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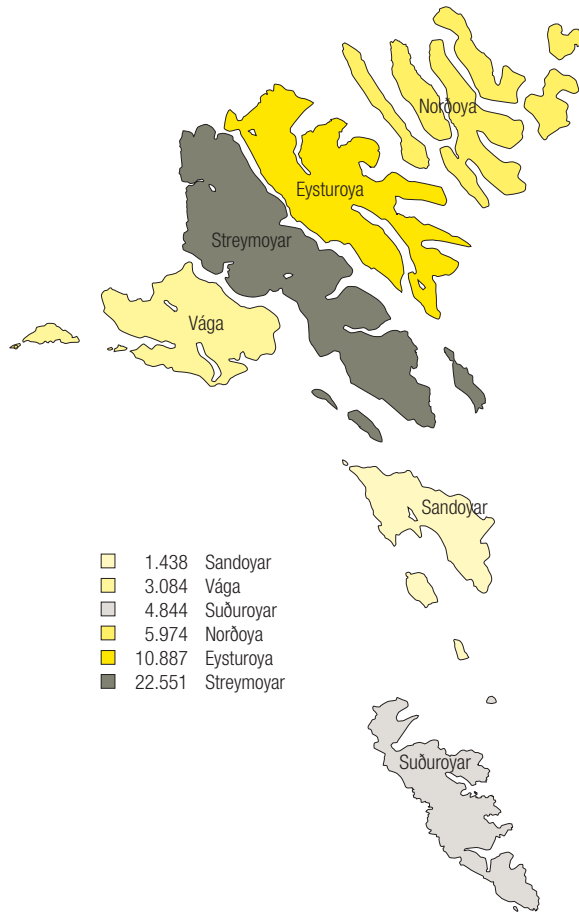
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Key figures, Nordic countries

	FO	DK	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
Population and area 1 jan. 2009. GL 2008								
Population in 1 000	49	5.511	56	5.326	27	319	4.799	9.256
Females in pct. of total population	48,0	50,4	47,1	51,0	50,3	49,3	50,1	50,3
Area in 1 000 sq km	1	43	2.166	338	2	103	324	450
Inhabitants per sq km	35	127	0,03	16	18	3	15	21
Fertility rate. 2008. FI, SE 2007, AX 2006, GL 2005								
Total fertility rate	2.519	1.892	2.330	1.829	1.867	2.140	1.957	1.880
Life expectancy at birth. 2008. FI, NO 2007, GL, AX 2006								
Life expectancy, men	77	76	66	76	78	80	78	79
Life expectancy, women	82	81	71	83	84	83	83	83
Vital statistics per 1 000 people. 2008. FI, AX 2007, GL 2006								
Natural population increase	6	2	7	2	1	9	4	2
Net migration	2	5	-11	3	6	4	9	6
Population increase	8	7	-4	4	8	13	13	8
Marriages and divorces per 1 000 people. 2007. FO, AX 2008								
Marriages	5,3	6,7	..	5,6	5,0	5,4	4,9	5,2
Divorces	1,1	2,6	..	2,5	1,6	1,6	2,2	2,2
Induced abortions. 2006								
Total abortion rate	137,0	460,5	2.085,0	324,0	407,4	415,5	480,5	629,0
Per 1 000 live births	61,0	242,1	1.029,7	181,0	226,2	202,3	246,3	340,3
Health staff and hospitals beds per 100 000 people. 2006. DK, FI 2005, FO 2003								
Dentists	83	86	46	45	97	94	89	82
Physicians	188	321	156	231	250	368	379	342
Hospital beds	550	348	721	696	877	..	343	289
Fishing, total catch. 2007. GL 2006								
Fishing, 1 000 tonnes	582	653	110	118	3	1.395	2.343	237
Fishing, tonnes per inhabitant	11,9	0,1	1,9	0,0	0,1	4,4	0,5	0,0
Foreign trade in pct. of GDP. 2008. FO 2006								
Import of goods and services	41	55	..	44	..	39	47	54
Exports of goods and services	51	52	..	40	..	50	29	47

