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Greenland - Kalaallit Nunaat

First inhabited for over 4,500 years ago from the northern continent of America by indigenous people and again by Scandinavians for about 1,000 ago.

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

Greenland is part of the Danish Realm that consists of Denmark, the Faeroe Islands and Greenland. Greenland has a national flag, issues its own stamps and are a part of the Danish monetary and exchange union.

In 1979 Greenland was granted Home Rule. In November 2008 a referendum on self-government was passed by a majority of votes. Self-government is established on 21st June 2009, the 30th anniversary of the establishment of home rule.



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Key Figures of Greenland 2009

Geography

Location:	The world's largest non-continental island on the northern American continent between the Arctic Ocean and the North Atlantic Ocean, northeast 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 lies at about the same latitude as Oslo in Norway
Geographic coordinates:	72 00 N, 40 00 W
Area:	2,166,086 km ²
Ice-free area:	410,449 km ²
Coastline:	44,087 km. The Earth is 39,960 km round
Largest distances:	North-South 2,670 km, East-West 1,050 km
Highest point:	Gunnbjørns Fjeld 3,693 m, in East-Greenland
Terrain:	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 percent of the world's resources of freshwater
Climate:	Arctic to sub arctic; cool winters and cold summers in which the mean temperature does not exceed 10°
Mean temperature, January:	Nuuk -8.6°, Kangerlussuaq -17.0°, Ilulissat -9.6° (2007)
Mean temperature, July:	Nuuk 7.7°, Kangerlussuaq 11.5°, Ilulissat 9.6° (2007)
Natural resources:	Zinc, lead, iron ore, coal, molybdenum, gold, platinum, uranium, fish, seals, whales, hydropower, possible oil and gas
Plant Life:	Low-growing mountain and tundra plants: mosses, lichens, heather, crowberry, bog, whortleberry and dwarf birch
Animal Life:	Fish species, marine mammals: seals, walrus, whales, polar bears, land mammals: arctic fox, arctic wolf, reindeer, musk ox, collared lemming, snow hare and a rich bird life which comprises some 50 breeding species
National parks:	Greenland National park approx. 972,000 km ² comprises the north-eastern part of the country
Natur Conservations:	At the Melville Bay approx. 20,000 km ² plus a protected area at Sarfartoq (The Paradise Valley) in Maniitsoq municipality
Environment issues:	Protection of the arctic environment; preservation of the Inuit traditional way of life, including whaling and seal hunting
Geography - note:	Greenland dominates the North Atlantic Ocean between North America and Europe; sparse population confined to small settlements along coast, but close to one-quarter of the population lives in the capital, Nuuk

Population

Population:	56,194 (Jan. 2009)
Density:	0.14 pr. km ² ice free area (Jan. 2009)
Population in the capital:	Nuuk 15,105 (Jan. 2009)
Population in towns:	47,093 (Jan. 2009)
Population in settlements:	9,101 (Jan. 2009)
Population growth rate:	-0.47 percent (2008)
Death rate, total:	8.0 deaths / 1,000 population (2007)
Net migration	-566 (2007)
Infant mortality rate, total:	8.2 deaths / 1000 live births (2007)
Life expectancy:	Female: 71 years, Men: 66 years (2007)
Total fertility rate:	2,278 live born per 1,000 women aged 15-49 years (2007)
People living with HIV/AIDS:	6 (2005)
Nationality:	Noun: Greenlander(s), adjective: Greenlandic
Ethnic groups:	Inuit 89 percent, Danish and others 11 percent (jan. 2009)
Religions:	Evangelical Lutheran
Languages:	Greenlandic (kalaallisut)

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:	June 21 (longest day of the year)
Legal system:	Danish
Suffrage:	18 years of age; universal
Membership of the EU:	From January 1, 1973 until February 1, 1985
Head of state:	HMS Dronning Margrethe II of Denmark
Head of government:	Prime Minister Hans Enoksen (Siumut) (since December 14 2002)
Legislative branch:	Landstinget (the parliament with 31 members)
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 which makes the distinct red and white colours of the Greenlandic flag

Economy

GDP:	10,924 mio. kr. (2007)
GDP - real growth rate:	3.6 percent in annual prices (2006)
Disposable GNI per capita:	249,000 kr. (2006)
Gross income per household	Highest 25 percent: 788,000 kr. Lowest 25 percent 78,000 kr. Average: 354,000 kr.(2005)
Inflation rate (consumer prices):	4.5 percent (Jan 2008 - Jan 2009)
Labour force:	28,243 (15-62 years born in Greenland Jan. 2009)
Unemployment rate:	6.8 percent affected by unemployment in towns (2007)
Budget:	Income: 8.0 mia. kr. Expenditures: 8.2 mia. kr. including capital expenditures of 0.5 mia. kr. (2007)
Industries:	Fish processing (mainly shrimp and Greenland halibut), handicrafts, hides and skins, small shipyards, mining
Electricity - production:	344 GWh (2006)
Electricity - consumption:	268 GWh (2006)
Agriculture - products:	Forage crops, garden and greenhouse vegetables; sheep, reindeer; fish
Exports:	2,332 mio. kr. f.o.b. (provisional figures 2007)
Exports - commodities:	Fish and fish products 82 percent (prawns 49 percent)
Exports - partners:	EU (primarily Denmark) 87 percent, other European countries 3 percent, North America 10 percent (provisional figures 2007)
Imports:	3,643 mio. kr. c.i.f. (provisional figures 2007)
Imports - commodities:	Machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods, food, petroleum products
Imports - partners:	EU (primarily Denmark and Sweden) 94 percent, Canada and USA 2 percent (provisional figures 2007)
Balance of trade:	-1,310 mio. kr. (provisional figures 2007)
Economic aid, recipient:	3,439 mio. kr. subsidy from Denmark (2009)
Currency:	Danish Crown (DKK)
Exchange rates:	100 US \$ = 533.2 DKK, 100 EUR = 744.4 DKK (May 2009)
Fiscal year:	Calendar year

