Main economic indicators: most recent forecasts 2013-2016 (a,b,c) (10 June 2015)

Relevant world trade volume goods and services (%)
Export price competitors (goods and services, non-commodities, %) Crude oil price (dollar per barrel) Exchange rate (dollar per euro) Long-term interest rate the Netherlands (level in %) GDP and demand (volume) Gross domestic product (GDP, economic growth, %) Consumption households (%) Consumption general government (%) Capital formation (including changes in stock, %) Exports of goods and services (%) Prices, wages and purchasing power
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Export price goods and services (non-energy, %) 0.3 -0.2 2.2 1.9
Import price goods (%) -1.5 -3.1 -1.8 4.1
Inflation, harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP, %) 2.6 0.3 0.2 1.2
Contractual wages market sector (%) 1.2 1.0 1.2 1.6
Purchasing power, static, median all households (%) -1.3 1.4 1.0 -0.3
Labour market
Labour force (%) 0.8 -0.4 0.6 0.9
Active labour force (%) -0.8 -0.6 1.1 1.3
Unemployment (in thousands of persons) 647 660 625 600
Unemployment rate (% of the labour force) 7.3 7.4 7.0 6.7
Market sector
Production (%) -1.1 2.1 2.6 2.9
Labour productivity (per fte, %) 0.3 1.6 1.7 1.4
Employment (labour years, %) -1.5 0.4 0.9 1.5
Compensation per employee (%) 2.6 1.9 0.7 2.8
Labour share in enterprise income (level in %) 81.4 80.4 77.7 77.9
Other items
Private savings (% of disposable household income) 0.6 2.0 2.4 1.2
Current-account balance (level in % GDP) 8.5 9.8 10.8 10.8
Public sector
General government financial balance (% GDP) -2.3 -2.3 -1.9 -0.8
Gross debt general government (% GDP) 68.6 68.5 67.6 65.4
Taxes and social-security contributions (% GDP) 37.2 37.9 37.4 38.1

⁽a) The revision of the National Accounts by Statistics Netherlands is incorporated in this outlook.

⁽b) The wage-rate market sector, labour-income share as well as private savings are biased upward for 2014, 2015 and 2016, due to the measure to limit the use of a so-called Stamrecht bv (severance pay insurance fund). Severance payments will be paid directly to the person involved, instead of into such a fund. After the revision of the National Accounts, severance payments are registered as employers' social security contributions. This translates into a non-recurring increase of the wage rate in 2014 which affects the development of the wages in the private sector well over 0.5% points

⁽c) The revision of the Labour Force Survey (Statistics Netherlands) leads to higher unemployment (47,000 in 2013) and a lower active labour force (minus 80,000 in 2013). Therefore, the unemployment rate increases by 0.6 percentage point. In the other years the differences are similar.