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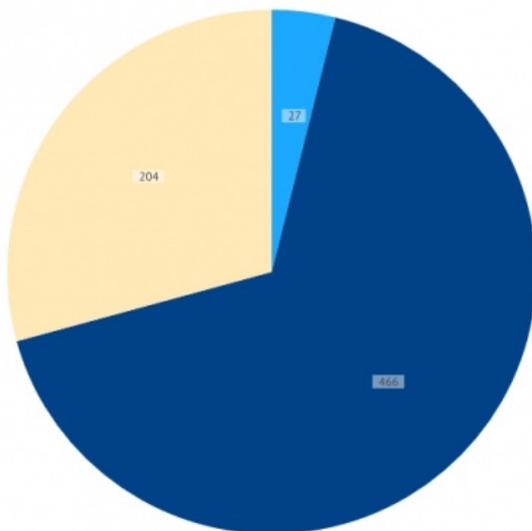
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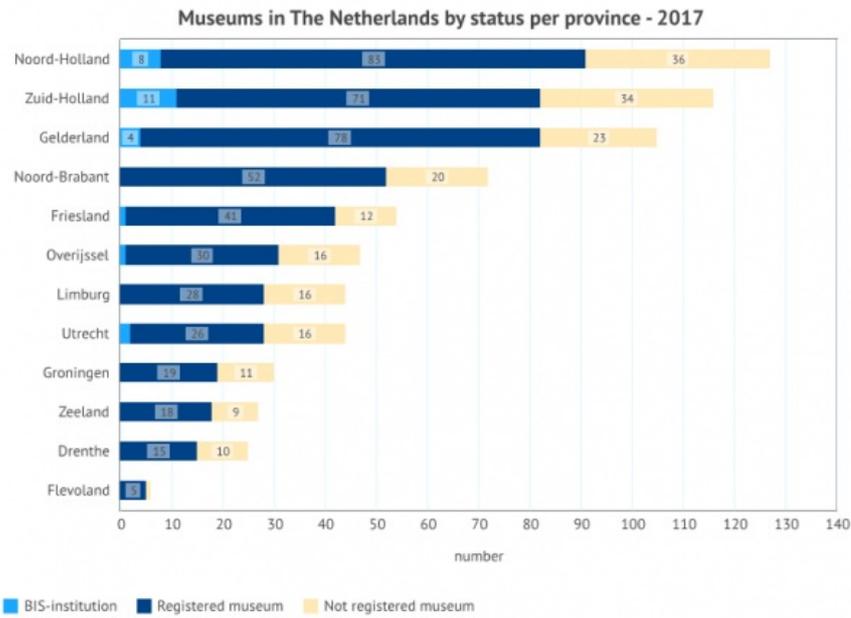
Museums in The Netherlands by status - 2017



■ BIS-institution ■ Registered museum ■ Not registered museum

Source: CBS/MV/RCE

Province



The graphs above show the number of registered (including BIS) and not-registered museums and the number per province in the Netherlands in 2017.

Museumpopulation 2016

At the end of 2017 the Cultural Heritage Agency, the Museums Association and Statistics Netherlands reassessed the museum population on the basis of new criteria. The freshly defined museum population consists of 697 museums, 466 of which appear in the Museumsregister, 204 were as yet unregistered. There are 27 so-called BIS-institutions among the registered museums, which means that they receive state funding.

Most museums in Noord-Holland

Noord-Holland (127) and Zuid-Holland (116) provinces have the largest number of museums because of the concentration of museums in cities like Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague.

Sources:

Statistics Netherlands (CBS)
Dutch Museums Association (MV)
Cultural Heritage Agency (RCE)

31 December 2017

Monitor-frequency:
annual

Responsibility:

Stichting Museum Register Nederland is responsible for registering museums in the Netherlands and keeps a count of registered museums in the Museums Register.

Statistics Netherlands and the [RCE](#) used to keep their own records of unregistered museums. These two sets of records were merged at the end of 2015, and all were reassessed on the basis of new criteria. This produced a new basic list of museums in the Netherlands. The figures are updated annually by the [RCE](#).

Criteria for non-registered museums:

- The museum must have a permanent location, be permanently open and accessible three or more days a week for at least 28 weeks a year.
- The museum must be not-for-profit, i.e. a registered charity (ANBI) or non-profit foundation (stichting).
- The museum must have its own collection on which it performs research with the aim of disseminating the knowledge acquired.
- The museum must have a website or be accessible via a link from a broader platform.

Museums that are not strictly museums in accordance with the rules but are regarded by the public as such are included in the figures as exceptions (Hermitage in Amsterdam, Kunsthall KAdE in Amersfoort, Kunsthall Rotterdam and the Nieuwe Kerk and Oude Kerk in Amsterdam).

Government-funded museums and exhibiting institutions that appear on the joint list of museums are known as 'BIS institutions' (institutions funded under the government's Basic Cultural Infrastructure scheme). The current four-year funding period commenced on 1 January 2013. The BIS institutions will be reassessed in 2017.

Read [here](#) more about the subject Museums.