

A woman with dark hair tied back is smiling and looking towards the camera. She is standing in a greenhouse, surrounded by numerous plants, each enclosed in a white protective bag. The plants have large, green, heart-shaped leaves. The greenhouse structure is visible in the background, with wooden frames and glass panels.

# Nice to meet you

Facts and Figures of the Province of Gelderland

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# The Province of Gelderland – a brief introduction

Gelderland is located strategically between the main ports of Rotterdam and Amsterdam and the German Ruhr area. This location as well as the excellent infrastructure and accessibility by road, water, rail and through the air make Gelderland one of the most important investment regions of Europe. Thanks to its central position in Western Europe, big international companies have based their head-offices in this province.

Gelderland is committed to 3 Top Sectors: Food, Health and Energy & Environmental Technology (EMT). More than 160 knowledge institutes, businesses, care institutes and authorities operating along the ‘RedMedTech-highway’ from Twente to Eindhoven together form Health Valley, aimed at innovation and new business at the interface of health and technology.

In Gelderland, knowledge and entrepreneurship are brought together in a targeted approach, partly by Wageningen University. Together with leading knowledge institutes and a large number of Gelderland food businesses, Food Valley NL is a fertile breeding ground for innovative agrofood companies. Kiemt is the Top Sector development programme for the EMT and biobased economy in Gelderland.

Gelderland does very well in the international regional competitiveness indexes; it is number 21 of the list of 263 European regions.

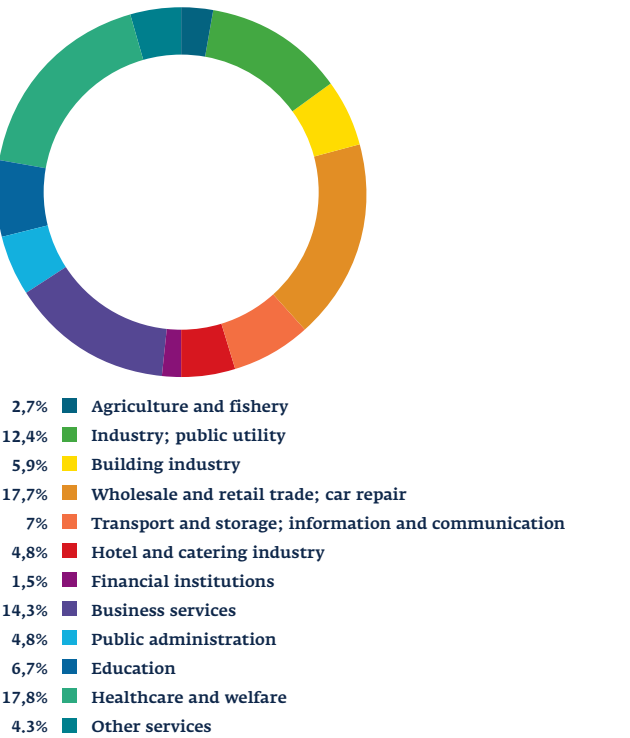
## Gelderland in relation to North-Western Europe



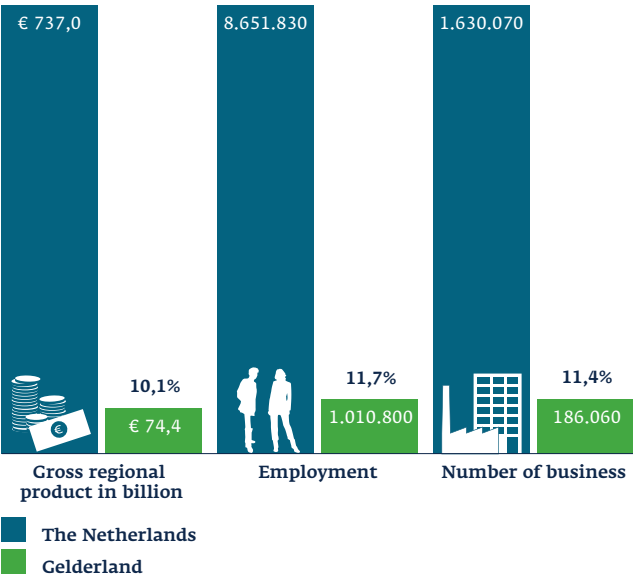
The population density in Gelderland is 417/km² and in 2017, the gross regional product amounted to close to 74.4 billion – i.e. 36,210 euro per inhabitant. In 2017, the disposable income per household was on average 42,000 euro. Gelderland accommodates over more than 186,000 businesses that offer employment to almost 1.011.000 people. The unemployment rate stands at 3.6%. As per 1 January 2019, the business park stock is 893 net hectares, with 702 net hectares immediately available for allocation.

