom:	16.7	9.7	8.3	6.9
underage asylumseekers	11.8	4.5	3.3	2.5

17.22 Pronounced bankruptcies by legal form

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	4,498	10,082	9,179	7,950
Natural persons (incl. business partners and estates)	919	3,302	3,238	3,348
Other legal forms	3,579	6,780	5,941	4,602
one-man businesses	958	1,697	1,713	1,013
public limited companies	12	14	7	6
private companies	2,272	4,420	3,638	3,183
partnerships	187	420	304	181
other	150	229	279	219

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17.23 Pronounced bankruptcies of companies and institutions by industrial activity

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total (incl. unknown)	3,579	6,780	5,941	4,602
Agriculture, forestry, fishery	57	138	141	84
Manufacturing and mineral extraction	428	658	505	464
Construction	531	897	766	617
Consumer repairs and trade	964	1,595	1,421	1,165
Hotels, restaurants, etc.	195	420	540	299
Transport, storage and communication	254	469	396	240
Financial institutions	204	744	569	447
Rental and business services	724	1,456	1,251	1,003
Education	29	50	41	34
Health care and welfare	27	67	52	76
Culture, recreation; other services	140	220	214	174

17.24 Personal debt management plans under the Debt repayment act, by age of debtor

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	8,666	14,666	14,933	14,866
of which:				
one-man businesses	1,187	2,177	2,160	1,943
24 yrs or younger	521	843	724	665
25 to 35 yrs	2,890	4,109	3,924	3,562
35 to 45 yrs	2,871	4,811	4,919	4,907
45 to 55 yrs	1,686	3,189	3,429	3,681
55 to 65 yrs	569	1,405	1,560	1,643
65 yrs or older	120	307	367	400
Unknown	9	2	10	8

17.25 Personal debt management plans under the Debt repayment act, by size of municipality (per 100,000 inhabitants)

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total	55	90	91	91
Fewer than 20,000 inhabitants	27	53	50	55
20,000 to 50,000 inhabitants	53	70	71	72
50,000 to 100,000 inhabitants	79	114	114	114
100,000 to 150,000 inhabitants	81	123	116	113
150,000 to 250,000 inhabitants	57	118	127	133
250,000 inhabitants or more	55	112	124	105

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17.26 Civil cases disposed by the courts (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Sub-district courts				
summonses	235.4	382.3	398.3	388.4
petitions	129.1	206.2	213.4	219.0
family cases	89.7	135.3	146.0	160.5
guardianship/parental authority	23.2	32.4	34.1	37.4
supervision orders for adults	9.9	14.0	16.0	17.5
other family cases	56.6	88.9	95.9	105.6
non-family cases	39.4	70.9	67.5	58.6
of which:				
concerning dismissal from employment	31.1	68.2	64.6	53.2
District courts, civil law cases				
summonses	30.2	34.6	32.7	31.3
of which:				
summary proceedings	9.2	8.1	8.2	8.0
petitions	100.5	135.2	140.2	143.7
of which:				
divorce	35.8	32.2	32.6	32.5
Courts of appeal				
summonses	3.2	4.3	4.7	4.7
petitions	3.1	4.5	5.4	6.0
Supreme court				
summonses	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
petitions	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2

17.27 Administrative cases disposed by administrative law bodies (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
District courts (administrative law)				
(excl. immigration cases)	29.1	35.4	40.1	49.2
public servants	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.4
tax cases			3.1	13.1
income support	3.8	4.0	5.4	6.8
construction	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.5
social insurance	12.2	16.2	16.1	14.6
other and unknown	7.5	9.7	9.5	8.9
Central Board of Appeal	4.7	5.7	6.0	6.3
of which:				
social insurance	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.9
Courts of appeal (taxes)	8.8	10.1	8.3	3.4
Supreme Court (taxes)	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.0
Court of Appeal for business and industry	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.8
Council of State				
appeals special laws	3.4	2.4	2.2	2.0
appeals general adm. law	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.2
appeals Immigration act		5.3	5.7	4.9

