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## Country Codes

FO: Faroe Islands  
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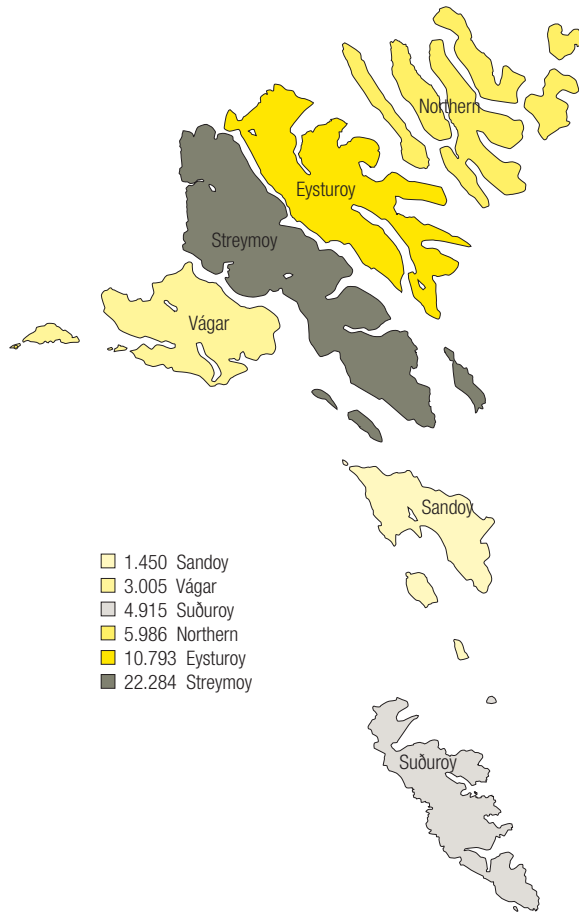
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## Key figures, Nordic countries

	FO	DK	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<b>Population and area 1 Jan. 2007</b>								
Population in 1 000	48	5.447	57	5.277	27	308	4.681	9.113
Females in pct. of total population	48,0	50,5	47,0	51,0	50,4	49,1	50,3	50,4
Area in 1 000 sq km	1	43	2.166	338	2	103	324	450
Inhabitants per sq km	35	126	0,03	16	17	3	14	20
<b>Fertility rate. 2006. AX, GL 2005</b>								
Total fertility rate	2.472	1.850	2.230	1.837	1.717	2.074	1.904	1.854
<b>Life expectancy at birth. 2006. AX 2005. GL 2004</b>								
Life expectancy, men	77	76	65	76	79	79	78	79
Life expectancy, women	81	80	70	83	81	83	83	83
<b>Vital statistics per 1 000 people. 2006</b>								
Natural population increase	5	2	7	2	1	8	4	2
Net migration	-2	2	-11	2	8	17	5	6
Population increase	3	4	-4	4	5	25	9	7
<b>Marriages and divorces per 1 000 people. 2006</b>								
Marriages	5,7	6,7	..	5,4	4,3	5,5	4,7	5,0
Divorces	1,3	2,6	..	2,5	2,3	1,6	2,3	2,2
<b>Induced abortions. 2005</b>								
Total abortion rate	139,4	449,5	2.310,0	337,5	448,0	411,6	468,2	617,0
Per 1 000 live births	40,7	236,6	1.010,1	191,9	266,7	202,6	246,5	345,1
<b>Health staff and hospitals beds per 100 000 people. 2005. FO 2003</b>								
Dentists	83	86	46	45	83	96	85	82
Physicians	188	321	156	222	256	368	369	334
Hospital beds	464	348	721	703	885	..	349	293
<b>Fishing, total catch. 2006. GL 2005</b>								
Fishing, 1 000 tonnes	623	868	102	103	2	1.327	2.244	310
Fishing, tonnes per inhabitant	12,9	0,2	1,8	0,0	0,1	4,3	0,5	0,0
<b>Foreign trade in pct. of GDP. 2006. FO 2003</b>								
Import of goods and services	58	49	..	38	..	50	29	43
Exports of goods and services	46	52	..	44	..	33	46	51