Communications

Telephones - main lines in use:	22,818 (2008)
Telephones - mobile cellular:	55,816 (2008)
Direction dial number:	299
Radio broadcast stations:	AM 5, FM 12
Radios	98 percent of all households has a radio (2002)
Television broadcast stations	Kalaallit Nunaata Radio-a national TV plus some locale TV stations
TV-products:	97 percent of all households has a TV (2002)
Newspapers:	Atuagagdliutit/Grønlandsposten (AG) og Sermitsiaq
Internet country code:	.gl
Internet suppliers:	1
Internet connections:	11,695 (2008)

Transportation

Railways:	0 km
Ports and harbours:	Ports in 16 towns plus harbours in 60 settlements
Airports:	13 airports, six heliports and 40 helistop

Population

Population in municipalities January 1st

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2007	2007	2008	2009
Total	56,245	56,542	56,676	56,854	56,969	56,901	56,648	56,462	56,194
Men	30,024	30,180	30,249	30,335	30,319	30,182	30,005	29,885	29,809
Women	26,221	26,362	26,427	26,519	26,650	26,719	26,643	26,577	26,385

Population in municipalities, towns and settlements

	1999		2009	
	Towns	Settlements	Towns	Settlements
Total	45,523	10,564	47,093	9,101
Kommune Kujalleq	6,368	1,777	6,361	1,271
Nanortalik	1,517	1,060	1,430	717
Qaqortoq	3,149	332	3,304	228
Narsaq	1,702	385	1,627	326
Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq	17,285	2,033	19,222	1,732
Ivittuut	-	171	60	123
Paamiut	1,896	214	1,679	171
Nuuk	13,169	397	15,105	333
Ammassalik	1,691	1,222	1,893	1,105
Illoqqortoormiut	529	29	485	-
Qeqqata Kommunia	8,106	1,070	8,238	1,448
Maniitsoq	2,957	834	2,780	667
Sisimiut	5,149	236	5,458	781
Qaasuitsup Kommunia	13,764	4,970	13,272	4,407
Kangaatsiaq	664	831	631	722
Aasiaat	3,224	236	2,948	184
Qasigiannqut	1,469	100	1,142	88
Ilulissat	4,169	460	4,528	430
Qeqertarsuaq	986	70	925	32
Uummannaq	1,483	1,302	1,296	1,043
Upernavik	1,120	1,763	1,157	1,751
Qaanaaq	649	208	645	157
Outside municipalities	-	714	-	243

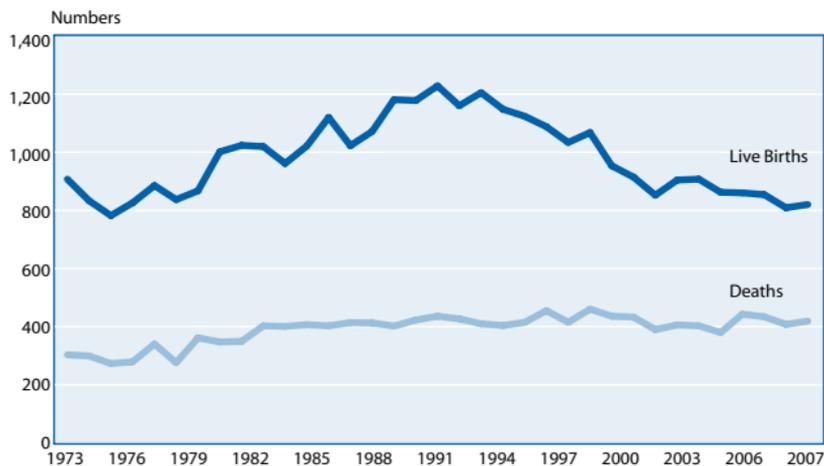
Greenlanders in Denmark and Foreigners in Greenland

	2001	2003	2005	2007
	Number of persons			
Greenlanders in Denmark	12,104	12,548	12,850	13,482
Persons older than 20 years	9,564	9,990	10,401	10,981
Foreigners in Greenland	6,622	6,735	6,686	6,282
Persons older than 20 years	5,710	5,838	5,826	5,443

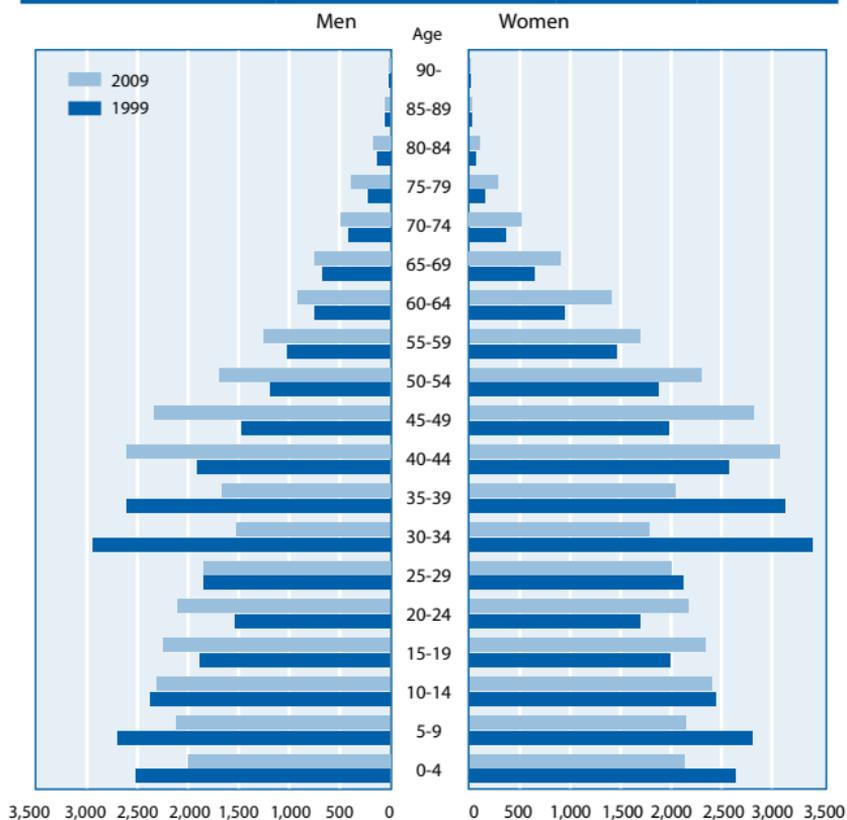
Population by sex and age January 1st 2009