Note: Country Codes see page 2

Population by district 1 Jan. 2009



Islands – area, population and height of mountains or peaks

Rank	Island	Area in sq km	Population 1 Jan. 2009	Name of highest mountain or peak	Altitude in metres
1	Streymoy	374	22.269	Kopsenni	789
2	Eysturoy	286	10.887	Slætтарatindur	882
3	Vágar	176	3.067	Árnafjall	722
4	Suðuroy	165	4.844	Gluggarnir	610
5	Sandoy	111	1.383	Tindur	479
6	Borðoy	95	5.004	Norðan fyrri Lokkaskarð	772
7	Viðoy	41	611	Villingadalsfjall	841
8	Kunoy	35	160	Kúvingafjall	830
9	Kalsoy	31	119	Nestindar	788
10	Svínoy	27	40	Havnartindur	586
11	Fugloy	11	40	Klubbin	621
12	Nólsoy	10	248	Eggjarklettur	372
13	Mykines	10	17	Knúkur	560
14	Skúvoy	10	47	Knútur	392
15	Hestur	6	32	Eggjarrók og Múlin	421
16	Stóra Dímun	3	8	Høgoyggj	396
17	Koltur	2	2	Uppi á Oyggj	477
18	Lítla Dímun	1	-	Rávan	414

Major mountains, islets and lakes

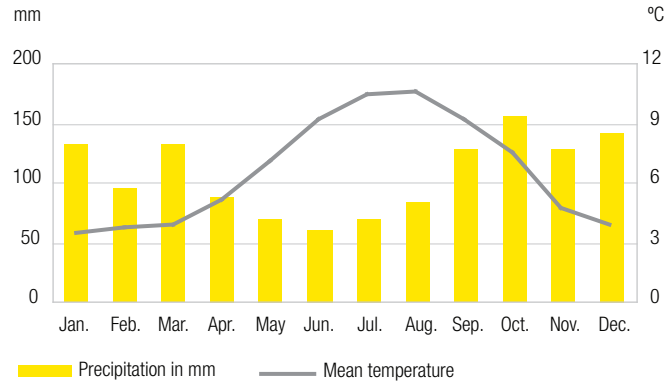
Mountains	Altitude in metres	Island
Slættaratindur	882	Eysturoy
Gráfelli	856	Eysturoy
Villingadalsfjall	841	Viðoy
Kúvingafjall	830	Kunoy
Teigafjall	825	Kunoy
Islets	Area in ha ¹	Island
Tindhólmur	65,0	Vágoy
Mykineshólmur	45,0	Mykines
Trøllhøvdi	19,0	Sandoy
Gáshólmur	10,0	Vágoy
Tjaldavíkshólmur	7,5	Suðuroy
Lakes	Area in sq km	Island
Leitisvatn	3,4	Vágoy
Fjallavatn	1,0	Vágoy
Sandvatn	0,8	Sandoy
Toftavatn	0,5	Eysturoy
Eiðisvatn	0,5	Eysturoy

1. 1 ha = 100 * 100m

Meteorological observations for Tórshavn in 2008

	Jan.	Apr.	Jul.	Oct.	Year total
Hours of bright sunshine	24	115	105	69	1.004
Frost days	8	5	0	3	38
Mean temperature °C	3,5	5,2	11,2	6,7	7,1
Mean maximum temp. °C	5,4	7,3	13,5	8,9	9,2
Mean minimum temp. °C	1,3	3,0	9,7	3,9	5,0
Precipitation in mm	140	60	87	189	1.488
Days with precipitation >= 0,1 mm	28	18	16	16	242
Mean wind speed m/s	8,1	6,1	4,9	8,6	6,6

Precipitation in mm and temperature in °C



Note: Mean 1961-1990 in Tórshavn



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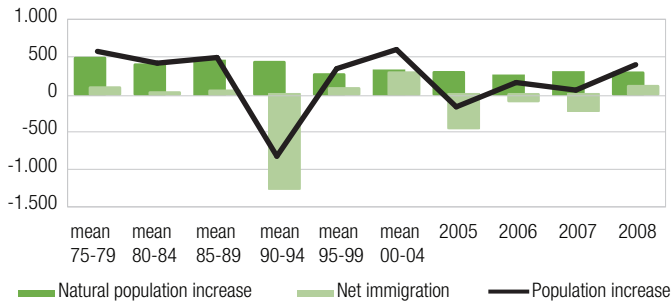
Population by municipalities 1 Jan. 2009

	Total	Females in pct.		Total	Females in pct.
Total	48.778	48,0			
Fugloyar	40	30,0	Vestmanna	1.256	48,6
Viðareiðis	351	42,5	Vága	1.950	46,9
Hvannasunds	438	47,5	Sørvágs	1.134	49,2
Klaksvíkar	4.927	48,4	Skopunar	504	46,6
Kunoyar	160	44,4	Sands	585	48,7
Húsa	58	36,2	Skálavíkar	169	37,3
Fuglafjarðar	1.553	46,5	Húsavíkar	125	52,0
Eystur	1.961	47,8	Skúvoyar	55	38,2
Nes	1.263	47,2	Hvalbíar	733	44,3
Runavíkar	3.796	46,5	Tvøroyrar	1.768	48,9
Sjóvar	1.009	47,9	Fámjins	110	44,5
Eiðis	695	46,8	Hovs	115	47,0
Sunda	1.650	47,3	Porkeris	334	46,7
Tórshavnar	19.649	49,0	Vágs	1.405	48,5
Kvívíkar	606	45,2	Sumbíar	379	44,9

