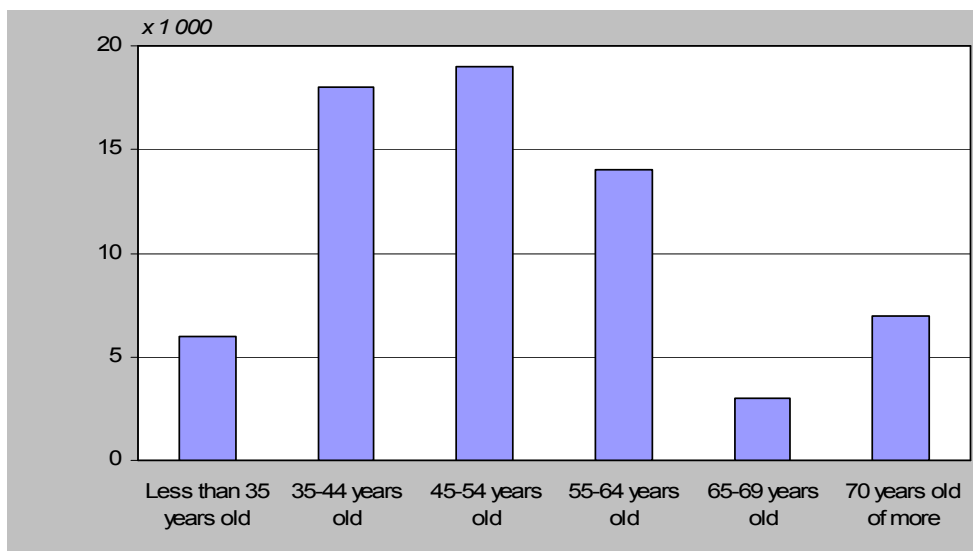


2 Results

On 31 December 2007, 67 thousand people in the Netherlands had a doctorate¹. More than half of the doctorate holders (36 thousand) were between 35 and 54 years old. One in ten doctorate holders were 70 years or older (7 thousand).

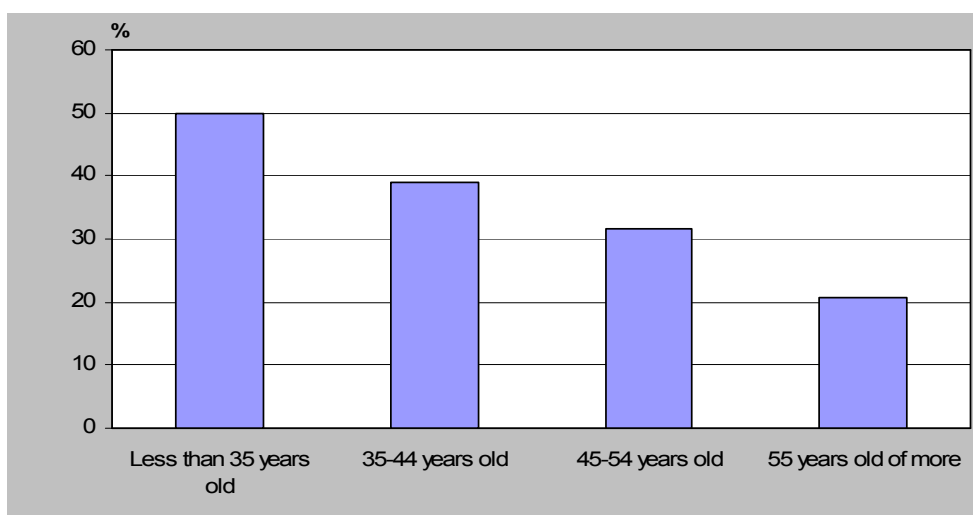
Figure 2. Doctorate holders by age class, 31 December 2007



More female doctorate holders

On average, one third of doctorate holders in the Netherlands are women. However, there is a clear age effect: one in two doctorate holders younger than 35 years are women compared with only one in five of those aged 55 and older.

Figure 3. Percentage of female doctorate holders by age class, ultimo 2007



¹ The results are not comparable with the results in "Careers of Doctorate Holders 2005". See chapter 3 section "Quality of the results" for an explanation.