Note: Country Codes see page 2

## Population by district 1 Jan. 2008



## Islands – area, population and height of mountains or peaks

Rank	Island	Area in sq km	Population 1 Jan. 2008	Name of highest mountain or peak	Altitude in metres
1	Streymoy	374	21.986	Kopsenni	789
2	Eysturoy	286	10.793	Slættaratindur	882
3	Vágar	176	2.987	Árnafjall	722
4	Suðuroy	165	4.915	Gluggarnir	610
5	Sandoy	111	1.390	Tindur	479
6	Borðoy	95	4.998	Norðan fyrri Lokkaskarð	772
7	Viðoy	41	612	Villingadalsfjall	841
8	Kunoy	35	160	Kúvingafjall	830
9	Kalsoy	31	125	Nestindar	788
10	Svínoy	27	48	Havnartindur	586
11	Fugloy	11	43	Klubbin	621
12	Nólsoy	10	258	Eggjarklettur	372
13	Mykines	10	18	Knúkur	560
14	Skúvoy	10	49	Knútur	392
15	Hestur	6	38	Eggjarrók og Múlin	421
16	Stóra Dímun	3	11	Høgoyggj	396
17	Koltur	2	2	Uppi á Oyggj	477
18	Lítla Dímun	1	-	Rávan	414

## Major mountains, islets and lakes

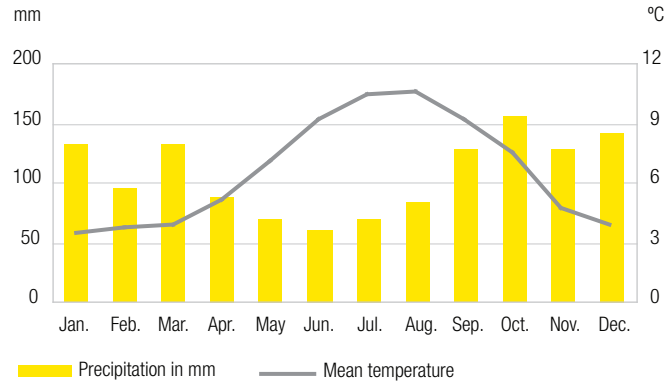
Mountain	Altitude in metres	Island
Slættaratindur	882	Eysturoy
Gráfelli	856	Eysturoy
Villingadalsfjall	841	Viðoy
Kúvingafjall	830	Kunoy
Teigafjall	825	Kunoy
Islet	Area in ha <sup>1</sup>	Island
Tindhólmur	65,0	Vágoy
Mykineshólmur	45,0	Mykines
Trøllhøvdi	19,0	Sandoy
Gáshólmur	10,0	Vágoy
Tjaldavíkshólmur	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 2007

	Jan.	Apr.	Jul.	Oct.	Year total
Hours of bright sunshine	12	117	114	59	1.020
Frost days	7	5	0	0	37
Mean temperature °C	3,8	6,9	10,7	9,0	7,2
Mean maximum temp. °C	5,8	9,4	13,1	10,9	9,3
Mean minimum temp. °C	1,5	4,4	9,0	6,4	5,0
Precipitation in mm	225	133	101	173	1.606
Days with precipitation >= 0,1 mm	23	21	12	25	244
Mean wind speed m/s	7,5	6,8	5,1	7,2	6,7

## Precipitation in mm and temperature in °C



Note: Mean 1961-1990 in Tórshavn



*Ranunculus acris*

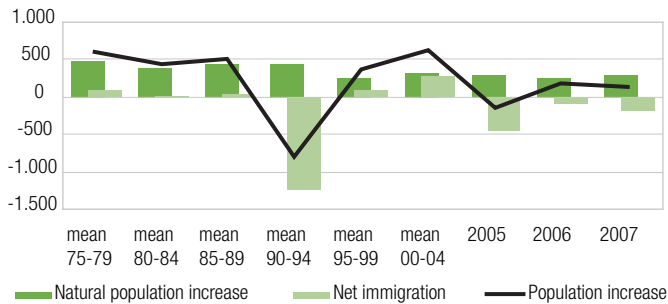
### Population by municipalities 1 Jan. 2008