	Total	Men	Women
Total	56,194	29,809	26,385
0-6 years	5,819	2,978	2,841
7-14 years	7,187	3,628	3,559
15-17 years	2,644	1,344	1,300
18-24 years	6,147	3,120	3,027
25-59 years	28,409	15,532	12,877
60-66 years	3,080	1,811	1,269
67 years and over	2,908	1,396	1,512

Births and Deaths



Population by age



Migration

	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007
Net immigration	-317	-247	-345	-448	-566
Immigrations, total	2,488	2,461	2,388	2,514	2,417
Persons born in Greenland	803	804	826	870	886
Persons born outside Greenland	1,685	1,657	1,562	1,644	1,531
Emigration, total	2,805	2,708	2,733	2,962	2,983
Persons born in Greenland	1,093	1,038	1,141	1,252	1,393
Persons born outside Greenland	1,712	1,670	1,592	1,710	1,590

Demographic changes

	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007
Total removals	15,893	18,341	18,232	20,417	21,767
Intermunicipal traffic	4,671	5,410	4,963	5,464	5,808
Within the same town	9,109	10,527	10,976	12,249	13,123
Between towns	3,551	3,819	4,011	4,361	4,561
From settlement to town	915	1,035	992	1,112	1,370
From town to settlement	741	853	799	1,050	1,041
Within the same settlement	924	1,049	1,047	1,289	1,294
From one settlement to another	316	379	304	283	317
From one station to another	337	679	103	73	61

Fishing and Hunting

Fishing is the primary industry of the country. Greenland has the legislative competence for the fisheries sector. Fisheries for prawns and Greenland halibut are regulated by quota and license regulations decided on by the Cabinet. Decisions are based on biological advice to ensure a sustainable use of the natural resources.

Total Fisheries in Greenlandic Waters

	2003	2004	2005	2006*
Catches	1,000 tonnes			
Total shellfish	103.5	144.7	143.5	138.1
Islandic scallop	2.6	2.7	1.4	1.9
Northern prawn	89.6	137.8	137.6	132.5
Snow crab	11.3	4.3	4.5	3.6
Total fish	184.3	114.3	68.4	75.5
Atlantic cod	4.6	5.5	6.6	10.6
Atlantic halibut	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2
Capelin	117.9	45.6	0.0	0.0
Catfishes	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.8
Chars	-	0.0	0.0	0.1
Greenland cod	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.0
Greenland halibut	39.3	43.1	41.9	44.9
Greenland shark	0.0	-	0.0	-
Lumpfish	7.0	8.2	9.7	10.0
Redfishes	13.3	10.2	8.3	7.9
Roundnose grenadier	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1

Seal hunting

	2003	2004	2005	2006*
	Numbers			
Total	157,330	157,835	191,091	187,613
Bearded seal	1,716	1,366	1,450	1,883
Habour seal	724	804	437	77
Harp seal over 4 year	29,413	28,888	32,301	31,135
Harp seal under 4 year	38,194	43,356	60,893	63,999
Hooded seal	6,353	5,853	4,153	4,799
Ringed seal	80,646	77,374	91,604	85,575
Walrus	284	194	253	145

* Provisional figures

Whaling

	2003	2004	2005	2006*
	Numbers			
Total	3,828	4,287	4,378	3,708
Beluga whale	430	247	157	137
Fin whale	9	13	14	10
Killer whale	5	14	2	-
Minke whale	198	190	180	181
Narwhale	666	595	466	411
Pilot whale	195	265	345	46
Porpoise whale	2,325	2,963	3,214	2,923

* Provisional figures

Hunting of land mammals

	2003	2004	2005	2006*
	Numbers			
Total	25,930	21,410	20,083	22,667
Musk ox	1,669	1,779	1,955	2,393
Polar bear	264	225	223	118
Polar fox	2,610	1,975	2,234	2,681
Polar hare	2,436	2,183	1,956	2,473
Reindeer	18,951	15,248	13,715	15,002

* Provisional figures

Active Fishing Vessels at the end of 2006

	Greenland total	Region South	Region Central	Region North	Region East
	Numbers				
Fishing vessels, total	863	143	255	427	38
0-10 BRT	598	93	145	325	35
11-20 BRT	133	21	48	63	1
21-50 BRT	32	8	9	15	-
51-80 BRT	29	9	11	9	-
81-120 BRT	24	3	12	9	-
121BRT and more	47	9	30	6	2

Paid hunting licenses

	2003	2004	2005	2006
	Number of persons			
Total	10,469	9,374	8,575	9,351
Hunters	2,715	2,526	2,412	2,740
Sportsmen	7,754	6,848	6,163	6,611

Livestock

	1980	1990	2000	2004	2007
	Number of animals				
Sheep	23,134	19,929	20,444	20,383	21,704
Horses	197	145	138	172	216
Beehives	-	-	18	16	10
Fowls	538	386	175	146	152
Cows	-	-	5	17	42
Tame reindeer	3,800	6,000	2,000	3,100	2,441

Labour market, January 1st

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	Number of persons				
Total population	56,676	56,854	56,969	56,901	56,648
Total labour force ¹⁾	31,763	32,119	32,339	32,384	32,437
Unemployed persons ²⁾	2,822	2,710	2,555	2,380	2,199
	Percent				
Unemployment rate	8.9	8.4	7.9	7.3	6.8
Men	9.4	8.7	8.1	7.8	7.2
Women	8.3	8.2	7.6	6.8	6.3

1) Persons aged 15-62 years living in towns. 2) Average number of unemployed persons per month living in towns

