



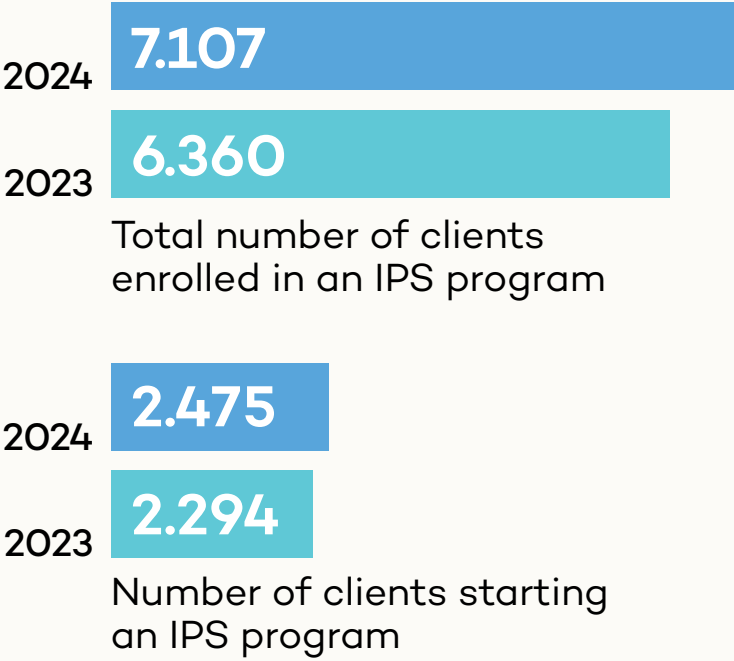
IPS in the Netherlands

Recent developments

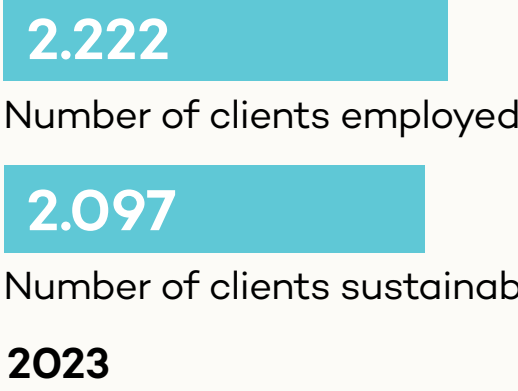
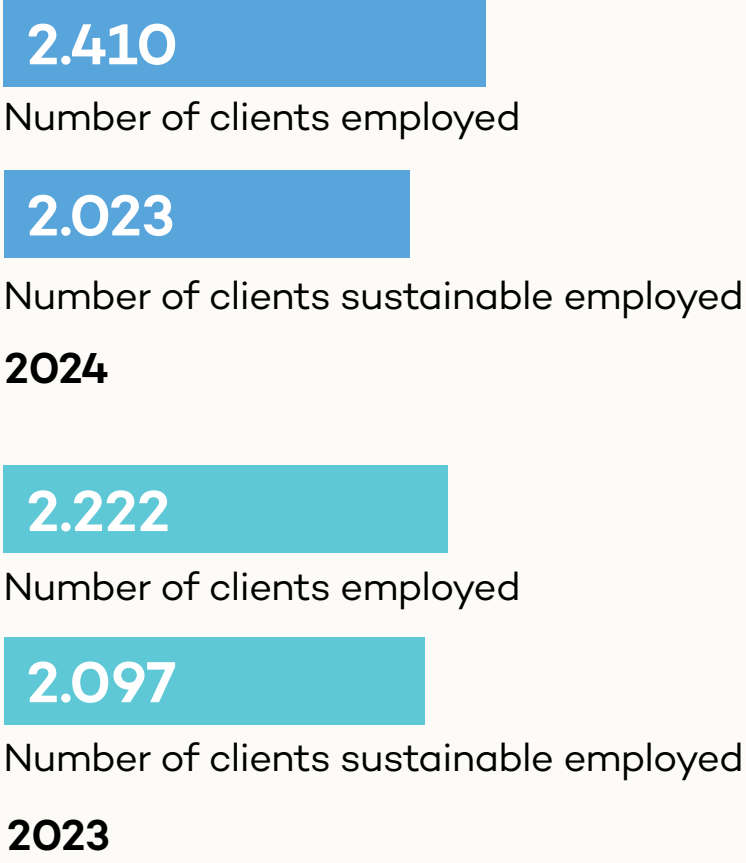
In 2021, a national project **Hoofdzaak } Werk** was launched in the Netherlands as part of the Sterk door Werk (Strong through Work) covenant. Within Hoofdzaak } Werk, mental health institutions, municipalities, employee Insurance agency (UWV) and employers improved their cooperation to support people with (severe) mental illness into paid work on national level and in 35 labor market regions. The use of IPS is an important part of Hoofdzaak } Werk.

Thanks to the project, funding for IPS is available for people receiving disability benefits and people receiving social welfare benefits (2023). This was an important breakthrough for the cooperation between the involved organizations and for the use and grow of IPS in the Netherlands. The project has given a significant boost to the collaboration between mental health institutions, municipalities and the employee insurance agency (UWV).

