

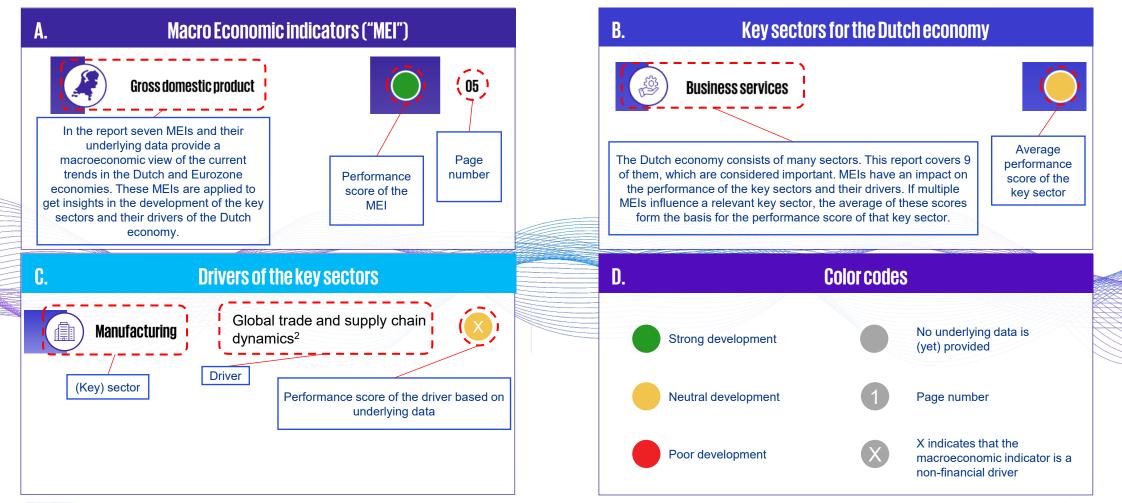
# Economic Distress Indicators

#### **Turnaround & Restructuring**



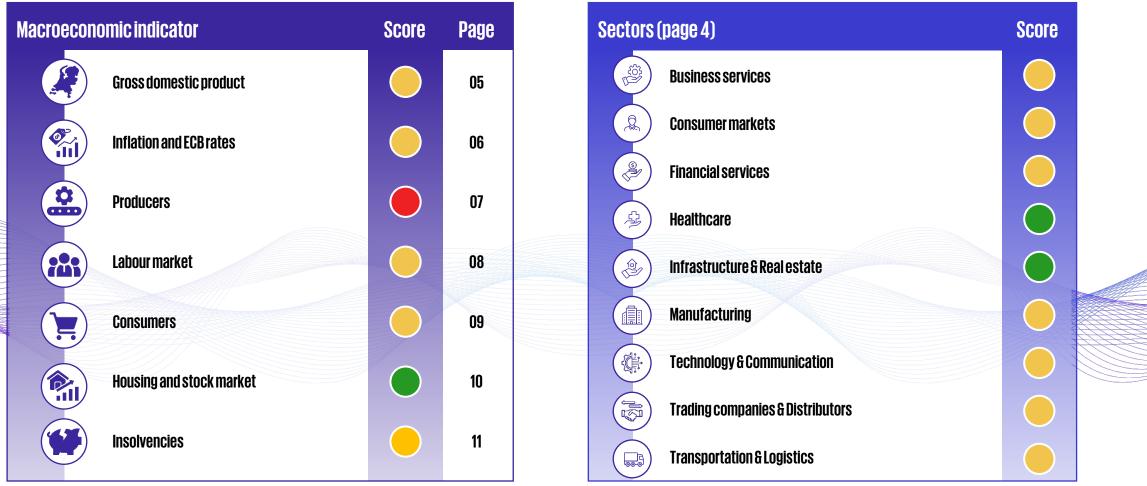
Data updated till April 2025

## Legend - Navigating your way through the report



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## Dashboard - Macro Economic Indicators and Sector Scores



Source: All data is retrieved from Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek (CBS) unless otherwise indicated



