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Social Reporting in The Netherlands

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The Netherlands Institute for Social Research / SCP; what do we do?

- SCP was founded by Royal Decree on March 31, 1973
- Tasks of SCP:
 - to describe the social and cultural situation in the Netherlands and to map out likely future developments
 - to contribute to the responsible selection of social and cultural policy objectives and resources, and to formulate appropriate alternatives
 - to evaluate past and current policy, in particular interdepartmental policy



The Netherlands Institute for Social Research / SCP; who are we?

- Interdepartmental scientific institute which carries out independent research
- Staff of 100 (about 70 researchers)
- Data from
 - Statistics Netherlands
 - own surveys
 - other institutions
- Target groups:
 - government and parliament
 - leading professionals and civil servants
 - scientists and members of the academic world
 - general public



Scope of activities

- **Living situation**
- The SCP reports regularly in a variety of publications on developments in the living situation of the Dutch population.
- the **aspects** covered are:
 - health status, education level, labour market participation rate, housing situation, disposable income and leisure time utilisation
- of various **sections of the population** such as:
 - older people, young people, women, the disabled and members of ethnic minorities



Scope of activities

- **Social and cultural trends**
- The **opinions** of the Dutch population on social, ideological and political topics are monitored through surveys
- monitors the **behaviour** patterns of the population wide variety of social themes such as the division of tasks between men and women, social cohesion, participation in cultural life, safety and information technology.



Scope of activities

- **Public sector**
- The bulk of government spending in the social and cultural field goes on provisions for education, health care and welfare, social security, the police and judicial apparatus, cultural affairs, training and recreation.
- SCP carries out intersectoral and comparative research into the **use and costs** of this sector.



Scope of activities

- **Policy evaluations**
- SCP possesses large databases spanning many years. This makes it possible to track both current and long-term trends
- importance for the identification and evaluation of intended and unintended effects of government policy



Scope of activities

- **International comparisons**
- International comparisons form an important part of many SCP-reports
- SCP uses international databases
- Most of these reports are made on behalf of the Dutch government or the European Committee
- SCP also participates in international research projects



Social reports - monitors: how and why

- Monitoring development of living conditions
 - various domains and key indicators
 - comprehensive
- Provide systematic information for groups in society and over time
- Identify social problems and deprived groups
- Look for causes and backgrounds
 - (other data might be needed)
- Relation with policy objectives



Social reports - monitors, published in 2006 - 2007



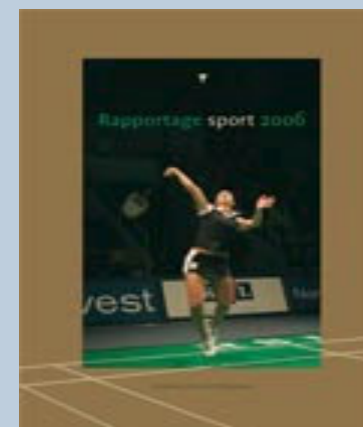
Social and Cultural Report 2006



Report on the elderly 2006



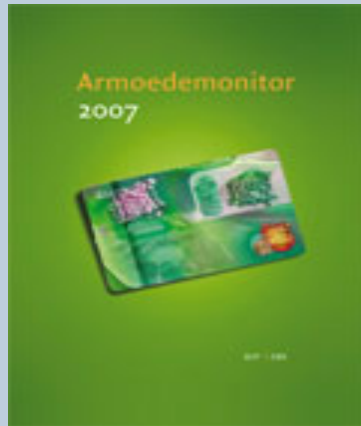
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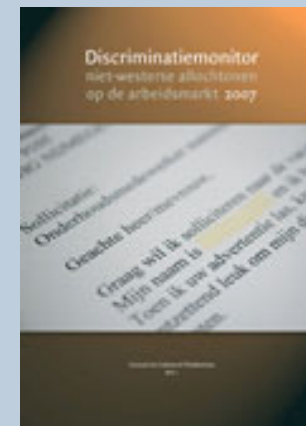
Poverty monitor 2007



Annual report on integration 2007



Social State of the Netherlands 2007



Discrimination Monitor 2007: non-Western ethnic minorities on the Dutch labour market



And many more social reports and monitors.....

- Emancipation monitor
- ICT and society Yearbook
- Report on the public services sector
- At home in the country side
- European outlook/public opinion on the European Union
- Sustainability monitor: the social aspects



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