Netherlands

**Population:** 16,714,018  
**Gross national income per capita:** US$ 48,110  
**Income group:** High  
**Income inequality:** 39.9

### Action Plans, Policies and Laws Relevant to Several Types of Violence

#### National action plans
- **Interpersonal violence:** YES  
  Child maltreatment: YES
- **Youth violence:** NO  
  Intimate partner violence: YES
- **Sexual violence:** NO  
  Elder abuse: YES

#### Firearms
- **Laws to regulate civilian access:** YES
- **Mandatory background check:** YES
- **Handguns/long guns/automatic weapons:** YES
- **CARRYING FIREARMS IN PUBLIC:** YES
- **Programmes to reduce civilian firearm possession and use:** NO

#### Alcohol
- **Adult (15+) per capita consumption (litres of pure alcohol):** 9.9
- **PATTERNS OF DRINKING:** LEAST RISKY
- **EXCISE TAXES:** Beer: YES  
  Wine: YES  
  Spirits: YES

#### National social and educational policies
- **Incentives provided for high-risk youth to complete schooling:** YES
- **Housing policies to de-concentrate poverty:** YES

#### Youth violence laws
- **Against weapons on school premises:** NO  
  Pre-school enrichment: NO
- **Youth violence prevention programmes:** YES
- **Youth maltreatment laws:** YES
  Parenting education: YES
- **Child protection services:** YES
  Social and cultural norms change: YES
  School anti-bullying: YES

#### Sexual violence laws
- **Against rape in marriage:** YES
  Dating violence prevention in schools: NO
- **Allowing removal of violent spouse from home:** YES
  Microfinance and gender equity training: NO
- **Sexual violence prevention programmes:** YES
  Social and cultural norms change: YES
- **Physical environment changes:** NO

#### Elder abuse laws
- **Against elder abuse:** YES
  Professional awareness campaigns: YES
- **Against non-contact sexual violence:** YES
  Public information campaigns: YES
- **Elder abuse prevention programmes:** YES
  Caregiver support: YES
- **Against elder abuse in institutions:** YES
  Residential care policies: –

#### Victimization
- **Providing for victim compensation:** YES
  Adult protective services: YES
- **Providing for victim legal representation:** YES
  Child protection services: YES
- **Medico-legal services for sexual violence:** YES
  Mental health services: YES
- **Victim services:** YES
  Residential care policies: YES

### Laws and Prevention Programmes by Type of Violence

#### Child maltreatment laws
- **Legal age of marriage (male/female):** 18 / 18
- **Against child marriage:** YES
- **Against statutory rape:** YES
- **Against female genital mutilation:** YES
- **Ban on corporal punishment (all settings):** YES (YES)

#### Child maltreatment prevention programmes
- **Home visiting:** YES
- **Training to recognise / avoid sexually abusive situations:** YES

#### Youth violence laws
- **Against weapons on school premises:** NO
- **Against gang or criminal group membership:** NO

#### Intimate partner violence laws
- **Against rape in marriage:** YES
- **Allowing removal of violent spouse from home:** YES

#### Sexual violence laws
- **Against rape:** YES
- **Against contact sexual violence without rape:** YES
- **Against non-contact sexual violence:** YES

#### Elder abuse laws
- **Against elder abuse:** YES
- **Against elder abuse in institutions:** YES

### Victim Laws
- **Providing for victim compensation:** YES
- **Providing for victim legal representation:** YES

### Victim Services
- **Adult protective services:** YES
- **Child protection services:** YES
- **Medico-legal services for sexual violence:** YES
- **Mental health services:** YES

### Data on Violence

#### National prevalence surveys for non-fatal violence

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Reported homicides (2011) N= 143, Rate= 0.9/100,000 (65% M, 35% F)

Sources: Mechanism: Civil and Vital Registration/Reported homicides: VR

Data collection by multisectoral consensus meeting and cleared by Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport.