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Greenland · Kalaallit Nunaat



Indigenous people from the North American continent settled in Greenland over 4,500 years ago. Since then Greenland has been inhabited by several indigenous peoples. Around 1,000 years ago Greenlandic ancestors (the Thule Culture) settled in northern Greenland, whereas Scandinavian Viking settlers arrived in the southern Greenland around the same time.

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

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

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

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





Key Figures



Geography

Location	The world's largest non-continental island on the North American continent between the Arctic Ocean and the North Atlantic Ocean, north east of Canada. The northernmost point of Greenland, Cape Morris Jesup, is only 740 km from the North Pole. The southernmost point is Cape Farewell which is at about the same latitude as Oslo in Norway
Geography	Greenland dominates the North Atlantic between North America and Europe; the population lives in small settlements along the coast but close to one quarter of the population lives in the capital, Nuuk
Geographical coordinates	72 00 N, 40 00 W (the geographical center of Greenland)
Area	2,166,086 km ² (the largest island in the world)
Ice-free area	410,449 km ²
Coastline	44,087 km
Largest distances	North-South 2,670 km, East-West 1,050 km
Highest point	Gunnbjørn Fjeld 3,700 m in East Greenland
Terrain	The flat to gradually sloping icecap covers all but a narrow, mountainous, barren, rocky coast. The ice cap is up to 3 km thick and contains 10 per cent of the world's resources of fresh water
Climate	Arctic to subarctic; cool winters and cold summers in which the mean temperature does not normally exceed 10° C (the traditional definition of polar climate)
Mean temperature, January	Nuuk -5.2° C, Kangerlussuaq -16.8° C, Ilulissat -9.0° C (2013)
Mean temperature, July	Nuuk 7.0° C, Kangerlussuaq 11.2° C, Ilulissat 8.0° C (2013)
Natural resources	Zinc, lead, iron ore, coal, molybdenum, gold, platinum, uranium, hydropower, copper, nickel, and rare earth metal
Plant life	Low-growing mountain and tundra plants, mosses, lichens, heather, crowberry, bog, whortleberry, and dwarf birch

Animal life	Fish, seals, walruses, whales, polar bears, arctic foxes, arctic wolves, reindeer, musk oxen, collard lemmings, snow hares and a rich bird life which comprises some 50 breeding species. Livestock in South Greenland are following, sheep, tame reindeer, cows, horses, dogs and fowls. In North Greenland dogsleds are used for hunting and fishing purposes
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 and a protected area at Sarfartooq (The Paradise Valley) in the district of Maniitsoq. The Ilulissat icefjord is a UNESCO world heritage site

Population

Population	56,282 (Jan. 2014)
Density	0.14 per km ² of ice-free area (Jan. 2014)
Population in the capital	Nuuk: 16,818 (Jan. 2014)
Population in towns	48,197 (Jan. 2014)
Population in settlements	8,085 (Jan. 2014)
Population growth rate	-0.16 per cent (2013)
Death rate, total	7.9 deaths per 1,000 inhabitants (2013)
Net migration	-447 (2013)
Infant mortality rate, total	8.9 deaths per 1,000 live births (2012)
Life expectancy	Women 73.5, men 68.7 (2008/2012)
Total fertility rate	1.98 per woman aged 15-49 years (2012)
Demonym	Noun: Greenlander(s). Adjective: Greenlandic
Ethnic groups	Born in Greenland: 87.8 per cent. Born outside Greenland: 12.2 per cent (Jan. 2014)
Religions	Evangelical Lutheran
Languages	Greenlandic (Kalaallisut), Danish

Government

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

National holiday	21 June (the longest day of the year)
Legal system	Danish
Suffrage	18 years of age; universal
Membership of the EU	From January 1 1973 until February 1 1985
Head of state	HMS Queen Margrethe II of Denmark
Head of government	Prime Minister Aleqa Hammond (Siumut)
Legislative branch	Inatsisartut (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 center; the top half of the disk is red, the bottom half is white
Symbol of the flag	The sun descending over the horizon and the ice cap

Economy

GDP	DKK 11,543 million (provisional figure for 2012 in 2005 prices)
GDP - real growth rate	-0.9 per cent from 2011 to 2012 (provisional figure)
Average gross income per household	1st decile: DKK 53,698. 10th decile: DKK 1,306,959 DKK. Average: DKK 420,236 (2012)
Inflation rate (consumer prices)	1.8 per cent (Jan. 2012 - Jan. 2013)
Labour force	26,994 permanent residents, aged 18-64 (monthly average 2012)
Unemployment rate	9.8 per cent on average per month of permanent residents aged 18-64 (2012)
Budget	Income DKK 10.1 billion. Expenditure DKK 9.7 billion including capital expenditure of DKK 0.7 billion (2012)
Industries	Fish processing (mainly prawns and Greenland halibut), handicrafts, hides and skins, small shipyards, mining
Electricity - consumption	314 GWh (2012)
Agriculture - products	Sheep, cows, reindeer, fish
Exports	DKK 2,761.1 million (2012)
Exports - commodities	Provisions and livestock
Exports - partners	Denmark, Iceland
Imports	4,955.3 DKK million (2012)

