

Population projection 2011-2040

Stable population over the next 20 years – just a little older

The total population count is over the next 20 years projected to remain fairly stable around 56,000 people. This is assuming that no unexpected changes in fertility, mortality and migration occur. Over the 20 years the population's average age will increase to 36.5 years from 34 years today. The population continues to be younger than, say Danish population where the average age today is approx. 40 years.

Table 1. The Population's age distribution 1981-2040, selected years

	1981	1991	2001	2011	2021	2031	2040
	----- 100 percent -----						
0-6	11,7	13,8	12,0	10,2	10,7	10,2	9,9
7-16	22,4	14,9	17,9	15,1	14,2	14,5	13,9
17-24	18,0	14,0	10,2	13,0	10,9	10,6	10,6
25-65	44,4	53,6	54,7	54,7	55,4	52,6	52,1
65+	3,6	3,8	5,1	7,0	8,7	12,2	13,5

See figures in our Statbank (<http://bank.stat.gl/beep2011>)

Over the projection period, the older population (65 +) will be doubled and in 2040 represent an equally large proportion of the population as attending schools. The working population will continue to represent over half of the population.

This is the main results of the projection by Statistics Greenland based on population estimates January 1st 2011.

Detailed results by sex, 1-year age groups and birthplace can be found in our Statbank <http://bank.stat.gl/beep2011>

The next projection is scheduled for release on May 16th 2012, based on population estimates from January 1st 2012

