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Greenland - Kalaallit Nunaat

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 has a 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 in November 2008. Self-government was established on 21 June 2009, 30 years after the establishment of the home rule.



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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, 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 (the 13th largest country in the world)
Ice-free area	410,449 km ²
Coastline	44,087 km
Largest distances	North to south: 2,670 km. East to west: 1,050 km.
Highest point	Gunnbjørns Fjeld 3,693 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 percent of the world's resources of fresh water
Climate	Arctic to subarctic; cool winters and cold summers in which the mean temperature does not exceed 10° C
Mean temperature, January	Nuuk -6.1° C, Kangerlussuaq -15.7° C, Ilulissat -9.2° C (2009)
Mean temperature, July	Nuuk 7.6° C, Kangerlussuaq 11.3° C, Ilulissat 9.2° C (2009)
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 species, marine mammals seals, walrus, whales, polar bears, land mammals arctic fox, arctic wolf, reindeer, musk ox, collar lemming, snow hare and a rich bird life which comprises some 50 breeding species
National parks	The national park of Greenland comprises approximately 972,000 km ² in the north eastern part of the country
Conservations	Approximately 20,000 km ² at Melville Bay plus a protected area at Sarfartoq (The Paradise Valley) in the district of Maniitsoq
Environment issues	Protection of the arctic environment; preservation of the traditional Inuit lifestyle, including whaling and seal hunting
Geography - note	Greenland dominates the North Atlantic Ocean between North America and Europe; the population lives in small settlements along coast, but close to one quarter of the population lives in the capital, Nuuk

Population

Population	56,615 (January 2011)
Density	0.14 per km ² of ice free area (January 2011)
Population in the capital	Nuuk: 15,862 (January 2011)
Population in towns	47,857 (January 2011)
Population in settlements	8,239 (January 2011)
Population growth rate	0.29 percent (2010)
Death rate, total	8.9 deaths per 1,000 inhabitants (2010)
Net migration	-160 (2010)
Infant mortality rate, total	9.6 deaths per 1,000 live births (2008)
Life expectancy	Female 71.6 years, men 66.6 years (2008)
Total fertility rate	2,359 live born per 1,000 women aged 15-49 years (2009)
People living with HIV/AIDS	6 (2005)
Nationality	Noun: Greenlander(s). Adjective: Greenlandic
Place of birth	Born in Greenland: 88.8 per cent. Born outside Greenland: 11.2 per cent (January 2011)
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	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
Head of government	Premier Kuupik Kleist (Inuit Ataqatigiit)
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 which makes the distinct red and white colours of the Greenlandic flag

Economy

GDP	11,063 DKK million (2007)
GDP - real growth rate	4.0 percent in annual prices (2006)
Disposable GNI per capita	249,000 DKK (2006)
Gross income per household	1st decile: DKK 48,076. 10th decile: DKK 1,117,569 DKK. Average: DKK 376,624 (2008)
Inflation rate (consumer prices)	1.4 percent (Jan 2009 - Jan 2010)
Labour force	34,041 persons of 15-64 years of age (January 2011)
Unemployment rate	2,429 persons affected by unemployment* on average per month (2010). Affected by unemployment is a figure expressing the number of persons registered as job seekers at least once per month.
Budget	Income 9.1 DKK billion. Expenditures 9.3 DKK billion including capital expenditures of 0.6 DKK billion (2009)
Industries	Fish processing (mainly prawns and Greenland halibut), handicrafts, hides and skins, small shipyards, mining
Electricity - production	376 GWh (2009)
Electricity - consumption	213 GWh (2009)
Agriculture - products	Forage crops, garden and greenhouse vegetables; sheep, reindeer; fish
Exports	1,923 DKK million f.o.b. (provisional figures 2009)
Exports - commodities	Fish and fish products 88 per cent (prawns 54 per cent)
Exports - partners	Denmark 86.8 per cent, Canada 3.9 percent (provisional figures 2009)
Imports	3,669 DKK million c.i.f. (provisional figures 2009)
Imports - commodities	Machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods, food, petroleum products
Imports - partners	EU (primarily Denmark and Sweden) 90 percent, Canada and USA 2 percent (provisional figures 2009)
Balance of trade	-1,745 DKK million (provisional figures 2009)
Block grant	3,495 DKK million in subsidies from Denmark (2010)
Currency	Danish Kroner (DKK)
Exchange rates	100 US \$ = 518.0 DKK, 100 EUR = 745.7 DKK (May 2011)
Fiscal year	Calendar year

**"Affected by unemployment" is a figure expressing the number of persons having registered as job seekers at least once during a given month.*

Communications

Telephones - main lines in use	22,818 (2008)
Telephones - mobile cellular	55,816 (2008)
Country calling code	299
Radio broadcast stations	AM 5, FM 12
Radio	98 per cent of all households (2002)
Television broadcast stations	Kalaallit Nunaata Radioa (national TV) and some local TV stations
TV sets	97 percent of all households (2002)
Newspapers	Atuagagdliutit/Grønlandsposten (AG) and Sermitsiaq
Internet country code	.gl
Internet suppliers	1
Internet connections	11,695 (2008)