Employment distributed by trades and industries ¹⁾

	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
Total	26,253	27,799	28,457	28,118	29,472
Agriculture and hunting	11	17	16	14	14
Fishing	1,095	1,294	1,486	1,281	1,442
Mineral extractions	-	3	8	72	160
Industrial services	974	1,112	1,108	857	924
Energy supply	484	480	490	464	420
Construction and building	2,483	2,483	2,611	2,876	2,904
Trade and repairs	3,369	3,924	3,508	4,860	5,003
Hotel and restauration	752	865	848	830	859
Transportation	2,515	2,470	2,467	2,464	2,582
Financial and insurance services	156	130	149	157	165
Real estate, rental etc.	1,082	1,311	1,253	1,272	1,281
Public administration and service ²⁾	12,217	13,097	13,949	12,360	13,064
Education ³⁾	74	46	44	51	50
Health and social affairs ³⁾	35	34	37	50	86
Other collective and social services ³⁾	480	494	478	506	515
International organizations	-	-	-	-	-
Unreported businesses and services	526	39	5	4	3

1) Employment is based on a calculation of full-time equivalents (FTE) based on persons with an average yearly income from work and trade on +40.000 dkk. 2) Public administration and service also includes public employed persons in the following sectors Education, Health and social affairs, Other collective and social services. 3) Includes privately employed persons or employment in independent institutions.

Income and Prices

Average taxable income spread out over Greenland

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Change 2005 - 2006
	1,000 kr.					Percent
Greenland total	152	153	162	163	169	4.1
Nanortalik	101	99	104	110	119	8.4
Qaqortoq	143	140	151	152	156	2.5
Narsaq	127	139	143	138	144	4.2
Ivittuut	358	379	398	419	412	-1.8
Paamiut	114	118	130	130	131	0.5
Nuuk	205	210	222	221	235	6.1
Maniitsoq	135	131	133	139	143	3.4
Sisimiut	168	163	172	172	178	3.4
Kangaatsiaq	95	91	95	102	101	-1.3
Aasiaat	130	131	139	137	135	-1.8
Qasigiannuguit	128	128	132	132	135	1.9
Ilulissat	147	148	154	149	153	2.4
Qeqertarsuaq	137	133	135	134	140	3.9
Uummannaq	112	114	122	122	129	5.7
Upernavik	97	100	111	113	120	5.7
Qaanaaq	104	115	110	111	109	-2.0
Ammassalik	106	106	112	115	115	0.2
Illoqqortoormiut	111	112	116	113	119	4.8
Outside municipalities	385	398	419	444	458	3.2

Consumer price index and its sub-Indices, annual change

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Percent				
Consumer price index, total	1.0	2.3	2.2	5.4	4.5
Food	2.1	3.1	3.0	6.2	6.2
Beverages	-2.6	0.9	1.2	11.5	7.4
Tobacco	0.4	1.0	0.9	20.8	1.5
Clothing and footwear	1.8	-1.1	-1.7	1.9	3.4
Gross rent (dwelling)	0.2	-	5.1	5.0	-
Fuel and power	6.7	13.8	6.8	0.2	6.7
Furniture, household equipment, etc.	2.5	1.4	0.8	4.3	3.1
Medical care and health expenses	-0.4	1.7	-0.3	13.2	1.9
Transport	-0.5	2.0	3.3	-0.1	5.0
Communication	-4.8	1.1	-6.9	0.6	-4.5
Hunting, fishing, etc.	2.3	3.2	1.7	0.6	7.9
Recreation, entertainment, etc.	-0.9	0.2	-0.8	-1.8	0.4
Miscellaneous goods and services	1.5	-1.0	1.3	7.8	1.4



Gross domestic product at factor cost and market prices

	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007*
	Mio. kr.				
Compensation of employees	5,630	6,896	8,101	8,446	8,752
Gross operating surplus	1,132	1,664	1,970	2,096	2,172
GDP at factor cost	6,762	8,560	10,071	10,542	10,924
Indirect taxes	544	687	665	658	692
Subsidies	533	619	624	564	553
GDP at market prices	6,773	8,627	10,112	10,636	11,063
Transfers to Denmark and abroad, net	275	200	242	242	242
Gross national income	6,498	8,427	9,870	10,394	10,821
Government expenditure	2,974	3,314	3,662	3,766	3,866
Of which general grants	2,393	2,725	3,069	3,120	3,202
Gross disposable national income	9,472	11,741	13,531	14,160	14,687
Of which in the public sector	4,499	5,470	6,248	6,534	6,797
Of which in the private sector	4,973	6,271	7,283	7,625	7,890
Gen. government final consumption	3,647	4,530	5,226	5,568	5,941

* Provisional figures

Expenditure of general government sector, by function

	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007
	Mio. kr.				
Total	5,783	6,801	7,473	7,916	8,239
General public services	724	725	798	883	965
Defence	316	260	228	231	183
Public order and safety	144	186	230	264	305
Economic affairs	1,049	1,114	1,000	981	957
Environmental protection	51	107	98	117	137
Housing and community amenities	225	285	297	301	297
Health	623	792	913	944	999
Recreation, culture and religion	222	269	257	277	298
Education	826	1,092	1,375	1,477	1,587
Social protection	1,290	1,655	1,922	2,074	2,140
Other functions	312	316	356	367	370

Foreign Trade

Exports, by SITC divisions

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*
	Mio. kr.				
Total export	2,285.0	2,282.0	2,425.8	2,347.7	2,332.2
Provisions and livestock	2,133.1	1,985.3	2,118.4	2,042.4	1,905.3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Raw materials, inedible	19.7	136.4	154.9	178.2	274.6
Mineral fuels and lubricants etc.	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	-
Animal or vegetable fats and oils	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chemicals and chemical products	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.3
Manufactured products mainly semi-manufactured products	2.6	22.7	30.1	37.4	11.9
Machinery and transport equipment	22.6	20.7	16.2	23.9	23.7
Manufactured products	23.2	23.9	20.9	30.0	21.4
Miscellaneous articles and transactions	82.2	91.6	84.6	35.5	94.7

