

Introduction

The Netherlands is a constituent country located in Western Europe and with territories in the Caribbean. It is bordered by Belgium and Germany. The Netherlands is mostly low-lying, located at the mouths of three major European rivers (Rhine, Meuse, and Schelde). The government system is a parliamentary constitutional monarchy; the chief of state is the king, and the head of government is the prime minister. The Netherlands has a mixed economic system which includes a variety of private freedom, combined with centralized economic planning and government regulation. Netherlands is a member of the European Union (EU).



Location: Western Europe

Capital City: Amsterdam (+1 GMT)

Chief of State: King Willem-Alexander

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Dick Schoof

Currency: Euro (EUR)

Major Languages: Dutch (official), Frisian (official in Friesland province)

Primary Religions: Roman Catholic 20.1%, Protestant 14.8% (includes Dutch Reformed, Protestant Church of The Netherlands, Calvinist), Muslim 5%, other 5.9% (includes Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish), none 54.1% (2019 est.)

Calling Code: 31

Voltage: 230

Key Websites

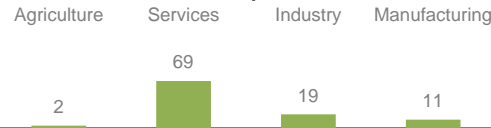
Main Government Page: government.nl

Investment Promotion Agency: investinholland.com

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	High Income
Level of Development:	Developed
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$1,231.74 billion (2022)
GDP growth (annual %):	4.48% (2022)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$69,577.40 (2022)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	10.96% (2022)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	\$43.59 billion (2022)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	10.00% (2022)
Labor force, total:	9,895,709 (2022)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	3.54% (2022)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$824.74 billion (2022)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$918.15 billion (2022)

GDP Composition %



**Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

Rankings

Index	Rank
Corruption Perceptions Index	8 / 178
EY Globalization Index	6 / 60
Global Competitiveness Index	4 / 141
Global Enabling Trade Index	2 / 136
Global Manufacturing Competitiveness Index (GMCI)	20 / 40
Global Services Location Index	47 / 60
Index of Economic Freedom	8 / 176
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	6 / 160
Inward FDI Potential Index	13 / 139
KOF Index of Globalization	1 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	6 / 139

Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

Country rating: A2 - The political and economic situation is good. A basically stable and efficient business environment nonetheless leaves room for improvement. Corporate default probability is low on average.

Business Climate rating: B - The business environment is mediocre. The availability and the reliability of corporate financial information vary widely. Debt collection can sometimes be difficult. The institutional framework has a few troublesome weaknesses. Intercompany transactions run appreciable risks in the unstable, largely inefficient environments rated B.

Strengths

- Focus on professional services, such as law or financial companies, and international trade, strong port activity (Rotterdam is Europe's No. 1 port and in the global Top 10)
- Diversified exports (in 2022, 49% of exports were goods, 39% services and 12% re-exports)
- Strong digitalisation
- High quality infrastructure and very good living standards
- Low level of public debt

Weaknesses

- Large exposure to the European economy (77% of all goods exports in 2023, representing 50% of nominal GDP), especially Germany (23% of all exports, 15% of nominal GDP)
- Relatively strong focus on polluting agriculture including livestock farming: nitrogen-emissions are still far higher than the EU targets
- Private household debt levels are relatively high, but decreasing rapidly (185% of disposable income in 2023)
- Ageing population, pension system under pressure

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