

THE NETHERLANDS



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Political system:	Constitutional monarchy
Capital city:	Amsterdam
Total area	41 526 km ²
Population:	16.4 million
Currency	euro
Value in Euro	1.00000 €
Value in US \$	\$1.37050
Official EU language	Dutch

Year of EU entry	Founding member
Belonging to Schengen	Yes
Eurozone (15)	Yes

GDP (2008)	588 670.8 Mio €
Household (2008)	277 597.7 Mio €
Economic Growth (2008)	2.60%
Budgetary deficit in % of GDP (2006)	0.60%
Foreign trade – balance of payments in % of GDP (2005)	7.70%
Inflation rate (2008)	2.20%
Interest rate (2007)	5.00%
Unemployment (2006)	3.9%