Imports, by end-use

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*
	Mio. kr.				
Total import	3,031.3	3,269.3	3,591.3	3,655.8	3,642.7
Provisions and livestock	542.8	597.0	619.5	627.9	599.1
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	118.0	129.6	138.4	118.6	98.2
Raw materials, inedible	80.3	83.6	75.9	52.7	60.3
Mineral fuels and lubricants etc.	382.4	450.3	659.5	762.8	882.8
Animal or vegetable fats and oils	1.7	1.9	2.4	2.6	2.0
Chemicals and chemical products	163.3	175.2	191.3	190.5	193.4
Manufactured products mainly semi-manufactured products	498.6	533.0	501.9	601.6	476.3
Machinery and transport equipment	744.2	783.2	873.0	786.0	829.9
Manufactured products	464.5	473.6	485.3	500.9	484.5
Miscellaneous articles and transactions	35.5	41.9	44.2	12.2	16.1

* Provisional figures

Import by countries

	2004	2005	2006	2007*
	Percent			
Total import	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Denmark	79.0	79.9	60.2	70.1
Sweden	17.0	17.2	21.5	22.6
Germany	-	0.1	3.0	0.6
Norway	-	0.0	1.7	1.7
Canada	1.4	1.4	0.6	0.9
USA	-	0.4	1.6	0.6
Republic of China	-	0.0	1.7	0.4
Japan	-	0.0	1.1	0.6
Iceland	-	0.4	0.3	0.6
Other countries	2.0	0.5	8.2	1.9

Note: Methodology break in 2006
(affects primarily imports from Denmark)
* Provisional figures

Export by countries

	2004	2005	2006	2007*
	Percent			
Total import	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
Denmark	88.0	86.7	86.1	85.1
Spain	5.7	6.0	7.3	0.2
Great Britain	0.8	0.9	2.0	1.2
Iceland	1.0	1.5	1.6	1.5
Germany	1.8	1.6	1.1	0.2
Hong Kong	0.1	0.7	0.8	-
USA	1.6	1.2	0.3	-
Canada	-	0.0	0.0	10.0
Japan	0.6	0.6	0.2	-
Other countries	0.3	0.8	0.6	1.7

* Provisional figures

Export by products

	2006	2007*	2006	2007*
	Ton		Mio. kr.	
Total export	356,975	814,459	2,348	2,332
Prawns	74,078	69,004	1,197	1,131
Cod	6,137	7,955	129	180
Greenland halibut	22,960	20,351	513	442
Scallops	431	353	42	27
Crab	1,777	1,162	53	37
Lumpsucker spawn	1,220	962	38	25
Other fish	27,080	25,494	67	59
Other fish products	441	588	1	2
Seal, whale and shark	62	14	46	5
Sheep	5	87	0	1
Other livestock	10	30	2	7
Jet and motor fuel	19	-	0	-
Precious metal (gold)	110,817	150,637	168	232
Other	111,938	537,822	91	183

* Provisional figures

Towns and settlements 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 Kangerlussuaq, now an international airport. From here traffic to the Greenlandic towns is distributed – either by airplane or by helicopter.

Passenger traffic by air

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Number of passengers				
Passengers, total	324,037	340,794	392,226	412,112	432,067
Domestic by plane	229,252	237,488	232,995	246,276	266,617
Abroad by plane	50,644	59,371	66,132	74,237	76,068
Helicopter	44,141	43,935	93,099	91,599	89,382

Passenger traffic and cargo freight by ship

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	Number of passengers				
Passengers, total	90,527	83,877	88,901	91,230	43,448
From town to town	56,442	54,172	59,416	58,310	41,536
From town to settlement / settlement to town in:	34,085	29,705	29,485	32,920	1,912
- Region South	17,489	13,952	17,610	14,077	798
- Region Central	2,897	2,661	1,738	2,565	791
- Region North	12,756	11,652	9,221	15,248	323
- District Tasiilaq	943	1,440	916	1,030	...
	1,000 m ³				
Cargo freight, total	708	720	768	840	877
From Denmark to Greenland	351	360	383	418	404
From Greenland to Denmark	251	257	284	307	329
Greenland internal	106	103	101	115	144

Motor vehicles

	1966	1977	1987	1997	2007
Motor vehicles, total	1,500	2,051	3,617	3,646	5,349
Cars	495	701	1,765	1,790	4,687
Taxis	154	213	244	202	132
Busses	11	24	38	37	74
Fire-engines, ambulances etc.	44	81	113	119	98
Commercial vehicles and trucks	619	949	1,440	1,478	349
Motor cycles	162	83	8	„	9
Other vehicles	15	...	9	20	...

From 2005 the category "Cars" also include commercial vehicles



Energy consumption, gross

	2004	2005	2006	2007
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Gross Energy consumption, total	9,296	9,372	9,660	9,663
Gas oil	7,110	7,174	7,275	7,215
Diesel Fuel Arctic	194	163	223	213
Kerosene	719	727	839	834
Gasoline	487	504	533	537
Liquid gas (LPG)	7	6	5	5
Renewable energy	780	798	784	859

Cost rates for electricity, water and heat (January 1st)

	2006	2007	2008	2009
	DKK			
Electricity, minimum price per kWh	2.84	3.15	3.52	2.82
Electricity, maximum price per kWh	1.32	1.37	1.44	1.48
Water, minimum price per m3	26.64	27.91	31.97	34.42
Water, maximum price per m3	11.17	10.73	11.68	11.83
Heating, minimum price per MWh	0.52	0.52	0.55	0.61
Heating, maximum price per MWh	0.45	0.45	0.48	0.55

CO₂ emission from energy consumption

	2004	2005	2006	2007
	1.000 tonnes			
Total	628	632	654	649
Gas oil	526	531	538	534
Diesel Fuel Arctic	14	12	16	15
Kerosene	52	52	60	60
Gasoline	36	37	39	39
Liquid gas (LPG)	0	0	0	0
	Tonnes			
CO ₂ emission per capita	11.0	11.1	11.4	11.4

Education and Culture

Primary school

	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
	Number of persons				
Pupils, total	11,344	11,280	11,079	10,688	10,255
School teachers, total	1,217	1,268	1,247	1,216	1,189
Teachers born in Greenland	973	1,006	1,011	1,021	1,012
Teachers born in Denmark	244	262	236	195	177
Teachers per 100 pupils	10.7	11.2	11.3	11.4	11.6

Expenditure on primary schools, high schools etc.