	Total	Females in pct.		Total	Females in pct.
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.433</b>	<b>48,0</b>			
Fugloyar	43	27,9	Kvívíkar	605	44,8
Svínoyar	48	39,6	Vestmanna	1.227	49,4
Viðareiðis	352	43,5	Sandavágs	805	45,2
Hvannasunds	435	48,1	Miðvágs	1.103	47,8
Klaksvíkar	4.888	48,4	Sørvágs	1.097	48,8
Kunoyar	160	41,9	Skopunar	508	45,1
Húsa	60	38,3	Sands	577	48,2
Fuglafjarðar	1.543	46,5	Skálavíkar	176	38,6
Leirvíkar	889	48,6	Húsavíkar	129	52,7
Gøtu	1.073	48,3	Skúvoyar	60	38,3
Nes	1.247	46,9	Hvalbiar	758	44,5
Runavíkar	3.679	46,5	Tvøroyrar	1.793	48,5
Sjóvar	1.019	47,3	Fámjins	110	43,6
Funnings	77	45,5	Hovs	119	47,9
Eiðis	697	47,2	Porkeris	337	45,4
Sunda	1.592	47,1	Vágs	1.419	48,6
Tórshavnar	19.429	49,2	Sumbiar	379	43,3

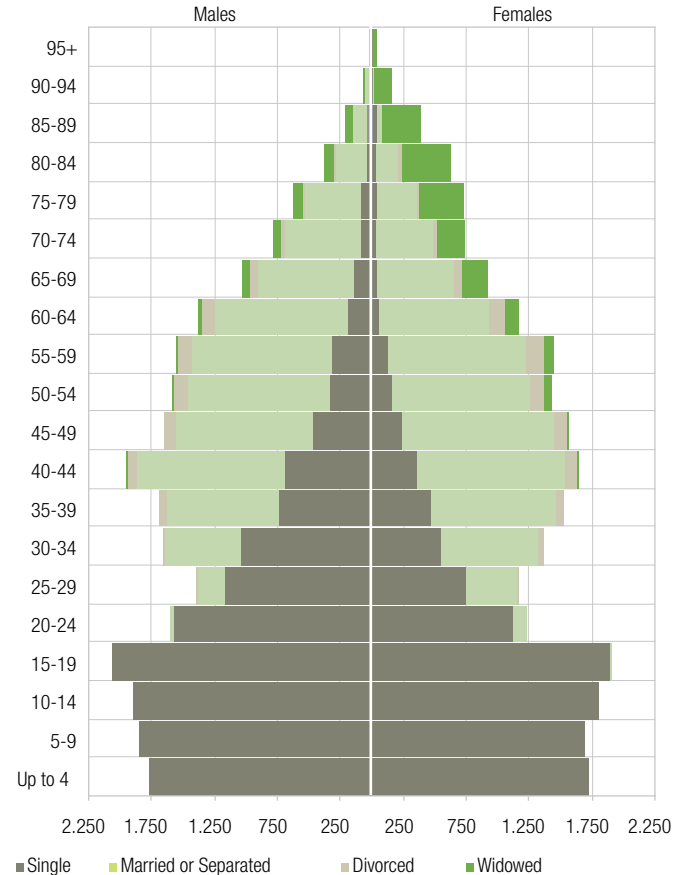
### Population by gender and age groups 1 Jan. 2008

	Males	Females	Total
Total	25.174	23.259	48.433
0-6 years	2.490	2.378	4.868
7-14 years	3.018	2.841	5.859
15-17 years	1.208	1.145	2.353
18-24 years	2.452	1.985	4.437
25-59 years	11.485	10.138	21.623
60-66 years	1.875	1.566	3.441
67 years +	2.646	3.206	5.852

### Population changes



### Population by age groups and marital status. 1 Jan. 2008



## Immigrants and emigrants. 2007

	Immigrants			Emigrants		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	749	723	1.472	804	854	1.658
Nordic countries	631	631	1.262	714	795	1.509
Denmark	537	563	1.100	619	722	1.341
Greenland	34	16	50	9	7	16
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	118	92	210	90	59	149

