

# THE NETHERLANDS

Region: Western Europe (Global North)

Population (2022): 17.7 million (68<sup>th</sup>)

Life Expectancy at Birth (Women): 83.15 years (29<sup>th</sup>) Major Languages: Dutch, West Frisian

Governance System: Constitutional monarchy with parliamentary system

Capital: Amsterdam

Land Area (km<sup>2</sup>): 33,670 (131<sup>st</sup>)

## *Select Global Rankings*

GDP (2022): 18<sup>th</sup> (991,114 US\$ Millions)

Human Development Index: 10<sup>th</sup> (Very High)

Fragile States Index - Inverted: 11<sup>th</sup> (Cat. 2)

Good Country Index: 4<sup>th</sup>

Human Freedom Index: 11<sup>th</sup>

World Happiness Ranking: 5<sup>th</sup>

## *Select Global Rankings (Gender-Focus)*

Gross National Income Per Capita (Women): 12<sup>th</sup>

Gender Social Norms Index: 4<sup>th</sup>

Women's Power Index: 30<sup>th</sup>

Social Institutions and Gender Index (World Cup rank): 5<sup>th</sup>

Gender Inequality Index: 5<sup>th</sup>

Global Gender Gap Index: 28<sup>th</sup>

Women Peace & Security Index: 10<sup>th</sup>

## *Elite Sport System Rankings*

2020 Summer Olympic Women's Medals (% of Total): 21.5 (60% of 36)

2022 Winter Olympic Women's Medals (% of Total): 12 (70% of 17)

Global Cup Ranking (Women): 10<sup>th</sup>

## *Football/World Cup Profile*

FIFA Region: UEFA

FIFA Ranking: 9<sup>th</sup>

World Cup Appearance: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Best World Cup Performance(s): 2<sup>nd</sup> (2019 finalists)

Qualification: Winner Qualifying Group C

World Cup Group: E

Last World Cup Appearance: 2019

## THE NETHERLANDS in International (Gender) Affairs (by Grace Mayhew)

The [Netherlands had a history](#) of various hardships, expansion, and economic growth. During the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century the Netherlands was associated with other large empires of France, Austria, Russia and Prussia and the United Kingdom. Political ideologies like libertarianism and republican beliefs that spanned globally were not welcome to the Dutch Republic, which produced their own standing of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, including Belgium and Luxemburg. [Later in the 19<sup>th</sup> century](#), peace and prosperity emerged as economic growth continued, and the Netherlands became liberal and closer to what it is today, functioning in a [constitutional monarchy](#). WWII brought suffrage to the Jewish population in the Netherlands while they were invaded and occupied by German armies in the 1940s. Following this, in the 20<sup>th</sup> century the reconstruction of the Netherlands began post-war, which further their economic growth quickly. The Netherlands is now one of the top prospering and most developed countries across the world.

The [Netherlands take part in the European Union](#), which is focusing on the needs of all Europeans together to allow for development. Additionally, they subscribe to the [United Nations missions since](#)

[1947](#), to maintain peace and security to various countries globally. This country is incredibly first world, having not only [immense economical standing](#), but high quality of life within it. There are a variety of areas in which the Netherlands rank exceedingly in life factors. Due to its liberal stance, the Netherlands has a high stance with [human rights issues](#) and works to focus on the promotion of women's rights, along with legalities against discrimination. The Netherlands works to promote women's financial independence along with prioritizing gendered violence issues, and equal treatment.

It would seem equality matters were previously an important issue within the Netherlands, with women's [active voting rights](#) beginning in 1919. However, currently the nation has no [action plan](#) solely dedicated to gender equality, and rather there are policies committed to gender mainstreaming to determine where inequities should be minimized. [Wage parity](#) exists between the genders in the Netherlands, sitting around [13.5% in 2021](#), however there has been work toward closing the gap and overtime it has improved. Additionally, in the realm of the WWC it would seem there have been previous discussions and disputes regarding the Dutch women's team receiving equal pay to the men's team. [Agreements](#) have been made to further close the wage disparities between the teams for the Netherlands, and the [Royal Dutch Football Association](#) announced that the women's Netherlands team will be receiving the same salaries as their male counterparts. Many teams will be able to take this example as one to lead by.