Imports - commodities	Machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods, provisions and livestock petroleum products
Imports - partners	EU (primarily Denmark and Sweden)
Block grant	3,587 DKK (2012) and 3,624 DKK (2013) million in subsidies from Denmark
Currency	Danish Kroner (DKK)
Exchange rates	USD 100 = DKK 525.4 • EUR 100 = DKK 736.3 (March 2014)
Fiscal year	Calendar year

Communications

Telephones - landlines	16,296 (2013)
Telephones - mobiles	59,897 (2013)
Country calling code	299
Television broadcast stations	Kalaallit Nunaata Radioa (national television) and some local television stations
Newspapers	Atuagagdliutit/Grønlandsposten (AG) and Sermitsiaq
Internet country code	.gl
Internet suppliers	1
Internet connections	11,441 (2013)

Transportation

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

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

Symbols

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 - * Provisional or estimated figures
- All economic figures are in Danish kroner (DKK).*

Population



Population by Gender

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total	56,901	56,648	56,462	56,194	56,452	56,615	56,749	56,370	56,282
Men	30,182	30,005	29,885	29,809	29,936	29,942	30,041	29,838	29,730
Women	26,719	26,643	26,577	26,385	26,516	26,673	26,708	26,532	26,552

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

Population by Municipality, Town and Settlement

	2004		2014	
	Towns	Settlements	Towns	Settlements
Total	46,874	9,980	48,197	8,085
Kommune Kujalleq	6,412	1,510	6,056	1,032
Nanortalik	1,529	897	1,294	569
Qaqortoq	3,178	282	3,248	173
Narsaq	1,705	331	1,514	290
Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq	18,554	1,933	20,863	1,373
Ivittuut	-	183	-	12
Paamiut	1,856	155	1,539	110
Nuuk	14,350	365	16,818	267
Ammassalik	1,824	1,214	2,062	979
Illoqqortoormiut	524	16	444	5
Qeqqata Kommunia	8,130	1,482	8,054	1,382
Maniitsoq	2,883	751	2,530	644
Sisimiut	5,247	731	5,524	738
Qaasuitsup Kommunia	13,778	4,786	13,224	4,067
Kangaatsiaq	670	845	549	658
Aasiaat	3,129	220	3,102	178
Qasigiannguit	1,341	86	1,183	68
Ilulissat	4,470	454	4,530	363
Qeqertarsuaq	998	44	853	34
Uummannaq	1,347	1,194	1,248	954
Upernavik	1,168	1,739	1,124	1,677
Qaanaaq	655	204	635	135
Outside municipalities	-	269	-	231

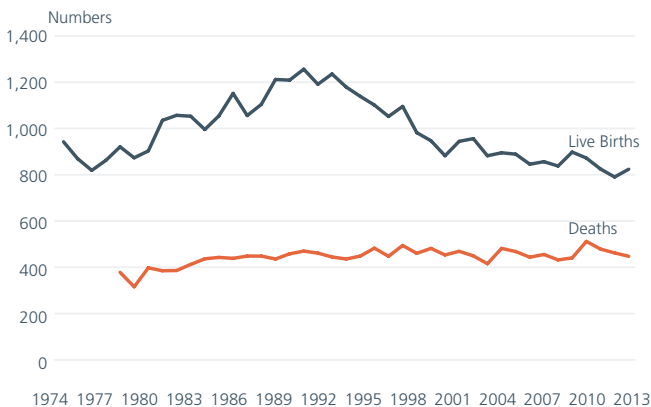
Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/BEEST3>

Population by Gender and Age. 1 January 2014

	Total	Men	Women
Total	56,282	29,730	26,552
0-6 years	5,594	2,950	2,644
7-14 years	6,450	3,244	3,206
15-17 years	2,353	1,180	1,173
18-24 years	6,358	3,230	3,128
25-59 years	28,727	15,430	13,297
60-66 years	3,279	1,902	1,377
67 years and older	3,521	1,794	1,727

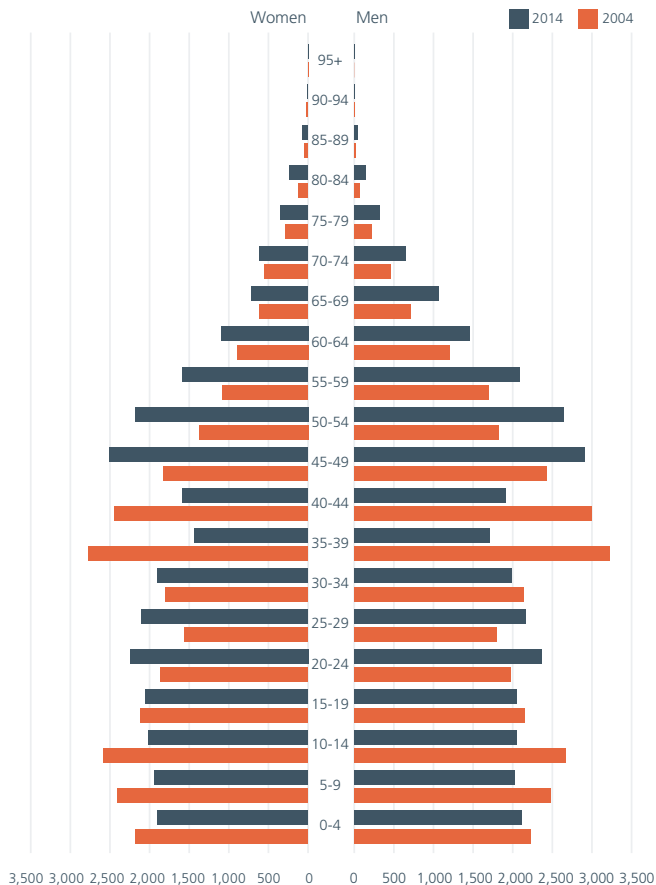
Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/BEEST5>