Transportation

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

Population

Population by Gender

BEEST1

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total	56,542	56,676	56,854	56,969	56,901	56,648	56,462	56,194	56,452	56,615
Men	30,180	30,249	30,335	30,319	30,182	30,005	29,885	29,809	29,936	29,942
Women	26,362	26,427	26,519	26,650	26,719	26,643	26,577	26,385	26,516	26,673

Population by Municipality, Town and Settlement

BEEST3

	2001		2011	
	Towns	Settlements	Towns	Settlements
Total	45,917	10,328	47,857	8,758
Kommune Kujalleq	6,348	1,651	6,273	1,168
Nanortalik	1,506	1,014	1,445	658
Qaqortoq	3,114	289	3,230	200
Narsaq	1,728	348	1,598	310
Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq	17,800	1,951	19,919	1,640
Ivittuut	-	156	-	171
Paamiut	1,883	196	1,589	144
Nuuk	13,649	392	15,862	298
Ammassalik	1,747	1,180	1,996	1,027
Illoqqortoormiut	521	27	472	-
Qeqqata Kommunia	8,094	1,546	8,245	1,439
Maniitsoq	2,928	817	2,747	649
Sisimiut	5,166	729	5,498	790
Qaasuitsup Kommunia	13,675	4,918	13,420	4,322
Kangaatsiaq	636	865	552	719
Aasiaat	3,239	214	3,113	172
Qasigiannqut	1,411	90	1,217	94
Ilulissat	4,145	463	4,606	417
Qeqertarsuaq	1,000	57	873	35
Uummannaq	1,443	1,287	1,274	1,039
Upernavik	1,146	1,722	1,107	1,703
Qaanaaq	655	220	678	143
Outside municipalities	-	262	-	189

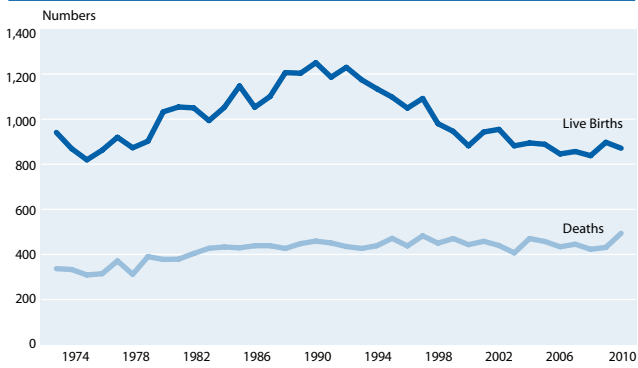
Population by Gender and Age. 2011

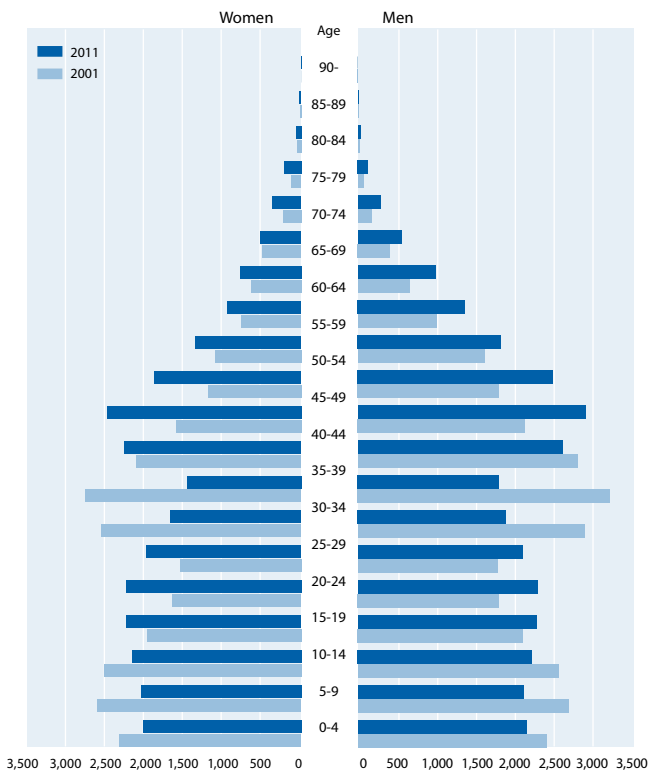
BEEST5

	Total	Men	Women
Total	56,615	29,942	26,673
0-6 years	5,799	2,971	2,828
7-14 years	6,891	3,494	3,397
15-17 years	2,587	1,327	1,260
18-24 years	6,445	3,233	3,212
25-59 years	28,643	15,570	13,073
60-66 years	3,087	1,814	1,273
67 years and over	3,163	1,533	1,630

Live Births and Deaths

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Migration

BEEBBIU2

	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010
Net immigration	-288	-236	-644	-639	-160
Immigrations, total	2,126	2,482	2,404	2,536	2,491
Persons born in Greenland	624	923	890	907	1,043
Persons born outside Greenland	1,502	1,559	1,514	1,629	1,448
Emigration, total	2,414	2,718	3,048	3,175	2,651
Persons born in Greenland	981	1,114	1,358	1,560	1,334
Persons born outside Greenland	1,433	1,604	1,690	1,615	1,317

Internal migration

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	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010
Same town	10,280	11,218	12,493	12,077	13,755
Same settlement	945	962	1,271	1,235	1,215
Between towns	3,756	4,153	4,428	4,438	4,553
Between settlements	291	286	302	395	346
From settlement to town	1,158	1,090	1,240	1,317	1,325
From town to settlement	914	950	999	1,055	1,070
Others	72	81	51	122	49

