

# Greenland in Figures

2013





## Greenland in Figures 2013

10<sup>th</sup> revised edition · Editorial deadline: March 2013

Published by Statistics Greenland

Telephone: +299 36 23 60 · Fax: +299 36 23 61

stat@stat.gl · www.stat.gl

Edited by David Michelsen, Statistics Greenland  
Typesetting, graphics, and photos by NUISI grafik  
Printed by G-grafisk

Number printed: 1,200 · Unit price: Free of charge

© Statistics Greenland 2013

Quotations from this leaflet are permitted provided that the source is acknowledged.

ISBN: 978-87-986787-7-9 EAN: 9788798678779 ISSN: 1602-5709

Indigenous people from the North American continent first settled in Greenland over 4,500 years ago whereas Scandinavian settlers arrived about 1,000 years ago.

Today the country is called Kalaallit Nunaat which means "the Country of the Greenlanders".

Greenland is part of the Kingdom of Denmark which consists of Denmark, the Faroe Islands, and Greenland. Greenland is not, however, part of the EU as it withdrew from the union as of 1 February 1985 following a referendum in 1982.

Greenland has its own national flag, issues its own stamps, and is part of the Danish monetary and exchange union.

In 1979, Greenland was granted home rule. In June 2009, a bill on self-government was passed following a referendum on the question on 25 November 2008. Self-government was established on 21 June 2009, 30 years after the introduction of the home rule.





## Key Figures



### Geography

Location	The world's largest non-continental island on the North American continent between the Arctic Ocean and the North Atlantic Ocean, north east of Canada. The northernmost point of Greenland, Cape Morris Jesup, is only 740 km from the North Pole. The southernmost point is Cape Farewell which is at about the same latitude as Oslo in Norway
Geography	Greenland dominates the North Atlantic between North America and Europe; the population lives in small settlements along the coast but close to one quarter of the population lives in the capital, Nuuk
Geographical coordinates	72 00 N, 40 00 W (the geographical centre of Greenland)
Area	2,166,086 km <sup>2</sup> (the 12th largest country in the world)
Ice-free area	410,449 km <sup>2</sup>
Coastline	44,087 km
Largest distances	North-South 2,670 km, East-West 1,050 km
Highest point	Gunnbjørn Fjeld 3,700 m in East Greenland
Terrain	The flat to gradually sloping icecap covers all but a narrow, mountainous, barren, rocky coast. The ice cap is up to 3 km thick and contains 10 per cent of the world's resources of fresh water
Climate	Arctic to subarctic; cool winters and cold summers in which the mean temperature does not normally exceed 10° C (the traditional definition of polar climate)
Mean temperature, January	Nuuk -4.6° C, Kangerlussuaq -13.9° C, Ilulissat -8.7° C (2011)
Mean temperature, July	Nuuk 7.4° C, Kangerlussuaq 12.5° C, Ilulissat 10.5° C (2011)
Natural resources	Zinc, lead, iron ore, coal, molybdenum, gold, platinum, uranium, fish, seals, whales, hydropower, and possibly oil and gas
Plant life	Low-growing mountain and tundra plants, mosses, lichens, heather, crowberry, bog, whortleberry, and dwarf birch

Animal life	Fish, seals, walruses, whales, polar bears, arctic foxes, arctic wolves, reindeer, musk oxen, collared lemmings, snow hares, and a rich bird life which comprises some 50 breeding species
National parks	The national park of Greenland comprises approximately 972,000 km <sup>2</sup> in the north eastern part of the country
Conservations	Approximately 20,000 km <sup>2</sup> at Melville Bay and a protected area at Sarfartooq (The Paradise Valley) in the district of Maniitsoq. The Ilulissat icefjord is a UNESCO world heritage site
Environmental issues	Protection of the arctic environment; preservation of the traditional Inuit lifestyle, including whaling and seal hunting

## Population

Population	56,370 (Jan. 2013)
Density	0.14 per km <sup>2</sup> of ice-free area (Jan. 2013)
Population in the capital	Nuuk: 16,454 (Jan. 2013)
Population in towns	48,151 (Jan. 2013)
Population in settlements	8,219 (Jan. 2013)
Population growth rate	-0.67 per cent (2013)
Death rate, total	8.3 deaths per 1,000 inhabitants (2011)
Net migration	-709 (2012)
Infant mortality rate, total	9.6 deaths per 1,000 live births (2008)
Life expectancy	Women 72.8, men 67.8 (2006/2010)
Total fertility rate	2.26 per woman aged 15-49 years (2010)
Demonym	Noun: Greenlander(s). Adjective: Greenlandic
Ethnic groups	Born in Greenland: 88.9 per cent. Born outside Greenland: 11.1 per cent (Jan. 2013)
Religions	Evangelical Lutheran
Languages	Greenlandic (Kalaallisut), Danish

## Government

Government type	Parliamentary democracy within a constitutional monarchy
Dependency status	Part of the Kingdom of Denmark; self-governing overseas administrative division of Denmark since 1979

Capital	Nuuk
National holiday	21 June (the longest day of the year)
Legal system	Danish
Suffrage	18 years of age; universal
Membership of the EU	From 1 January 1973 until 1 February 1985
Head of state	HMS Queen Margrethe II of Denmark
Legislative branch	Landstinget (the parliament with 31 seats)
Judicial branch	High Court or Landsret
The Greenlandic flag	Two equal horizontal bands of white (top) and red (bottom) with a large disk slightly to the hoist side of centre; the top half of the disk is red, the bottom half is white
Symbol of the flag	The sun descending over the horizon and the ice cap

## Economy

GDP	DKK 11,590 million (provisional figure for 2011 in 2005 prices)
GDP - real growth rate	3.2 per cent from 2010 to 2011 (provisional figure)
Average gross income per household	1st decile: DKK 50,251. 10th decile: DKK 1,224,725 DKK. Average: DKK 402,140 (2011)
Inflation rate (consumer prices)	4.8 per cent (Jan. 2011 - Jan. 2012)
Labour force	26,791 permanent residents, aged 18-64 (monthly average 2011)
Unemployment rate	9.4 per cent on average per month of permanent residents aged 18-64
Budget	Income DKK 9.8 billion. Expenditure DKK 9.3 billion including capital expenditure of DKK 0.6 billion (2011)
Industries	Fish processing (mainly prawns and Greenland halibut), handicrafts, hides and skins, small shipyards, mining
Electricity - consumption	320 GWh (2011)
Agriculture - products	Sheep, reindeer, fish
Exports	DKK 2,540.5 million (2011)
Exports - commodities	Provisions and livestock
Exports - partners	Denmark, Iceland
Imports	5,182.0 DKK million (2011)

