

1.2%

The government is spending less than envisaged in the budget. Together with higher tax revenues, this leads to a budget surplus of 1.2% of GDP in 2019 and 0.8% in 2020

Tight labour market with higher wages

Unemployment in % of labout force



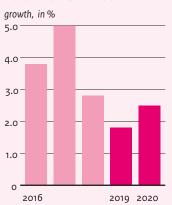
In 2019, temporarily higher due to VAT increase and higher energy costs HCIP, in %



Uncertainties undermine trade

Lower growth in world trade, due to uncertainties around China, US trade policy and Brexit. Dutch growth now predominately domestic; government spending compensates for lower growth private spending

Relevant world trade



Netherlands contribution to GDP growth, in %-points

export GDP growth government spending households and businesses

Purchasing power higher for most

Lower incomes particularly benefit from higher tax credits, medium and higher incomes from the two-bracket tax system

alle households, change compared to previous year, in %