Population by Citizenship

BEEST6

	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011
Total	56,676	56,969	56,648	56,194	56,615
Denmark	56,148	56,439	56,146	55,518	55,804
Thailand	54	63	75	100	149
Sweden	96	86	76	90	95
Iceland	101	100	50	79	93
The Philippines	5	10	15	33	78
Norway	68	48	54	61	65
Germany	37	46	42	66	58
Poland	1	2	22	36	24
Other	148	157	149	182	217

Fishing and Hunting

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

Total Fishing in Greenlandic Waters by Greenlandic Vessels FIE001

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	1,000 tonnes				
Shellfish, total	134.8	128.9	124.3	132.7	120.7
Icelandic scallop	1.4	1.9	1.4	0.8	0.6
Nothern prawn	128.9	123.8	120.7	129.7	116.7
Snow crab	4.5	3.2	2.2	2.2	3.4
Fish, total	48.9	56.7	55.7	57.4	50.2
Atlantic cod	5.5	10.3	13.5	21	10.3
Atlantic halibut	0	0	0	0	0
Capelin	0.2	0	0.3	0.1	0.2
Chars	0	0.1	0	0	0
Greenland cod	1.1	1	0.6	0.6	0.3
Greenland halibut	31.2	33.9	31.3	27.8	30.7
Lumpfish	10.1	10	8.8	6.4	6.6
Redfish	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.3	1
R.grenadier	0	0	0	0	0
Wolffish	0.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.1

Seal hunting

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Numbers				
Total	188,320	187,578	159,329	154,765	98,135
Bearded seal	1,432	1,783	1,559	1,341	926
Habour seal	431	77	82	80	23
Harp seal over 4 year	31,762	31,165	26,555	25,667	15,749
Harp seal under 4 year	59,701	64,003	56,691	55,413	32,112
Hooded seal	4,123	4,801	3,256	2,565	1,745
Ringed seal	90,619	85,604	71,053	69,596	47,453
Walrus	252	145	133	103	127

The catch figures for seal hunting and land mammals for 2009 only include catches until the month of September.

Whaling

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Number of animals				
Total	4,440	3,709	3,797	2,792	2,594
Beluga whale	184	137	120	279	228
Fin whale	14	10	12	14	10
Killer whale	2	-	3	23	6
Minke whale	180	182	167	152	165
Narwhale	520	411	331	377	371
Pilot whale	345	46	277	182	172
Porpoise whale	3,195	2,923	2,887	1,765	1,642

Hunting of Land Mammals

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Number of animals				
Total	19,859	22,690	21,760	23,553	16,164
Musk ox	1,944	2,393	2,513	2,798	2,331
Polar bear	217	141	130	139	124
Polar fox	2,234	2,681	2,114	2,309	1,263
Polar hare	1,956	2,473	2,188	2,333	1,826
Reindeer	13,508	15,002	14,815	15,974	10,620

* Provisional figures

The catch figures for seal hunting and land mammals for 2009 only include catches until the month of September.

Active Fishing Vessels by the End of 2007

	Greenland total	Kommune Kujalleq	Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq	Qeqqata Kommunia	Qaasuitsup Kommunia
	Number of vessels				
Fishing vessels, total	757	99	163	110	385
0-10 BRT	491	69	76	68	278
11-20 BRT	148	15	33	27	73
21-50 BRT	32	5	10	3	14
51-80 BRT	22	6	6	5	5
81-120 BRT	17	2	9	2	4
121 BRT and more	47	2	29	5	11

Hunting Licenses

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Number of persons				
Total	8,575	9,289	9,965	8,927	10,465
Hunters	2,412	2,730	2,657	2,388	2,434
Sportsmen	6,163	6,559	7,308	6,539	8,031

Livestock

	1980	1990	2000	2007	2008
	Number of animals				
Sheep	23,134	19,929	20,444	21,704	20,494
Horses	197	145	138	216	203
Beehives	-	-	18	10	10
Fowls	538	386	175	152	148
Cows	-	-	5	42	49
Tame reindeer	3,800	6,000	2,000	2,441	2,500

Labour Market. 1 January

ARE06, ARELEM2

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	Number of persons					
Total population	56,901	56,648	56,462	56,194	56,452	56,615
Total labour force ¹⁾	32,332	32,374	32,428	32,498	32,946	33,669
Unemployed persons ²⁾	1,682	1,541	1,497	1,131	1,210	1,406
	Per cent					
Unemployment rate	5.2	4.8	4.6	3.5	3.7	4.2
Men	5.5	5.2	5.1	3.8	4.1	4.7
Women	4.9	4.3	4.1	3.1	3.2	3.6

1) The figures for the years 2000 to 2008 include persons from 15 to 62 years of age. The figures for the year 2009 include persons from 15 to 63 years of age. The figures for the year 2010 include persons from 15 to 64 years of age. Notice that people born outside Greenland are included. The total labour force therefore differs from the labour force figure usually published. This is due to the fact that unemployment figures include all unemployed people regardless of birthplace. The calculation of the unemployment rate in this table must therefore be based on the total labour force regardless of birthplace. **2)** Average number of unemployed persons per month.

