

EP election: turnout figures

The turnout at the election for the European Parliament was, with 36.9%, a bit lower than at the previous election in 2004, when the turnout was 39.26%. Of the 12,378,500 voters, 4,573,743 persons cast their votes on Thursday, 4 June. Of these 4,553,864 were valid, non-abstentious votes. 10,013 persons abstained from voting and 9,866 votes were invalid.

Highest turnout

Rozendaal	65.70%
Schiermonnikoog	58.20%
Bloemendaal	55.90%
Abcoude	54.90%
Haren	54.80%

Lowest turnout

Spijkenisse	27.90%
Den Helder	27.50%
Reusel-De Mierden	27.40%
Reiderland	26.20%
Rucphen	22.30%

Netherlands Antilles, Aruba and other countries

Netherlands nationals who live abroad and who wished to participate in the EP election in the Netherlands first of all had to register on as voters at the The Hague municipality.

Netherlands nationals who live abroad and who had already registered on as voters for earlier elections, are included in the register 'Voters outside of the Netherlands' of the The Hague municipality already. As from the end of December 2008 registration forms were directly sent to these voters.

This year a large group was added, namely, Netherlands nationals who live on the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, and who were not included in this register. Therefore, their particulars had to be freshly entered into the register.

The number of the (registered) voters from the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba who voted amounted to 77 %, for the 'rest of the world' this number is 66%.