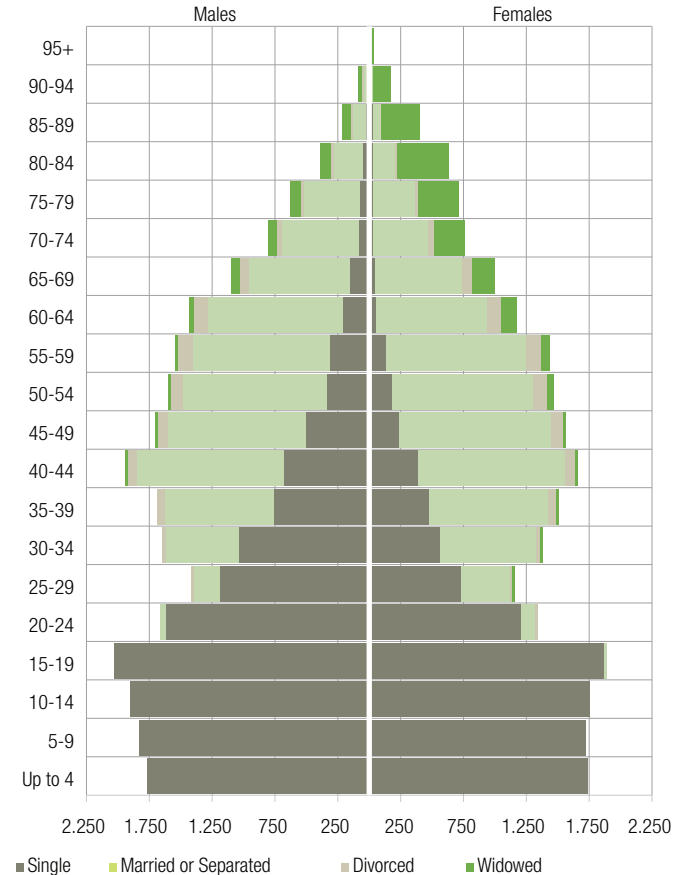
Population by gender and age groups 1 Jan. 2009

	Males	Females	Total
Total	25.370	23.408	48.778
0-6 years	2.514	2.436	4.950
7-14 years	2.986	2.777	5.763
15-17 years	1.136	1.096	2.232
18-24 years	2.557	2.103	4.660
25-59 years	11.518	10.124	21.642
60-66 years	1.943	1.637	3.580
67 years +	2.716	3.235	5.951

Population changes



Population by age groups and marital status. 1 Jan. 2009



Immigrants and emigrants. 2008

	Immigrants			Emigrants		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	751	727	1.478	824	871	1.695
Nordic countries	632	634	1.266	727	811	1.538
Denmark	538	566	1.104	631	738	1.369
Greenland	34	16	50	10	7	17
Iceland	35	27	62	48	34	82
Norway	19	20	39	27	22	49
Sweden	6	5	11	10	9	19
Finland	-	-	-	1	1	2
Other countries	119	93	212	97	60	157

Parliamentary election 19 Jan. 2008

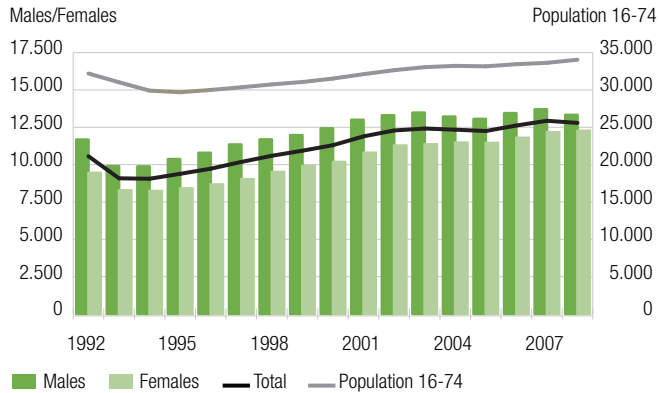
Party	Votes	Votes in percent	Seats in parliament	Elected women
Valid votes, total	31.112	100	33	7
A. Conservative Party	6.240	20	7	1
B. Unionist's Party	6.529	21	7	1
C. Social Democratic Party	6.018	19	6	2
D. Home Rule Party	2.244	7	2	-
E. Republican Party	7.250	23	8	3
H. The Centre Party	2.610	8	3	-
L. Students Party	221	1	-	-