Imports - commodities	Machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods, provisions and livestock, petroleum products
Imports - partners	EU (primarily Denmark and Sweden)
Block grant	3,555 DKK million in subsidies from Denmark (2011)
Currency	Danish Kroner (DKK)
Exchange rates	USD 100 = DKK 567.9, EUR 100 = DKK 746.6 (March 2013)
Fiscal year	Calendar year

## Communications

Telephones - landlines	18,840 (2012)
Telephones - mobiles	59,399 (2012)
Country calling code	299
Television broadcast stations	Kalaallit Nunaata Radioa (national television) and some local television stations
Newspapers	Atuagagdliutit / Grønlandsposten (AG) and Sermitsiaq
Internet country code	.gl
Internet suppliers	1
Internet connections	11,004 (2012)

## Transportation

Railways	0 km
Ports and harbours	Ports in 16 towns and harbours in 60 settlements
Airports	14 airports, seven heliports, and 37 helistops

Sources: CIA World Factbook, Greenland Airports, TELE Greenland, and Statistics Greenland

## Symbols

-	0
.	Category not applicable
0	Less than 0.5 of the unit used
...	Data not available
*	Provisional or estimated figures

All economic figures are in Danish kroner (DKK).

# Population



## Population by Gender

BEEST1

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,969</b>	<b>56,901</b>	<b>56,648</b>	<b>56,462</b>	<b>56,194</b>	<b>56,452</b>	<b>56,615</b>	<b>56,749</b>	<b>56,370</b>
Men	30,319	30,182	30,005	29,885	29,809	29,936	29,942	30,041	29,838
Women	26,650	26,719	26,643	26,577	26,385	26,516	26,673	26,708	26,532

## Population by Municipality, Town and Settlement

BEEST3

	2003		2013	
	Towns	Settlements	Towns	Settlements
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,567</b>	<b>10,109</b>	<b>48,151</b>	<b>8,219</b>
<b>Kommune Kujalleq</b>	6,378	1,543	6,069	1,082
Nanortalik	1,549	917	1,337	601
Qaqortoq	3,130	276	3,229	184
Narsaq	1,699	350	1,503	297
<b>Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq</b>	<b>18,063</b>	<b>1,947</b>	<b>20,438</b>	<b>1,430</b>
Ivittuut	-	178	-	42
Paamiut	1,842	177	1,515	106
Nuuk	13,884	381	16,454	286
Ammassalik	1,818	1,189	2,017	991
Illoqqortoormiut	519	22	452	5
<b>Qeqqata Kommunia</b>	<b>8,162</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>8,268</b>	<b>1,352</b>
Maniitsoq	2,899	782	2,670	618
Sisimiut	5,263	761	5,598	734
<b>Qaasuitsup Kommunia</b>	<b>13,964</b>	<b>4,827</b>	<b>13,376</b>	<b>4,122</b>
Kangaatsiaq	660	856	558	669
Aasiaat	3,142	225	3,142	185
Qasigianguit	1,342	80	1,171	77
Ilulissat	4,525	482	4,541	384
Qeqertarsuaq	1,006	53	845	34
Uummannaq	1,423	1,232	1,282	972
Upernavik	1,218	1,688	1,181	1,656
Qaanaaq	648	211	656	145
<b>Outside municipalities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>233</b>

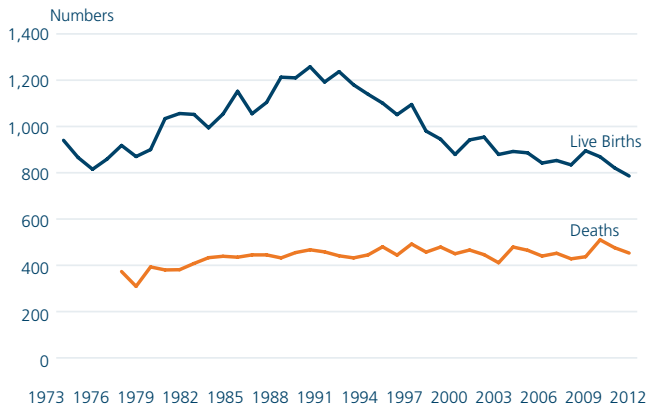
## Population by Gender and Age. 1 January 2013

BEEST5

	Total	Men	Women
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,370</b>	<b>29,838</b>	<b>26,532</b>
0-6 years	5,605	2,893	2,712
7-14 years	6,531	3,316	3,215
15-17 years	2,462	1,243	1,219
18-24 years	6,491	3,293	3,198
25-64 years	31,128	16,960	14,168
65 years and older	4,153	2,133	2,020