The varied scenery, the historical cities and the large offer of cultural events, the famous Kröller Müller Museum with the large Van Gogh collection and stadium theatre Gelredome with convertible pitch create a pleasant residential climate with thriving tourism. In 2018 for example, Gelderland was the number one holiday province of the Netherlands with no less than 2.9 million tourists.

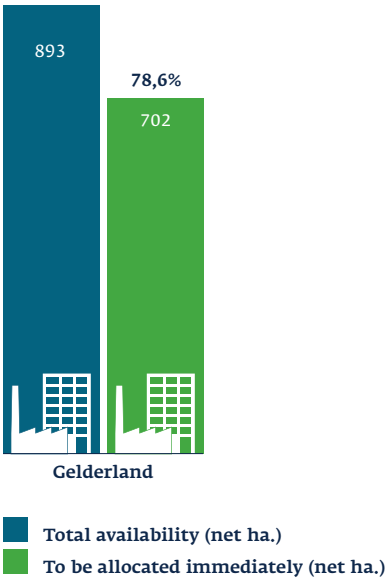
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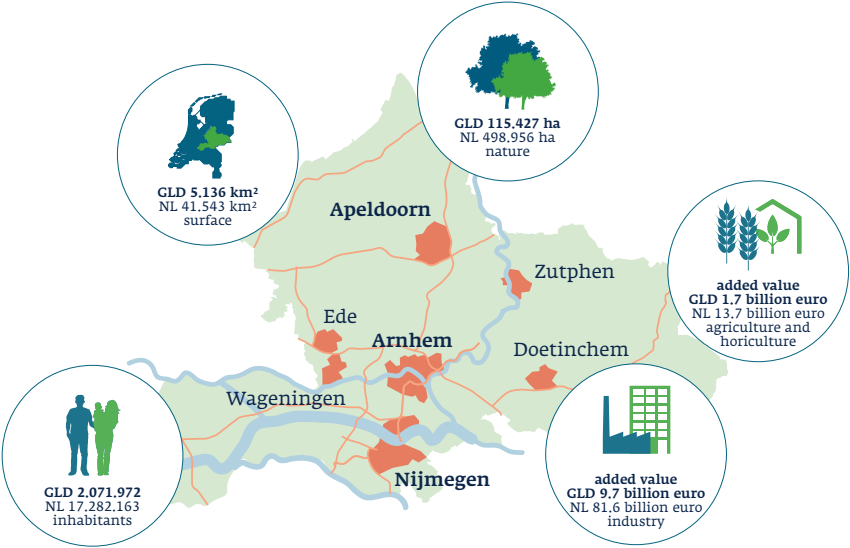
## Key Figures



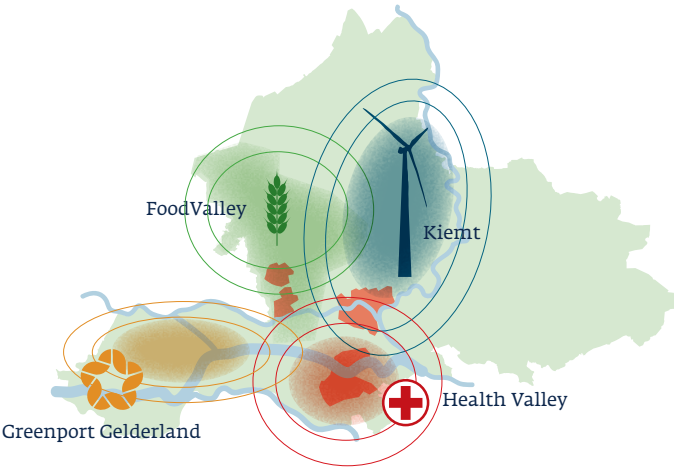
## Total business parks and land to be immediately allocated



## Gelderland Key Figures



## Concentrations of Knowledge and Activity



## Higher Educational Institutions

