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## ***Unemployment among people with non-western background further up in 2010***

- Unemployment among people with non-western background increased at the same rate as among native Dutch
- Increase unemployment among non-western women more substantial than among non-western men
- 23 percent of young people with non-western background unemployed
- Unemployment rates in the Netherlands high among Moroccans and people from the Middle East

Proportionally, the unemployment increase among people with a non-western background was the same in 2010 as in the native Dutch population. According to the latest figures released by Statistics Netherlands, 12.6 percent of people with a non-western background were unemployed in 2010 versus 4.5 percent of native Dutch. The corresponding figures for 2009 were 10.9 and 3.9 percent respectively.

Although unemployment in the Netherlands was reduced over the last ten months of 2010, the average unemployment figures for native Dutch and people with a non-western background were higher in 2010 than in 2009. Last year, 95 thousand people with a non-western background and more than 280 thousand native Dutch were unemployed.

In total, 12.3 percent of non-western men were unemployed in 2010, as against 11.2 percent in 2009. The unemployment rate for non-western women increased from 10.5 percent in 2009 to 13.0 percent in 2010. When the economic crisis began, men were hit hard by unemployment, but the growth slowed down last year, whereas unemployment among non-western women living in the Netherlands increased.

In 2010, youth unemployment in the non-western population in the Netherlands was 23 percent. Relative to 2009, the unemployment rate has risen, but the number of non-western, unemployed youths has remained stable. The increase is entirely attributable to the reduction of young people with a non-western background entering the labour market, for example, because they stay in school longer. The same picture emerges, if we look at young native Dutch. The number of young native Dutch unemployed was the same as one year ago, although the unemployment rate in this category rose marginally.

Just like in the preceding years, Moroccans had the highest and Surinamese the lowest unemployment rate in the four largest non-western population groups in the Netherlands, i.e. 14.6 and 10.3 percent respectively. Unemployment rose sharply in 2010 among Moroccans and other non-

westerners. The latter group is mainly comprised of people from the Middle East.

**Table 1. Unemployed labour force by ethnic background and age**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<i>x 1,000</i>										
<b>Native Dutch</b>										
15 to 25 yrs	47	56	67	79	71	59	58	49	66	66
25 to 45 yrs	78	94	125	146	140	106	82	70	94	107
45 to 65 yrs	47	56	72	92	104	100	91	76	86	109
Total	172	206	265	317	315	266	231	195	246	282
<b>Western background</b>										
15 to 25 yrs	6	7	8	11	9	7	7	8	8	8
25 to 45 yrs	15	19	24	28	28	21	17	16	21	22
45 to 65 yrs	9	11	14	15	18	18	16	13	16	17
Total	30	36	45	54	54	47	39	36	45	47
<b>Non-western background</b>										
15 to 25 yrs	15	15	21	26	29	22	17	19	25	25
25 to 45 yrs	27	36	52	60	67	57	40	34	44	51
45 to 65 yrs	7	8	12	18	17	17	16	15	16	19
Total	49	59	86	104	112	97	73	68	85	95
<b>Total</b>										
15 to 25 yrs	68	79	96	116	108	88	82	76	99	100
25 to 45 yrs	121	149	202	234	235	186	139	120	159	181
45 to 65 yrs	63	75	98	125	139	136	123	104	119	145
Total	252	302	396	476	482	410	344	300	377	426
<i>% labour force</i>										
<b>Native Dutch</b>										
15 to 25 yrs	6.2	7.4	9.1	11.2	10.3	8.6	8.1	6.7	9.2	9.6
25 to 45 yrs	2.4	2.8	3.8	4.5	4.4	3.4	2.6	2.3	3.1	3.6
45 to 65 yrs	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.3	4.7	4.4	3.8	3.1	3.4	4.2
Total	2.9	3.4	4.4	5.2	5.2	4.3	3.7	3.1	3.9	4.5
<b>Western background</b>										
15 to 25 yrs	9.7	10.6	11.7	16.6	13.8	11.6	11.0	12.2	13.3	13.6
25 to 45 yrs	4.2	5.3	6.6	7.7	7.5	5.9	4.7	4.3	5.6	6.1
45 to 65 yrs	4.1	4.4	5.5	6.0	6.9	6.9	5.7	4.3	5.3	5.6
Total	4.7	5.5	6.7	7.9	7.9	6.8	5.7	5.0	6.1	6.5
<b>Non-western background</b>										
15 to 25 yrs	14.7	15.7	20.8	23.8	26.3	21.8	15.1	16.5	20.3	23.0
25 to 45 yrs	7.5	9.3	12.9	14.3	15.1	13.3	9.0	7.1	9.4	11.4
45 to 65 yrs	6.4	6.4	10.5	14.2	12.5	11.6	10.2	8.7	8.7	9.4
Total	8.5	9.8	13.8	15.9	16.4	14.2	10.2	8.9	10.9	12.6
<b>Total</b>										
15 to 25 yrs	7.4	8.5	10.6	13.2	12.6	10.4	9.2	8.4	11.0	11.6
25 to 45 yrs	3.0	3.7	5.0	5.8	5.9	4.7	3.5	3.0	4.1	4.7
45 to 65 yrs	2.8	3.2	4.0	5.0	5.3	5.0	4.3	3.5	3.9	4.6
Total	3.5	4.1	5.4	6.4	6.5	5.5	4.5	3.8	4.8	5.4