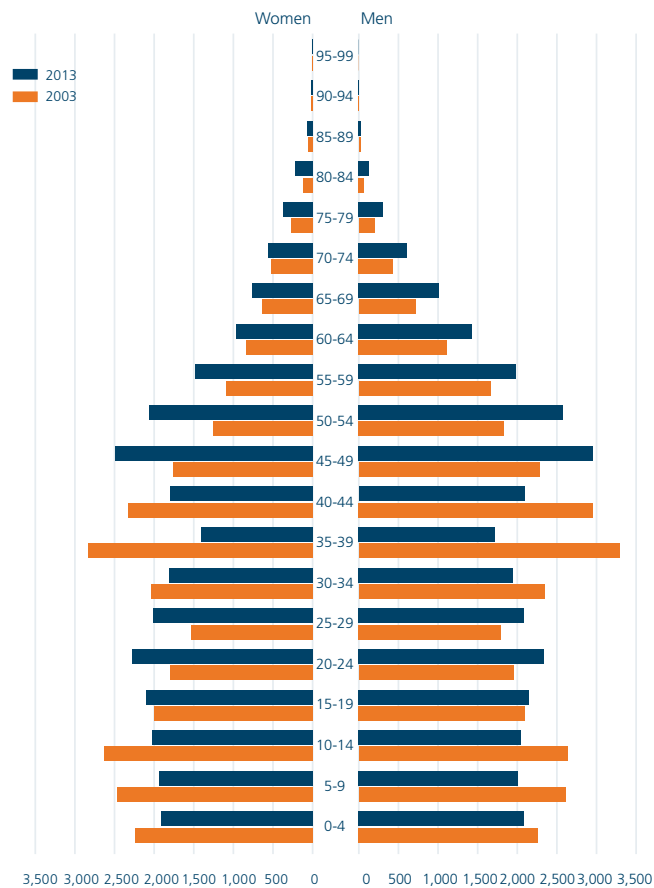
## Live Births and Deaths

BEEBBL0, BEEBBDM1



## Population by Age Group

BEEST5



## Migration

BEEBBIU2

	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012
<b>Net immigration</b>	<b>-236</b>	<b>-644</b>	<b>-639</b>	<b>-160</b>	<b>-709</b>
<b>Immigrations, total</b>	<b>2,482</b>	<b>2,404</b>	<b>2,536</b>	<b>2,491</b>	<b>2,191</b>
Persons born in Greenland	923	890	907	1,043	871
Persons born outside Greenland	1,559	1,514	1,629	1,448	1,320
<b>Emigration, total</b>	<b>2,718</b>	<b>3,048</b>	<b>3,175</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>2,900</b>
Persons born in Greenland	1,114	1,358	1,560	1,334	1,483
Persons born outside Greenland	1,604	1,690	1,615	1,317	1,417

## Internal Migration

BEEBAF2B

	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012
Within the same town	11,217	12,490	12,044	13,755	13,129
Within the same settlement	962	1,271	1,254	1,215	1,191
Between towns	4,153	4,428	4,437	4,553	4,440
Between settlements	286	302	406	346	418
From settlement to town	1,090	1,240	1,321	1,325	1,359
From town to settlement	950	999	1,055	1,070	1,079
Other	81	51	122	49	82

## Population by Citizenship

BEEEST6

	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,969</b>	<b>56,648</b>	<b>56,194</b>	<b>56,615</b>	<b>56,370</b>
Denmark	56,439	56,146	55,518	55,804	55,392
Iceland	100	50	79	93	180
Thailand	63	75	100	149	152
Philippines	10	15	33	78	119
Sweden	86	76	90	95	99
Norway	48	54	61	65	70
Germany	46	42	66	58	60
USA	18	19	29	32	43
Other	159	171	218	241	255

## Fishing and Hunting



Fishing is the primary industry of the country. Greenland has the legislative power with regard to the fisheries sector. Fishing for prawns and Greenland halibut is regulated by quotas and by license regulations decided on by the government. These decisions are based on biological advice to ensure a sustainable use of the natural resources of the country.

## Total Landings of Fish and Shellfish

FIE001

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	1,000 tonnes				
<b>Shellfish, total</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>57.0</b>
Northern prawn	62.6	67.2	62.6	54.2	55.2
Snow crab	2.2	2.2	3.1	2.8	1.8
<b>Fish, total</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>47.0</b>
Chars	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Greenland cod	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.2
Wolffish	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.8
Greenland halibut	21.6	19.2	20.6	22.9	23.4
Trash fish, unspec	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Capelin	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Redfish	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
R. grenadier	9.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lumpfish	8.8	6.4	6.6	8.6	11.1
Atlantic cod	11.7	12.3	7.8	9.4	11.1

## Seal Hunting

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Number of animals				
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,620</b>	<b>156,950</b>	<b>142,449</b>	<b>156,247</b>	<b>112,970</b>
Ringed seal	71,269	70,536	65,624	61,569	49,949
Harp seal under 4 years	57,404	56,033	50,180	68,747	41,554
Harp seal over 4 years	26,865	26,154	23,251	22,248	18,283
Hooded seal	3,294	2,606	1,983	2,144	1,920
Bearded seal	1,568	1,437	1,251	1,406	1,089
Harbour seal	87	81	33	26	78
Walrus	133	103	127	107	97

## Whaling

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Number of animals				
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,009</b>	<b>2,791</b>	<b>3,055</b>	<b>2,961</b>	<b>3,444</b>
Beluga whale	147	191	174	110	138
Fin whale	12	14	10	5	5
Killer whale	3	26	14	8	...
Minke whale	167	152	165	187	189
Narwhale	482	467	425	236	296
Pilot whale	288	182	238	338	186
Porpoise whale	2,910	1,759	2,029	2,077	2,630

Source: Departement of Fisheries, Hunting, and Agriculture

## Hunting of Land Mammals

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Number of animals				
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,768</b>	<b>19,215</b>	<b>16,654</b>	<b>15,333</b>	<b>13,796</b>
Musk ox	2,546	2,833	2,675	2,485	2,676
Polar bear	130	139	124	127	131
Reindeer	15,092	16,243	13,855	12,721	10,989

## Hunting of Birds

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Number of animals				
<b>Total</b>	<b>183,896</b>	<b>168,443</b>	<b>159,515</b>	<b>171,225</b>	<b>121,156</b>
Guillemot	84,422	64,660	62,847	64,443	41,366
Eider	25,539	27,139	26,478	27,645	21,370
King eider	6,183	5,429	4,460	6,369	3,089
Theist	14,799	13,449	13,247	16,382	10,320
Little auk	25,665	24,292	22,093	28,984	23,267
Black-legged Kitti	8,487	6,506	7,707	8,117	6,564
Goose	430	608	606	-	-
Grouse	18,371	26,360	22,077	19,285	15,180

## Hunting Licenses

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011*
	Number of persons				
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,180</b>	<b>7,237</b>	<b>6,970</b>	<b>7,630</b>	<b>7,037</b>
Hunters	2,373	2,127	1,712	2,083	2,060
Sportsmen	5,807	5,110	5,258	5,547	4,977

Source: Departement of Fisheries, Hunting, and Agriculture. \* Provisional figures

## Livestock \*

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Number of animals				
Sheep	21,704	20,499	20,439	20,729	20,232
Tame reindeer	2,441	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000
Cows	42	49	56	65	79
Horses	216	203	186	164	161
Fowls	152	148	182	1,241	215
Beehives	10	10	...	...	4