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007*
	Mio. kr.				
Total expenditure	703	740	756	774	775
Home Rule expenditure	448	475	485	500	504
Home Rule-owned schools	16	16	13	7	7
Special education	46	49	51	52	52
Continuation school	7	7	6	6	7
General grants to municipalities	340	364	377	385	385
Other	38	39	38	50	52
Municipal expenditure	206	216	222	220	217
Tertiary /high schools etc.	49	49	49	54	55

* Provisional figures

Number of persons according to the most advanced level of training achieved

	2002/ 03	2003/ 04	2004/ 05	2005/ 06	2006/ 07
Completed educations, total	534	521	410	425	388
Vocational educations and training, total	381	332	251	271	254
<i>of which:</i> Commerce and office	127	99	21	56	45
Social and Health	121	93	112	99	79
Middle-range training, total	132	153	114	98	89
<i>of which:</i> Teacher training	41	28	19	34	26
Commerce, computer science, etc.	43	49	47	16	12
University education, total	21	34	42	55	44
<i>of which:</i> Natural science educations	2	3	3	2	2
Social science educations	3	8	6	15	16
Humanistic educations	4	10	9	13	10
Commercial educations	3	3	5	6	2
Other educations, total	-	2	3	1	1

Broadcasts by Greenlandic Radio/TV (KNR)

	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
	Hours per year				
Radio, total number of hours	5,972	5,812	6,160	6,000	8,511
Spoken broadcasts in Greenlandic	2,614	2,728	2,920	3,000	2,455
In Danish etc.	1,296	1,019	1,080	324	654
Musical broadcasts	2,062	2,065	2,160	2,676	5,402
TV, total	3,314	3,739	3,827	4,000	4,385
In Greenlandic	667	693	659	363	265
In other languages	2,647	3,046	3,168	3,637	4,120

Figures in 2004 are estimated

Books published

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	Number of titles				
Total	103	123	114	142	120
Non-fiction	4	6	4	9	15
Fiction	8	7	17	14	12
Books for children	8	-	10	11	16
Educational books	79	110	79	106	75
Other books	4	-	4	2	2

Nights spent at hotels, by nationality

	2001	2003	2005	2008
	Number of nights			
Numbers of nights spent, total	179,349	190,755	225,667	236,913
Greenland	94,552	95,512	103,664	115,289
Denmark	55,602	64,777	82,309	79,396
Sweden	1,954	1,385	2,308	3,029
Norway	1,695	1,540	2,196	2,831
Iceland	1,697	1,617	8,494	1,913
Germany	4,491	4,971	3,982	4,571
France	1,057	1,230	1,378	1,787
Italy	493	1,047	541	598
Netherlands	463	613	656	1,221
United Kingdom	2,048	2,566	2,097	2,778
Rest of Europe	2,646	2,913	4,713	6,736
USA	6,227	7,720	9,536	6,532
Japan	1,940	1,585	1,006	1,327
Canada	2,177	1,512	1,057	2,269
Other countries	2,307	1,767	1,663	6,636
Unknown	-	-	67	-



Consumption of alcoholic beverages

	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007
	1,000 liters				
Light Beer	1,342	291	12	11	113
Beer	7,047	7,191	6,675	7,011	6,932
Luxury Beer	222	325	388	196	236
Wine	684	715	759	897	939
Spirits	167	159	136	153	128
Average consumption of alcohol	Liters of 100 percent				
Per person older than 14 years	13.3	12.5	11.6	12.1	12.0

Consumption of cigarettes

	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007
	Mio. pieces				
Total consumption	115	113	107	97	94
Average consumption	Liters of 100 percent				
Per person	5.6	5.5	5.2	4.7	4.6
Per person older than 14 years	7.7	7.5	7.0	6.2	6.0

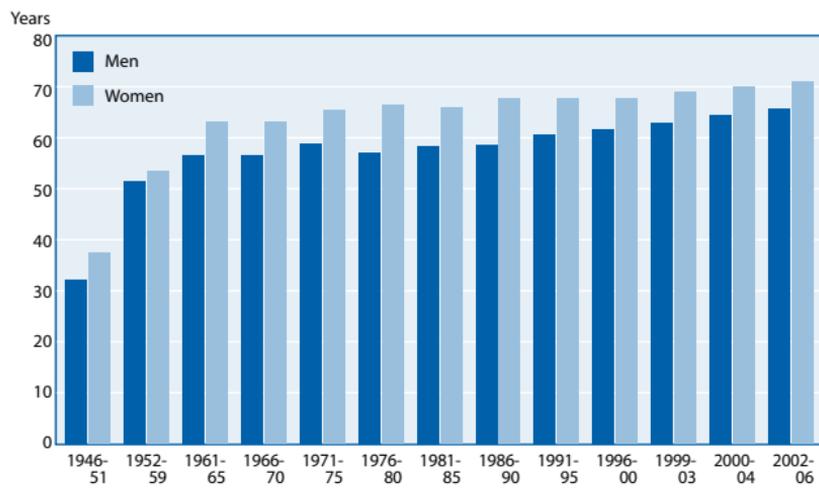
Legal abortions

	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
Number of abortions	Numbers				
All Greenland	913	944	821	901	867
Abortions by age of woman	Percent				
12 - 13 years	-	-	0.2	0.1	0.3
14 - 15 years	3.2	1.9	3.5	4.1	4.8
16 - 17 years	9.3	7.3	9.0	10.3	10.6
18 - 19 years	11.1	12.6	14.4	12.7	13.0
20 - 24 years	27.3	29.0	29.9	31.0	31.5
25 - 29 years	23.0	15.7	15.2	17.4	18.9
30 - 34 years	16.2	20.6	13.9	14.0	9.2
35 - 39 years	8.2	10.7	9.7	7.5	8.5
40 - 44 years	1.6	1.9	4.0	2.6	2.7
45 - 49 years	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3