Employment by Trade¹⁾

ARE01

	2003	2005	2007	2009
Total	27,621	28,716	29,430	29,524
Agriculture, hunting, and forestry	13	16	10	3
Fishing	1,436	1,404	1,264	1,111
Extraction of raw materials	18	139	149	61
Industry	920	866	706	698
Supply of electricity, gas, heating, and water	470	445	401	417
Construction business	2,697	2,864	2,973	2,986
Trade and repair business	4,654	4,775	4,479	4,469
Hotel and restaurant business	814	881	873	914
Transport business	2,319	2,503	2,658	2,801
Financial institutions and finance and insurance business	153	161	323	177
Real estate, rental, business service etc.	1,266	1,169	1,116	1,210
Public administration, defence, and social services ²⁾	12,279	12,888	13,819	13,881
Education ³⁾	46	44	80	145
Health care and welfare institutions etc. ³⁾	41	57	111	132
Other collective, social, and personal service activities ³⁾	493	501	468	509
International organisations etc.	-	0	0	-
Unknown	2	3	0	10

1) The employment is based on a calculation of full-time equivalents (FTE) based on persons with an average yearly income from work and trade of DKK 40,000. **2)** Public administration and service also include publicly employed persons in the sectors of Education, health, and social affairs as well as Other collective and social services. **3)** Includes privately employed persons and employment in independent institutions.

Income and Prices

Average Gross Income

INEP1

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Change 2008 - 2009
	DKK					Per cent—
Greenland, total	172,607	179,623	186,005	193,522	198,510	2.6
Town	181,150	188,713	195,628	202,738	207,672	2.4
Settlement	117,978	120,996	123,798	133,893	133,629	-0.2
Kommune						
Kujalleq	148,327	155,096	160,052	164,444	163,804	-0.4
Town	152,698	158,476	165,059	167,550	168,329	0.5
Settlement	130,051	143,178	139,497	155,195	138,098	-11.0
Kommuneqarfik						
Sermersooq	208,363	219,789	227,873	234,638	244,064	4.0
Town	216,093	227,382	235,918	243,035	251,866	3.6
Settlement	102,725	106,645	110,715	119,425	119,566	0.1
Qeqqata						
Kommunia	170,564	177,515	183,535	194,181	193,017	-0.6
Town	171,022	179,567	184,753	195,112	194,389	-0.4
Settlement	168,007	166,294	176,734	188,947	185,078	-2.0
Qaasuitsup						
Kommunia	141,440	143,153	146,732	155,080	159,453	2.8
Town	154,064	155,900	159,959	168,066	171,900	2.3
Settlement	103,303	104,373	105,352	114,380	119,303	4.3

	Jan 2008	Jul 2008	Jan 2009	Jul 2009	Jan 2010	Jul 2010
Consumer price index, total	100	103,0	103,5	103,9	105,0	106,3
Food and beverages	100	105,3	106,0	108,9	111,0	112,0
Alcohol and tobacco	100	104,2	104,2	105,0	105,6	106,1
Clothing and footwear	100	102,6	103,1	100,2	101,8	100,7
Gross rent (dwelling)	100	103,9	104,9	105,1	105,9	108,2
Furniture, household equipment, etc.	100	102,6	102,1	114,3	111,5	109,7
Medical care and health expenses	100	102,0	102,0	104,4	106,2	115,2
Transport	100	102,7	103,7	103,8	104,9	104,8
Communication	100	94,8	94,8	95,0	95,0	95,1
Recreation, entertainment, etc.	100	102,0	101,5	99,0	99,3	99,3
Restaurant and hotels	100	99,2	100,5	100,6	101,1	106,3
Miscellaneous goods and services	100	100,8	105,0	96,2	98,4	101,3



Economy

Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost and Market Prices

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	1990	1995	2000	2005	2007*
	DKK million				
1 Compensation of employees	5,406	5,630	6,896	8,101	8,752
2 Gross operating surplus	993	1,132	1,664	1,970	2,172
3 GDP at factor cost (1+2)	6,399	6,762	8,560	10,071	10,924
4 Indirect taxes	509	544	687	665	692
5 Subsidies	602	533	619	624	553
6 GDP at market prices (3+4-5)	6,306	6,773	8,627	10,112	11,063
7 Transfers to Denmark and abroad, net	450	275	200	242	242
8 Gross national income (6-7)	5,856	6,498	8,427	9,870	10,821
9 Danish state expenditure	2,941	2,974	3,314	3,662	3,866
10 - General grants	1,531	2,393	2,725	3,069	3,202
11 Gross disposable national income (8+9)	8,797	9,472	11,741	13,531	14,687
11a - Public sector	5,072	4,499	5,470	6,248	6,797
11b - Private sector	3,725	4,973	6,271	7,283	7,890
12 Gen. government final consumption	3,369	3,647	4,530	5,226	5,941

* Provisional figures

Expenditure of General Government Sector by Function

OFEFUNK

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	DKK million				
Total	7,473	7,916	8,239	8,756	9,259
General public services	798	883	965	979	1,056
Defence	228	231	183	236	262
Public order and safety	230	264	305	313	330
Economic affairs	1,000	981	957	962	931
Environmental protection	98	117	137	125	119
Housing and community amenities	297	301	297	384	387
Health	913	944	999	1,116	1,192
Recreation, culture and religion	257	277	298	310	308
Education	1,375	1,477	1,587	1,659	1,836
Social welfare	1,922	2,074	2,140	2,270	2,432
Other functions	356	367	370	402	406