## 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. Upper Secondary School Party	221	1	-	-

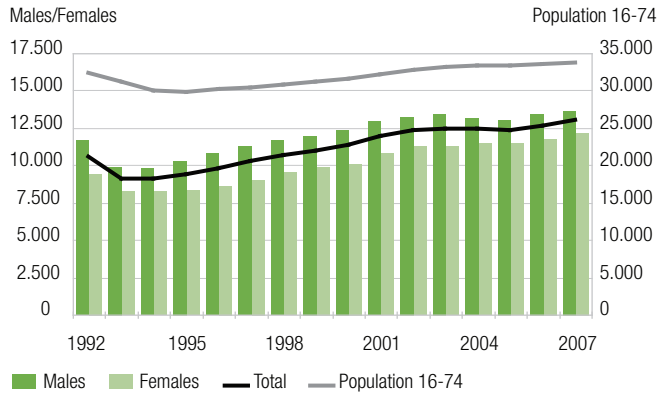
## Employees by industry. 2007

	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
	No.			Percent		
Total	13.703	11.910	25.613	100,0	100,0	100,0
<b>Primary sector</b>	<b>2.504</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>2.868</b>	<b>18,3</b>	<b>3,1</b>	<b>11,2</b>
Agriculture	45	23	68	0,3	0,2	0,3
Fishing	2.049	139	2.188	15,0	1,2	8,5
Aquaculture	344	191	535	2,5	1,6	2,1
Mining	66	11	77	0,5	0,1	0,3
<b>Secondary sector</b>	<b>4.053</b>	<b>1.559</b>	<b>5.612</b>	<b>29,6</b>	<b>13,1</b>	<b>21,9</b>
Fish Processing	722	986	1.708	5,3	8,3	6,7
Shipyards, machine shops	562	59	621	4,1	0,5	2,4
Other production	718	342	1.060	5,2	2,9	4,1
Construction	1.921	149	2.070	14,0	1,3	8,1
Energy	130	23	153	0,9	0,2	0,6
<b>Tertiary sector</b>	<b>7.146</b>	<b>9.987</b>	<b>17.133</b>	<b>52,1</b>	<b>83,9</b>	<b>66,9</b>
Sales and services	1.507	1.672	3.179	11,0	14,0	12,4
Hotels and restaurants	211	415	626	1,5	3,5	2,4
Sea transport	512	114	626	3,7	1,0	2,4
Other transport	458	194	652	3,3	1,6	2,5
Communication	304	301	605	2,2	2,5	2,4
Finance and insurance	422	579	1.001	3,1	4,9	3,9
Business services	500	328	828	3,6	2,8	3,2
Household services	102	160	262	0,7	1,3	1,0
Public admin. and services	2.685	5.997	8.682	19,6	50,4	33,9
Non profit organisations	304	215	519	2,2	1,8	2,0
Unspecified	141	12	153	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	15.930	13.030	28.960
15-24 years	2.840	2.760	5.610
25-39 years	4.590	3.550	8.140
40-49 years	3.510	2.820	6.330
50-59 years	2.880	2.520	5.400
60-74 years	2.110	1.370	3.480

