

The immigration and emigration of the Netherlands

D2 Introduction

- First we will tell you about the Dutch immigration history.
- Next we will tell you something about the emigration from the Netherlands.
- And lastly we will tell you something about the situation right now.

Immigration

D3 Eighty Years War

During this war a lot of refugees came to the Netherlands. In 1585 Antwerp fell into Spanish hands, during this period only Catholicism was allowed. This is the reason why many Protestant merchants and intellectuals left the city and fled to the Netherlands. It was very good for the Dutch economical situation, they took their knowledge with them. Many Portuguese Jews and French Protestants came to the Netherlands as well, because of their religion.

D4 The Jews

In 1933 the Nazis in Germany held power. In 1935 the Nuremberg Race laws were introduced, the Jews lost all their civil rights, many Jews fled to the Netherlands, but there were too many Jews so that only the rich Jews were welcome, all the other Jews had to prove that staying in their own country was too dangerous. After the Kristallnacht in 1938 the Netherlands closed the borders, because the Netherlands became too crowded by Jews. From now on the Jews weren't welcome anymore in the Netherlands.

D5 Dutch East Indies

Between the years 1945 and 1965 about 300.000 Dutch, Eurasians and Moluccans left the former Dutch East Indies, because they were declared independent in 1949. They weren't very welcome, but were admitted in if they would try their best to adapt and participate in the Dutch culture.

D6 Labour Migration

The Dutch reconstruction after World War 2 went faster than expected. Still many Dutch people left the Netherlands, that's why there were labour forces needed. Most labour forces came from Spain and Italy, later on some forces came from Turkey and Morocco, they were mostly low-skilled.

D7 Surinamese

During the '60s Surinamese people came to the Netherlands to study, most of them left after completing their studies.

In 1965 more low-skilled workers tried to find a job in the Netherlands. During this period the government tried to stop the large flow of Surinamese immigration to the Netherlands, but this was impossible, because all Surinamese were Dutch because they were a Dutch colony. Between 1975 and 1980 it was possible to move from Suriname to the Netherlands, what they feared happened, there was a large flow of immigrants.

D8 Antilleans

In the '90s they mainly came to the Netherlands to study, but later on the poor young Antilleans came too, the immigration grew.

Emigration

D9 Emigration

After World War 2 the Netherlands was a poor country. Everything was destroyed. Although they were poor, the population grew because of the baby boom. They feared that the Netherlands would become overcrowded, that's why the government stimulated Dutch people to move.

Present

D10 Nowadays

The main reason of the increasing flow of refugees nowadays are the conflicts on the outskirts of Europe. For example the IS or the civil war in Syria. Almost a million refugees arrived in Europe in 2015. There are a lot of ways to reach a European country.

The Justice and Home Affairs decided to split the refugees within the EU, in Eastern European countries there were more and more refugees passing through trying to reach Western European countries, such as Germany. On this day there are still refugees who enter Europe, the problems are far from being solved.