**Source: Statistics Netherlands**

**Table 2. Unemployed labour force by ethnic background and gender**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<i>x 1,000</i>										
<b>Native Dutch</b>										
Men	67	95	129	157	147	117	99	89	124	142
Women	104	111	135	160	168	149	132	106	122	141
Total	172	206	265	317	315	266	231	195	246	282
<b>Western background</b>										
Men	13	18	24	27	26	22	17	17	23	23
Women	17	18	22	27	28	25	23	19	22	24
Total	30	36	45	54	54	47	39	36	45	47
<b>Non-western background</b>										
Men	28	33	53	62	63	52	38	36	50	53
Women	21	26	32	41	49	45	35	32	35	42
Total	49	59	86	104	112	97	73	68	85	95
<i>% labour force</i>										
<b>Native Dutch</b>										
Men	1.9	2.7	3.6	4.4	4.2	3.3	2.8	2.5	3.5	4.0
Women	4.4	4.5	5.4	6.3	6.6	5.7	4.9	3.9	4.4	5.0
Total	2.9	3.4	4.4	5.2	5.2	4.3	3.7	3.1	3.9	4.5
<b>Western background</b>										
Men	3.5	4.8	6.2	7.2	6.9	5.9	4.5	4.5	5.9	6.1
Women	6.3	6.4	7.5	8.8	9.0	7.8	7.1	5.6	6.4	7.0
Total	4.7	5.5	6.7	7.9	7.9	6.8	5.7	5.0	6.1	6.5
<b>Non-western background</b>										
Men	8.1	9.0	14.1	16.0	15.5	12.8	9.3	8.1	11.2	12.3
Women	9.3	10.9	13.2	15.7	17.7	16.2	11.5	10.0	10.5	13.0
Total	8.5	9.8	13.8	15.9	16.4	14.2	10.2	8.9	10.9	12.6

**Source: Statistics Netherlands**

**Table 3. Unemployment among 15 to 65-year-olds by ethnic background**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<i>% labour force</i>										
Total	3.5	4.1	5.4	6.4	6.5	5.5	4.5	3.8	4.8	5.4
Native Dutch	2.9	3.4	4.4	5.2	5.2	4.3	3.7	3.1	3.9	4.5
Western background	4.7	5.5	6.7	7.9	7.9	6.8	5.7	5.0	6.1	6.5
Non-western background	8.5	9.8	13.8	15.9	16.4	14.2	10.2	8.9	10.9	12.6
among whom:										
Turks	7.7	9.4	13.1	15.4	14.8	14.2	9.1	8.1	10.0	11.3
Moroccans	8.9	10.0	17.9	19.3	18.8	15.9	11.1	10.0	12.1	14.6
Surinamese	7.0	7.0	9.6	12.1	13.7	10.6	7.9	6.4	10.0	10.4
Antilleans/Arubans	9.3	10.3	14.4	15.6	15.7	14.8	10.0	9.4	10.8	12.5
Other non-western	9.9	11.9	15.2	17.6	18.4	15.9	12.3	10.6	11.5	13.8

**Source: Statistics Netherlands**