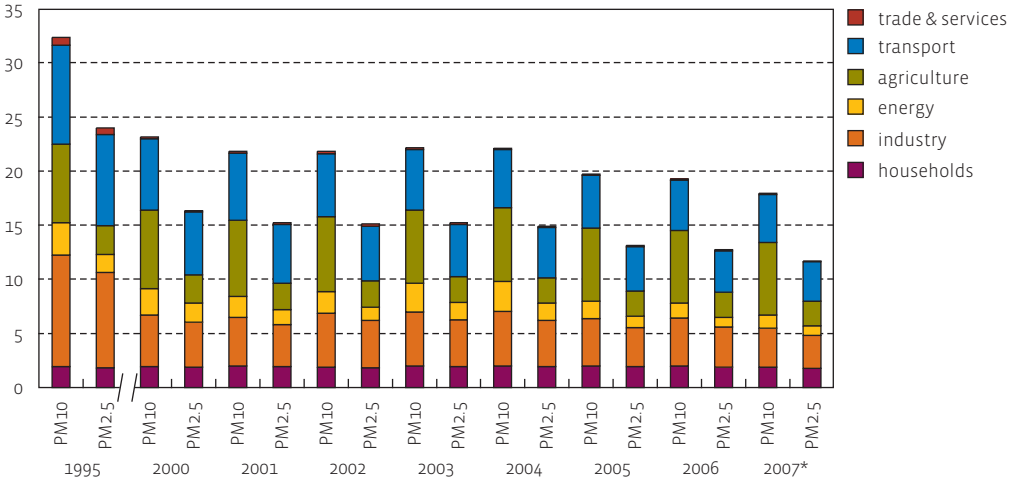




emissions (ktonnes)



* provisional figures

Source: VMM

PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} emissions decreased slightly

The particles that are expelled directly are called the primary particles. These primary particles emissions experienced a strong decrease in the period 1995 to 2000. In the following years the emissions stagnated until, in 2007, they decreased to 17.9 ktonnes PM₁₀ and 11.7 ktonnes PM_{2.5}.

Transport remains a major source of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} emissions

Agriculture remains the main source of PM₁₀ emissions (38 %). The scale of the contribution is however very uncertain. The source could also be less relevant for health. After agriculture, transport (25 %) and industry (20 %) the most important emission sources of PM₁₀. The method of calculation for transport was changed, as a result of which these figures can differ strongly from figures reported earlier.

For PM_{2.5}, transport, with a share of 31 % is the most important emission source. Industry comes second with 26 %.

emissions (ktonnes)	1995		2000		2005		2006		2007*	
	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}
households	1.91	1.81	1.95	1.88	2.00	1.92	1.97	1.88	1.86	1.77
industry	10.31	8.80	4.77	4.15	4.35	3.64	4.46	3.72	3.63	3.06
energy	3.02	1.70	2.43	1.79	1.60	1.02	1.37	0.88	1.20	0.86
agriculture	7.22	2.66	7.23	2.57	6.78	2.34	6.73	2.31	6.74	2.30
transport	9.13	8.40	6.60	5.82	4.86	4.09	4.64	3.86	4.41	3.63
trade & services	0.76	0.60	0.16	0.15	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.07
total	32.4	24.0	23.1	16.4	19.7	13.1	19.3	12.7	17.9	11.7