Employees by industry. 2008

	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
	No.			Percent		
Total	13.325	12.256	25.581	100,0	100,0	100,0
Primary sector	2.241	378	2.619	16,8	3,1	10,2
Agriculture	56	21	77	0,4	0,2	0,3
Fishing	1.724	112	1.836	12,9	0,9	7,2
Aquaculture	400	232	632	3,0	1,9	2,5
Mining	61	13	74	0,5	0,1	0,3
Secondary sector	3.895	1.357	5.252	29,2	11,1	20,5
Fish Processing	664	818	1.482	5,0	6,7	5,8
Shipyards, machine shops	537	59	596	4,0	0,5	2,3
Other production	665	304	969	5,0	2,5	3,8
Construction	1.902	155	2.057	14,3	1,3	8,0
Energy	127	21	148	1,0	0,2	0,6
Tertiary sector	7.189	10.521	17.710	54,0	85,8	69,2
Sales and services	1.477	1.762	3.239	11,1	14,4	12,7
Hotels and restaurants	200	389	589	1,5	3,2	2,3
Sea transport	542	128	670	4,1	1,0	2,6
Other transport	485	213	698	3,6	1,7	2,7
Communication	302	281	583	2,3	2,3	2,3
Finance and insurance	392	563	955	2,9	4,6	3,7
Business services	504	300	804	3,8	2,4	3,1
Household services	113	191	304	0,8	1,6	1,2
Public admin. and services	2.736	6.466	9.202	20,5	52,8	36,0
Non profit organisations	309	214	523	2,3	1,7	2,0
Unspecified	129	14	143	1,0	0,1	0,6

Note: 16-74 year old with at least 7 hours of paid work a month

Employees



Employed by age groups and gender

	Males	Females	Total
Total	16.030	13.320	29.350
15-24 years	2.920	2.560	5.480
25-39 years	4.560	3.700	8.260
40-49 years	3.520	3.080	6.600
50-59 years	2.990	2.640	5.630
60-74 years	2.040	1.340	3.380

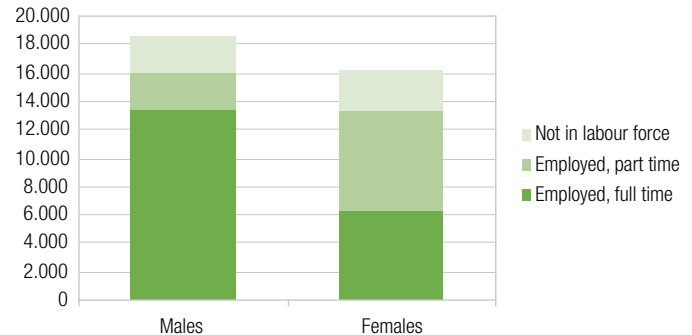
Note: Labour Force Survey Nov. 2008

Labour force composition Nov. 2008

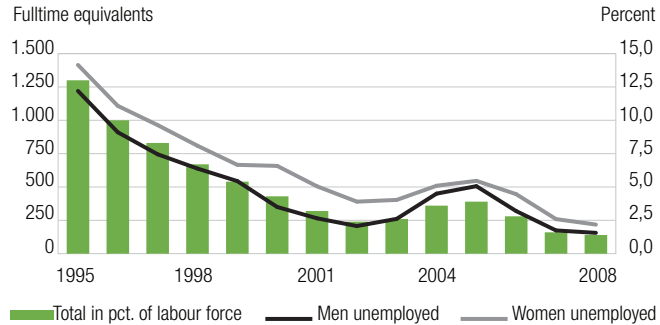
	Males	Females	Total
Total population 15-74 years	18.470	16.210	34.680
Labour force	16.110	13.320	29.430
Percent of population			
Activity rate	87,3	82,1	84,9
Employment rate	86,8	82,1	84,6
Percent of employed			
Full time	83,8	48,0	67,6
Part time	16,2	52,0	32,4
Percent of labour force			
Unemployed

Note: Labour Force Survey Nov. 2008

Labour force composition Nov. 2008



Unemployment



Unemployment by age groups. 2008

	No of fulltime equivalents			Pct. of population		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	156	218	374	0,9	1,5	1,2
16-24 years	24	24	49	0,7	0,9	0,8
25-34 years	28	46	74	0,9	1,8	1,3
35-44 years	21	41	63	0,6	1,3	0,9
45-54 years	26	37	63	0,8	1,2	1,0
55-66 years	57	69	126	1,6	2,3	1,9