Reported infectious diseases

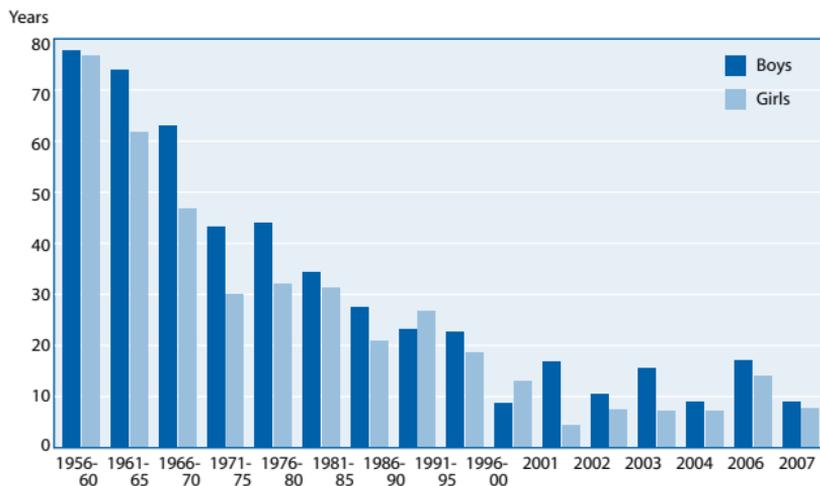
	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
	Number of persons						
Measles	45	42	24	-	-	-	-
German measles	52	54	109	-	-	-	-
Mumps	151	56	102	-	-	-	-
Whooping cough	2	19	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet fever	14	27	16	15	3	,	,
Influenza	1,979	2,030	1,798	759	224	,	,
Meningitis	19	8	24	17	9	20	14
Hepatitis	58	18	10	11	3	1	6
Tuberculosis	36	16	-	63	88	104	73
HIV positive	-	-	2	14	2	6	5
AIDS	-	-	-	2	2	5	2
Syphilis	708	352	290	37	2	1	-
Gonorrhoea	10,202	9,153	7,310	1,806	473	707	808
Chlamydia	-	-	-	125	1,648	1,942	2,579

Life expectancy for newborn boys and girls





Infant mortality for boys and girls per 1,000 living newborn



Housing

Dwellings January 1st 2008, by municipality

	Dwellings		Persons per house	
	Completed	Total	Towns	Settlements
Greenland, total	225	22,371	2.5	2.6
Nanortalik	-	1,025	2.4	1.9
Qaqortoq	19	1,467	2.4	1.8
Narsaq	8	828	2.2	4.4
Paamiut	-	1,067	1.8	1.5
Nuuk	81	6,136	2.5	2.0
Maniitsoq	-	1,509	2.3	2.1
Sisimiut	49	2,042	2.8	6.2
Kangaatsiaq	1	478	3.1	2.7
Aasiaat	5	1,342	2.3	1.7
Qasigiannugit	-	623	1.9	2.1
Ilulissat	32	1,775	2.9	2.3
Qeqertarsuaq	3	454	2.3	1.4
Uummannaq	3	1,081	2.4	2.1
Upernavik	4	871	3.0	3.6
Qaanaaq	-	379	2.4	1.7
Ammassalik	16	1,065	3.3	2.3
Illoqqortoormiut	4	229	2.8	-

** Dwellings completed in 2006*

Judicial System

Convicted criminal offences

	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
Offences, total	3,478	4,010	3,627	3,942	3,470
Sexual offences, total	114	175	172	160	101
Rape and attempted rape	48	64	56	58	44
Incest	5	11	4	3	1
Sexual offences against minors	21	40	39	44	28
Other sexual offences	40	60	73	55	28
Crimes of violence, total	404	461	452	495	459
Assault	391	431	426	477	439
Homicide and attempted homicide	7	14	13	13	10
Other offences against life or body	6	16	13	5	10
Offences against property, total	1,711	1,957	1,727	1,951	1,622
Theft	1,243	1,377	1,287	1,455	1,240
Fraud, embezzlement, etc.	112	179	96	80	52
Malicious damage	287	318	264	331	239
Other offences against property	69	83	80	85	91
Other offences, total	222	266	265	279	214
Offences against special legislation of this selling and smuggling of narcotics	1,027	1,151	1,011	1,057	1,074
of this selling and smuggling of narcotics	401	347	238	372	348
Number of charged persons	1,861	2,112	1,918	2,091	1,953

Recidivists distributed by age groups and year of release

	1995			2000		
	1-3 years	4-5 years	1-5 years	1-3 years	4-5 years	1-5 years
	Percent					
Total	36.8	10.8	47.7	34.5	10.8	45.3
15-19 years	54.5	10.5	65.1	41.0	11.4	52.4
20-24 years	44.1	11.8	55.9	36.8	14.3	51.1
25-29 years	40.6	12.4	52.9	41.1	12.5	53.6
30-34 years	34.9	13.4	48.4	36.3	12.1	48.4
35-39 years	34.5	8.4	42.9	38.4	11.7	50.1
40-44 years	30.6	8.1	38.7	31.6	8.0	39.5
45-49 years	10.3	9.0	19.2	21.9	8.1	30.0
50-54 years	12.3	7.0	19.3	21.4	7.1	28.6
55-60 years	6.1	-	6.1	14.8	4.9	19.7
60 years and more	8.3	-	8.3	15.4	2.6	17.9

Mean Temperatures in 2007, Selected Towns

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Ammassalik
	Celsius				
January	-1.6	-6.4	-17.0	-9.6	-6.7
February	0.4	-2.4	-9.8	-5.6	-4.8
March	-2.9	-7.6	-14.5	-11.9	-5.0
April	1.3	-4.6	-9.4	-8.6	-1.7
May	3.5	0.1	2.6	0.0	1.4
June	5.2	5.0	10.7	6.0	6.0
July	7.4	7.7	11.5	9.6	6.9
August	8.7	8.6	9.3	7.7	7.7
September	6.3	3.4	1.9	1.7	4.1
October	3.6	-0.5	-7.4	-4.1	0.4
November	1.1	-3.3	-11.0	-6.4	-2.1
December	-3.8	-7.9	-17.8	-10.9	-4.5