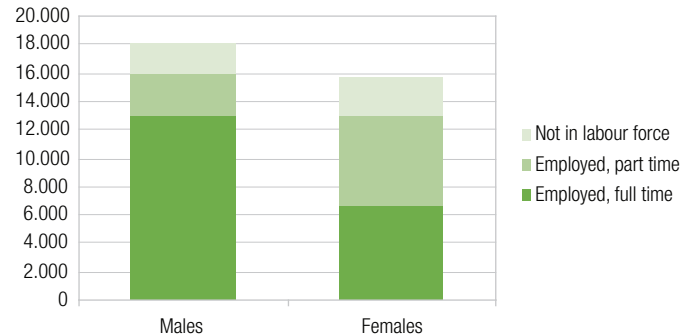
Note: Labour Force Survey Nov. 2007

## Labour force composition Nov. 2007

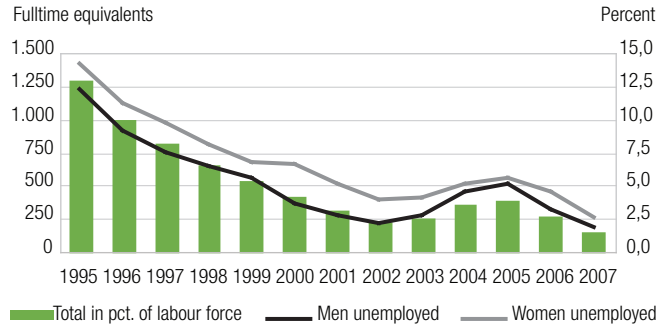
	Males	Females	Total
Total population 15-74 years	18.347	16.046	34.393
Labour force	16.160	13.340	29.500
	Percent of population		
Activity rate	88,1	83,1	85,8
Employment rate	86,8	81,2	84,2
	Percent of employed		
Full time	81,9	50,6	67,8
Part time	18,1	49,4	32,1
	Percent of labour force		
Unemployed	..	..	1,8

Note: Labour Force Survey Nov. 2007

## Labour force composition Nov. 2007



## Unemployment



## Unemployment by age groups. 2007

	No of fulltime equivalents			Pct. of population		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	174	259	433	1,1	1,8	1,4
16-24 years	21	23	43	0,6	0,8	0,7
25-34 years	24	53	77	0,8	2,1	1,4
35-44 years	25	54	79	0,7	1,7	1,2
45-54 years	33	40	73	1,0	1,4	1,2
55-66 years	70	90	160	2,1	3,0	2,5

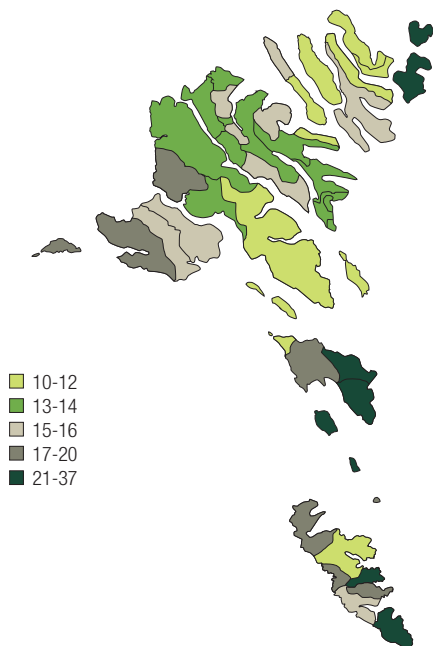


## Pensioners

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Old age pensioners	5.746	6.103	6.122	6.142	6.150
Disability pensioners	1.919	1.888	1.836	1.905	1.872

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

1 Jan. 2008



## Residents at homes for the aged and disabled

	2005	2006	2007
Total	445	441	527
Residential and nursing homes	286	299	361
Shared homes	159	142	166

## 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

	2000	2005	2006
Beds per 1000 people	6,6	5,3	5,0
Hospitalizations per 1000 people	229,0	267,1	272,6
Hospital staff total	766	788	783
Physicians	57	62	61
Nurses	267	283	278
Other health and nursing training	179	173	167
General practitioners	27	27	27
Dentists	39	37	39

## Level of education attained, aged 15-74

	2006	2008
	Percent	
<b>Males</b>		
Primary level	30	30
Secondary level	46	45
Tertiary level	24	25
<b>Females</b>		
Primary level	35	39
Secondary level	42	39
Tertiary level	23	22
<b>Total</b>		
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 <sup>1</sup>	23	25
Males	30	31
Females	15	18
Upper secondary or higher, aged 25-64 <sup>2</sup>	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	2006	2007
Parishes	14	14	14	14
Vicars	21	21	22	22
Churches	60	60	60	61
Population	46.144	48.170	48.327	48.433
Church members	39.011	40.411	40.490	40.440
Church members in pct. of population	84,5	83,9	83,8	83,5
Church marriages	189	188	213	191
Church marriages in pct. of all marriages	77	78	77	79

