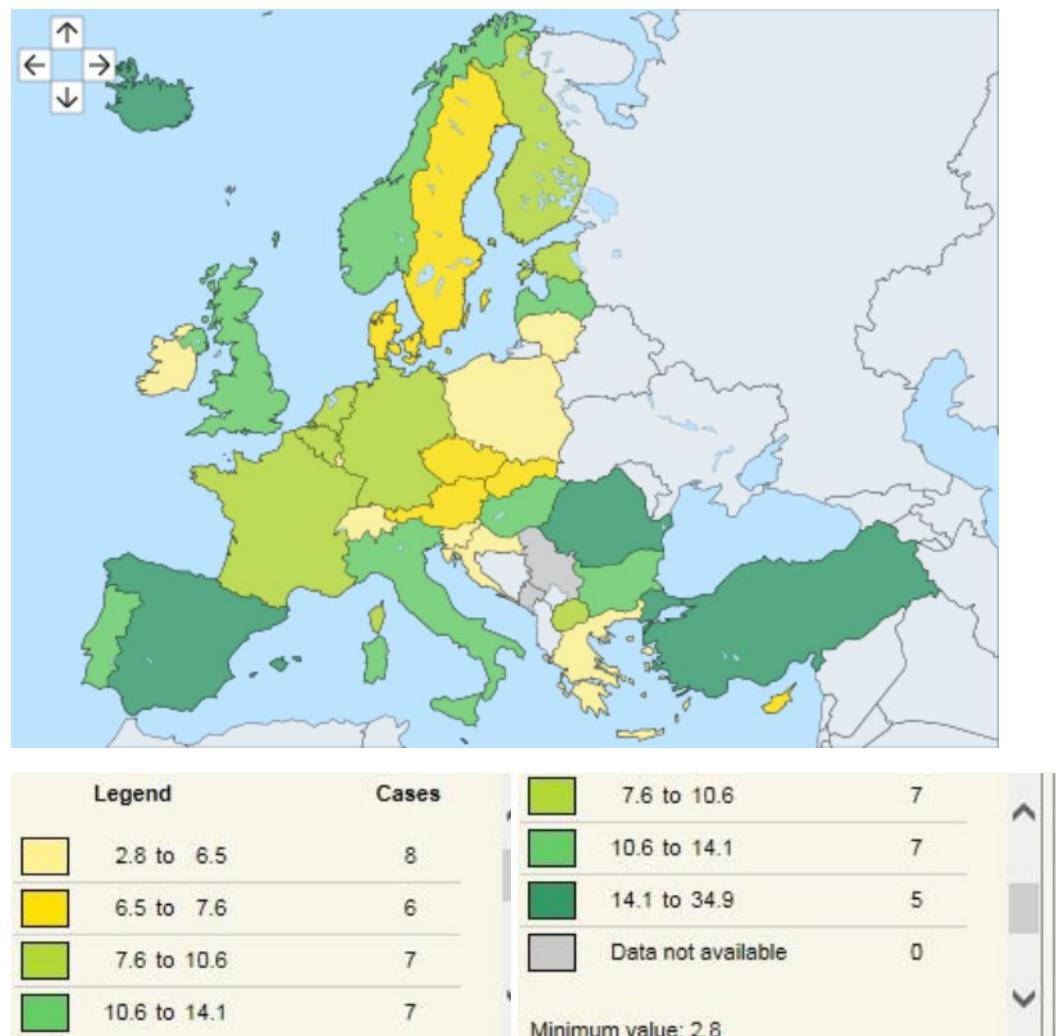


School dropout in the Netherlands

In Europe, school dropout is a major problem. This problem also exists in the Netherlands. This writing has a goal: to show the numbers of dropout in Europe, in secondary schools in the Netherlands, in primary schools in the Netherlands, in primary schools in our region and at last in our school. At the end we may conclude which factor has a positive influence in providing drop out in our school.

