In recent years, soaring house prices in various parts of the world have channelled attention to the issue of land use regulation and its potential consequences for the functioning of housing markets. This thesis investigates housing supply and land use regulation in the Netherlands from positive and normative angles. It provides evidence of the extent to which housing production responds to demand conditions, both at the aggregate level and at the level of regions, and it relates these findings to government interventions in land and housing markets. A second thread is the interrelationship between regional housing and labour markets. The simultaneity of regional population and employment growth is analysed and the defining role of housing supply in this interplay is highlighted. Finally, a welfare economic study of a particular feature of land use regulation in the Netherlands is presented, which is the tendency to restrict growth of cities while clustering new development in designated satellite towns.

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