## Theatrical plays

	2000	2005	2006	2007
<b>Amateur theatrical</b>				
Plays	21	23	20	18
Performances	138	153	83	88
Visitors	22.732	11.485	9.500	8.781
<b>The professional theatrical</b>				
Plays	7	3	6	9
Performances	113	76	62	142
Visitors	11.099	12.198	7.491	10.489

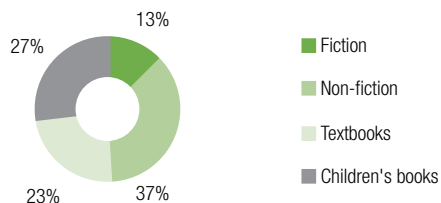
## Museum visitors

	2001	2005	2006	2007
Faroes Historical Museum	9.853	8.772	8.250	8.987
Faroes Museum of Natural History	2.069	6.058	5.666	4.478
Faroes Museum of Art	10.443	14.514	15.895	16.173

## Newspapers in 2007

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

## Book publications 2007



## Book publications

	1980	1990	2000	2007
Total	93	161	170	132
of this translations	34	72	66	60
Fiction	17	18	34	17
Non-fiction	24	48	75	48
Textbooks	19	31	24	31
Children's books	33	64	37	36

## 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	2007
Reported criminal offences, total	1.057	885	975	1.097
Sexual offences	40	35	28	28
Crime of violence	63	100	71	93
Theft	425	325	477	504
Vandalism	370	316	275	390
Other offences	159	109	124	82

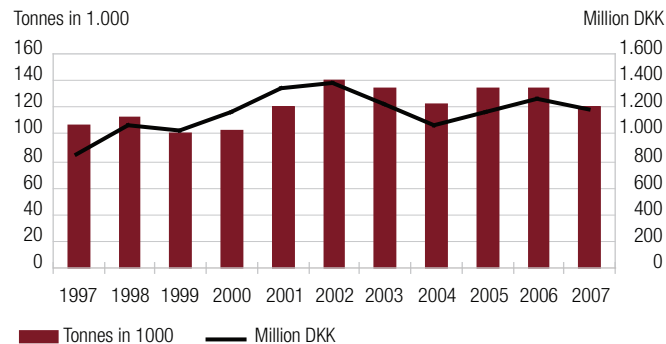


*Silene dioica*

### Wet fish catches. 2007

	1000 tonnes	Percent	Million DKK	Percent
<b>Total</b>	121,1	100,0	1.164,2	100,0
<b>By species</b>				
Cod	12,8	10,6	291,4	25,0
Haddock	12,9	10,6	178,4	15,3
Saithe	55,3	45,7	289,9	24,9
Other	40,0	33,1	404,5	34,7
<b>By fishing gear</b>				
Otter trawl	32,5	26,9	313,1	26,9
Pair trawl	57,2	47,3	311,2	26,7
Long line	26,3	21,7	437,3	37,6
Jigging line	2,0	1,7	24,2	2,1
Gillnets etc.	3,0	2,5	78,4	6,7
<b>By purchaser</b>				
Faroese fish buyers	76,0	62,8	448,3	38,5
Faroese fish auctions	37,2	30,7	619,0	53,2
Foreign fish buyers	7,9	6,5	96,8	8,3

### Wet fish catches



## Total fish catches, live weight. 2006

	1000 tonnes		Total	Percent		Total
	Faroese waters	Other		Faroese waters	Other	
<b>Total</b>	231,7	391,2	622,9	37,2	62,8	100,0
Cod	12,6	18,1	30,8	2,0	2,9	4,9
Haddock	17,4	4,0	21,4	2,8	0,6	3,4
Saithe	70,7	2,4	73,1	11,4	0,4	11,7
Blue whiting	80,8	239,8	320,6	13,0	38,5	51,5
Other	50,1	127,0	177,1	8,0	20,4	28,4