The dropout numbers in Europe

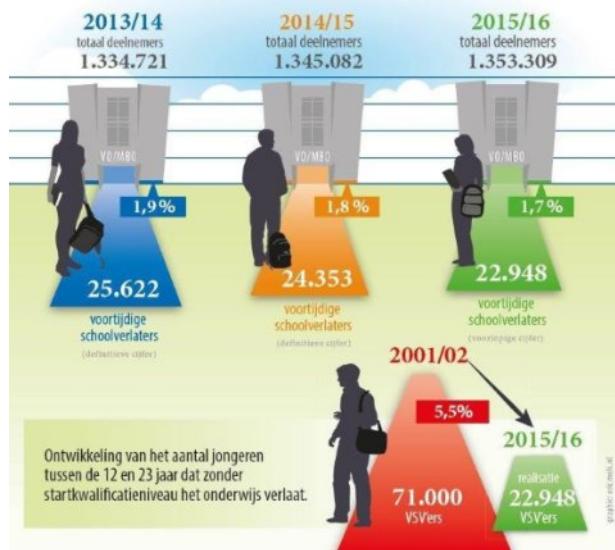


The European Commission (EC) wants to reduce drastically the number of early school leavers aged between 18 and 25 years. The Commission wishes less than 10% of school leavers in 2020.

The dropout numbers in the Netherlands (secondary school)

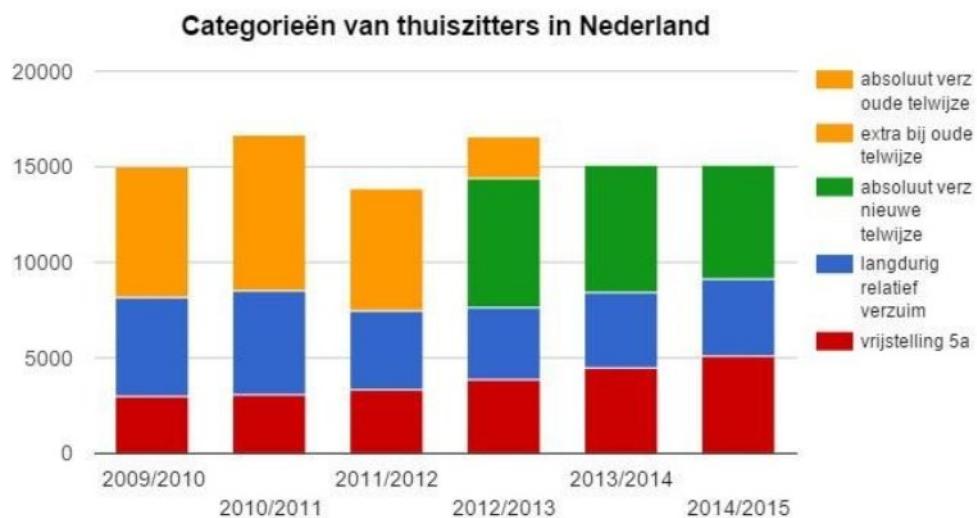
Netherlands has set itself a more stringent target and aims for 8%. In 2015 was the European average 11%. In the Netherlands it was 8.2%.

Voortijdige schoolverlaters



The dropout numbers in the Netherlands (primary school)

In primary school, there is hardly a number of dropouts in the Netherlands. However, a certain number of children is not going to school although they are registered in a primary school. They are called "home sitters" in the Netherlands:



www.autipassendonderwijsutrecht.nl/thuiszitters

The dropout numbers in our region (primary school)

In our region, Steenwijkerland are six children so called "home sitters". Three of that children are from a primary school. In our region 4403 students visit a primary school. 0.07% of the primary school students aren't going to a school (jaarverslag leerplicht). The report gives suspending as the most common reason.

The dropout numbers in our school

In our school, there are no drop outs or “home sitters”. In the past eight years, we suspended one student. He went to a special education school.

Cautious conclusions

The most called reason for dropout and “home sitting” is cultural differences. Our region is a rural region with one small city. That may explain why there is a small number of students who don’t go to school. Most inhabitants are born and raised in Dutch families.

Drop out in our providence: 1.3%

Home sitters in our region general: 0.0006%

Home sitters in our region primary school: 0.07%

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