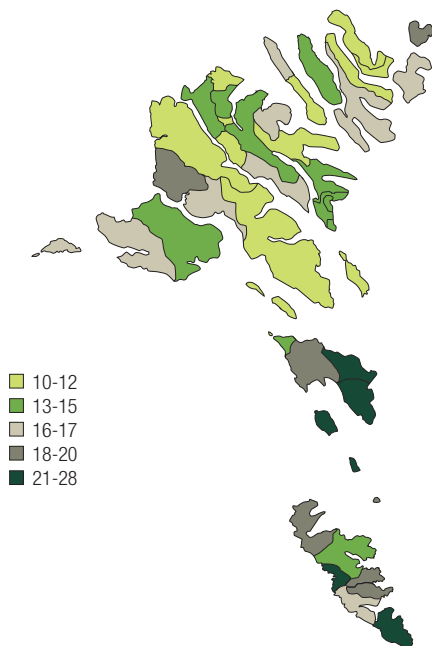


Pensioners

	2003	2006	2007	2008
Old age pensioners	5.746	6.142	6.150	6.237
Disability pensioners	1.919	1.905	1.872	1.891

Population 65+ years in pct. of population, by municipalities.

1 Jan. 2009



Residents at homes for the aged

	2005	2007	2008
Total	445	527	518
Residential and nursing homes	286	361	367
Shared homes	159	166	151

Children in day-care

	2005	2006	2007
Total	4.573	4.695	4.621
Kindergarten/nursery	2.724	2.787	2.904
After-school centre	882	955	911
Day-care centre	967	953	806

Hospitals and health centres

	1990	2000	2007
Hospitals	3	3	3
Number of beds	310	296	243
Beds per 1000 people	6,5	6,6	5,0
Hospitalizations	9.512	10.319	13.301
Hospitalizations per 1000 people	200,0	229,0	275,1
Hospital staff total	954	766	832
Physicians	63	57	61
Nurses	356	267	293
Other health and nursing training	142	179	173
General practitioners	25	27	27
Dentists	40	39	40

Level of education attained, aged 15-74

	2006	2008
	Percent	
Males		
Primary level	30	30
Secondary level	46	45
Tertiary level	24	25
Females		
Primary level	35	39
Secondary level	42	39
Tertiary level	23	22
Total		
Primary level	33	34
Secondary level	44	42
Tertiary level	23	24

Note: Primary level: ISCED 1-2, secondary level: ISCED 3-4, tertiary level: ISCED 5-6

Educational attainment by gender

	2006	2008
	Percent	
Early school-leavers, aged 18-24 ¹	23	25
Males	30	31
Females	15	18
Upper secondary or higher, aged 25-64 ²	77	75
Males	80	79
Females	74	71

Note: 1 people with only lower secondary education and not in education
2 people having completed at least upper secondary education

National Church

	2000	2005	2007	2008
Parishes	14	14	14	14
Vicars	21	21	22	22
Churches	60	60	61	61
Population	46.144	48.170	48.383	48.778
Church members	39.011	40.411	40.358	40.540
Church members in pct. of population	84,5	83,9	83,4	83,1
Church marriages	189	188	191	187
Church marriages in pct. of all marriages	77	75	76	72

Theatrical plays

	2000	2006	2007	2008
Amateur theatrical				
Plays	21	20	18	20
Performances	138	83	88	157
Visitors	22.732	9.500	8.781	21.614
The professional theatrical				
Plays	7	6	9	5
Performances	113	62	142	67
Visitors	11.099	7.491	10.489	7.693

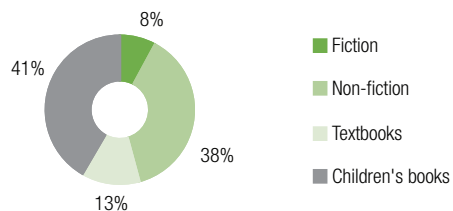
Museum visitors

	2001	2005	2007	2008
Faroes Historical Museum	9.853	8.772	8.987	10.846
Faroes Museum of Natural History	2.069	7.623	4.478	4.805
Faroes Museum of Art	10.443	14.514	16.173	15.335

Newspapers in 2008

	Weekly editions	Circulation
Total	15	48.700
Dimmalættung	5	8.500
Sosialurin	5	8.000
Oyggjatiðindi	2	3.500
Norðlýsið	1	6.400
VikuBláðið	1	20.000
Vinnuvitan	1	2.300

Book publications 2008



Book publications

	1980	1990	2000	2008
Total	93	161	170	190
of this translations	34	72	66	81
Fiction	17	18	34	15
Non-fiction	24	48	75	72
Textbooks	19	31	24	24
Children's books	33	64	37	79