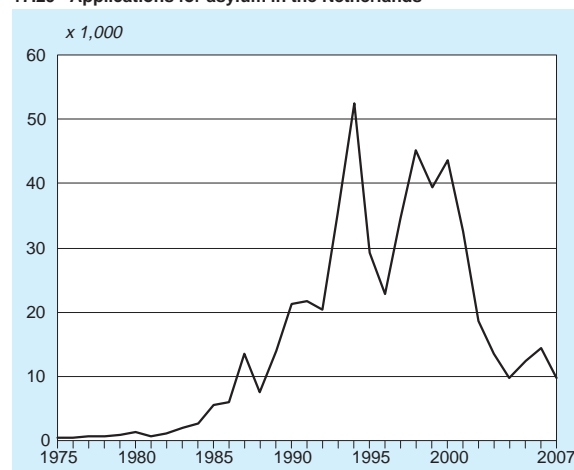
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17.28 Asylum granted (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Applications submitted	43.6	9.8	12.4	14.5
Requests granted	9.7	10.2	17.9	14.4
Under former Immigration act				
A-status refugee	1.8			
residence permit	4.8			
provisional residence permit	3.1			
Under Immigration Act 2000				
residence permit for asylum				
fixed period		6.1	11.1	7.1
indeterminate period		4.1	6.8	7.4

Source: Ministry of Justice.

17.29 Applications for asylum in the Netherlands



17.30 Foreigners leaving the Netherlands without entitlement to (continued) residence, by continent of origin (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
After period of asylum	16.6	14.9	12.5	10.2
of whom from:				
Africa	3.7	6.4	5.0	3.6
Asia	4.7	3.9	3.8	4.1
Europe	7.7	3.3	2.6	1.6
After period of legal residence	32.5	27.0	32.4	30.1
of whom from:				
Africa	7.4	6.8	8.4	7.3
Asia	4.4	4.3	4.9	5.6
Europe	18.0	13.3	14.2	12.7

Source: Ministry of Justice.

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17.31 National ombudsman; contacts and petitions (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Cases reported	10.0	13.0	13.5	16.6
petitions received	8.2	11.2	11.9	14.6
written complaints under investigation, 1 January	1.7	1.8	1.6	2.0
Cases completed	8.2	11.3	11.5	14.9
investigated and closed	3.1	3.0	3.1	5.4
not investigated				
case not admissible	3.4	6.6	6.6	7.8
case not in domain of Ombudsman	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Telephone contacts	12.3	21.6	24.4	26.7

17.32 Reports to municipal fire services by type (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	138.2	141.8	143.7	158.5
Fire alarms				
fires	46.0	43.0	43.2	49.8
of which:				
indoors	13.9	13.0	13.1	14.3
false alarms	45.7	53.4	58.2	63.1
of which:				
via fire alarm systems	34.0	42.6	47.8	52.8
Requests for assistance				
buildings	15.0	16.1	15.3	17.3
other than buildings	24.4	24.1	21.6	22.7
false alarms	7.1	5.2	5.3	5.7

17.33 Fires by cause (excl. chimney fires) (%)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Indoor fires				
arson	18.1	14.4	11.4	11.7
faulty appliance/wrong use	27.5	25.4	24.6	23.6
smoking	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.0
others, unknown	50.8	57.0	60.7	61.7
Outdoor fires				
arson	29.9	28.7	28.9	27.7
vandalism	25.8	18.9	19.0	17.0
others, unknown	44.3	52.4	52.1	55.3

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17.34 Fire damage by object (excl. chimney fires) (mln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total	721	940	732	705
Indoor fires	656	830	634	627
of which:				
assembly buildings	185	124	77	102
factories, farm buildings	298	456	332	325
office buildings	12	16	6	12
residential buildings	89	125	143	119
Outdoor fires	66	110	98	77
of which:				
cars	41	47	62	46
ships	4	9	1	2
industrial buildings	3	13	3	2