Live Births and Deaths



Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/BEEBBL0> and <http://bank.stat.gl/BEEBBDM1>

Population by Age Group



Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/BEEST5>

Migration

	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013
Net immigration	-448	-566	-189	-159	-447
Immigrations, total	2,514	2,417	2,551	2,283	2,066
Persons born in Greenland	870	886	1,076	905	967
Persons born outside Greenland	1,644	1,531	1,475	1,378	1,099
Emigration, total	2,962	2,983	2,740	2,442	2,513
Persons born in Greenland	1,252	1,393	1,354	1,215	1,307
Persons born outside Greenland	1,710	1,590	1,386	1,227	1,206

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/BEEBBIU2>

Internal Migration

	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013
Within the same town	12,250	13,130	12,644	13,200	14,000
Within the same settlement	1,294	1,299	1,112	1,316	1,219
Between towns	4,361	4,561	4,548	4,507	4,672
Between settlements	279	312	337	370	332
From settlement to town	1,115	1,367	1,266	1,392	1,272
From town to settlement	1,047	1,041	1,096	1,124	1,150
Other	67	56	63	32	56

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/BEEBAF2B>

Population by Citizenship

	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014
Total	56,901	56,462	56,452	56,749	56,281
Denmark	56,414	55,881	55,716	55,829	55,295
Iceland	51	53	94	141	177
Thailand	72	91	131	143	166
Philippines	10	26	51	102	130
Sweden	71	78	92	103	100
Norway	63	58	61	64	72
Germany	51	55	61	60	62
USA	20	29	29	42	39
Other	149	191	217	265	240

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/BEEST6>

Fishing and Hunting



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

Total Landings of Fish and Shellfish

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
	1,000 tonnes				
Shellfish, total	69.3	65.7	55.7	57.0	51.9
Snow crab	2.2	3.1	1.7	1.8	1.8
Northern prawn	67.2	62.6	54.1	55.2	50.1
Fish, total	39.4	36.4	41.9	46.8	45.4
Chars	-	-	-	0.1	-
Greenland cod	-	-	-	-	-
Wolffish	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.9
Greenland halibut	19.2	20.6	23.0	23.4	23.6
Trash fish, unspec	-	-	-	-	-
Capelin	-	-	-	-	-
Redfish	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
R. grenadier	-	-	-	-	-
Lumpfish	6.4	6.6	8.4	11.1	10.5
Atlantic cod	12.3	7.8	9.0	11.1	10.2

* Provisional figures

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/FIE001> and Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture

Hunting Licenses

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
	Number of persons				
Total	7,237	6,970	7,631	7,037	5,305
Hunters	2,127	1,712	2,083	2,060	1,759
Sportsmen	5,110	5,258	5,548	4,977	3,546

* Provisional figures

Source: Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture

Seal Hunting

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
	Number of animals				
Total	156,404	141,990	155,968	139,309	91,807
Ringed seal	70,365	65,603	61,550	61,957	46,391
Harp seal under 4 years	56,004	49,884	68,595	51,637	31,350
Harp seal over 4 years	25,912	23,228	22,247	22,268	11,665
Hooded seal	2,605	1,985	2,144	2,068	1,524
Bearded seal	1,437	1,257	1,406	1,300	877
Harbour seal	81	33	26	79	-
Walrus	103	127	107	97	114

* Provisional figures

Source: Statistics Greenland and Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture

Whaling

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
	Number of animals				
Total	2,811	3,058	3,115	3,746	3,081
Beluga whale	272	232	222	139	211
Fin whale	14	10	6	5	5
Killer whale	26	14	15	22	37
Minke whale	152	168	196	189	152
Narwhale	412	370	259	294	361
Pilot whale	182	238	338	274	282
Porpoise whale	1,753	2,023	2,067	2,814	2,023
Greenland whale	.	3	3	1	-
Humpback	.	.	9	8	10

* Provisional figures

Source: Statistics Greenland and Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture

Hunting of Land Mammals

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
	Number of animals				
Total	19,193	16,634	15,296	14,938	12,136
Reindeer	16,223	13,847	12,694	12,052	9,992
Musk ox	2,831	2,669	2,484	2,755	2,007
Polar bear	139	118	118	131	137

* Provisional figures

Source: Statistics Greenland and Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture

Hunting of Birds

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
	Number of animals				
Total	167,818	158,950	170,849	170,631	87,272
Guillemot	64,660	62,829	64,468	68,027	29,547
Eider	27,120	26,464	27,632	30,661	19,097
King eider	5,429	4,460	6,369	4,276	2,596
Theist	13,449	13,307	16,394	16,386	6,718
Little auk	24,292	22,093	28,574	26,474	12,532
Black-legged Kitti	6,506	7,705	8,117	7,613	6,092
Goose	2	3	10	8	9
Grouse	26,360	22,089	19,285	17,186	10,681

* Provisional figures

Source: Statistics Greenland and Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture

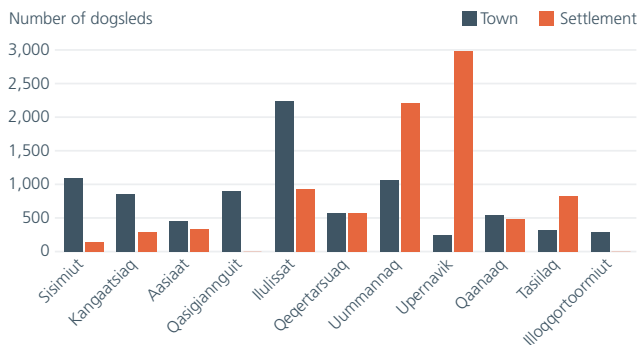
Livestock *

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Number of animals				
Sheep	20,499	20,439	20,729	20,232	20,107
Tame reindeer	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Cows	49	56	65	79	98
Horses	203	186	164	161	147
Fowls	148	182	1,241	215	212
Beehives	10	...	...	4	...

* The figures are partly estimates

Source: Agricultural Consulting Services

Dogsleds in 2012



Source: Statistics Greenland

Labour Market



Employment by Trade *

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	26,021	25,864	25,583	25,489	25,501
Fishing, hunting and agriculture	4,171	3,731	3,531	3,415	3,532
Mining and quarrying	142	120	119	137	143
Manufacturing	294	283	251	242	233
Electricity and water supply	406	411	423	410	390
Construction	2,052	2,064	1,958	1,872	1,952
Wholesale	3,171	3,094	3,016	3,009	3,086
Hotels and restaurants	776	754	769	785	756
Transportation	2,464	2,641	2,623	2,616	2,629
Business activities	1,398	1,300	1,298	1,344	1,426
Public administration and service	9,657	9,973	10,044	10,052	9,804
Other industries	766	790	807	817	844
Activity not stated	725	705	744	789	705

* Average number of persons per month (primary employment)

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/AREBFB1>

Labour Force

	2010	2011	2012
Total	26,482	26,820	26,994
18-19 years of age	861	885	836
20-24 years of age	2,731	2,860	2,863
25-29 years of age	2,740	2,755	2,781
30-34 years of age	2,631	2,790	2,880
35-39 years of age	2,569	2,540	2,514
40-44 years of age	3,839	3,454	3,149
45-49 years of age	4,241	4,293	4,369
50-54 years of age	3,305	3,462	3,597
55-59 years of age	2,193	2,353	2,478
60-64 years of age	1,373	1,428	1,527

* Average number of permanently resident persons per month

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/ARESTK1>

Income and Prices



Average Personal Gross Income

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change 2011-2012
	DKK					Per cent
Greenland	193,522	198,510	201,817	207,349	213,126	2.8
Town	202,738	207,672	211,496	216,593	222,246	2.6
Settlement	133,893	133,629	134,260	141,029	147,829	4.8
Kommune Kujalleq	164,444	163,804	164,616	170,157	173,179	1.8
Town	167,550	168,329	169,170	174,249	178,008	2.2
Settlement	155,195	138,098	142,176	148,918	147,227	-1.1
Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq	234,638	244,064	249,889	254,280	258,997	1.9
Town	243,035	251,866	257,381	261,366	266,427	1.9
Settlement	119,425	119,566	124,337	133,634	134,793	0.9
Qeqqata Kommunia	194,181	193,017	193,751	200,464	207,257	3.4
Town	195,112	194,389	194,713	201,414	208,444	3.5
Settlement	188,947	185,078	188,154	194,653	200,122	2.8
Qaasuitsup Kommunia	155,080	159,453	161,540	167,248	173,439	3.7
Town	168,066	171,900	175,293	180,487	185,172	2.6
Settlement	114,380	119,303	117,189	123,972	134,305	8.3

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/INEP1>



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

Jan. 2011 Jul. 2011 Jan. 2012 Jul. 2012 Jan. 2013 Jul. 2013

Consumer price index, total	106.8	108.6	112.0	113.3	113.8	114.3
Food and beverages	113.4	116.9	119.7	119.8	121.5	121.9
Alcohol and tobacco	106.1	107.5	108.5	109.1	109.8	109.9
Clothing and footwear	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.5	100.3	99.3
Gross rent (dwelling)	109.4	113.5	124.4	127.7	127.6	128.7
Furniture, household equipment etc.	110.6	113.2	113.9	115.7	116.0	119.2
Medical care and health expenses	115.3	116.6	121.5	121.8	121.8	122.3
Transport	105.4	105.4	109.7	112.1	112.7	114.8
Communication	95.1	95.2	95.2	95.5	95.5	88.6
Recreation, entertainment etc.	98.2	96.0	95.2	98.1	95.3	96.7
Restaurants and hotels	108.9	109.5	110.2	112.6	112.6	113.6
Miscellaneous goods and services	99.7	100.3	103.2	103.3	106.1	106.2