Cinemas

	2001	2005	2006	2007
Cinemas	2	3	3	3
Screens	3	4	4	4
Seats	358	467	407	413
seats per screen	119	117	102	103
Seats per 1000 inhabitants	7,7	9,7	8,4	8,5
Number of visitors	85.651	94.134	93.224	89.625
Number of visitors per inhabitants	1,8	2,0	1,9	1,9
Foreign film premieres	88	94	80	75

Note: The cinema Suðurbio was closed Jan-Aug 2007

Reported criminal offences

	1995	2000	2005	2008
Reported criminal offences, total	1.057	885	975	866
Sexual offences	40	35	28	16
Crime of violence	63	100	71	79
Theft	425	325	477	360
Vandalism	370	316	275	322
Other offences	159	109	124	89

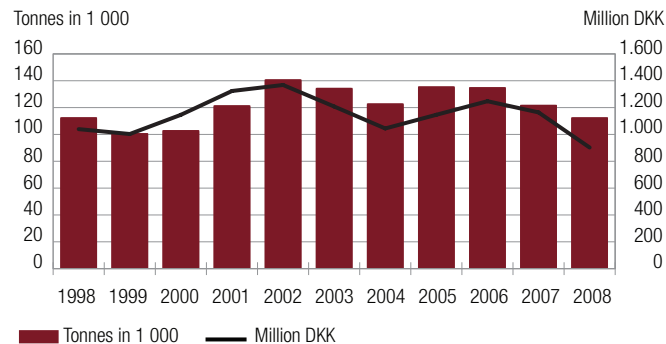


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Wet fish catches. 2008

	1 000 tonnes	Percent	Million DKK	Percent
Total	111,7	100,0	902,5	100,0
By species				
Cod	11,7	10,5	237,9	26,4
Haddock	7,5	6,7	84,2	9,3
Saithe	50,9	45,5	258,7	28,7
Other	41,7	37,3	321,7	35,6
By fishing gear				
Otter trawl	21,8	19,5	204,6	22,7
Pair trawl	63,3	56,6	304,5	33,7
Long line	21,8	19,5	312,4	34,6
Jigging line	1,9	1,7	18,7	2,1
Gillnets etc.	3,0	2,7	62,3	6,9
By purchaser				
Faroese fish buyers	71,1	63,6	403,8	44,7
Faroese fish auctions	32,3	28,9	419,0	46,4
Foreign fish buyers	8,4	7,5	79,7	8,8

Wet fish catches



Total fish catches, live weight. 2007

	1 000 tonnes			Percent		
	Faroese waters	Other	Total	Faroese waters	Other	Total
Total	231,1	351,0	582,1	39,7	60,3	100,0
Cod	10,4	17,8	28,1	1,8	3,1	4,8
Haddock	12,8	4,0	16,8	2,2	0,7	2,9
Saithe	64,6	2,5	67,0	11,1	0,4	11,5
Blue whiting	101,1	210,9	312,0	17,4	36,2	53,6
Other	42,3	115,8	158,1	7,3	19,9	27,2

Catches by foreign vessels in Faroese waters, live weight

	2000	2005	2006	2008
	1 000 tonnes			
Total	260,8	389,6	389,0	263,6
EU-countries	21,7	21,2	17,2	6,3
Other countries	239,1	368,4	371,9	257,3

Harvest of salmon and trout

	2000	2005	2007	2008
	Tonnes			
Total	28.660	19.593	25.173	38.272
Salmon	27.477	15.549	18.290	31.565
Trout	1.184	4.044	6.883	6.707

Note: Guttet weight

Pilot whale catches

Years	Drives	Whales killed	Skin
2001-2008	62	4.848	38.285
1991-2000	101	9.212	66.286
1981-1990	176	18.806	108.715
1971-1980	85	11.311	69.026
1961-1970	130	15.784	79.589
1951-1960	122	18.772	99.104

The fleet by end of year 2007

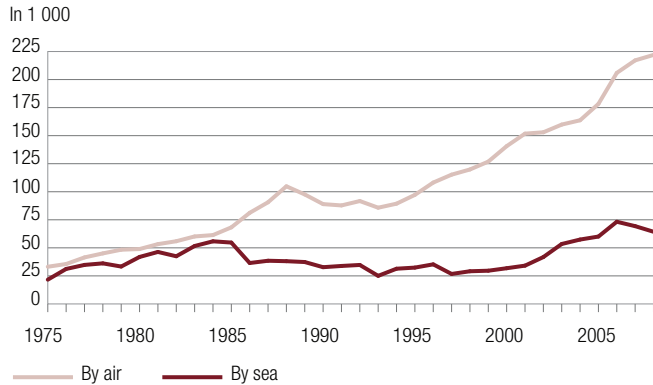
Vessels	In no.	GT in 1 000
Total	257	251,5
Fishing vessels	150	104,3
Cargo vessels	13	46,7
Passenger vessels/ferries	8	51,2
Sand dredgers	8	5,6
Gas and other tankers	1	1,3
Research vessels	1	0,7
Coast guard vessels	2	2,0
Other	74	39,8