Source: Agricultural Consulting Services. \* The figures are partly estimates





## Labour Market



### Employment by Trade \*

AREBV1

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,555</b>	<b>28,333</b>	<b>28,478</b>	<b>28,386</b>	<b>28,601</b>
Construction	2,142	2,360	2,340	2,189	2,139
Fishing	1,469	1,508	1,388	1,376	1,238
Wholesale, retail trade and repair business	5,102	5,610	5,182	4,950	4,965
Manufacturing	1,046	1,061	993	877	878
Public administration and service	10,663	10,617	11,398	11,500	11,480
Transportation	2,643	2,770	2,963	2,989	3,013
Other industries	4,490	4,407	4,214	4,505	4,888

\* Average number of persons per month (primary employment)

### Labour Force \*

ARESTK1

	2010	2011
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,537</b>	<b>26,791</b>
18-19 years of age	861	883
20-24 years of age	2,732	2,857
25-29 years of age	2,739	2,750
30-34 years of age	2,632	2,756
35-39 years of age	2,570	2,539
40-44 years of age	3,851	3,473
45-49 years of age	4,254	4,285
50-54 years of age	3,316	3,452
55-59 years of age	2,202	2,355
60-64 years of age	1,379	1,439

\* Average number of permanently resident persons per month

## Income and Prices



### Average Personal Gross Income

INEP1

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Change 2010-2011
	DKK					Per cent
<b>Greenland, total</b>	186,005	193,522	198,510	201,817	207,349	2.7
Town	195,628	202,738	207,672	211,496	216,593	2.4
Settlement	123,798	133,893	133,629	134,260	141,029	5.0
<b>Kommune Kujalleq</b>	160,052	164,444	163,804	164,616	170,157	3.4
Town	165,059	167,550	168,329	169,170	174,249	3.0
Settlement	139,497	155,195	138,098	142,176	148,918	4.7
<b>Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq</b>	227,873	234,638	244,064	249,889	254,280	1.8
Town	235,918	243,035	251,866	257,381	261,366	1.5
Settlement	110,715	119,425	119,566	124,337	133,634	7.5
<b>Qeqqata Kommunia</b>	183,535	194,181	193,017	193,751	200,464	3.5
Town	184,753	195,112	194,389	194,713	201,414	3.4
Settlement	176,734	188,947	185,078	188,154	194,653	3.5
<b>Qaasuitsup Kommunia</b>	146,732	155,080	159,453	161,540	167,248	3.5
Town	159,959	168,066	171,900	175,293	180,487	3.0
Settlement	105,352	114,380	119,303	117,189	123,972	5.8



## Consumer Price Index and Sub-Indices (Jan. 2008 = 100) PREPRISV

Jan. 2010 Jul. 2010 Jan. 2011 Jul. 2011 Jan. 2012 Jul. 2012

Consumer price index, total	105.0	106.3	106.8	108.6	112.0	113.3
Food and beverages	111.0	112.0	113.4	116.9	119.7	119.8
Alcohol and tobacco	105.6	106.1	106.1	107.5	108.5	109.1
Clothing and footwear	101.8	100.7	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.5
Gross rent (dwelling)	105.9	108.2	109.4	113.5	124.4	127.7
Furniture, household equipment etc.	111.5	109.7	110.6	113.2	113.9	115.7
Medical care and health expenses	106.2	115.2	115.3	116.6	121.5	121.8
Transport	104.9	104.8	105.4	105.4	109.7	112.1
Communication	95.0	95.1	95.1	95.2	95.2	95.5
Recreation, entertainment etc.	99.3	99.3	98.2	96.0	95.2	98.1
Restaurants and hotels	101.1	106.3	108.9	109.5	110.2	112.6
Miscellaneous goods and services	98.4	101.3	99.7	100.3	103.2	103.3

## Economy



### GDP (2005 Prices)

	2007	2008	2009*	2010*	2011*
	DKK billion				
GDP	10.8	11.0	10.7	11.2	11.6
Imports of goods and services	6.9	8.5	7.1	9.5	11.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>22.8</b>
Private consumption	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.3
Public expenditure	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.9
Gross investments	3.1	4.5	3.2	6.0	7.6
Exports of goods and services	3.5	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>22.8</b>
	Growth in per cent				
GDP	3.4	2.1	-2.7	4.9	3.2
Imports of goods and services	11.9	22.7	-15.8	33.4	17.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>9.6</b>
Private consumption	0.7	-0.7	0.8	1.8	-0.7
Public expenditure	8.3	2.2	-1.3	-0.3	0.3
Gross investments	30.8	46.0	-28.2	85.2	27.0
Exports of goods and services	-3.3	8.1	-8.8	2.1	11.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>9.6</b>

\* Provisional figures

### Expenditure of General Government Sector

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	DKK million				
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,304</b>	<b>8,798</b>	<b>9,358</b>	<b>9,386</b>	<b>9,343</b>
General public services	1,009	1,049	1,108	1,130	1,123
Defence	60	98	113	98	93
Public order and safety	452	480	507	524	600
Economic affairs	1,036	1,081	1,067	1,014	979
Environmental protection	163	154	148	149	128
Housing and community amenities	383	432	485	376	307
Health	1,078	1,171	1,267	1,294	1,323
Recreation, culture and religion	325	345	343	332	349
Education	1,541	1,665	1,845	1,929	1,863
Social welfare	2,258	2,323	2,473	2,540	2,578



## Foreign Trade



### Exports by SITC Division

	IEE2SITC				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	DKK million				
<b>Exports, total</b>	<b>2,338.4</b>	<b>2,486.7</b>	<b>1,986.6</b>	<b>2,194.5</b>	<b>2,540.5</b>
Provisions and livestock	1,724.6	1,930.0	1,563.4	1,827.4	2,221.6
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Raw materials, inedible	274.7	227.8	111.1	19.4	7.8
Mineral fuels and lubricants etc.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Animal or vegetable fats and oils	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chemicals and chemical products	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Manufactured products, mainly semi-manufactured	11.9	6.7	4.4	6.0	11.6
Machinery and transport equipment	33.8	33.6	81.8	130.7	14.2
Manufactured products	19.6	17.0	8.8	20.7	11.5
Miscellaneous articles and transactions	273.5	271.4	216.9	190.0	273.6