## **Overview - Macro Economic Indicators**

Sector		Driver 1		Driver 2	Driver 3
tộj L	Business services	GDP growth	5	Corporate investment 7	Interest rates 6
R	) Consumer markets	Consumer spending & confidence	9	Employment rates	Interest rates 6
	) Financial services	Interest rates	6	Government policy and regulation	GDP growth 5
(Å	) Healthcare	Demographic trends <sup>1</sup>	X	Government policy and regulation	GDP growth and wealth 5
	Infrastructure & Real estate	GDP growth	5	Government policy and spending	Interest rates & financing 6
	Manufacturing	Global trade and supply chain dynamics <sup>2</sup>	X	Consumer demand 9	Technology innovation and automation <sup>3</sup>
	Technology & Communication	GDP growth	5	Investment in R&D 7	Regulation
JIS .	) Trading companies & Distributors	Global Trade Policies <sup>2</sup>	X	GDP growth NL&Global and consumer demand	Logistics & transporation costs
	Transportation & Logistics	Global Trade Dynamics <sup>2</sup>	X	GDP growth and Industrial 5 7	Fuel costs

Footnotes: (1) Green score relating to aging population in the Netherlands. (2) Yellow score relating to geopolitical tensions and protective measures by large trade blocks. (3) Green score relating to wealth level in the Netherlands and high technology state and adaptation.



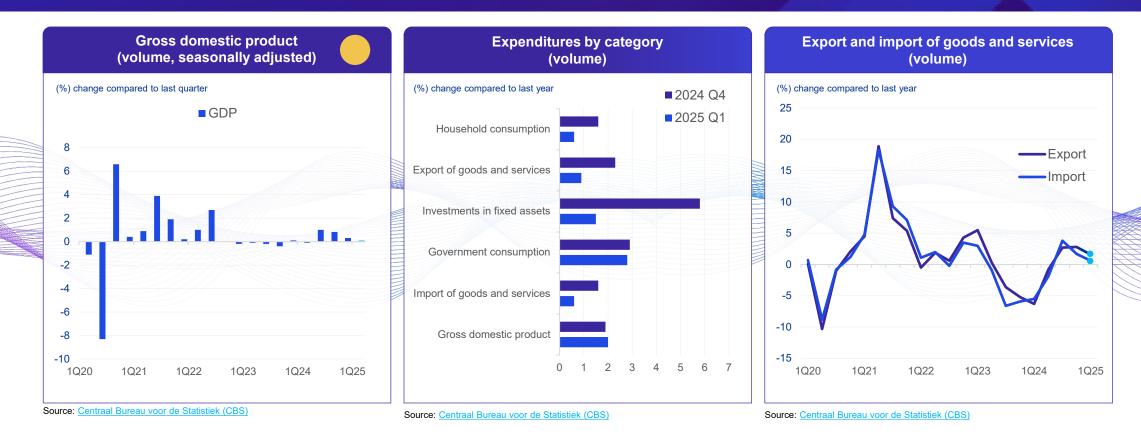
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## **Gross Domestic Product**



#### Key take aways

- GDP slightly increased by 0.1% in Q1 2025 on a quarterly basis, despite decreases in household consumption, investments, and exports. The growth was amongst others supported by government consumption. However, the effects of geopolitical unrest as in Q1 is expected to be reflected in business performance if this pertains.
- Investments significantly dropped by 4.3% quarter-over-quarter, while unemployment increased, which could be an indication of the impact of rising uncertainty. Further comments on the investments and unemployment are detailed later in the report.





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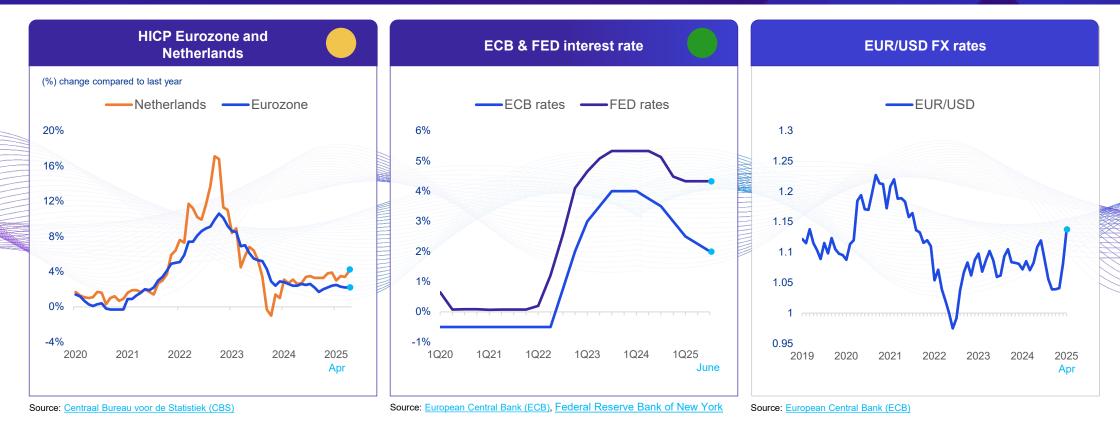
## Inflation, ECB rates and FX rates



• When the HICP rises indicating inflation pressure in the Netherlands, it is typically expected that the central bank increases the interest rates to counteract this trend.

