



# Netherlands



<b>Background</b>	The Dutch United Provinces declared their independence from Spain in 1581; during the 17th century, they became a leading seafaring and commercial power, with settlements and colonies around the world. After 18 years of French domination, the Netherlands regained its independence in 1813. In 1830, Belgium seceded and formed a separate kingdom.
<b>Capital</b>	name: Amsterdam; note - The Hague is the seat of government
<b>Government type</b>	parliamentary constitutional monarchy; part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
<b>Area</b>	total : 41,543 sq km land: 33,893 sq km water: 7,650 sq km
<b>Climate</b>	temperate; marine; cool summers and mild winters
<b>Natural resources</b>	natural gas, petroleum, peat, limestone, salt, sand and gravel, arable land
<b>Population</b>	total: 17,772,378 (2024 est.)
<b>Population growth rate</b>	0.39% (2024 est.)
<b>Ethnic groups</b>	Dutch 75.4%, EU (excluding Dutch) 6.4%, Turkish 2.4%, Moroccan 2.4%, Surinamese 2.1%, Indonesian 2%, other 9.3% (2021 est.)
<b>Religions</b>	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.)
<b>Languages</b>	Dutch (official), Frisian (official in Friesland province)
<b>Executive branch</b>	chief of state: King WILLEM-ALEXANDER (since 30 April 2013) head of government: Prime Minister Dick SCHOOF (since 2 July 2024)
<b>Diplomatic representation in the US</b>	chief of mission: Ambassador Birgitta TAZELAAR (since 15 September 2023)
<b>Diplomatic representation from the US</b>	chief of mission: Ambassador (vacant); Chargé d'Affaires Marcus MICHELI (since January 2025)
<b>Economic overview</b>	high-income, core EU- and eurozone-member economy; trade-oriented with strong services, logistics, and high tech sectors; exiting mild recession triggered by inflation and weak export demand; tight labor market; low deficits and manageable public debt; strong ratings for innovation, competitiveness, and business climate
<b>Real GDP (purchasing power parity)</b>	\$1.277 trillion (2023 est.) \$1.276 trillion (2022 est.) \$1.215 trillion (2021 est.)

<b>Real GDP per capita</b>	\$71,400 (2023 est.) \$72,100 (2022 est.) \$69,300 (2021 est.)
<b>Exports</b>	\$1.022 trillion (2023 est.) \$1.007 trillion (2022 est.) \$910.795 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Exports - partners</b>	Germany 16%, Belgium 15%, France 11%, Italy 6%, USA 6% (2023)
<b>Exports - commodities</b>	refined petroleum, vaccines, machinery, crude petroleum, broadcasting equipment (2023)
<b>Imports</b>	\$893.132 billion (2023 est.) \$915.294 billion (2022 est.) \$808.111 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Imports - partners</b>	Germany 16%, Belgium 10%, China 10%, USA 10%, UK 5% (2023)
<b>Imports - commodities</b>	crude petroleum, refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment, cars, natural gas (2023)