



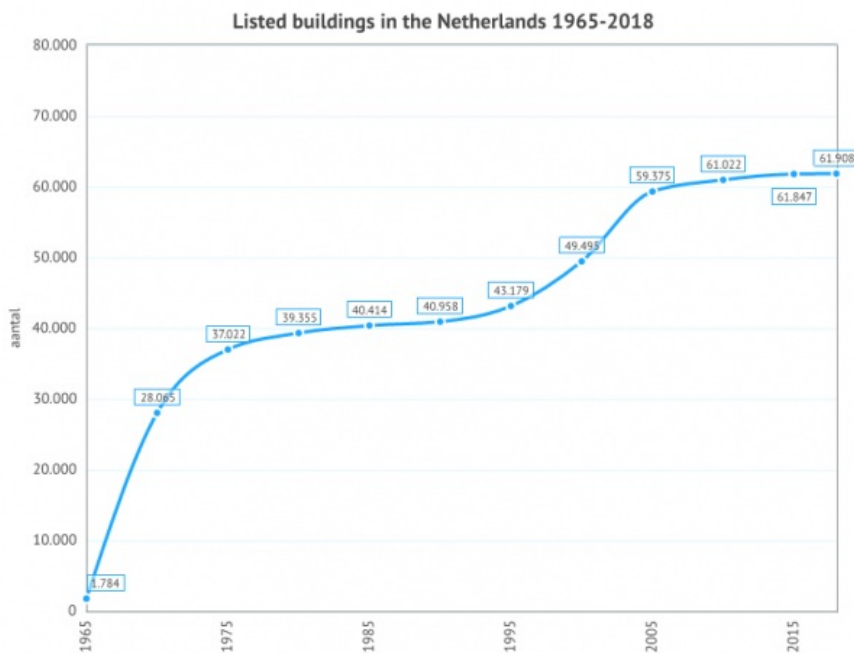
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At the end of 2018 there were 61,908 listed buildings in the Netherlands. Since 2007 the focus has been on the post-war reconstruction period.



The chart shows the increase of the number of listed historic buildings in the Netherlands from 1965.

First Monuments and Historic Buildings Act, 1961

The Netherlands' first Monuments and Historic Buildings Act came into force in 1961, laying the foundations for statutory protection and for a national '*Register of protected monuments and historic buildings*'. By the end of 2015, there were 61,847 monuments and historic buildings on the register.

Listing on the basis of programmes

Since 1 January 2012 monuments and historic buildings have not been listed object by object, but on the basis of listing programmes. Recent listing programmes have included:

- the post-war reconstruction period 1940-1958. In 2007, after a survey and selection process, 100 top monuments and historic buildings from this

period were nominated for listing.

- the post-war reconstruction period 1959-1965. On 26 September 2013 the Minister of Education, Culture and Science officially adopted the protection programme for the reconstruction period 1959-1965, a selection of monuments and historic buildings for listing constituting the 90 most valuable and characteristic structures from this period.
- the *Nieuwe Hollandse Waterlinie*, a line of water-based defences. This ongoing listing programme is an example of a more landscape-oriented approach to listing monuments and historic buildings.

Shift from object-oriented approach to spatial and functional

The individual structures that form the *Nieuwe Hollandse Waterlinie* will be listed in their entirety. Rather than focusing on the individual objects, the Cultural Heritage Agency will describe and protect some 90 groups of structures in association. This represents a shift from the object-oriented protection of individual forts to protection of the spatial and functional system as a whole.

Sources:

Register of Monuments and Historic Buildings, Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands (RCE)

For information on individual monuments and historic buildings, see the [Register of Monuments and Historic Buildings](#) online.

31 December 2018

Monitoring frequency:
annual

Responsibility:

The count of monuments and historic buildings is based on the *Register of Monuments and Historic Buildings* kept by the Cultural Heritage Agency. Every year a new count is added for the previous year, based on the situation at 31 December.

The following principles apply:

- The count is based on absolute number of monuments and historic buildings as recorded in the *Register of Monuments and Historic Buildings*. Individual monuments are counted, not complexes.
- The year of entry in the *Register* is regarded as the year of listing.
- The count applies only to monuments and historic buildings whose listing procedure has been completed. Monuments and historic buildings that have been awarded provisional protection pending completion of the procedure are not counted.

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