17.35 Government expenditure on justice and security (mln euro)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Municipalities	710	1,117	1,209	1,292*
police	42			
fire and emergency services	595	846	907	954*
other protection measures	73	270	302	338*
Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom relations (police and fire services)	3,296	4,607	4,585	4,771
Ministry of Defence (military police)	250	367	352	366
Ministry of Justice	3,982	5,543	5,578	5,709
general costs	154	189	236	210
law enforcement	129	602	594	636
immigration and asylumseekers	1,031	1,478	1,351	1,346
prevention, child protection, probation	576	455	382	380
prison/detention facilities	931	1,552	1,673	1,751
legislation, administration of justice, legal aid	1,120	1,199	1,260	1,303
Collector's department	41	69	82	84
Police regions	2,607	3,359	3,468	3,733
Government building department	265	428	356	375*

18. Trade, hotels and restaurants

Retail turnover continues to grow

Dutch retail turnover was 3.7 percent higher in 2007 than in 2006. This is the second year in succession that turnover has risen, although the increase is smaller than the 5.3 percent of 2006. A larger volume of sales, in particular, accounted for the growth in 2007. Sales were 2.4 percent higher than in the previous year, while prices rose by 1.3 percent. Mail order companies and on-line retailers realised the largest growth rate, increasing their turnover by nearly 10 percent in 2007.

Supermarkets account for growth in food turnover

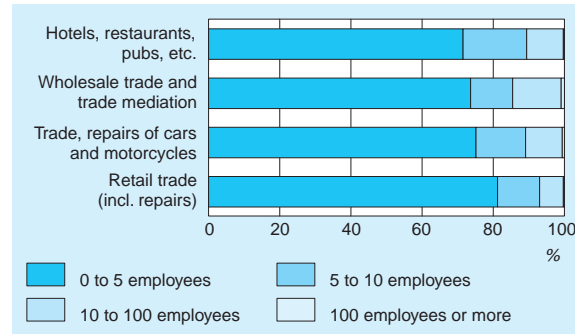
Turnover grew by 3.7 percent in both the food and non-food sectors in 2007. In the food sector, supermarkets accounted for almost all of the increase. Their turnover was just over 4 percent higher than in the previous year. Turnover in specialist food shops remained at about the same level. In the non-food sector, shops selling clothes and consumer electronics realised the largest increase in turnover. Both branches realised around 5 percent more turnover than in 2006. In other branches, too, turnover increased or remained about the same as in the previous year. Turnover growth in non-food levelled off in the last few months of 2007.

Hotels and restaurants continue substantial growth.

Hotel and restaurant turnover increased substantially again in 2007. It grew by 5 percent, just as in 2006. The volume of turnover was nearly 2 percent up, while prices rose by 3.3 percent. Hotels realised the largest increase in turnover. Business was down in pubs and cafés on the other hand: sales were 1.5 percent down, but as prices were 3.5 percent higher, they did manage a modest increase in turnover of 1.8 percent in 2007. Turnover growth slowed down considerably in the last two quarters of 2007. Cafeterias in particular suffered a setback. After a turnover increase of 11 percent in the first two quarters of 2007, turnover grew by only 1 percent in the second half of the year.

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18.1 Companies in trade, hotels and restaurants by company size, 1 January 2007*



18.2 Labour volume in trade, hotels and restaurants (1,000 fte's)

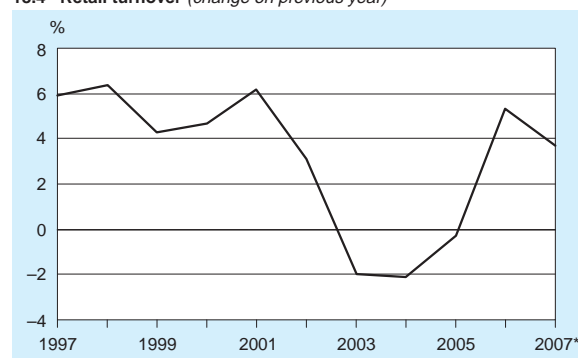
	2000	2004	2005*	2006*
Total	1,264	1,238	1,227	1,246
Retail trade (incl. repairs)	480	484	482	489
Wholesale trade	447	428	421	429
Trade, repairs of cars and motorcycles	135	133	132	132
Hotels, restaurants, pubs etc.	201	193	192	196