### Imports by SITC Division

	IEE1SITC				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	DKK million				
<b>Imports, total</b>	<b>4,203.0</b>	<b>4,702.1</b>	<b>4,097.0</b>	<b>4,794.7</b>	<b>5,182.0</b>
Provisions and livestock	681.0	726.0	769.9	766.5	823.0
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	129.6	126.5	136.7	139.8	142.8
Raw materials, inedible	56.7	62.4	47.0	59.0	53.0
Mineral fuels and lubricants etc.	890.0	1,193.4	657.3	982.4	1,209.1
Animal or vegetable fats and oils	2.5	4.3	2.9	3.8	4.3
Chemicals and chemical products	212.7	219.4	257.7	271.0	285.9
Manufactured products, mainly semi-manufactured	511.2	588.3	524.8	581.8	602.8
Machinery and transport equipment	1,128.8	1,211.4	1,178.6	1,328.0	1,338.4
Manufactured products	581.9	552.7	510.7	539.0	509.1
Miscellaneous articles and transactions	8.6	17.6	11.4	123.4	213.6

## Business



### Turnover

	ESERES				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	DKK million				
Fishing	937.6	780.7	951.1	858.7	995.3
Mining	149.1	293.7	353.3	295.5	24.1
Industry	715.8	733.1	700.2	629.3	687.4
Construction	1,759.6	2,022.6	2,117.4	2,015.5	2,146.4
Wholesale, retail trade, and repair work	7,049.1	7,108.4	7,300.8	7,420.8	7,429.9
Hotels and restaurants	307.2	317.8	332.8	379.3	371.7
Transport	2,681.1	2,656.4	2,793.2	2,763.7	2,837.8
Finance and insurance	266.3	283.5	309.6	337.1	336.5
Real estate and business services	802.2	875.1	1,095.5	1,041.0	1,023.5

### Profit or Loss before Tax

	ESERES				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	DKK million				
Fishing	2.5	9.8	14.2	-1.1	81.1
Mining	-223.8	-126.3	-214.8	-232.1	-77.9
Industry	12.3	40.4	38.3	45.7	54.5
Construction	109.0	94.4	159.5	117.3	112.2
Wholesale, retail trade, and repair work	-84.7	165.5	49.3	-95.8	227.5
Hotels and restaurants	23.1	34.9	27.1	11.4	26.0
Transport	139.5	225.0	229.3	141.5	196.9
Finance and insurance	93.1	111.4	90.5	148.8	114.3
Real estate and business services	83.5	155.1	78.4	121.7	58.9

# Transportation



The towns and settlements of Greenland are not connected by roads. Passengers and supplies of goods are transported by sea or by air. The main gateway to Greenland is the former American military base at Kangerlussuaq, now an international airport. From here aeroplane and helicopter traffic is distributed to the towns of Greenland.

## Passenger Traffic by Air

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Number of passengers				
<b>Passengers, total</b>	<b>412,112</b>	<b>432,067</b>	<b>417,396</b>	<b>423,059</b>	<b>429,841</b>
Domestic by plane	246,276	266,617	257,292	267,263	270,036
International traffic by plane	74,237	76,068	72,123	68,867	71,026
Helicopter traffic	91,599	89,382	87,981	86,929	88,779

Source: Greenland Airports

## Sea Cargo

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	1.000 m <sup>3</sup>				
<b>Cargo, total</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>859</b>
To Greenland	420	439	401	410	448
From Greenland	314	312	291	310	300
Internally in Greenland	139	140	130	125	111

Source: Royal Arctic Line

## Motor Vehicles

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Motor vehicles, total</b>	<b>5,349</b>	<b>5,675</b>	<b>5,771</b>	<b>6,004</b>	<b>5,995</b>
Passenger cars and vans	4,687	5,036	5,106	5,321	5,299
Taxis	132	89	112	103	106
Busses	74	80	79	84	81
Fire-engines, ambulances etc.	98	109	109	119	132
Commercial vehicles and trucks	349	355	360	377	375
Motor cycles	9	6	5	-	2

Source: The police

GEEMO





## Gross Energy Consumption

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	TJ				
<b>Gross Energy consumption, total</b>	<b>9,649</b>	<b>9,977</b>	<b>8,996</b>	<b>10,273</b>	<b>11,033</b>
Gas oil	7,230	7,513	6,449	7,475	7,954
Gasoline	531	544	559	582	571
Kerosene	833	876	750	839	1,010
DFA	215	210	227	209	172
Aviation Gas	5	5	2	3	1
Fuel oil	0	0	0	50	82
Waste Oil	9	9	9	9	9
Liquid gas (LPG)	5	5	4	4	4
Hydro power	734	727	916	1,012	1,138
Waste	88	87	80	90	91

## Cost Rates for Electricity, Water and Heat as of 1 January

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	DKK				
Electricity, minimum price per kWh	1.48	1.56	1.61	1.65	1.60
Electricity, maximum price per kWh	2.82	2.98	3.02	3.33	3.24
Water, minimum price per m <sup>3</sup>	11.83	12.69	14.62	14.60	15.23
Water, maximum price per m <sup>3</sup>	34.42	35.79	36.68	35.91	34.97
Fixed electric heating, price per kWh	0.62	0.62	0.64	0.78	0.82
Interruptible electric heating, price per kWh	0.55	0.55	0.58	0.72	0.75
Central heating, price per kWh	0.62	0.62	0.64	0.78	0.82

## CO<sub>2</sub> Emission From Energy Consumption

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	1,000 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> -equivalents				
<b>Total</b>	<b>652.2</b>	<b>676.9</b>	<b>591.7</b>	<b>677.8</b>	<b>724.4</b>
Gas oil	532.4	553.2	474.8	550.3	585.6
Gasoline	36.7	37.6	38.6	40.2	39.4
Kerosene	59.5	62.6	53.6	59.9	72.1
DFA	15.8	15.4	16.7	15.4	12.7
Aviation gas	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1
Fuel oil	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	6.3
Waste oil	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Liquid gas (LPG)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Waste	6.6	6.7	6.8	7.0	7.1
	Tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> -equivalents				
CO <sub>2</sub> emission per capita	11.5	12.0	10.5	12.0	12.8