#### Key take aways

- However, as visualized in the graphs, the interest rates at European level were simultaneously lowered, which may reflect concerns about economic growth, higher unemployment, global economic uncertainties, and/or expectations that the current inflation spike will be short-lived.
- An increasing FX rate supports lowering (import) inflation, though could negatively affect exports in the longer run.





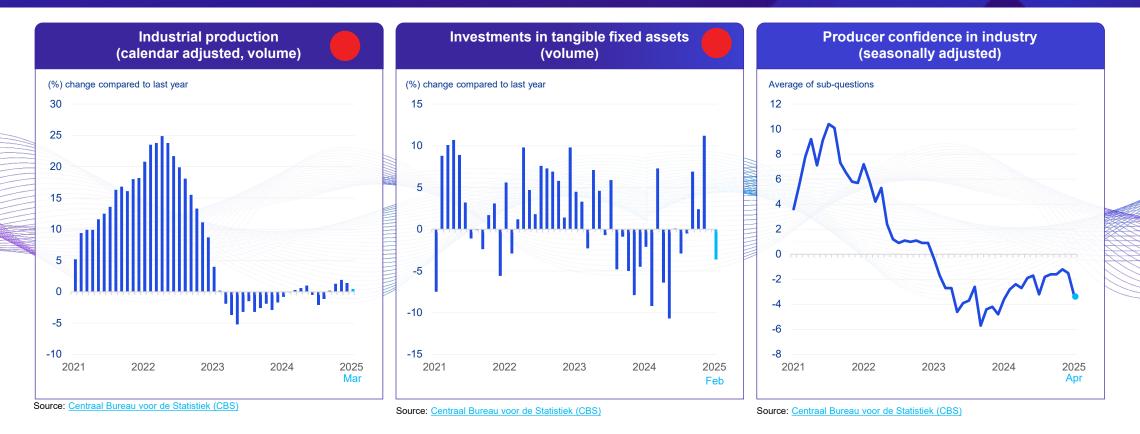
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## **Producers**

### Score : 😣

### Key take aways

- In the first quarter, the industrial production increased by 0.4% on a y-o-y basis. However the substantial annual growth in sectors such as food and metal products, was (almost) nullified by a sharp 15% decrease in oil prices, which indicates a slowdown in global economic growth and reflecting geopolitical unrest. Lower investments in the last quarter also point in that direction.
- Producer confidence was negative across almost all sectors in the first quarter, with producers being less positive in April about expected business activity, finished goods inventories, and their order portfolio. This is consistent with ongoing geopolitical and the current trade tensions.





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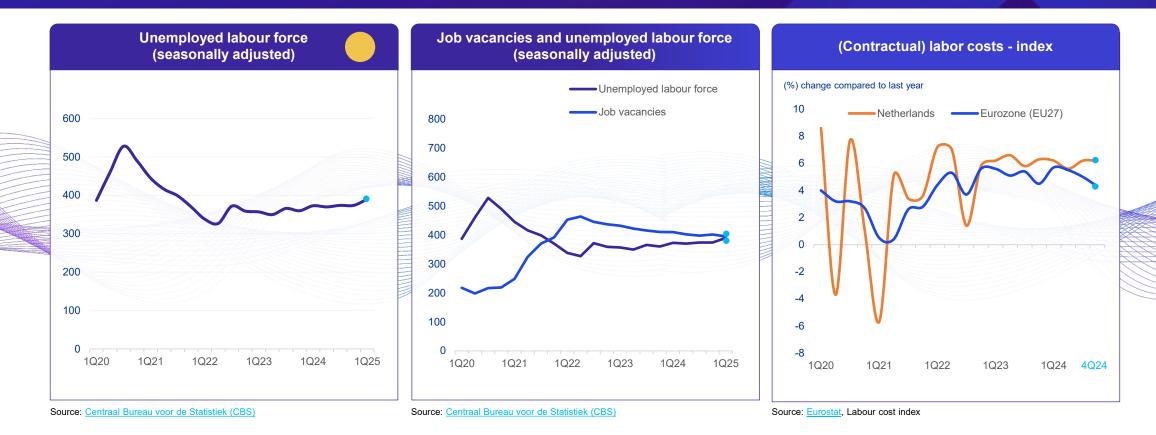
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## Labour market