18.3 Employees in trade, hotels and restaurants

	2000		2006*	
	total	of whom: women	total	of whom: women
	x 1,000	%	x 1,000	%
Total	1,669	46	1,689	45
Retail trade (incl. repairs)	721	61	744	58
Wholesale trade	499	29	485	30
Trade, repairs of cars and motor cycles	152	18	156	20
Hotels, restaurants, pubs etc.	297	51	304	51

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18.4 Retail turnover (change on previous year)



18.5 Retail turnover, excl. pharmacists and repair companies (% change on previous year)

	2001	2005	2006	2007*
Total turnover	6.2	-0.3	5.3	3.7
price	4.5	-0.9	0.8	1.3
volume	1.6	0.7	4.5	2.4
Shop turnover	5.9	-0.2	5.3	3.8
price	4.5	-0.9	0.8	1.3
volume	1.4	0.7	4.5	2.5
food, drink and tobacco turnover	6.6	-0.5	3.7	3.7
price	6.7	-0.6	1.3	1.3
volume	-0.1	0.1	2.3	2.3
non-food turnover	5.5	-0.1	6.2	3.7
price	3.2	-1.1	0.4	1.3
volume	2.3	1.1	5.8	2.4
Non-shop turnover	13.1	-1.3	6.7	4.0

18.6 Turnover in food shops (% change on previous year)

	2001	2005	2006	2007*
Total	6.6	-0.5	3.7	3.7
Supermarkets etc.	7.3	-0.4	4.0	4.4
Specialist shops selling food, drink and tobacco	3.4	-0.7	2.2	0.3
potatoes, vegetables and fruit	-1.9	-1.5	7.6	-1.5
drink	6.8	-4.6	-2.8	-0.7
tobacco	2.9	.	.	.
fish	1.2	-0.6	.	.
meat, game and poultry	3.9	-2.3	-0.1	-3.3
other specialist food shops	3.3	.	.	.

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18.7 Retail turnover in non-food sector (% change on previous year)

	2001	2005	2006	2007*
Total	5.5	-0.1	6.2	3.7
of which:				
do-it-yourself stores	7.2	-0.6	6.7	1.7
of which:				
builder's merchants	7.8	1.1	6.4	2.2
clothes	4.7	2.0	7.0	5.3
consumer electronics	5.8	-2.8	7.8	5.0
chemists	8.6	-2.5	2.4	0.4
household items	3.7	-4.5	.	.
furniture/home decoration	6.0	-0.2	7.9	2.8
textile supermarkets	2.7	0.7	3.7	0.3

18.8 Non-shop retail turnover (% change on previous year)

	2001	2005	2006	2007*
Total	13.1	-1.3	6.7	4.0
Market and street trade	.	-5.8	1.7	.
Mail order and Internet	22.4	4.1	12.2	10.0

18.9 Turnover in car and motorcycle trade and repairs (% change on previous year)

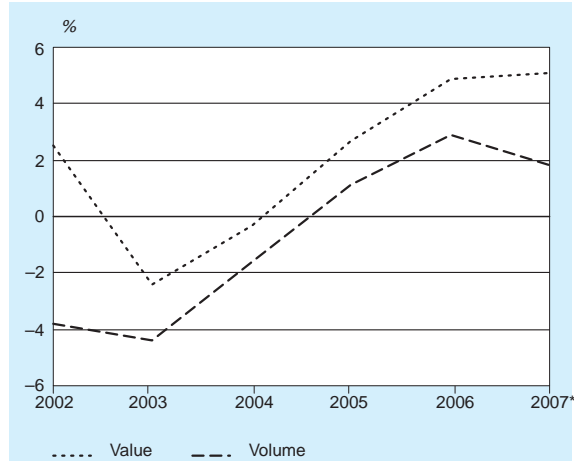
	2004	2005	2006	2007*
Car service garages	0.8	2.5	4.3	3.9
Petrol services stations	5.5	10.5	6.9	2.9
Trade in and repairs of commercial vehicles	0.9	3.7	17.5	8.9
Trade in and repairs of motorcycles	-0.6	-3.9	1.4	0.5
Trade in and repairs of cars	-0.7	-1.8	3.4	3.4
Car importers	-0.6	0.6	5.7	3.4

18.10 Turnover, prices and volume of petrol service stations (% change on previous year)

	2004	2005	2006	2007*
Turnover	5.5	10.5	6.9	2.9
price	8.3	9.1	4.3	2.8
volume	-2.6	1.3	2.4	0.1

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18.11 Turnover in hotel and restaurant sector (change on previous year)



18.12 Turnover, prices and volume in hotel and restaurant sector (% change on previous year)

	2001	2005	2006	2007*
Turnover				
Hotels, eating places, pubs, cafés	4.1	2.7	4.9	5.1
pubs, bars etc.	4.8	2.3	3.8	1.8
cafés, cafeterias, lunchrooms, snack bars	3.5	1.3	3.7	5.8
hotels, boarding houses, conference venues	2.8	3.2	6.1	6.9
restaurants	4.5	3.6	5.6	5.6
Prices				
Hotels, eating places, pubs, cafés	6.4	1.7	2.0	3.3
of which:				
pubs, bars etc.	7.9	2.0	2.0	3.5
cafés, cafeterias, lunchrooms, snack bars	5.5	1.9	1.9	3.9
restaurants	5.0	1.9	1.9	2.7
Volume				
Hotels, eating places, pubs, cafés	-2.2	1.1	2.9	1.8
of which:				
pubs, bars etc.	-2.9	0.3	1.8	-1.6
cafés, cafeterias, lunchrooms, snack bars	-1.9	-0.5	1.8	1.8
restaurants	-0.4	1.7	3.6	2.8

19. Traffic and transport

Cars cover nearly 14 thousand kilometres in 2006

The total yearly number of car kilometres continues to increase. An average car registered in the Netherlands covered nearly 14 thousand kilometres in 2006, 5 percent more than in 2000. Company cars in particular clock up large distances. Just over one in ten cars on Dutch roads are registered with a company. In 2006 these cars covered an average 26 thousand kilometres, 14 percent more than in 2000. Private cars drove substantially less, around 12 thousand kilometres on average.

Number of vintage cars doubled since 2000

Nearly 323 thousand motor vehicles in the Netherlands were older than 25 years on 1 January 2007, twice as many as in 2000. Just over six in ten of these vintage vehicles are cars. From 1 January 2000, the number of cars aged 25 years or older rose by 68 percent, to more than 204 thousand. The number of vintage commercial vehicles – vans, trucks, tractors, special vehicles and buses – more than doubled in the same period, to nearly 24 thousand. The largest increase was for vintage motorcycles. In the space of seven years the number tripled to over 95 thousand.

Sharp increase in passengers at regional airports

The number of passengers passing through Dutch airports continues to increase. It rose by one fifth to nearly 49 million from 2000 to 2006. Schiphol airport accounted for 46 million of these, 19 percent more than in 2000.

The strongest increase was reported by Eindhoven Airport. In 2006 nearly 1.2 million passengers departed from and arrived at this airport, nearly three and a half times the number in 2000. For the first time Eindhoven surpassed Rotterdam Airport, the largest regional airport up to then. A total of around 2.6 million passengers passed through regional airports in 2006, an increase of 74 percent on 2000.

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19.1 Infrastructure; 1 January (length in kilometres)

	2001	2005	2006	2007
Road network	130,446	134,218	134,948	135,470
municipal and water board roads	117,669	121,297	121,999	122,559
provincial trunk roads	7,885	7,743	7,745	7,899
national trunk roads	4,892	5,178	5,204	5,012
of which:				
dual carriageway	2,499	2,600	2,604	2,582
Waterways	.	6,183	6,211	6,215
of which:				
canals	.	2,689	2,688	2,686
rivers, canalised	.	822	823	823
lake areas	.	801	801	795
shipping channels	.	696	698	680
rivers	.	587	590	590
channels in ports	.	425	434	438
Railway network	2,806	2,810	2,797	2,801
single track	930	918	902	904
double track or more	1,876	1,892	1,895	1,897

Source: Rijkswaterstaat, Land Registry, ProRail.