## Education in Greenland

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	UDEEUDD, UDEKVUD, UDELVUD				
	Number of persons				
<b>Totals</b>					
Starters	1,117	1,210	1,231	1,383	1,474
Drop-outs	535	544	596	665	563
Completions	465	471	520	521	585
<b>Vocational education</b>					
Starters	723	787	810	871	953
Drop-outs	326	337	414	455	372
Completions	295	309	332	320	406
<b>Mid-range training</b>					
Starters	232	281	226	307	334
Drop-outs	121	128	110	119	102
Completions	110	117	115	123	133
<b>Higher education</b>					
Starters	162	142	195	205	187
Drop-outs	88	79	72	91	89
Completions	60	45	73	78	46

## Higher Education

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	UDELVUD				
	Number of graduates				
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>46</b>
Humanities	4	3	7	5	2
Business	3	2	3	5	2
Veterinary and agriculture	3	17	6	9	15
Architecture	14	3	19	27	2
Natural sciences	6	12	2	4	13
Other	30	8	36	28	12



## Broadcasts by Greenlandic Radio/TV (KNR)

	2004*	2006	2007	2010	2011
	Hours per year				
<b>Radio, total</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>8,511</b>	<b>8,660</b>	<b>7,042</b>	<b>6,660</b>
Spoken broadcasts in Greenlandic	3,000	2,455	3,373	6,250	5,491
In Danish etc.	324	654	260	792	1,169
Musical broadcasts	2,676	5,402	5,027	...	...
<b>TV, total</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,385</b>	<b>4,586</b>	<b>4,538</b>	<b>5,062</b>
In Greenlandic	363	265	512	424	527
In Danish etc.	3,637	4,120	4,074	4,114	4,535

Source: KNR. \* The figures for 2004 are estimated

## Visits to the National Museum of Greenland

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Number of visits				
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,106</b>	<b>16,764</b>	<b>16,318</b>	<b>17,260</b>	<b>15,271</b>
Children	2,858	2,868	2,675	2,959	3,348
Adults	11,248	13,896	13,643	14,301	11,923

Source: Greenland National Museum and Archives

## Expenditure on Culture

	2008	2009	2010	2011*	2012*
	DKK million				
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>174</b>
Construction expenses	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Operating expenses, total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>174</b>
Greenlandic Broadcasting Corporation	57	60	60	62	63
Broadcasting radio and TV	27	27	26	25	25
National Library of Greenland	13	14	14	13	13
Museums	8	9	8	8	8
Folk high schools	11	12	12	11	12
Art school	1	1	1	1	1
Katuaq (arts centre)	5	5	5	5	5
Grants to cultural purposes	37	37	39	38	38
National Theatre of Greenland				6	9

Source: Accounts of the Exchequer and Budgets for 2011 and 2012. \* Budget figures

## Tourism



## Nights Spent at Hotels by Guest's Country of Origin

TUDHOT

	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012
	Number of nights				
<b>Numbers of nights spent, total</b>	<b>190,774</b>	<b>225,667</b>	<b>236,913</b>	<b>215,829</b>	<b>210,398</b>
Greenland	95,512	103,664	115,289	119,110	110,921
Denmark	64,777	82,309	79,396	54,381	53,496
Sweden	1,385	2,308	3,029	4,480	3,792
Norway	1,540	2,196	2,831	2,015	2,033
Iceland	1,617	8,494	1,913	2,586	2,350
Germany	4,990	3,982	4,571	4,830	6,756
France	1,230	1,378	1,787	1,767	2,022
Italy	1,047	541	598	600	650
Netherlands	613	656	1,221	703	893
United Kingdom	2,566	2,097	2,778	3,790	3,014
Rest of Europe	2,913	4,713	6,736	4,814	5,936
USA	7,720	9,536	6,532	8,602	9,094
Japan	1,585	1,006	1,327	310	873
Canada	1,512	1,057	2,269	4,462	1,850
Other countries	1,767	1,663	6,636	3,087	6,718
Unknown	-	67	-	292	-





## Import of Alcoholic Beverages

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	1,000 litres					
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,124</b>	<b>8,347</b>	<b>7,970</b>	<b>7,889</b>	<b>7,890</b>	<b>7,488</b>
Beer	7,146	7,280	7,196	6,999	7,077	6,711
Wine	844	901	672	774	700	673
Spirits	135	166	102	115	113	104
Average per person over 14 years of age	Litres of 100 per cent alcohol					
Beer	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.0
Wine	2.3	2.6	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.9
Spirits	1.6	1.5	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9

## Import of Cigarettes

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Millions of cigarettes					
<b>Total consumption *</b>	<b>94.4</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>68.3</b>
<b>Averages</b>	Number of cigarettes per day					
Per person	4.6	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.3
Per person, aged 14 or older	5.9	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.1

\* Source: Tax Agency (number of cigarettes imported)

## Legal Abortions

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	Numbers				
<b>Number of abortions</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>887</b>		<b>799</b>	<b>860</b>
<b>Abortions by age of woman</b>	Per cent				
12 - 15 years	5.2	5.6	4.9	3.1	3.1
16 - 17 years	10.6	10.3	10.4	8.9	10.8
18 - 19 years	13.0	13.2	16.4	16.9	12.2
20 - 24 years	31.5	30.6	31.5	33.5	35.0
25 - 29 years	18.9	21.1	19.0	20.4	21.0
30 - 34 years	9.2	10.9	10.6	9.6	9.2
35 - 39 years	8.5	5.6	4.9	5.1	6.3
40 - 44 years	2.7	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.2
45 - 49 years	0.3	0.2	-	0.3	0.1