Foreign Trade

Exports by SITC Division

IEE2SITC

	2005	2006	2007*	2008*	2009*
	DKK million				
Exports, total	2,425.8	2,347.7	2,332.2	2,480.0	1,923.4
Provisions and livestock	2,118.4	2,042.4	1,905.3	2,106.4	1,691.6
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Raw materials, inedible	154.9	178.2	274.6	227.8	111.1
Mineral fuels and lubricants etc.	0.5	0.2	-	0.0	0.0
Animal or vegetable fats and oils	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chemicals and chemical products	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3
Manufactured products, mainly semi-manufactured products	30.1	37.4	11.9	9.1	4.5
Machinery and transport equipment	16.2	23.9	23.7	22.9	15.1
Manufactured products	20.9	30.0	21.4	17.2	9.0
Miscellaneous articles and transactions	84.6	35.5	94.7	96.5	91.6

Imports by SITC Division

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	2005	2006	2007*	2008*	2009*
	DKK million				
Imports, total	3,591.3	3,655.8	3,642.7	4,421.2	3,668.8
Provisions and livestock	619.5	627.9	599.1	743.6	774.2
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	138.4	118.6	98.2	132.7	138.9
Raw materials, inedible	75.9	52.7	60.3	83.1	59.5
Mineral fuels and lubricants etc.	659.5	762.8	882.8	1,188.9	638.9
Animal or vegetable fats and oils	2.4	2.6	2.0	3.5	3.0
Chemicals and chemical products	191.3	190.5	193.4	206.5	242.5
Manufactured products, mainly semi-manufactured products	501.9	601.6	476.3	603.1	528.0
Machinery and transport equipment	873.0	786.0	829.9	922.4	818.5
Manufactured products	485.3	500.9	484.5	514.6	450.1
Miscellaneous articles and transactions	44.2	12.2	16.1	22.8	15.1

* Provisional figures

Import by countries

	2005	2006	2007*	2008*	2009*
	Per cent				
Total import	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Denmark	79.9	60.2	70.1	60.2	66.5
Sweden	17.2	21.5	22.6	25.7	17.2
Germany	0.1	3.0	0.6	2.3	2.7
Norway	0.0	1.7	1.7	2.4	1.4
Canada	1.4	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.7
USA	0.4	1.6	0.6	1.0	1.3
Republic of China	0.0	1.7	0.4	1.2	2.0
Japan	0.0	1.1	0.6	0.9	0.9
Iceland	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.4
Other countries	0.5	8.2	1.9	5.3	6.8

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

* Provisional figures

Exports by Country

	2005	2006	2007*	2008*	2009*
	Per cent				
Total export	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Denmark	86.7	86.1	85.1	85.1	86.8
Spain	6.0	7.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
Great Britain	0.9	2.0	1.2	2.0	0.8
Iceland	1.5	1.6	1.5	0.4	1.0
Germany	1.6	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.3
Hong Kong	0.7	0.8	-	0.0	-
USA	1.2	0.3	-	0.0	-
Canada	0.0	0.0	10.0	6.1	3.9
Japan	0.6	0.2	-	0.0	0.0
Other countries	0.8	0.6	1.7	6.1	6.9

* Provisional figures

Exports by Product

	2008*	2009*	2008*	2009*
	Tonnes		DKK million	
Exports, total	587,627	316,035	2,480	1,923
Prawns	71,321	64,256	1,256	1,044
Cod	13,263	8,998	277	130
Greenland halibut	22,450	20,831	456	398
Scallops	149	121	9	8
Crab	1,320	1,380	41	45
Lumpsucker spawn	776	776	27	22
Other fish	7,780	7,780	29	40
Other fish products	760	760	4	3
Seal, whale and shark	20	15	6	4
Sheep	9	2	1	0
Other livestock	13	18	2	-
Jet and motor fuel	-	-	-	-
Precious metal (gold)	122,673	50,393	151	75
Pebbles, gravel and crushed stone (Olivin)	343,233	160,436	74	35
Other	3,860	269	147	120

* Provisional figures

Transportation

The towns and settlements of the country 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
International traffic 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 Sea

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Number of passengers				
Passengers, total	88,901	91,230	43,448	23,528	28,629
From town to town	59,416	58,310	41,536	18,745	21,684
From town to settlement / settlement to town in:	29,485	32,920	1,912	4,783	6,945
- Region South	17,610	14,077	798	59	71
- Region Central	1,738	2,565	791	2,270	3,136
- Region North	9,221	15,248	323	15	11
- District Tasiilaq	916	1,030	...	560	997
	1,000 m ³				
Cargo freight, total	768	840	877	879	890
From Denmark to Greenland	383	418	404	426	445
From Greenland to Denmark	284	307	329	314	308
Internally in Greenland	101	115	144	139	137

Motor Vehicles

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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Motor vehicles, total	4,767	4,977	5,255	5,349	5,675
Cars	2,861	4,229	4,550	4,687	5,036
Taxis	203	169	143	132	89
Busses	64	63	75	74	80
Fire-engines, ambulances etc.	157	136	103	98	109
Commercial vehicles and trucks	...	371	373	349	355
Motor cycles	15	9	11	9	6
Other vehicles	1,467	-	-	-	-