Note: Only vessels larger than 20 GT are included

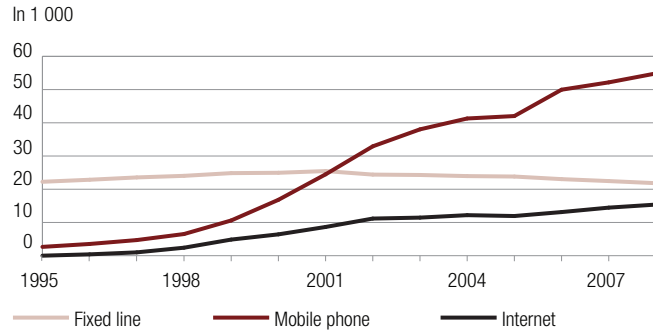
Electricity production

	2000	2005	2007	2008	2008
	MWh				Percent
Total	212.962	244.877	269.417	275.829	100
Hydro	76.022	98.976	104.452	95.880	35
Thermal	136.417	135.569	149.206	166.980	61
Wind	523	10.332	15.759	12.969	5

International passenger transport, arrivals and departures



Telephone subscribers



Motor vehicles registered 1 Jan.

	1990	2000	2008	2009
Total	18.661	18.681	27.405	27.750
Lorries and vans	3.552	3.186	4.508	4.611
Busses	118	137	232	249
Taxis	232	92	109	104
Private cars	13.986	14.087	20.225	20.293
Trailers	773	1.179	2.216	2.363
Emergency vehicles	-	-	115	130
Private cars per 1 000 people	293	311	418	416

Traffic accidents

	1995	2000	2007	2008
Total traffic accidents	1.104	1.281	988	965
of which with casualties	50	49	55	67
of which alcohol rel. accident	40	43	48	51
Casualties	63	61	69	87
Killed	3	3	7	1

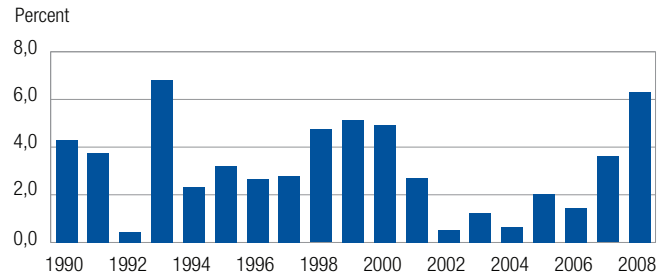


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Consumer price index, 2001=100

	2005	2006	2007	2008
All-item index	104,5	106,0	109,8	116,8
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	103,8	106,5	111,1	118,6
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	110,1	114,4	116,2	121,8
Clothing and footwear	93,1	91,6	92,4	97,7
Housing, electricity and heating	101,7	103,9	116,3	133,0
Furnishing and household equipment	100,3	99,0	96,8	95,3
Health	112,9	113,2	114,1	115,6
Transport	113,1	116,7	117,1	121,1
Communication	90,9	92,3	91,9	91,9
Recreation and culture	105,7	103,2	103,3	107,0
Education	99,2	104,8	110,5	112,7
Restaurants and hotels	108,6	111,3	114,7	121,9
Miscellaneous goods and services	108,2	109,9	112,9	116,6

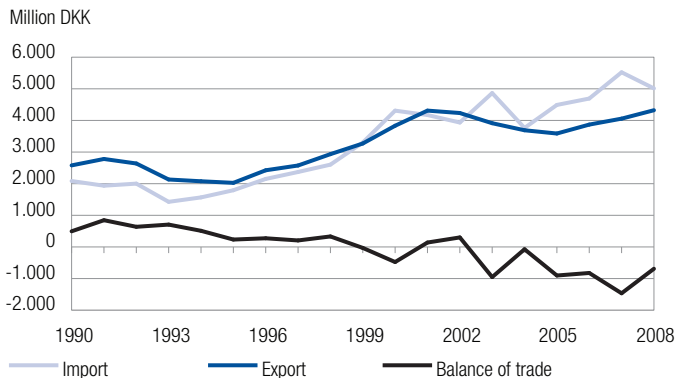
Consumer price index, annual average rates