### Key take aways

- During the first quarter of 2025, the labor market became less tight following the unemployment rate and the number of job vacancies coming into balance. Noteworthy is the decrease in vacancies in the industrial sector, which may result from reduced producer confidence and headwind in the industrial production since 2024 (refer to page 7).
- Additionally, labor costs in the Netherlands have risen relatively more than in the rest of the Eurozone over the past two years, leading to cost inflation and possibly to reduced investment levels (refer to page 7) as well as fewer job vacancies.



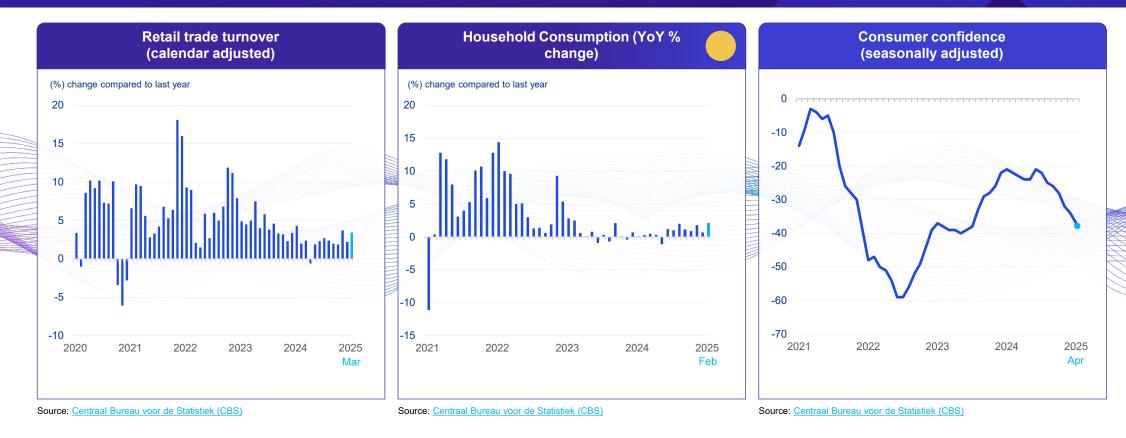


### Consumers



### Key take aways

- In the past years retailers have achieved increased revenue, a.o. by the passing on of higher prices (due to inflation) to consumers. In the past quarter, especially non-food and online retailers drove the growth, whilst food retailing lagged.
- Consumption per household grew over the past quarter, though still at material lower levels than seen during COVID in 2021/2022.
- Consumer confidence is still negative and continued to decrease during Q1 of 2025.