## Catches by foreign vessels in Faroese waters, live weight

	2000	2005	2006	2007
	1000 tonnes			
<b>Total</b>	260,8	389,6	389,0	318,5
EU-countries	21,7	21,2	17,2	15,4
Other countries	239,1	368,4	371,9	303,2

## Harvest of salmon and trout

	2000	2005	2006	2007
	Tonnes			
<b>Total</b>	29.297	18.919	14.846	24.034
Salmon	28.292	15.549	10.724	18.283
Trout	1.005	3.370	4.122	5.751

Note: Gutted weight

## Pilot whale catches

Years	Drives	Whales killed	Skin
2001-2007	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

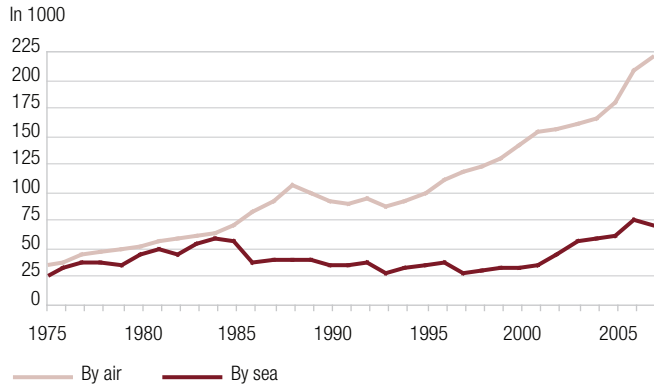
Vessels	In no.	GT in 1000
<b>Total</b>	257	251,5
Fishing vessels	150	104,3
Cargo vessels	13	46,7
Passenger vessels/ferries	8	51,2
Sand dredgers	8	5,6
Gas and other tankers	1	1,3
Research vessels	1	0,7
Coast guard vessels	2	2,0
Other	74	39,8

Note: Only vessels larger than 20 GT are included

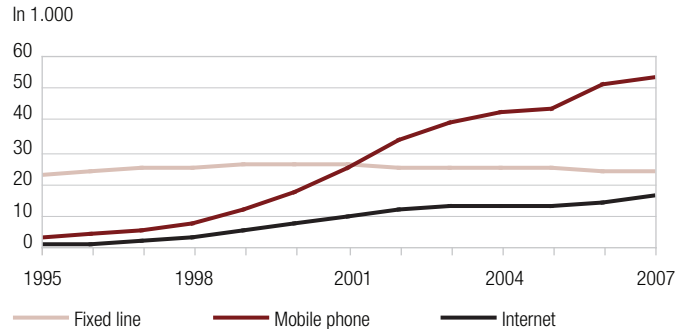
## Electricity production

	2000	2005	2006	2007	2007
	MWh				Percent
<b>Total</b>	212.962	244.877	259.478	269.417	100
Hydro	76.022	98.976	100.943	104.452	39
Thermal	136.417	135.569	143.557	149.206	55
Wind	523	10.332	14.978	15.759	6

## International passenger transport, arrivals and departures



## Telephone subscribers



## Motor vehicles registered 1 Jan.

	1990	2000	2007	2008
<b>Total</b>	18.661	18.681	25.818	27.405
Lorries and vans	3.552	3.186	4.228	4.508
Busses	118	137	224	232
Taxis	232	92	101	109
Private cars	13.986	14.087	19.110	20.225
Trailers	773	1.179	2.047	2.216
Emergency vehicles	-	-	108	115
Private cars per. 1000 people	293	311	395	418

## Traffic accidents

	1995	2000	2006	2007
<b>Total traffic accidents</b>	1.104	1.311	1.108	988
of which with casualties	50	49	79	55
of which alcohol rel. accident	40	43	58	48
Casualties	63	61	96	65
Killed	3	3	2	7



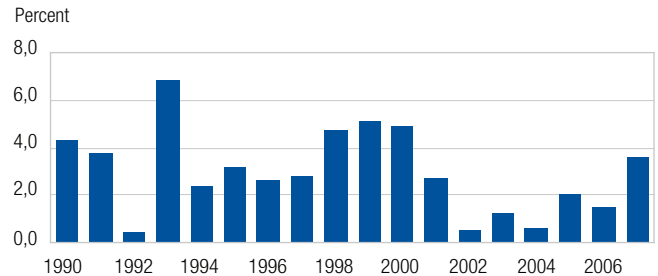


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### Consumer price index, 2001=100