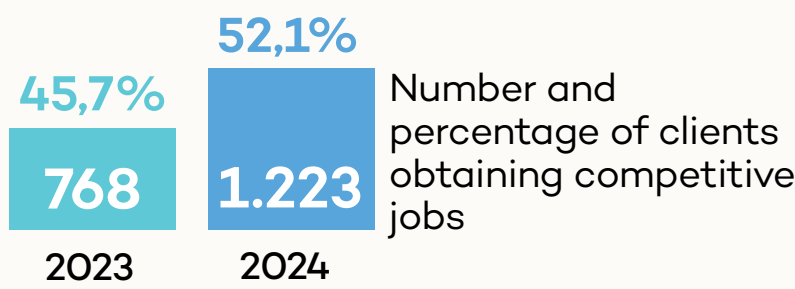
Number of clients



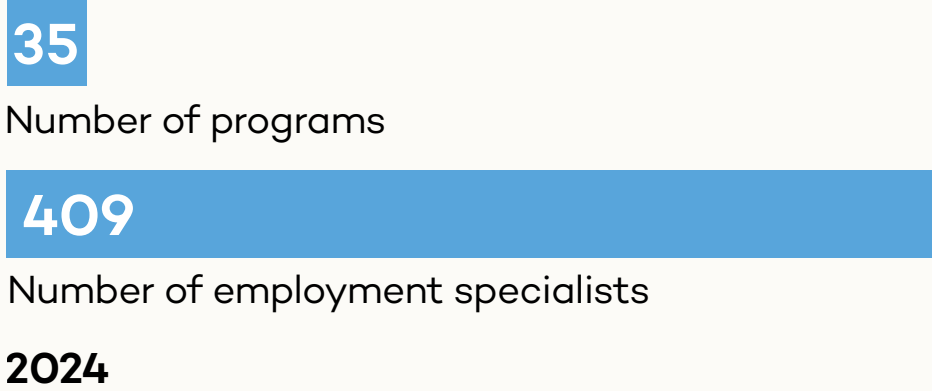
Number of clients employed



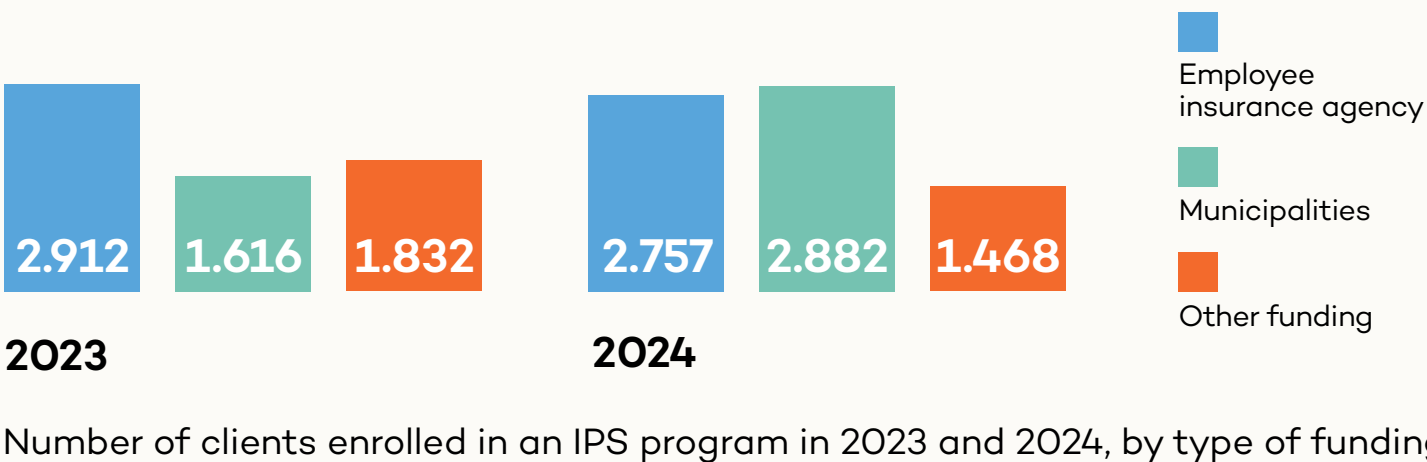
IPS outcomes



IPS programs and IPS employment specialists



IPS funding



Research

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- Effectiveness of the Individual Placement and Support IPS model of vocational rehabilitation for people with severe mental illnesses in the Netherlands | Michon e.a. | 2014
- IPS Works! – Handbook for working and learning with Individual Placement and Support | Lars de Winter, Jaap van Weeghel, Cris Bergmans, Dorien Verhoeven | Publisher Boom | 2025

More information

- Project Hoofdzaak } Werk website
- Working with IPS website
- Phrenos Center of Expertise website
- Project Hoofdzaak } Werk clip
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IPS fidelity outcomes

Recent IPS fidelity scores of Dutch IPS programs
Average score: 103.3



Phrenos Center of Expertise supports the quality and development of IPS through fidelity assessment, education, and research. It provides guidance to teams and organisations in implementing and strengthening IPS.