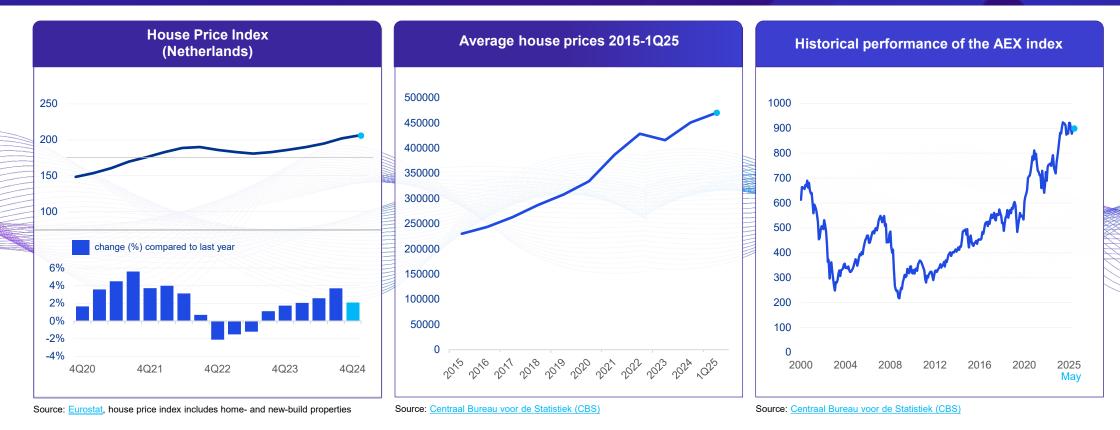


## **Housing and Stock Markets**



#### Key take aways

- A long-term analysis reveals a sustained upward trend in housing prices. Up to Q1 2022, this was attributed to low-interest rates.
  - After a modest decline due to interest rate hikes as of 2022, the average housing price has been increasing again per mid 2023. This trend has been further fueled by the ECB's rate cuts as of last year (last in March 2025).
- Dutch stock index AEX, along with other financial markets, experienced a volatile period during the early months of 2025 due to geopolitical unrest and the tariff-related tensions, yet it remains close to its record highs from 2024 to date.



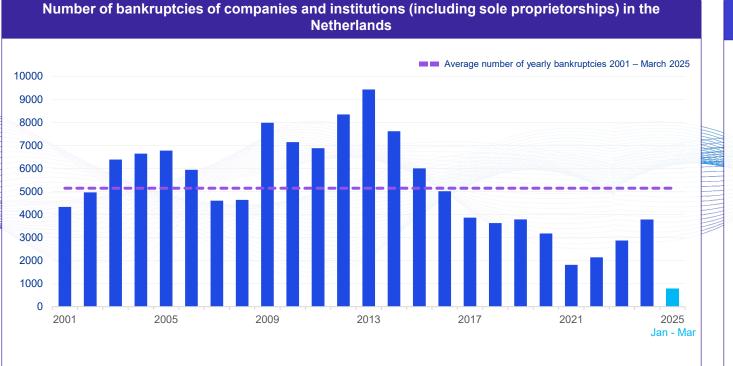


### Insolvencies

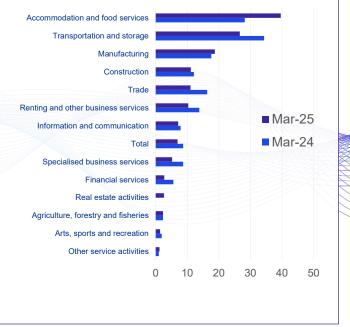
### Score : 🎔

#### Key take aways

- During the 2021-2022, the number of insolvencies was artificially kept low due to government intervention (COVID-19 support). In the years following (2023 and 2024), the number of insolvencies gradually returns to the pre-pandemic average (2001-2025), with a significant increase of 32% in 2024 compared to 2023. The first quarter of 2025 shows similar levels of insolvency as in Q1 2024.
- In the first quarter of 2025, the Netherlands experienced more business closures than startups for the first time in many years. These closures mostly consisted of voluntary dissolutions by companies to avoid potential bankruptcies, next to court-ordered bankruptcies procedures. Particularly the sector Accommodation and food services ("Horeca") experienced more bankruptcies vs. Q1 2024.







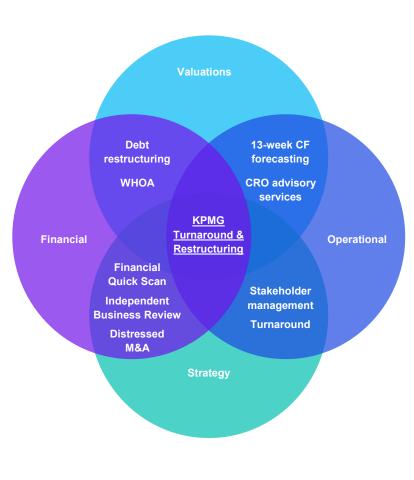
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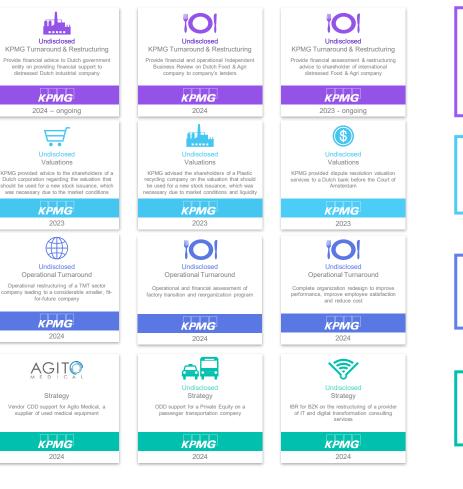


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#### Selection of relevant engagements



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