



# NETHERLANDS



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

King WILLEM-ALEXANDER

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Mark RUTTE

### Government Type

parliamentary constitutional monarchy

### Capital

Amsterdam; note - The Hague is the seat of government

### Legislature

bicameral States General or Staten Generaal consists of the First Chamber or Eerste Kamer (75 seats) and the Second Chamber or Tweede Kamer (150 seats)

### Judiciary

Supreme Court or Hoge Raad (consists of 41 judges)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Andre HASPELS

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Peter HOEKSTRA

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 41,543 sq km  
Land: 33,893 sq km  
Water: 7,650 sq km

### Climate

temperate; marine; cool summers and mild winters

### Natural Resources

natural gas, petroleum, peat, limestone, salt, sand and gravel, arable land

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

the sixth-largest economy in the European Union, important role as a European transportation hub, with a consistently high trade surplus, stable industrial relations, and low unemployment.

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$924.4 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$53,900 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$555.6 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Germany 24.2%, Belgium 10.7%, UK 8.8%, France 8.8%, Italy 4.2% (2017)

### Imports

\$453.8 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 16.4%, Germany 15.3%, Belgium 8.5%, US 6.9%, UK 5.1%, Russia 4.3% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

17.2 million (July 2018 est.)

### Population Growth

0.38% (2018 est.)

### Ethnicity

Dutch 76.9%, EU 6.4%, Turkish 2.4%, Moroccan 2.3%, Indonesian 2.1%, German 2.1%, Surinamese 2%, Polish 1%, other 4.8% (2018 est.)

### Language

Dutch (official); Frisian, Low Saxon, Limburgish, Romani, and Yiddish

### Religion

Roman Catholic 23.6%, Protestant 14.9%, Muslim 5.1%, other 5.6% (includes Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish), none 50.7% (2017 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 91.9% of total population (2019)

rate of urbanization: 0.74% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

