

Bolidt flooring statistics show rapid expansion



If you want to, you can become quite knowledgeable about the Netherlands. How many transnational marriages have taken place in 2009, for instance, and does this represent an increase or decrease compared to previous years? What is the level of unemployment and do you know which fuels are used in the Netherlands and in what quantities? The Dutch Central Statistical Office (CBS) carefully compiles these kinds of statistics. The CBS's own statistics also include quite a few highs and lows. Since it was founded in 1899, the CBS has had to struggle its way through times of crisis, wars, reorganizations and a number of unwanted relocations! During the second World War, most statistics were not even allowed to be published; the occupying forces only released some confidential information to a select group. Fortunately, the CBS can now publish to its heart's content and former accommodation issues have also been resolved. The office in Heerlen dates from the seventies, even though the employees could only move into it in 1978. Their number then increased so rapidly, that the building had to be extended.

Another crisis occurred in 1999 when the then Minister for Economic Affairs, Mrs Jorritsma, came up with plans to close down the Heerlen office. This led to protest on all sides: at the CBS, the unions, local government and the community. They waged a fierce, months-long campaign against the plans. In the end, the Ministry had to admit reluctantly that the costs

would be prohibitive and that, in addition, the continuity of statistical production would suffer irreparable damage. Regrettably, it was not just a storm in a teacup. Between 2001 and 2003, the alternative plan still ended up erasing 200 jobs and 100 roles from CBS's payroll in Heerlen.

Every cloud has a silver lining. In August 2009, Her Majesty Queen Beatrix visited Heerlen to open a new building! The old building no longer met modern standards. The new office building is energy efficient and a fascinating addition is the use of water from the nearby mine shafts for heating and cooling. Such a smart building deserves to be decorated accordingly ... Bolidt has been featuring in the statistics of CBS's flooring history on a regular basis over the years. This time, the strong, virtually indestructible [Bolidtop® 700](#) can be admired throughout the [building](#). The [kitchen](#), [offices](#), central hall, hallways, mail room and storage area have all been finished with it. In August of last year, the CBS also moved into a property located in the newly developed area of Leidschenveen in The Hague and there the Bolidtop® 700 is accompanied by the Bolidtop® 525 and Bolidtop® 525 deco flooring from Bolidt.



The number of m² of Bolidt flooring already installed at the CBS? Their employees are bound to have the statistics!