	Weights			
	1998	2005	2006	2007
All-item index	100,0	104,5	106,0	109,8
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	21,3	103,8	106,5	111,1
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	5,9	110,1	114,4	116,2
Clothing and footwear	5,4	93,1	91,6	92,4
Housing, electricity and heating	20,2	101,7	103,9	116,3
Furnishing and household equipment	6,0	100,3	99,0	96,8
Health	2,8	112,9	113,2	114,1
Transport	13,1	113,1	116,7	117,1
Communication	4,6	90,9	92,3	91,9
Recreation and culture	11,9	105,7	103,2	103,3
Education	0,1	99,2	104,8	110,5
Restaurants and hotels	3,6	108,6	111,3	114,7
Miscellaneous goods and services	5,3	108,2	109,9	112,9

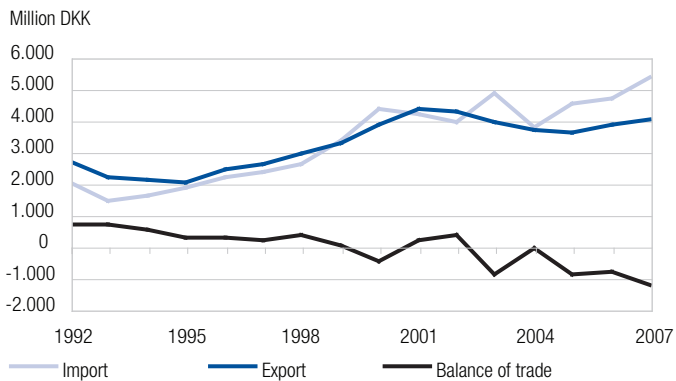
### Consumer price index, annual average rates



## Trade by country. 2007

	Import		Export	
	Million DKK		Percent	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.300</b>	<b>4.023</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>100,0</b>
<b>EU-countries total</b>	<b>3.331</b>	<b>2.647</b>	<b>62,9</b>	<b>65,8</b>
Denmark	1.585	515	29,9	12,8
Sweden	350	31	6,6	0,8
Germany	419	214	7,9	5,3
United Kingdom	245	965	4,6	24,0
France	136	297	2,6	7,4
Spain	126	342	2,4	8,5
Other EU-countries	470	282	8,9	7,0
<b>Non EU-countries total</b>	<b>1.969</b>	<b>1.376</b>	<b>37,1</b>	<b>34,2</b>
Norway	980	545	18,5	13,6
Iceland	127	117	2,4	2,9
China	188	57	3,6	1,4
Japan	99	119	1,9	3,0
Other non EU-countries	575	538	10,8	13,4

## Balance of merchandise trade



## Current account

	2003	2004	2005	2006
	Million DKK			
<b>Income in total</b>	<b>5.971</b>	<b>5.719</b>	<b>6.226</b>	<b>6.918</b>
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
<b>Expenditure in total</b>	<b>6.108</b>	<b>4.892</b>	<b>6.207</b>	<b>6.776</b>
Imports of goods and services	5.619	4.522	5.649	6.059
Income	365	231	442	588
Current transfers	124	138	116	128
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-136</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>142</b>
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			
<b>Public sectors, net</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>1.092</b>	<b>405</b>
Liabilities	3.668	3.579	3.070	2.385
Assets	2.892	2.652	1.978	1.981
<b>Private sectors, net</b>	<b>-4.361</b>	<b>-4.497</b>	<b>-4.066</b>	<b>-4.142</b>
Liabilities	2.644	2.831	5.139	7.899
Assets	7.005	7.328	9.204	12.042
<b>Total, net</b>	<b>-3.584</b>	<b>-3.570</b>	<b>-2.974</b>	<b>-3.738</b>
Liabilities	6.312	6.410	8.208	10.285
Assets	9.897	9.980	11.182	14.022



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