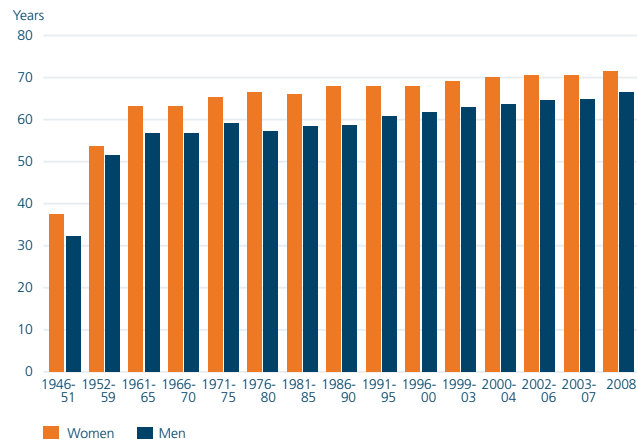
Source: Landslægeembedet

## Reported Infectious Diseases

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	Number of persons						
Meningitis	16	28	14	16	...	12	10
Hepatitis	1	8	6	-	...	...	...
Tuberculosis	69	99	73	60	62	63	116
HIV positive	6	6	5	3	1	4	3
AIDS	2	3	2	-	...	...	...
Syphilis	1	1	-	2	...	-	-
Gonorrhoea	657	769	808	747	927	1,105	1,239
Chlamydia	1,853	2,713	2,579	2,369	2,504	2,864	3,007

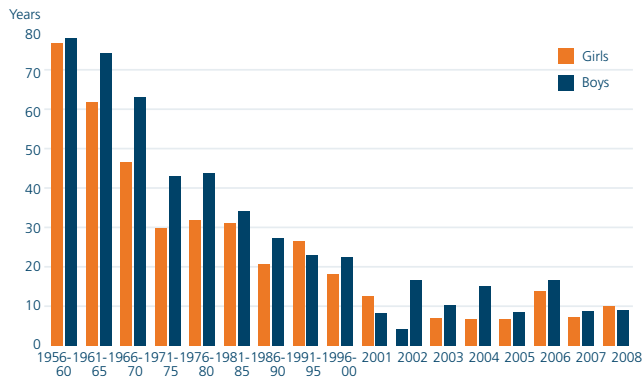
Source: Landslægeembedet

## Life Expectancy for Newborn Boys and Girls





Infant Mortality for Boys and Girls per 1,000 Live Births



## Social Welfare



### Recipients of Social Benefits

SOE002

	2009	2010	2011
	Number of persons		
Population aged 15 or older as per 1 January	43,188	43,625	43,925
<b>Recipients of social benefits</b>	<b>16,710</b>	<b>17,105</b>	<b>17,446</b>
Social welfare benefit	7,748	8,302	8,596
Unemployment benefit	3,777	3,521	3,632
Maternity leave benefit	1,126	1,155	1,079
Early retirement benefit	2,801	2,925	3,073
Retirement pension	3,984	3,838	3,898

### Social Benefits by Total Amount

SOE002

	2009	2010	2011
	DKK 1,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>760,575</b>	<b>788,675</b>	<b>820,710</b>
Social welfare benefit	106,915	120,656	131,543
Unemployment benefit	42,351	39,804	46,741
Maternity leave benefit	34,623	34,471	33,649
Early retirement benefit	222,591	243,958	256,187
Retirement pension	354,095	349,786	352,590





## Raw Materials



The Government of Greenland may grant authorizations for prospecting, exploration, and exploitation of raw materials to companies having the expertise and financial background for these activities. When a permit is issued, an amount is fixed which the licensee must pay to the Government of Greenland; the amount can be defined as an area, production, or profits tax.

An authorization may also include obligations to use Greenlandic labour or subcontractors. There can be provisions that exploited raw materials are processed in Greenland. Prior to exploitation, a plan must be submitted to and approved by the Government of Greenland.

### Oil Exploration

RSE1

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Prospecting permits (active)	17	23	27	25	27
Exploration permits (granted)	11	13	20	20	20
Exploration costs in USD million	115.5	102.0	501.7	823.9	...

### Mineral Exploration

RSE1

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Prospecting permits (active)	14	14	11	21	16
Exploration permits (granted)	63	67	71	73	75
Exploitation permits (granted)	2	3	4	4	4
Exploration costs in DKK million	471.0	497.0	300.0	524.0	...

Source: The Bureau of Minerals and Petroleum

## Climate



### Mean Temperatures in 2011, Selected Towns

MIE1MID

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Ammassalik
	Degrees Celsius				
January	-0.8	-4.6	-13.9	-8.7	-6.3
February	-3.0	-8.2	-17.7	-10.5	-4.0
March	-2.6	-8.6	-17.9	-13.3	-9.4
April	-2.8	-8.6	-16.0	-13.3	-2.6
May	2.0	-0.3	1.3	-0.9	1.3
June	4.5	4.5	10.8	5.9	5.2
July	7.3	7.4	12.5	10.5	7.4
August	6.6	6.3	9.6	7.0	6.6
September	5.1	3.1	..	2.4	..
October	1.3	-1.5	-8.9	-4.5	-0.3
November	-2.1	-5.2	-13.3	-7.6	-1.8
December	-3.8	-6.5	-15.2	-11.2	-9.4



## Average Maximum Temperatures \* in 2011, Selected Towns

MIE1MID

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Ammassalik
	Degrees Celsius				
January	10.4	7.4	6.3	5.5	7.9
February	8.2	-0.8	-6.9	8.8	4.9
March	11.2	7.6	0.2	3.8	5.8
April	4.3	0.9	-1.8	3.0	4.3
May	9.4	5.5	12.7	7.3	8.4
June	17.7	16.3	21.4	15.6	15.8
July	17.9	16.2	22.1	21.2	15.5
August	17.5	15.3	19.6	14.7	15.4
September	12.7	9.1	..	11.2	..
October	9.8	3.4	5.8	4.3	6.0
November	9.3	7.3	10.6	10.5	7.6
December	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.0	1.4

\* The monthly mean of the maximum daily temperature

## Average Minimum Temperatures \* in 2011, Selected Towns

MIE1MID

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Ammassalik
	Degrees Celsius				
January	-7.6	-12.9	-31.2	-20.5	-16.7
February	-9.6	-14.2	-32.6	-21.7	-16.1
March	-15.8	-19.7	-34.2	-24.6	-21.4
April	-9.6	-15.1	-27.2	-23.5	-13.8
May	-2.2	-5.6	-7.5	-10.2	-5.8
June	-1.3	-1.2	-1.1	-2.6	-3.8
July	-1.4	2.1	3.1	3.3	-0.6
August	-0.6	-0.1	-0.2	-1.1	-0.8
September	-1.6	-1.6	..	-5.9	..
October	-4.6	-7.1	-26.6	-14.9	-7.9
November	-9.1	-11.9	-28.3	-20.7	-13.4
December	-10.1	-15.6	-32.2	-23.3	-17.7

\* The monthly mean of the minimum daily temperature

Source: Asiaq and DMI

## Political Parties in Greenland



### Siumut (Forward)

Siumut is a Social Democratic party, founded in 1977. The party aims to create a homogenous and active society with equal opportunities for all. Loyal to the Danish Crown and government, this party works for independence and self-government in Greenland.