Gross Energy Consumption

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
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Gross Energy consumption, total	9,392	9,659	9,626	10,073	9,013
Gas oil	7,174	7,275	7,215	7,619	6,473
Diesel fuel, arctic	163	223	213	208	225
Kerosene	727	839	834	877	751
Gasoline	504	533	537	550	565
Liquid gas (LPG)	6	5	5	4	3
Renewable energy	818	783	822	814	996

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

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	DKK				
Electricity, minimum price per kWh	1.32	1.37	1.44	1.48	1.56
Electricity, maximum price per kWh	2.84	3.15	3.68	2.82	2.98
Water, minimum price per m3	11.17	10.73	11.68	11.83	12.69
Water, maximum price per m3	26.64	27.91	31.97	34.42	35.79
Fixed electric heating, price per kWh	0.52	0.56	0.55	0.62	0.62
Interruptible electric heat, price per kWh	0.45	0.50	0.48	0.55	0.55
Central heating, price per kWh	0.52	0.56	0.55	0.62	0.62

CO₂ Emission From Energy Consumption

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	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	1,000 tonnes				
Total	632.2	654.1	648.8	682.4	590.8
Gas oil	530.9	538.3	533.9	563.8	479.0
Diesel Fuel Arctic	11.7	16.1	15.4	15.0	16.2
Kerosene	52.4	60.4	60.0	63.2	54.1
Gasoline	36.8	38.9	39.2	40.2	41.3
Liquid gas (LPG)	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
	Tonnes				
CO ₂ emission per capita	11.1	11.5	11.5	12.1	10.5

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.

	2004	2005	2006	2007*	2008*
	DKK million				
Expenditure, total	654	690	707	721	721
Home Rule expenditure	448	475	485	500	504
Home Rule-owned schools	16	17	13	7	8
Special education	47	49	51	52	52
Continuation school	7	7	6	6	7
General grants to municipalities	340	364	377	385	385
Municipal expenditure	206	216	222	220	217
Tertiary /high schools etc.	49	49	49	54	55

* Budget figures for 2007 and 2008



Completed Educations in Number of Persons

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	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Completed educations, total	413	401	466	472	518
Vocational educations and training, total	246	265	295	309	331
Commerce and office	36	53	65	67	55
Social and health	106	74	70	94	107
Middle-range training, total	103	86	110	117	115
Teacher training	19	33	28	44	20
Trade, tourism, etc.	39	15	23	20	32
University education, total	61	49	60	46	71
Natural Sciences	5	1	3	3	3
Social science educations	13	16	14	18	18
The humanities	9	13	19	12	21
Commercial educations	5	3	6	-	2
Other educations, total	3	1	1	-	1

Broadcasts by Greenlandic Radio/TV (KNR)

	2000	2002	2004*	2006	2007
	Hours per year				
Radio, total	5,812	6,160	6,000	8,511	8,660
Spoken broadcasts in Greenlandic	2,728	2,920	3,000	2,455	3,373
In Danish etc.	1,019	1,080	324	654	260
Musical broadcasts	2,065	2,160	2,676	5,402	5,027
TV, total	3,739	3,827	4,000	4,385	4,586
In Greenlandic	693	659	363	265	512
In other languages	3,046	3,168	3,637	4,120	4,074

* The figures for 2004 are estimated

Books Published

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Number of titles				
Total	123	114	142	120	126
Non-fiction	6	4	9	15	15
Fiction	7	17	14	12	11
Books for children	-	10	11	16	26
Educational books	110	79	106	75	70
Other books	-	4	2	2	4

Nights Spent at Hotels by Guest's Country of Origin

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	2002	2004	2006	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	-



The Social and Health Sector

Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	1,000 liters					
Total	8,269	8,124	8,347	7,970	7,889	7,890
Beer	7,219	7,146	7,280	7,196	6,999	7,077
Wine	897	844	901	672	774	700
Spirits	153	135	166	102	115	113
Average consumption of alcohol*	Liters of 100 per cent alcohol					
Beer	7.9	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.5
Wine	2.5	2.3	2.6	1.9	2.2	2.0
Spirits	1.7	1.6	1.5	0.9	1.0	1.0

* Per person over 14 years of age per year

Consumption of Cigarettes

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2009
	Millions of cigarettes					
Total consumption	111	115	100	94	73	68
Average consumption	Number of cigarettes per day					
Per person	5.4	5.6	4.8	4.5	3.5	3.3
Per person older than 14 years	7.5	7.6	6.5	6.0	4.7	4.3

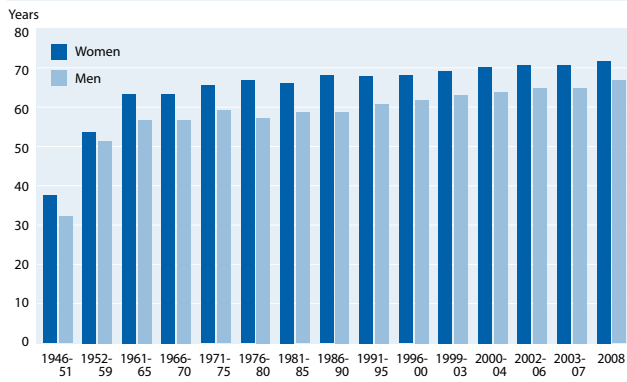
Legal Abortions

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Numbers				
Number of abortions	901	899	867	887	894
Abortions by age of woman	Per cent				
12 - 15 years	4,2	5,0	5,2	5,6	4,9
16 - 17 years	10,3	12,3	10,6	10,3	10,4
18 - 19 years	12,7	10,8	13,0	13,2	16,4
20 - 24 years	31,0	29,7	31,5	30,6	31,5
25 - 29 years	17,4	17,8	18,9	21,1	19,0
30 - 34 years	14,0	12,7	9,2	10,9	10,6
35 - 39 years	7,5	9,0	8,5	5,6	4,9
40 - 44 years	2,6	2,6	2,7	2,5	2,1
45 - 49 years	0,3	0,1	0,3	0,2	-

Reported Infectious Diseases

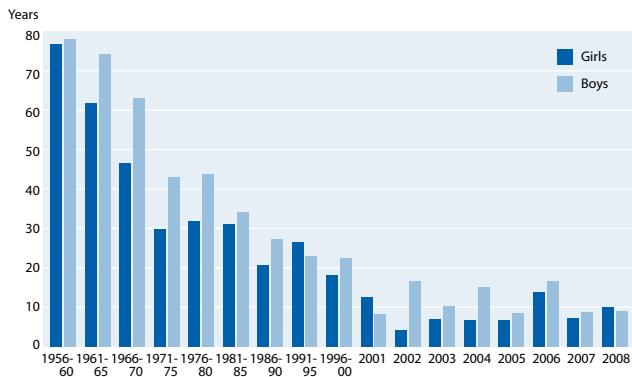
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Number of persons						
Meningitis	4	16	28	14	16	...	12
Hepatitis	3	1	8	6	-
Tuberculosis	89	69	99	73	60	62	63
HIV positive	11	6	6	5	3	1	4
AIDS	6	2	3	2	-
Syphilis	1	1	1	-	2	...	-
Gonorrhoea	659	657	769	808	747	927	1,105
Chlamydia	1,846	1,853	2,713	2,579	2,369	2,504	2,864

Life Expectancy for Newborn Boys and Girls





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



Housing

Dwellings by District, 1 January 2010

BOE002, BOEPERS

	New dwellings*	Dwellings total	Persons per house	
			Towns	Settlements
Greenland, total	234	23,112	2.4	2.3
Nanortalik	14	1,052	2.4	1.6
Qaqortoq	13	1,511	2.4	1.7
Narsaq	7	838	2.1	3.9
Paamiut	8	1,075	1.7	1.4
Nuuk	136	6,455	2.5	1.9
Maniitsoq	4	1,516	2.3	2.0
Sisimiut	9	2,180	2.7	5.9
Kangaatsiaq	-	486	2.7	2.7
Aasiaat	9	1,353	2.4	1.6
Qasigiannugit	-	623	2.1	2.6
Ilulissat	27	1,869	2.7	2.2
Qeqertarsuaq	2	456	2.1	1.1
Uummannaq	-	1,085	2.3	2.1
Upernavik	1	894	2.9	3.4
Qaanaaq	3	385	2.4	1.4
Ammassalik	1	1,105	3.2	2.2
Illoqqortoormiut	-	229	2.6	0

*Dwellings completed in 2009



The Judicial System

Convictions by Criminal Offence

KRE002

	2001	2003	2005	2007	2009
Total	3,973	2,842	3,281	3,541	2,930
Sexual offences §§ 49-56	192	131	131	145	140
Incest § 49	2	3	3
Rape § 51	70	49	40	44	36
Sexual offences against children § 53	48	32	23	37	32
Other	74	50	66	61	69
Crimes of violence §§ 57-64	459	432	447	518	509
Homicide or homicide by negligence	17	5	10	3	11
Assault § 60	439	419	431	509	489
Other	3	8	6	6	9
Offences against property §§ 72-81	1,804	1,229	1,526	1,546	1,209
Theft § 72	1,106	786	1,012	1,049	762
Fraud embezzlement § 74	114	64	55	52	44
Malicious damage § 79	287	235	290	272	250
Other	297	144	169	173	153
Other offences	993	618	693	828	748
Special legislation	525	432	482	504	324
Euphoriant Act	333	263	317	346	204
Other	192	169	165	158	120
Number of charged persons	2,041	1,716	1,874	2,001	1,701

Recidivists by Age Group and Year of Release

	2002			2004		
	1-3 years	4-5 years	1-5 years	1-3 years	4-5 years	1-5 years
	Per cent					
Total	36.7	10.3	46.9	36.9	8.7	45.6
15-19 years	47.9	15.7	63.6	49.8	8	57.8
20-24 years	40.7	8.9	49.6	43.4	8.7	52.1
25-29 years	30.9	11.8	42.6	36.9	11.6	48.5
30-34 years	41.0	8.6	49.6	34.4	7.2	41.6
35-39 years	37.5	12.1	49.5	33.2	10.3	43.5
40-44 years	38.2	9.6	47.8	36.3	8.5	44.8
45-49 years	29.6	8.6	38.2	31.2	8.6	39.8
50-54 years	33.3	7.1	40.5	30.9	6.4	37.3
55-60 years	17.7	8.1	25.8	14.0	2.0	16.0
60 years +	10.6	1.7	12.3	21.8	9.1	30.9