19.2 Means of transport, 1 January

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Motor vehicles (x 1,000)	7,641	8,627	8,716	8,863
commercial vehicles	884	1,098	1,071	1,065
buses	11	11	11	11
delivery vans	696	894	863	849
special vehicles	36	51	55	58
tractors	57	65	66	71
heavy goods vehicles	83	78	76	76
motorcycles	414	537	553	568
cars	6,343	6,992	7,092	7,230
Trains				
passenger trains (abs.)	2,742	2,809	2,829	2,886
seats (x 1,000)	202	204	205	214
Air fleet (abs.)	2,384	2,635	2,621	2,638
hot air balloons	359	438	430	438
helicopters	58	76	81	85
winged aircraft	1,967	2,121	2,110	2,115
turboprop engines	107	108	83	79
jet engines	172	223	222	226
ultra light planes	307	393	386	385
piston engines	669	669	680	687
gliders	712	728	739	738

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19.3 Motor vehicles by age, 1 January (x 1,000)

	2000		2007	
	0 to 25 yrs	25 yrs or older	0 to 25 yrs	25 yrs or older
Total	7,476.3	1,645.5	8,540.2	3,227.2
Commercial vehicles	873.2	10.5	1,041.3	23.5
buses	10.9	0.3	10.3	0.6
delivery vans	691.3	4.9	836.7	12.7
special vehicles	33.6	2.7	52.2	6.1
tractors	56.5	0.2	70.0	0.6
heavy goods vehicles	80.8	2.4	72.2	3.7
Motorcycles	381.1	32.9	472.8	95.1
Cars	6,222.1	121.1	7,026.1	204.1

Source: National Road Traffic Department (RDW)/Statistics Netherlands.

19.4 Cars by fuel type, 1 January

	2000	2005	2006	2007
Total (x 1,000)	6,343.2	6,992.0	7,092.3	7,230.2
Petrol	5,214.7	5,683.2	5,740.9	5,810.8
Diesel	797.6	1,068.6	1,117.0	1,184.3
LPG	330.9	238.4	229.7	227.3
Electricity (abs.)	40	1,669	4,612	7,680
CNG	-	38	85	107

Source: National Road Traffic Department (RDW)/Statistics Netherlands.

19.5 Average car kilometres per year

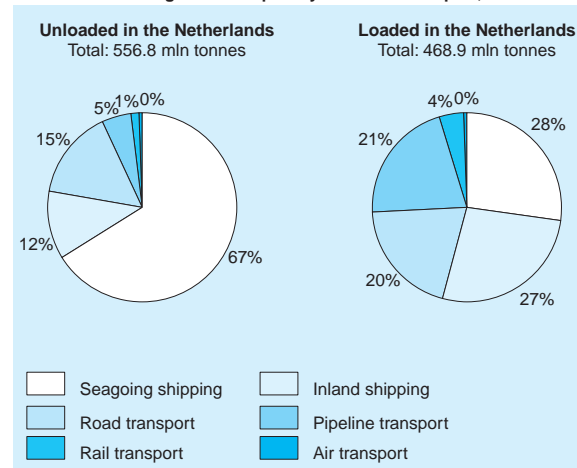
	2000*	2004*	2005*	2006*
Total	13,157	13,623	13,785	13,840
Fuel				
petrol	10,749	11,066	11,124	11,086
diesel	24,657	25,552	25,935	26,063
other fuels	21,174	19,635	19,480	19,374
Weight class (empty)				
less than 851 kg	8,061	7,914	7,948	7,868
851 to 1,151 kg	12,574	11,870	11,793	11,637
1,151 to 1,501 kg	19,477	18,649	18,426	18,187
1,501 kg or more	18,502	20,082	20,574	20,903
Registered in name of				
company	22,677	24,866	25,563	25,815
private person	11,928	12,219	12,284	12,284