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/PREPRISV>



Economy



GDP (2005 Prices)

	2008	2009	2010	2011*	2012*
	— DKK billion —				
GDP	11.0	10.9	11.2	11.7	11.5
Imports of goods and services	8.5	7.3	10.0	11.2	7.7
Total	19.5	18.2	21.2	22.9	19.2
Private consumption	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.4
Public expenditure	5.9	6.2	6.1	6.0	5.9
Gross investments	4.5	3.4	6.0	7.9	4.6
Exports of goods and services	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.4
Total	19.5	18.2	21.2	22.9	19.2
	— Growth in per cent —				
GDP	2.1	-0.7	2.5	4.0	-0.9
Imports of goods and services	22.7	-14.6	37.6	12.3	-31.1
Total	10.1	-6.7	16.5	7.9	-15.7
Private consumption	-0.7	-0.7	1.7	1.5	-0.2
Public expenditure	2.2	3.7	-1.4	-1.0	-2.2
Gross investments	46.0	-23.7	75.2	31.0	-42.0
Exports of goods and services	8.1	-11.3	12.5	-5.8	-3.7
Total	10.1	-6.7	16.5	7.9	-15.7

* Provisional figures

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/NRE11>

Expenditure of General Government Sector

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	— DKK million —				
Total	8,798	9,358	9,386	9,343	9,743
General public services	1,049	1,108	1,130	1,123	1,136
Defence	98	113	98	93	117
Public order and safety	480	507	524	600	611
Economic affairs	1,081	1,067	1,014	979	1,094
Environmental protection	154	148	149	128	100
Housing and community amenities	432	485	376	307	402
Health	1,171	1,267	1,294	1,323	1,403
Recreation, culture and religion	345	343	332	349	359
Education	1,665	1,845	1,929	1,863	1,890
Social welfare	2,323	2,473	2,540	2,578	2,633

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/OFFUNK>

Foreign Trade



Exports by SITC Division

	2008	2009	2010	2011*	2012*
	DKK million				
Exports, total	2,486.6	1,986.6	2,194.5	2,540.5	2,761.1
Provisions and livestock	2,106.4	1,691.5	1,925.8	2,355.6	2,499.4
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	-	0.1	-	0.1	0.1
Raw materials, inedible	227.8	111.1	19.4	7.8	7.2
Mineral fuels and lubricants etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Animal or vegetable fats and oils	-	-	-	-	-
Chemicals and chemical products	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4
Manufactured products, mainly semi-manufactured	6.7	4.4	6.0	11.7	7.1
Machinery and transport equipment	33.6	81.8	130.7	84.1	23.9
Manufactured products	17.0	8.8	20.7	11.5	9.5
Miscellaneous articles and transactions	95.0	88.7	91.6	139.3	213.6

* Provisional figures

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/IEE2SITC>

Imports by SITC Division

	2008	2009	2010	2011*	2012*
	DKK million				
Imports, total	4,702.1	4,097.0	4,794.7	5,350.6	4,955.8
Provisions and livestock	726.0	770.1	766.5	823.6	813.0
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	126.5	136.7	139.8	142.9	146.9
Raw materials, inedible	62.4	47.0	59.0	53.4	64.6
Mineral fuels and lubricants etc.	1,193.4	657.3	982.4	1,209.1	1,257.2
Animal or vegetable fats and oils	4.3	2.9	3.8	4.3	6.0
Chemicals and chemical products	219.4	257.7	271.0	286.1	293.8
Manufactured products, mainly semi-manufactured	588.3	524.8	581.8	652.1	699.9
Machinery and transport equipment	1,211.4	1,178.6	1,328.0	1,527.2	998.7
Manufactured products	552.7	510.8	539.0	521.0	585.3
Miscellaneous articles and transactions	17.6	10.8	122.9	130.9	130.5

* Provisional figures

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/IEE1SITC>

Business



Turnover

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	DKK million				
Fishing	780.7	951.1	858.7	995.3	1,092.2
Mining	293.7	353.3	295.5	24.1	55.2
Industry	733.1	700.2	629.3	687.4	709.8
Construction	2,022.6	2,117.4	2,015.5	2,146.4	2,018.3
Wholesale, retail trade, and repair work	7,108.4	7,300.8	7,463.4	7,473.1	8,349.6
Hotels and restaurants	317.8	332.8	336.7	328.5	350.8
Transport	2,656.4	2,793.2	2,763.7	2,837.8	3,476.8
Finance and insurance	283.5	309.6	337.1	336.5	391.5
Real estate and business services	875.1	1,095.5	1,041.0	1,023.5	1,059.7

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/ESERES>

Profit or Loss before Tax

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	DKK million				
Fishing	9.8	14.2	-1.1	81.1	179.1
Mining	-126.3	-214.8	-232.1	-77.9	120.7
Industry	40.4	38.3	45.7	54.5	67.7
Construction	94.4	159.5	117.3	112.2	76.1
Wholesale, retail trade, and repair work	165.5	49.3	-94.6	229.2	407.1
Hotels and restaurants	34.9	27.1	10.3	24.4	18.6
Transport	225.0	229.3	141.5	196.9	287.3
Finance and insurance	111.4	90.5	148.8	114.3	82.0
Real estate and business services	155.1	78.4	121.7	58.9	60.8

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/ESERES>

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 at Kangerlussuaq, now an international airport. From here air-plane and helicopter traffic is distributed to the towns of Greenland.