### Inuit Ataqaqitiit (Unified Inuit)

Inuit Ataqaqitiit is a left wing party, founded in 1976. It works for independence and recognition as a people.

### Kattusseqatigiit Partiiat (Alliance of Candidates)

Formerly represented by individual candidates, Kattusseqatigiit Partiiat was founded as a party in 2005.

### Demokraatit (Democrats)

Demokraatit is a social liberal party, founded in 2002. Demokraatit aims for a self-governing society with respect for the traditional culture of the country as well as modern approaches to securing welfare in the future.

### Atassut (Unity)

This party was founded in 1978. The party works for self-government within the Kingdom of Denmark.

### Partii Inuit (Inuit Party)

The party was founded in 2013 and works for independence from Denmark.

## Election to the Greenlandic Parliament. 2 June 2009 by Municipality

	VAELANST			
	Electorate	Votes cast	Valid votes	Poll
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,990</b>	<b>28,510</b>	<b>28,275</b>	<b>71.3</b>
Nanortalik	1,498	1,077	1,072	71.9
Qaqortoq	2,599	1,965	1,932	75.6
Narsaq	1,403	1,086	1,076	77.4
Ivittuut	140	62	59	44.3
Paamiut	1,319	919	910	69.7
Nuuk	11,579	8,069	7,988	69.7
Maniitsoq	2,494	1,740	1,727	69.8
Sisimiut	4,435	3,092	3,073	69.7
Kangaatsiaq	862	621	616	72.0
Aasiaat	2,313	1,604	1,594	69.3
Qasigiannuguit	907	682	679	75.2
Ilulissat	3,539	2,674	2,657	75.6
Qeqertarsuaq	683	501	499	73.4
Uummannaq	1,632	1,253	1,247	76.8
Upernavik	1,874	1,340	1,334	71.5
Qaanaaq	534	392	391	73.4
Ammassalik	1,858	1,199	1,187	64.5
Illoqqortoormiut	321	234	234	72.9

## Election to the Greenlandic Parliament. 2 June 2009 by Party

	VAELANST			
	Votes	Per cent	Mandates	Elected women
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,275</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>
Atassut	3,094	10.9	3	-
Demokraatit	3,620	12.8	4	1
Inuit Ataqatigiit	12,457	44.1	14	8
Siumut	7,567	26.8	9	3
Kattusseqatigiit Partiat	1,084	3.8	1	-
Sorlaat Partiiat	383	1.4	-	-
Outside parties	70	0.2	-	-

## Election to the Municipal Councils. 8 April 2008

VAEKOMST

	Greenland Kommune Kujalleq	Kommunegarfik Sermersooq	Qeqqata Kommunia	Qaasuitsup Kommunia
Electorate	39,665	5,528	14,854	6,801
Votes cast	24,626	4,086	8,461	4,088
Valid votes	24,277	3,987	8,350	4,031
Poll	62.1	73.9	57.0	60.1
<b>Distribution of votes</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>97.6</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>98.6</b>
Atassut	15.3	10.0	11.3	18.8
Demokraatit	13.3	9.7	23.7	11.1
Inuit Ataqatigiit	26.8	30.0	30.0	24.1
Siumut	37.6	47.9	29.7	43.7
Kattusseqatigiit Partiiat no. 1	4.6	0.0	1.4	0.9
Kattusseqatigiit Partiiat no. 2	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.0
Sorlaat Partiiat	0.5	0.0	1.5	0.0
Single candidates	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0

## Elections to the Danish Parliament Since 2001

VAEFOLK

	Atassut	Siumut	Inuit Ataqatigiit	Demokraatit	Other	Poll
20 November 2001	5,137	6,029	7,172	-	4,917	61.6
8 February 2005	3,781	7,775	5,785	4,924	843	59.6
13 November 2007	4,097	8,075	8,347	4,586	-	63.2
15 September 2011	1,706	8,374	9,587	2,831	-	57.5

## Self-Government Referendum. 25 November 2008

	Percentage of votes		
	Poll	For	Against
Are you for or against Greenlandic self-government?	72.0	75.5	23.6

## EU Referendum. 23 February 1982

	Percentage of valid votes		
	Poll	For	Against
Are you for or against Greenlandic EU membership?	74.9	47	53

Source: euo.dk



## More Information on Greenland



The statistics database of Statistics Greenland at <http://bank.stat.gl> contains many of the statistics in this leaflet. The code in the upper right-hand corner of the tables can be used with a web address to access the tables of the data bank, e.g.:

<http://bank.stat.gl/BEEST1>

where BEEST1 is the code for one of the population statistics tables. The statistical yearbook at <http://www.stat.gl/sae2012/a1> also offers comprehensive information on a number of statistical areas, e.g.:

- Population
- Business structure
- Labour market
- Fisheries, catches, and agriculture
- Transport, tourism, and communication
- Energy
- National accounts
- Foreign trade
- Public finances
- Income, consumption, and prices
- Education
- The police, the judicial system, and defense

# The Largest Island of the World

Geographically speaking, Greenland is part of the North American continent but geopolitically a part of Europe. Greenland is a mountainous country and the largest island of the world with a total area of 2,166,086 km<sup>2</sup>. Of this area, 81 per cent is covered with ice, while the rest is ice-free. The further to the north, the colder, drier, and less windy it is. July is the warmest month while February and March are the coldest.



**Statistics Greenland**

Tel. +299 36 23 60 · [stat@stat.gl](mailto:stat@stat.gl) · [www.stat.gl](http://www.stat.gl)