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19.6 Traffic; movements and passengers (x 1,000)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Sea-going ships entering and leaving Dutch ports	85.3	88.7	87.8	89.8
of which:				
Amsterdam	8.6	8.1	8.1	9.5
Delfzijl and Eemshaven	2.0	1.6	1.9	1.8
Ijmuiden	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.4
Moerdijk	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.7
Rotterdam	51.8	55.1	54.1	53.9
Scheveningen	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.1
Terneuzen	3.4	4.2	4.3	3.9
Vlissingen	5.8	7.9	7.5	8.0
Flight movements (excl. reconnaissance flights)	601	555	559	586
Amsterdam Schiphol	429	415	417	436
Eindhoven	20	15	15	15
Groningen	12	13	14	14
Maastricht	25	14	12	17
Rotterdam	44	33	33	34
other airports	71	65	68	70
Air passengers	40,769	44,576	46,488	48,597
Amsterdam Schiphol	39,271	42,425	44,078	45,989
Eindhoven	341	706	973	1,171
Groningen	78	119	123	129
Maastricht	383	228	304	270
Rotterdam	697	1,097	1,011	1,038
Traffic intensity outside built-up area (2000=100)				
motorways	100	107	108	.
provincial trunk roads	100	104	103	.

19.7 International goods transport by means of transport, 2006



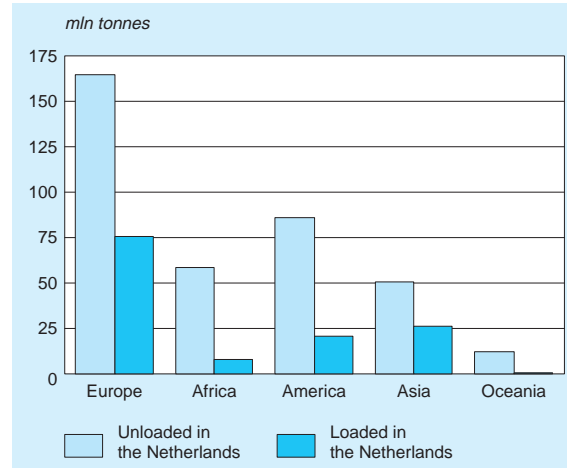
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19.8 Goods transport (mln tonnes)

	2000	2004	2005	2006
Total goods transport	1,511.6	1,695.0	1,708.2	1,760.7
seagoing shipping	424.5	463.8	486.7	504.7
inland shipping	315.1	328.2	324.3	330.8
of which:				
passage through Dutch territory	39.9	43.4	45.1	43.3
road transport	638.8	737.9	740.7	753.5
of which:				
cabotage				
by Dutch companies	22.3	33.3	31.7	28.9
rail transport	28.1	30.4	29.3	30.5
air transport	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.6
pipeline transport	104.0	133.3	125.6	139.6
Domestic goods transport	572.0	636.3	639.7	648.3
inland shipping	102.0	99.2	95.0	97.5
road transport	464.7	531.7	539.1	545.4
rail transport	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.4
International bilateral transport	877.5	982.0	991.7	1,040.2
seagoing shipping	424.5	463.8	486.7	504.7
inland shipping	173.2	185.5	184.2	190.0
road transport	151.7	172.9	169.9	179.2
rail transport	22.8	24.9	23.8	25.1
air transport	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.6
pipeline transport	104.0	133.3	125.6	139.6
Unloaded in the Netherlands	470.5	525.8	538.0	562.2
seagoing shipping	325.1	351.1	364.2	373.3
inland shipping	50.3	60.1	60.8	64.4
road transport	74.0	83.2	80.5	85.7
rail transport	7.7	6.0	6.0	5.5
air transport	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
pipeline transport	12.8	24.7	25.6	32.4
Loaded in the Netherlands	407.0	456.2	455.9	478.0
seagoing shipping	99.4	112.8	122.5	131.4
inland shipping	122.8	125.4	123.4	125.6
road transport	77.8	89.8	89.4	93.5
rail transport	15.1	18.9	17.8	19.6
air transport	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
pipeline transport	91.2	108.6	100.0	107.2

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19.9 Goods transport by seagoing shipping, 2006



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