Passenger Traffic by Air

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Number of passengers				
Passengers, total	432,067	417,396	423,059	429,161	414,446
Domestic by plane	266,617	257,292	262,279	272,195	256,879
International traffic by plane	76,068	72,123	73,851	68,867	71,387
Helicopter traffic	89,382	87,981	86,929	88,099	86,180

Source: Greenland Airports

Sea Cargo

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	1.000 m ³				
Cargo, total	891	822	814	834	811
To Greenland	439	401	386	423	389
From Greenland	312	291	310	300	295
Internally in Greenland	140	130	118	111	127

Source: Royal Arctic Line

Motor Vehicles

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Motor vehicles, total	5,009	5,855	5,386	5,929	5,857
Passenger cars	3,221	3,842	3,621	3,941	3,931
Taxis	140	214	177	243	205
Busses	68	83	83	89	83
Fire-engines	104	112	122	134	145
Commercial vehicles and trucks	1,398	1,503	1,264	1,391	1,358
Motor cycles	-	-	-	-	-
Other vehicles	78	101	119	131	135

Source: The Police and <http://bank.stat.gl/GEEMO>



Energy



Gross Energy Consumption

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
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Gross Energy consumption, total	9,977	8,996	10,273	11,032	9,114
Gas oil	7,513	6,449	7,475	7,954	6,179
Gasoline	544	559	582	571	576
Kerosene	876	750	839	1,010	807
Diesel fuel arctic (DFA)	210	227	209	172	161
Aviation gas	5	2	3	1	6
Fuel oil	0	0	50	82	55
Waste oil	9	9	9	9	9
Liquid gas (LPG)	5	4	4	4	4
Hydro power	727	916	1,012	1,138	1,215
Waste	87	80	90	91	103

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/ENE2FBR>

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

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	DKK				
Electricity, minimum price per kWh	1.56	1.61	1.65	1.60	1.60
Electricity, maximum price per kWh	2.98	3.02	3.33	3.24	3.24
Water, minimum price per m ³	12.69	14.62	14.60	15.23	15.23
Water, maximum price per m ³	35.79	36.68	35.91	34.97	34.97
Fixed electric heating, price per kWh	0.62	0.64	0.78	0.82	0.82
Interruptible electric heating, price per kWh	0.55	0.58	0.72	0.75	0.75
Central heating, price per kWh	0.62	0.64	0.78	0.82	0.82

Source: *Nukissioffiit*

CO₂ Emission From Energy Consumption

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	1.000 tonnes of CO ₂ -equivalents				
Total	677	592	678	724	577
Gas oil	553	475	550	586	455
Gasoline	38	39	40	39	40
Kerosene	63	54	60	72	58
Diesel fuel arctic (DFA)	15	17	15	13	12
Aviation gas	0	0	0	0	0
Fuel oil	0	0	4	6	4
Waste oil	1	1	1	1	1
Liquid gas (LPG)	0	0	0	0	0
Waste	7	7	7	7	7
	Tonnes of CO ₂ -equivalents				
Emission of Greenhouse Gases per Capita	12	11	12	13	10

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/ENE2CO2e>

Education and Culture



Education in Greenland

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Number of persons				
Totals					
Starters	1,210	1,233	1,391	1,494	1,446
Drop-outs	544	596	674	611	740
Completions	471	520	520	589	646
Vocational education					
Starters	787	810	875	972	910
Drop-outs	337	413	462	402	476
Completions	309	332	319	406	434
Mid-range training					
Starters	281	226	311	335	322
Drop-outs	128	110	120	114	135
Completions	117	115	123	135	136
Higher education					
Starters	142	197	205	187	214
Drop-outs	79	73	92	95	129
Completions	45	73	78	48	76

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/UDEEUUA>, <http://bank.stat.gl/UDEKVUA> and <http://bank.stat.gl/UDELVUA>

Higher Education

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Number of graduates				
Total	45	73	78	48	76
Humanities	12	21	13	14	20
Business	-	2	4	1	1
Veterinary and agriculture	1	-	2	-	-
Architecture	1	1	1	-	1
Natural sciences	3	3	5	2	3
Other	28	46	53	31	51

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/UDELVUD>



Broadcasts by KNR (Greenlandic Radio/TV)

	2006	2007	2010	2011	2012
	Hours per year				
Radio, total	8,511	8,660	7,042	6,660	6,295
Spoken broadcasts in Greenlandic	2,455	3,373	6,250	5,491	5,956
In Danish etc.	654	260	792	1,169	339
Musical broadcasts	5,402	5,027	...	...	...
TV, total	4,385	4,586	4,538	5,062	5,295
In Greenlandic	265	512	424	527	2,056
In Danish etc.	4,120	4,074	4,114	4,535	3,239

