

Migration in the Netherlands

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Map of Europe



General information

- Part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Capital Amsterdam, government in The Hague
- Constitutional monarchy since 1848
- Founding member of EU and NATO

Economy

- 6th largest economy in EU
- BBP/capita USD 50.000
- 9th largest exporter in the world
- 2nd largest exporter agricultural products (1,2%)
- Financial crisis in 2008:
- Unemployment (6,9%)
- GDP growth per year (+1,8%)
- Public debt (70% of BBP)

Demographics (1)

- Population of 17 million:

- Dutch 78,8% Moroccan 2,2%
- EU 5,8% Surinamese 2,1%
- Turkish 2,2% C. Islands 0,8%
- Indonesian 2,2% Other 5,9%

- Religion:

- Non religious 55,1% Islam 5%
- Catholic 23,7% Other 6%
- Protestant 10,2%

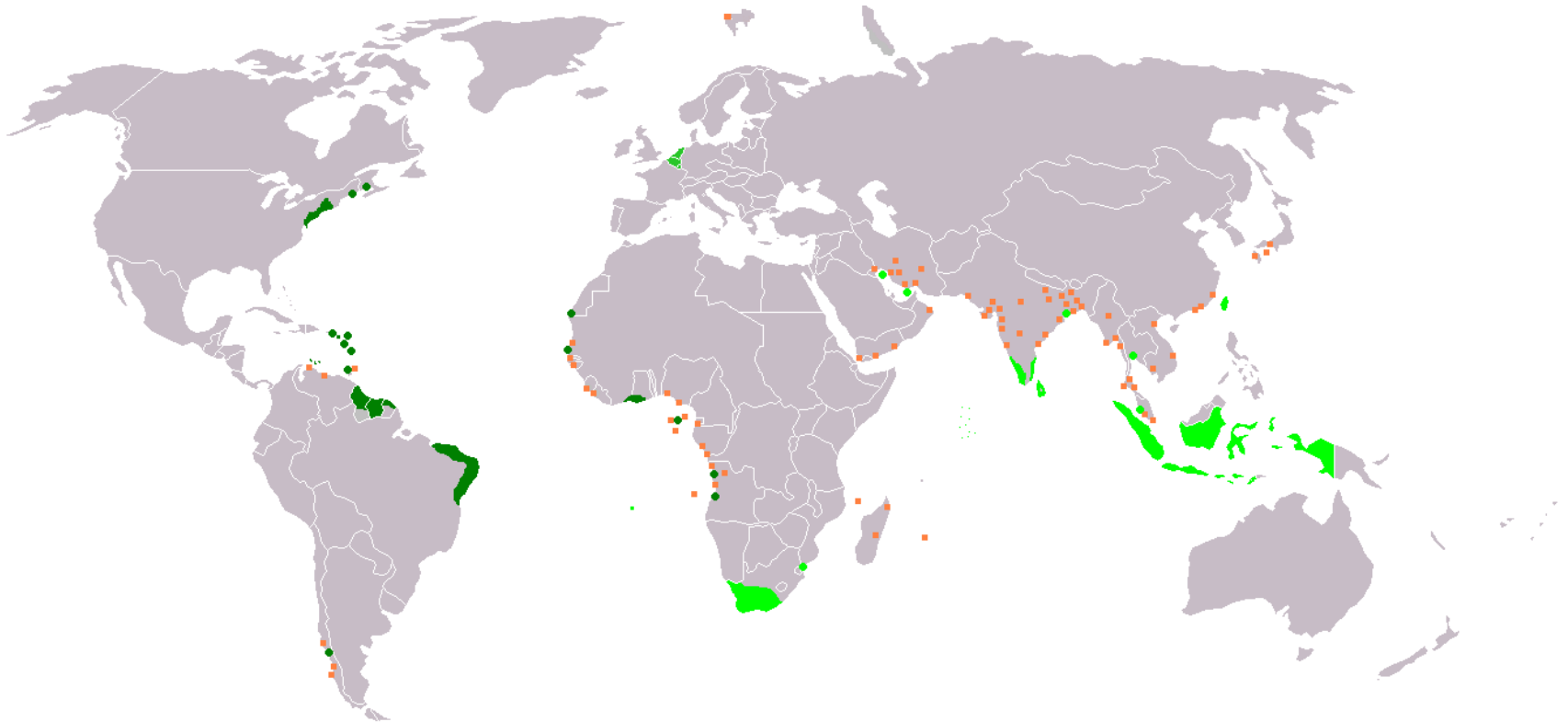
Demographics (2)

- Population growth: 0,41%
- Birth rate: 10,83/1000
- Death rate: 8,66/1000
- Net migration rate: 1,95/1000
- Fertility rate: 1,78 children/woman
- Life expectancy 81,23 years

History

- Part of Habsburg Spain until 1588
- Dutch Republic (1588-1795) (Golden Age 17th century)
- Largest merchant fleet in the world
- Dutch empire (see next page)
- Rivalry with Great Britain and France
- Death blow → conquest by France 1795
- Kingdom of Netherlands (1815)

Dutch empire



History (2)

- 1830: Belgian independence war
- “Peaceful” era followed
- WW1: Netherlands declared neutrality
- WW2: Germans invaded in 1940
- 1945-1949: Indonesian independence war
- Cold War

History of migration

- Dutch Republic
- WW1: 1 million Belgian refugees
- 1930s: Jewish refugees
- 1945-1965: 300.000 immigrants from Indonesia
- 1950s: 500.000 Dutch people emigrate
- 1960s: “guest” workers from Spain, Italy and later from Turkey and Morocco
- 1970s: 120.000 immigrants from Surinam (in total 1963-2013: 250.000)

History of migration (2)

- 1980s: 1000 asylum seekers per year
- 1990s: 40.000 asylum seekers per year
- 1990s: 130.000 immigrants from the Antilles
- Change of perspectives medio 1990
- 2003-2008: emigration surplus!
- Anno 2016: refugee problem...

Asylum policy

- Asylum seekers numbers:
- 1994: 53.000 → 2004: 9.700 → 2013: 18.000 → 2014: 30.000 → 2015: 59.100
- 2014: 14.000 application family reunification
- Application mostly denied, disappear into illegality
- National government does nothing; municipalities take care (since 2006 big discussion)

Hot topic in Dutch news

- <http://www.trouw.nl/tr/nl/4492/Nederland/article/detail/4221040/2016/01/08/Met-59-100-asielaanvragen-was-2015-officieel-een-recordjaar.dhtml>
- <http://www.nrc.nl/nieuws/2016/04/13/kosten-opvang-asielzoekers-naar-800-miljoen>
- <http://nos.nl/artikel/2095645-albanezen-grootste-groep-die-nu-asiel-aanvraagt.html>

Legal framework

- UN 1948: Universal Declaration of Human Rights (article 14, section 1)
- UN 1951: Refugee Treaty
- EU 1990: Dublin Convention
- Netherlands 2000: Vreemdelingenwet
 - Asylum request vs. asylum application

Procedure

- IND: Immigration – and Naturalization Agency
- 8 days term → 6 months
- Denied → appeal → Raad van State* (highest organ administrative law)
- Accepted → r.p. for 5 years (integration certificate → Dutch citizenship)

Integration policy

- Task of municipalities*
- Less money → guidance* (-)
- Children of refugees / asylum seekers have* to go to school after 3 months
- Advice from Central Organ Shelter Asylum Seekers

Work permits for foreigners

- No permit for workers from EU, Norway, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, and Iceland
- Foreigner apply at IND → longer than 3 months (residence + work)
- But!

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Challenges

- Main challenges for the Netherlands?