Mean Temperatures in 2009, Selected Towns

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	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Ammassalik
	Degrees Celsius				
January	-1.6	-6.1	-15.7	-9.2	-4.5
February	-0.7	-5.4	-14.3	-10.1	-7.9
March	-2.5	-9.8	-20.2	-17.5	-6.3
April	1.5	-3.1	-7.5	-8.2	-2.1
May	2.4	0.0	3.1	0.7	2.4
June	5.1	4.0	9.9	6.1	4.2
July	6.0	7.6	11.3	9.2	8.1
August	7.4	7.3	9.0	7.5	7.5
September	4.1	2.8	2.2	1.2	3.1
October	2.1	-0.7	-5.7	-4.1	-1.2
November	-2.0	-6.3	-16.7	-11.3	-3.2
December	-0.9	-2.2	-13.1	-6.5	-2.2



Maximum Temperatures in 2009, Selected Towns

MIE1MID

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Ammassalik
	Degrees Celsius				
January	16.7	4.9	5.3	3.1	3.9
February	8.8	9.1	6.2	4.6	2.1
March	8.7	-2.0	0.4	-3.0	4.5
April	13.6	2.7	7.8	3.3	6.0
May	15.0	14.8	15.9	14.6	11.3
June	16.0	12.7	21.8	14.8	11.1
July	21.4	18.6	20.6	19.8	18.2
August	18.2	15.7	18.8	16.1	14.8
September	12.5	10.2	13.8	12.6	10.8
October	10.5	8.0	7.3	6.9	6.1
November	5.3	0.3	-5.2	2.4	6.8
December	8.8	10.6	9.4	11.6	9.5

Minimum Temperatures in 2009, Selected Towns

MIE1MID

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Ammassalik
	Degrees Celsius				
January	-15.3	-14.3	-36.0	-24.0	-14.7
February	-10.8	-18.8	-33.6	-28.4	-20.0
March	-12.1	-19.2	-34.6	-30.3	-15.4
April	-5.7	-11.4	-21.8	-21.9	-12.4
May	-5.0	-6.5	-9.8	-13.1	-4.4
June	-4.4	-1.7	1.9	-0.6	-2.6
July	-1.8	0.0	1.1	-0.6	1.2
August	-3.1	0.5	0.4	-1.5	1.8
September	-0.5	-2.5	-8.9	-7.6	-4.2
October	-3.5	-7.8	-21.4	-16.0	-8.9
November	-7.9	-11.8	-31.9	-20.2	-14.4
December	-8.7	-12.9	-31.2	-20.2	-15.1

Political Parties in Greenland

Siumut (Forward)

Siumut is a Social Democratic party, founded in 1977. It holds 12 seats in the Greenlandic parliament, Inatsisartut. 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 Ataqatigiit (Unified Inuit)

Inuit Ataqatigiit is a leftwing party, founded in 1976. It holds 12 seats in the parliament. 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. The party holds one seat in the parliament.

Demokraatit (Democrats)

Demokraatit is a social liberal party, founded in 2002. The party holds four seats in the parliament. 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 has two seats in the parliament. The party works for self-government within the Kingdom of Denmark.

Election to the Greenlandic Parliament, 2 June 2009 by Municipality

VAELANST

	Electorate	Votes cast	Valid votes	Poll
Total	39,990	28,510	28,275	71.3
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
Total	28,275	100.0	31	12
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 Partiiia	383	1.4	-	-
Outside Parties	70	0.2	-	-

Election to the Municipal Councils. 8 April 2008

VAEKOMST

	Greenland	Kommune Kujalleq	Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq	Qeqqata Kommunia	Qaasuitsup Kommunia
Electorate	39,665	5,528	14,854	6,801	12,482
Votes cast	24,626	4,086	8,461	4,088	7,991
Valid votes	24,277	3,987	8,350	4,031	7,909
Poll	62.1	73.9	57.0	60.1	64.0
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 Ataqaigiit	27.1	30.7	30.4	24.4	23.3
Siumut	38.1	49.1	30.1	44.3	37.9
Kattusseqaigiit Partiiat no1	4.7	-	1.4	0.9	12.4
Kattusseqaigiit Partiiat no2	0.3	-	0.9	-	-
Sorlaat Partiaa	0.5	-	1.5	-	-
Single Candidates	0.1	-	0.2	-	0.2

Elections to the Danish Parliament Since 2001

VAEFOLK

	Atassut	Siumut	Inuit Ataqaigiit	Demo- kraatit	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

Self-Government Referendum. 25 November 2008

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



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 web site of Statistics Greenland, www.stat.gl, also offers comprehensive information on a number of statistical areas:

- Criminal statistics
- Education
- Elections
- Environment and energy
- Fishing
- Foreign trade
- General subjects
- Health
- Housing
- Income
- Labour market
- National accounts
- Population
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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 sq km. Of this area, 85 per cent is covered with ice, while the rest is ice-free. The temperature of the warmest month does not exceed 10° C. 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.

Largest distances

North to south: 2,670 km. • East to west: 1,050 km.

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