Source: KNR

Visits to the National Museum of Greenland

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Number of visits				
Total	16,764	16,318	17,260	15,271	12,869
Children	2,868	2,675	2,959	3,348	2,075
Adults	13,896	13,643	14,301	11,923	10,794

Source: Greenland National Museum

Expenditure on Culture

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	DKK million				
Total expenditure	165	165	169	174	184
Construction expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Operating expenses, total	165	165	169	174	184
Greenlandic Broadcasting Corporation	60	60	62	63	64
Broadcasting radio and TV	27	26	25	25	25
National Library of Greenland	14	14	13	13	16
Museums	9	8	8	8	12
Folk high schools	12	12	11	12	12
Art school	1	1	1	1	1
Katuaq (arts centre)	5	5	5	5	5
Grants to cultural purposes	37	39	38	38	38
National Theatre of Greenland			6	9	10

Source: Accounts of the Exchequer and Budgets for 2011 and 2012

Tourism



Nights Spent at Hotels by Guest's Country of Origin

	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013
	Number of overnight stays				
Total	215,916	234,604	224,801	213,656	214,012
Greenland	106,712	119,970	120,870	115,322	115,724
Denmark	67,876	78,788	67,218	56,350	55,072
Sweden	2,892	2,219	1,875	1,755	3,010
Norway	1,419	1,851	2,110	1,899	2,141
Iceland	6,881	1,359	1,780	1,558	2,849
Germany	3,726	4,459	5,091	6,263	5,681
France	1,422	1,858	1,354	1,842	1,763
Italy	431	738	717	701	431
Holland	474	1,117	696	732	628
England	2,611	2,260	2,362	4,448	2,506
Rest of Europa	3,034	4,255	5,587	4,678	3,962
USA	6,756	8,744	9,428	6,236	10,107
Japan	765	727	919	596	627
Canada	1,520	1,878	2,336	4,700	1,895
Other countries	2,281	4,052	2,458	6,576	6,886
Unknown	7,116	329	0	0	730

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/TUEHOT>



Health



Import of Alcoholic Beverages

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	1,000 litres				
Total	7,970	7,889	7,890	7,488	7,475
Beer	7,196	6,999	7,077	6,711	6,675
Wine	672	774	700	673	702
Spirits	102	115	113	104	97
Average per person over 14 years of age	Litres of 100 per cent alcohol				
Beer	7.7	7.4	7.5	7.0	6.8
Wine	1.9	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.9
Spirits	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/ALEALK>

Import of Cigarettes

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Millions of cigarettes					
Total consumption	72.8	67.5	72.1	65.2	68.3	44.4
Averages	Number of cigarettes per day					
Per person	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.3	2.2
Per person, aged 14 or older	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.3	2.8

Source: Tax Agency and <http://bank.stat.gl/ALETOB2>

Legal Abortions

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Numbers				
Number of abortions	899	799	858	737	783
Abortions by age of woman	Per cent				
12 - 15 years	4.9	3.1	3.4	4.9	3.7
16 - 17 years	10.5	8.9	10.8	8.4	9.6
18 - 19 years	16.4	16.9	12.7	14.5	11.2
20 - 24 years	31.5	33.5	34.8	36.1	34.0
25 - 29 years	19.1	20.4	20.6	18.3	22.3
30 - 34 years	10.7	9.6	9.0	10.4	11.9
35 - 39 years	4.9	5.1	6.3	5.0	4.9
40 - 44 years	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.4
45 - 49 years	-	0.3	0.1	0.3	-

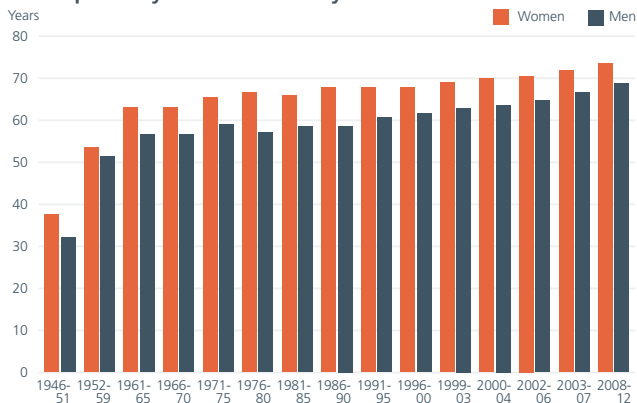
Source: National Board of Health and Statistics Greenland

Reported Infectious Diseases

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Number of persons				
Meningitis	...	12	10	10	7
Hepatitis	...	...	...	2	2
Tuberculosis	62	63	116	112	89
HIV positive	1	4	3	1	2
AIDS	...	...	...	-	-
Syphilis	...	-	-	3	10
Gonorrhoea	927	1,105	1,239	1,355	1,435
Chlamydia	2,504	2,864	3,007	3,225	3,150