Trade by country. 2008

	Import		Export	
	Million DKK		Percent	
Total	5.013	4.323	100,0	100,0
EU-countries total	3.145	2.835	62,7	65,6
Denmark	1.591	522	31,7	12,1
Sweden	258	28	5,1	0,6
Germany	384	268	7,7	6,2
United Kingdom	200	874	4,0	20,2
France	110	345	2,2	8,0
Spain	40	324	0,8	7,5
Other EU-countries	561	474	11,2	11,0
Non EU-countries total	1.868	1.488	37,3	34,4
Norway	1.036	674	20,7	15,6
Iceland	156	103	3,1	2,4
China	194	21	3,9	0,5
Japan	75	107	1,5	2,5
Other non EU-countries	407	584	8,1	13,5

Balance of merchandise trade



Public expenditures in percent of gross domestic product

	2000	2005	2006	2007
	Percent			
Total expenditure	52,5	57,8	53,1	54,1
General public services	3,7	4,7	4,5	4,9
Public order and safety	0,9	1,2	1,2	1,2
Economic affairs	9,2	9,9	9,0	8,3
Environment protection	1,0	1,3	1,1	0,9
Housing and community amenities	0,7	0,6	0,9	1,0
Health	6,7	7,8	7,2	7,4
Recreation, culture and religion	1,2	1,6	1,3	1,5
Education	7,5	8,2	8,0	9,1
Social protection	18,2	20,9	18,7	18,7
Not classified	3,5	1,6	1,2	1,1

Taxes in percent of gross domestic product

	2000	2005	2006	2007
	Percent			
Total taxes by national account groups	45,6	44,7	45,1	47,2
Taxes on production and import	14,3	14,6	15,1	16,1
Taxes on income, wealth etc.	28,2	26,7	26,2	26,7
Compulsory actual social contributions	3,1	3,3	3,7	4,4
Capital taxes	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1

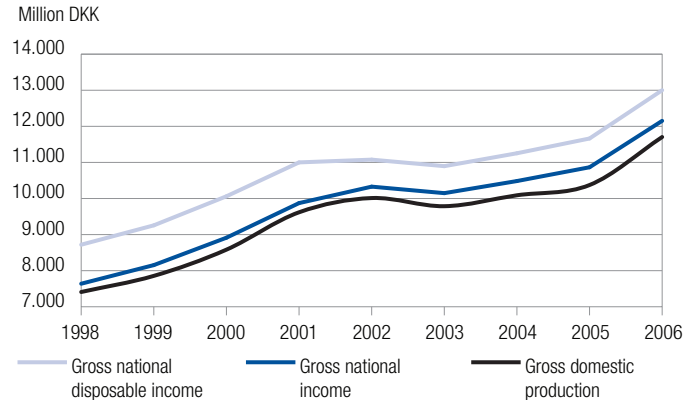
General government expenditure

	1998	2000	2005	2007
	Percentage of total expenses			
Total expenditure	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
Final consumption	47,3	49,0	52,6	53,3
Transfers to households and subsidies	31,9	30,6	28,1	26,4
Property income	11,3	6,8	2,9	2,2
Gross capital formation and capital transfers	9,5	13,6	16,4	18,1

General government revenues

	1998	2000	2005	2007
	Percentage of total expenses			
Total income	122,3	120,6	97,4	104,6
Current taxes and social contributions	58,6	60,8	53,1	58,6
Taxes on production and import	27,1	27,2	25,2	29,6
Transfers from Denmark	24,0	22,3	11,0	10,1
Other income	12,6	10,4	8,2	6,4

Gross domestic product and national income



Current account

	2003	2004	2005	2006
	Million DKK			
Income in total	5.971	5.719	6.226	6.918
Exports of goods and services	4.373	4.185	4.379	4.905
Income	727	626	934	1.036
Current transfers	871	908	913	977
Expenditure in total	6.108	4.892	6.207	6.776
Imports of goods and services	5.619	4.522	5.649	6.059
Income	365	231	442	588
Current transfers	124	138	116	128
Balance	-136	827	19	142
Trade of goods and services	-1.246	-337	-1.270	-1.154
Income	362	394	492	448
Current transfers	748	770	797	849

Foreign debt

	2003	2004	2005	2006
	Million DKK			
Public sectors, net	777	927	1.092	405
Liabilities	3.668	3.579	3.070	2.385
Assets	2.892	2.652	1.978	1.981
Private sectors, net	-4.361	-4.497	-4.066	-4.142
Liabilities	2.644	2.831	5.139	7.899
Assets	7.005	7.328	9.204	12.042
Total, net	-3.584	-3.570	-2.974	-3.738
Liabilities	6.312	6.410	8.208	10.285
Assets	9.897	9.980	11.182	14.022



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