



# Netherlands

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## Highlights

- GDP per capita in the Netherlands stood at US\$42,838 in 2011. Unemployment stood at 4.5%, compared with an OECD figure of 8%.
- The Dutch worked 1,379 hours in 2011, well below the OECD average of 1,776 hours.
- The employment rate of women stood at 69.9%, compared with almost 80% for men and OECD figures of 56.7% and 73% respectively.
- Renewable energy accounted for 4.3% of Dutch energy supply in 2011, up from 1.8% in 2001, while CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increased by 5% to 187 million tonnes.
- Development aid remains above the UN recommended target of 0.7% of GNI.
- Road fatalities at 36 per million inhabitants are low for OECD countries, which average 70.

ECONOMY	2001	2011 <sup>3</sup>	GLOBALISATION	2001	2011 <sup>3</sup>
Gross domestic product (US\$ bln, PPPs)	493.8	715.0	Imports of goods and services (% of GDP)	61.5	74.1
GDP per capita (US\$)	30 783	42 838	Exports of goods and services (% of GDP)	67.3	83.0
Real GDP growth (annual %)	1.9	1.2	Net official development assistance (% of GNI)	..	0.75
Household disposable income (annual growth %)	5.6	-0.1 <sup>2</sup>	Foreign-born population (% of population)	..	11.2 <sup>2</sup>
Budget balance (% of GDP)	-0.3	-4.4	Migration for work (% of total migration)	..	10.9 <sup>2</sup>
Public debt (% of GDP)	59.4	75.9	Outward FDI stocks (US\$ bln)	..	979
Current account balance (% of GDP)	2.6	8.5	Inward FDI stocks (US\$ bln)	..	582
Inflation rate: all items (annual %)	4.2	2.3			
Unit labour cost (annual growth %)	4.7	..	<b>SOCIETY</b>		
Long-term interest rates (%)	4.96	2.99	Population (thousands)	16 046	16 615 <sup>2</sup>
Public expenditure on health (% of GDP)	5.2	..	Life expectancy at birth (years)	78.3	80.8 <sup>2</sup>
Private expenditure on health (% of GDP)	3.1	..	Population, 65 and over (% of population)	13.6	15.6
Public expenditure on education (% of GDP)	..	5.3 <sup>4</sup>	Employment rates: men (%)	81.6	79.8
Private expenditure on education (% of GDP)	..	0.9 <sup>4</sup>	Employment rates: women (%)	63.4	69.9
			Self-employment rates (% of employed)	9.7	11.5
<b>NEW SOURCES OF GROWTH</b>			Unemployment rates (%)	2.6	4.5
Renewable energy (% of energy supply)	1.8	4.3	Long-term unemployment (% of unemployed)	..	33.6
Primary energy supply (Mtoe)	75.6	77.5	Income inequality, rank out of 34 (1: least unequal)	..	14 <sup>1</sup>
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from fuel combustion (mln tonnes)	178	187 <sup>2</sup>	Average hours actually worked (per year)	1 424	1 379
R&D expenditure (US\$ mln, 2005 prices, PPPs)	10 572	11 379 <sup>2</sup>	Taxes on average worker (all-in, % of labour cost)	37.4	37.8
Tertiary graduation rates (% of population)	..	32.4 <sup>2</sup>	Road fatalities (per mln inhabitants)	67	36 <sup>2</sup>
Households with internet access (%)	..	93.6			

1. Late 2000s data, based on Gini coefficient 2. 2010 data 3. Unless otherwise indicated 4. 2009 data