Maximum temperature in 2007, selected towns

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Ammassalik
	Celsius				
January	10.3	9.2	10.6	8.9	1.7
February	8.7	8.0	6.0	6.9	3.7
March	9.4	8.3	5.9	0.7	1.4
April	10.8	9.8	9.2	6.7	6.2
May	12.8	7.2	13.5	8.5	6.6
June	13.4	16.5	20.9	15.0	13.8
July	18.7	18.4	21.8	18.9	11.8
August	19.4	19.3	19.4	15.7	11.0
September	15.3	11.2	13.0	10.1	8.2
October	16.2	11.7	6.5	5.5	4.7
November	9.9	11.3	12.7	6.1	0.3
December	4.1	0.2	0.8	2.1	1.0

Minimum temperature in 2007, selected towns

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Ammassalik
	Celsius				
January	-10.8	-14.4	-40.5	-22.7	-17.7
February	-9.1	-12.7	-29.4	-19.7	-14.8
March	-10.7	-16.4	-29.7	-21.3	-14.2
April	-3.7	-13.4	-26.0	-21.3	-10.3
May	-2.8	-5.6	-8.0	-7.9	-3.1
June	-1.9	-1.5	0.3	-1.3	0.0
July	0.4	-0.6	3.5	1.9	3.0
August	-0.1	2.7	0.8	0.2	4.6
September	-0.4	-1.7	-14.9	-10.6	0.2
October	-5.4	-8.3	-26.9	-14.2	-7.0
November	-5.7	-10.2	-30.6	-16.4	-5.4
December	-11.3	-16.9	-34.7	-20.6	-10.3

Political Parties in Greenland

Sorlaat Partiiat (Roots)

Greenlands youngest party, formed in 2008 and not in parliament. The party stands for social liberalism with the government out of the local and national businesses. Democracy, financial independence and integrity are corner stones in this party.

Siumut (Forward)

The largest party in Greenlandic politics, founded in 1977. This party stands for social democratic affairs and equality amongst the people. Loyal to the Danish Crown and Government this party still stands for independence and self-government in Greenland.

Inuit Ataqatigiit (Unified Inuit)

Leftwing oriented party founded in 1976 with demands of independence and recognition as one people. Il-loyal to the Danish Crown and Government the party is somewhat a socialistic party.

Kattusseqatigiit Partiiat (Alliance of Candidates)

Formerly represented by individual candidates. A formal party was founded in 2005. This party is mostly represented in northern part of Greenland.

Demokraatit (Democrats)

A social liberal party founded in 2002 in the middle of the two political wings in Greenland.

Atassut (Unity)

This party was founded in the late 1970'ies. Loyal to he Danish Crown and Government this party of green liberal mentality stands for unity within the Royal Danish Realm.

Election to the Greenland Parliament, November 15th 2005 by municipalities

	Electorate	Votes cast	Valid votes	Percentage voting
Total	38,924	29,139	28,885	74.9
Nanortalik	1,591	1,189	1,180	74.7
Qaqortoq	2,435	1,880	1,864	77.2
Narsaq	1,460	1,110	1,102	76.0
Ivittuut	121	40	38	33.1
Paamiut	1,361	1,012	1,003	74.4
Nuuk	10,825	7,934	7,835	73.3
Maniitsoq	2,427	1,776	1,761	73.2
Sisimiut	4,176	3,169	3,147	75.9
Kangaatsiaq	896	689	686	76.9
Aasiaat	2,343	1,720	1,707	73.4
Qasigiannugit	941	761	758	80.9
Ilulissat	3,428	2,623	2,610	76.5
Qeqertarsuaq	719	566	560	78.7
Uummannaq	1,653	1,281	1,269	77.5
Upernavik	1,813	1,370	1,358	75.6
Qaanaaq	547	428	424	78.2
Ammassalik	1,851	1,322	1,315	71.4
Illoqqortoormiut	337	269	268	79.8

Election to the Greenland Parliament, November 15th 2005 by parties

	Votes	Percent	Mandates	Elected women
Total	28,885	100.0	31	11
Atassut	5,528	19.1	6	2
Demokraatit	6,595	22.8	7	3
Inuit Ataqatigiit	6,516	22.6	7	4
Siumut	8,861	30.7	10	2
Kattusseqatigiit Partiat	1,169	4.0	1	-
Outside Parties	216	0.7	-	-

Election to the municipal councils, August 4th 2008

	Greenland	South	East/West	Central	North
Electorate	39,451	5,465	14,854	6,801	12,331
Votes cast	24,395	4,043	8,461	4,063	7,828
Valid votes	24,317	3,999	8,350	4,031	7,937
Percentage voting	61.8	74.0	57.0	59.7	63.5
Distribution of votes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Atassut	15.5	10.3	11.5	19.1	20.6
Demokraatit	13.5	9.9	24.0	11.3	5.5
Inuit Ataqaqigiit	27.1	30.7	30.4	24.4	23.3
Siumut	38.1	49.1	30.1	44.3	37.9
Kattusseqatigiit Partiat	4.7	-	1.4	0.9	12.4
Kattusseqatigiit Sorlaat	0.8	-	2.4	-	-
Single Candidates	0.1	-	0.2	-	0.2

Elections to the Danish Parliament since 2001

Election date	Atassut	Siumut	Inuit Ataqaqigiit	Demokraatit	Other	Percentage in voting
November 20th 2001	5,138	6,033	7,172	-	4,917	61.5
February 8th 2005	3,781	7,775	5,785	4,924	843	59.6
November 13th 2007	4,094	8,068	8,343	4,584	-	64.5

Election for self-government November 25th 2008

	Percentage		Percentage of valid votes	
	Voting		For	Against
Should Greenland have self-government?	72.0		75.5	23.6



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The world's largest island

Geographical Greenland is part of the North American continent, geopolitical a part of Europe. Greenland is a mountainous country and the world's largest island with a total area of 2,415,100 sq. km. Of this 85 per cent is covered with ice, while the rest is free of ice. The temperature of the warmest month does not exceed 10 degrees Celsius. The further north, the colder, drier and less windy it becomes. July is the warmest month, while February and March are the coldest.

Largest distances

North-South: 2,670 km • East-West: 1,050 km.

Coastline: 39,000 km • Highest point: Gunnbjørns fjeld 3,733 m