

Society at a Glance 2014 Highlights: NETHERLANDS OECD Social Indicators



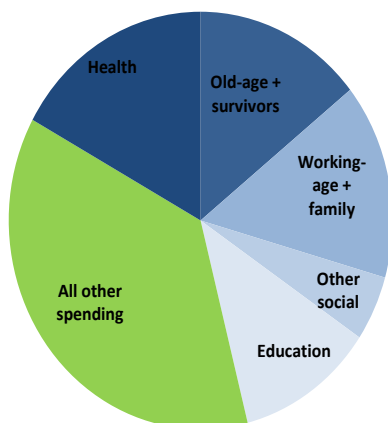
The relative poverty rate in the Netherlands is among the lowest in the OECD area at 7.5% while the OECD average is at 11.3%. About 6% of the population report that they cannot afford to buy enough food. This rate is half of the OECD average.

When asked to rate their general satisfaction with life on a scale from 0 to 10, the Dutch recorded a 7.5, one of the highest rates in the OECD area. The Netherlands is, together with Denmark, ranking number five, after Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Sweden.

Public spending on health and the working-age population is high

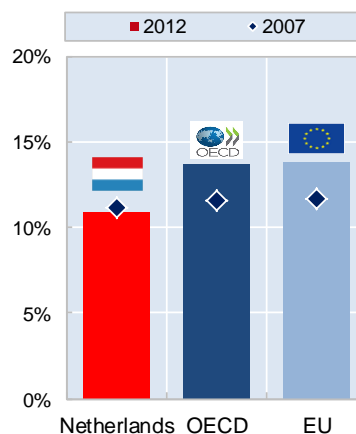
- Public social spending at 24% of GDP is higher than the OECD average of 22%. Because of the prevalence of private pension coverage, the Netherlands spends a smaller share of public social expenditures on old-age and survivor benefits, while a larger share is spent on health and support for the working-age population.
- The guaranteed minimum income for low-income families in the Netherlands is close to the poverty line when housing-related benefits are included. This minimum income is substantially above the average social safety net in the OECD.

Social spending:
Shares of total government
spending by function, 2011



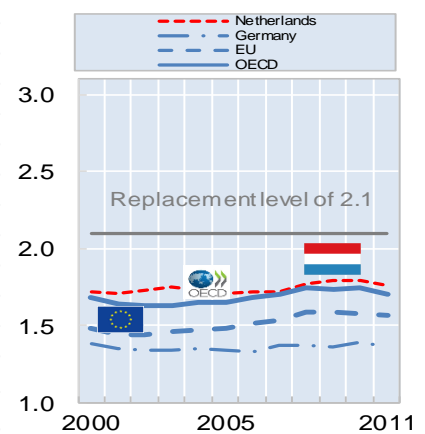
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Percentage of adults living in
workless households



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Total fertility rate
from 2000 to 2011



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The Netherlands has high employment rates

- 74% of the adult population is employed in the Netherlands, much higher than the OECD average of 66%, and the 4th highest in the OECD. Because of high part-time shares, particularly among women, Dutch employment rates measured as full-time equivalents are however below the OECD average.
- The unemployment rate has more than doubled since the onset of the economic crisis. Even so, its 6.7% unemployment rate in the 2nd quarter 2013 was lower than the OECD average of 9.1%.
- Youth unemployment in the Netherlands increased by nearly 5 percentage points from the pre-crisis level, somewhat less than the OECD average of more than 7 percentage points. Still, at 4.6%, the Netherlands has the lowest rate of youth neither in employment, education nor training (NEETs) among the OECD countries where the average is 12.6%. The NEET rate for foreign born is twice as high as for native born.

Donations to charities are widespread

- The Netherlands records one of the highest levels of people reporting having donated money to a charity in the last month at 69% whereas the OECD average stands at around 44%.
- The Netherlands is among the countries where confidence in financial institutions dropped the most during the crisis (after Ireland, Belgium, the United States, Spain and Portugal).

Scoreboard: selected social indicators
(Click on indicators for full data and information)

	Pre-crisis			Latest year		
	Netherlands	EU	OECD	Netherlands	EU	OECD
Annual disposable household income						
in national currency, latest year prices						
Average	25 700	..	..	25 300	..	..
Bottom 10%	8 900	..	..	8 600	..	..
in USD, latest year PPPs and prices						
Average	29 100	22 900	23 100	28 700	22 900	23 100
Bottom 10%	10 100	7 900	7 300	9 700	7 700	7 100
Total Fertility rate	1.77	1.63	1.75	1.76	1.59	1.70
Unemployment rate (%)	3.2	6.6	5.9	6.7	11.1	9.1
Youth neither in employment, education nor training, NEET rate (%)	4.3	10.7	11.5	4.6	12.7	12.6
Income inequality:						
Gini coefficient	0.295	0.288	0.313	0.288	0.291	0.313
Gap between richest and poorest 10%	7.1	6.9	9.2	6.9	7.4	9.5
Relative poverty (%)	6.7	9.2	11.2	7.5	9.4	11.3
Share of people reporting not enough money to buy food (%)	5.7	9.5	11.2	5.9	11.5	13.2
Public social spending (% GDP)	21.0	22.5	19.6	24.2	25.1	21.9
Suicide rates, per 100 000 population	8.0	12.5	12.5	9.5	12.2	12.4
Health expenditure per capita (latest year USD PPPs)	4 700	3 100	3 100	5 100	3 200	3 300
Confidence in national government (%)	69	50	49	61	41	43
Confidence in financial institutions (%)	76	65	63	44	43	46


Unweighted average of the 21 EU and 34 OECD countries.

[from OECD Employment database](#)

[from OECD Income Distribution Database](#)

[from OECD Social Expenditure Database \(SOCX\)](#)

[from OECD Health Data](#)

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