Source: National Board of Health and Statistics Greenland

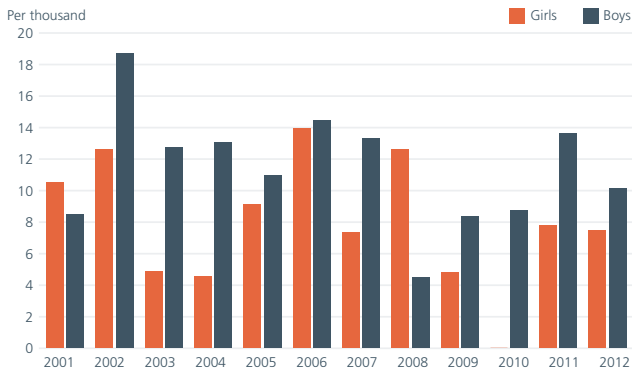
Life Expectancy for Newborn Boys and Girls



Source: Statistics Greenland



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



Source: Statistics Greenland and National Board of Health

Social Welfare



Recipients of Social Benefits

	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Number of persons			
Population aged 15 or older as per 1 January	43,188	43,625	43,925	44,251
Recipients of social benefits	16,710	17,105	17,446	17,389
Socialwelfare benefit	7,748	8,302	8,596	8,653
Unemployment	3,777	3,521	3,632	3,374
Maternity leave benefit	1,126	1,155	1,079	1,023
Early retirement benefit	2,801	2,925	3,073	2,990
Retirement pension	3,984	3,838	3,898	3,943

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/SOE002>

Social Benefits by Total Amount

	2009	2010	2011	2012
	DKK 1,000			
Total	760,575	788,675	820,710	825,891
Social welfare benefit	106,915	120,656	131,543	143,940
Unemployment benefit	42,351	39,804	46,741	41,999
Maternity leave benefit	34,623	34,471	33,649	31,740
Early retirement benefit	222,591	243,958	256,187	250,792
Retirement pension	354,095	349,786	352,590	357,420

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/SOE002>



Raw Materials



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

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

Oil Exploration

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

Source: *Statistic Greenland*

Mineral Exploration

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Prospecting permits (active)	14	11	21	16	26
Exploration permits (granted)	67	71	73	75	97
Exploitation permits (granted)	3	4	4	4	4
Exploration costs in DKK million	497.0	300.0	524.0	710.8	519.5

Source: *Statistic Greenland*

Climate



Mean Temperatures in 2013, Selected Towns

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Tasiilaq (Kulusuk)
	Degrees Celsius				
January	-2.0	-5.2	-16.8	-9.0	-2.6
February	-2.0	-6.9	-17.2	-12.0	-3.6
March	0.4	-3.0	-9.1	-8.5	-6.5
April	0.9	-1.1	-2.3	-4.2	-5.2
May	2.0	-1.0	-0.1	-2.7	0.9
June	4.8	4.2	10.9	6.9	4.3
July	5.8	7.0	11.2	8.0	6.2
August	6.7	6.8	7.8	6.1	5.6
September	5.1	3.8	4.0	3.0	3.7
October	3.0	1.0	-4.6	-2.9	-1.2
November	0.4	-3.1	-10.9	-7.8	-2.9
December	-3.9	-7.0	-18.4	-11.0	...

Source: Statistics Greenland and ASIAQ



Average Maximum Temperatures in 2013, Selected Towns

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Tasiilaq (Kulusuk)
Degrees Celsius					
January	4.4	7.0	4.8	5.8	3.4
February	6.0	6.5	3.1	3.6	2.2
March	7.9	9.6	11.0	9.5	3.5
April	10.2	11.6	12.5	8.8	3.2
May	11.3	7.7	10.3	7.4	8.6
June	14.6	17.9	21.7	17.6	9.5
July	14.0	18.5	20.3	18.0	17.3
August	16.4	16.5	19.3	16.2	11.9
September	14.5	10.0	14.9	12.6	8.8
October	10.2	7.0	10.8	7.0	7.5
November	11.5	9.3	6.1	5.5	2.6
December	6.0	5.0	4.0	1.8	...

Source: Statistics Greenland and ASIAQ

Average Minimum Temperatures in 2013, Selected Towns

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Tasiilaq (Kulusuk)
Degrees Celsius					
January	-9.1	-12.2	-33.9	-21.3	-10.8
February	-7.2	-14.9	-34.4	-25.8	-12.2
March	-7.6	-14.9	-31.1	-31.5	-17.8
April	-6.7	-11.8	-18.1	-16.3	-13.9
May	-3.7	-7.0	-14.5	-11.6	-5.1
June	-1.1	-1.3	0.9	-1.7	-1.4
July	0.5	0.7	1.2	0.8	0.9
August	1.7	0.3	-4.4	-2.9	0.1
September	0.6	-0.6	-6.8	-6.7	-1.0
October	-1.9	-3.5	-18.4	-13.1	-7.3
November	-6.2	-9.7	-26.6	-19.2	-10.3
December	-10.7	-15.6	-33.2	-19.4	...

Source: Statistics Greenland and ASIAQ



Political Parties in Greenland



Siumut (Forward)

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

Inuit Ataqatigiit (Unified Inuit)

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

Demokraatit (Democrats)

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

Atassut (Unity)

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

Partii Inuit (Inuit Party)

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

Election to the Greenlandic Parliament. March 12, 2013 by Districts

	Electorate	Votes cast	Valid votes	Poll
Greenland	40,613	30,136	29,873	74.2
Nanortalik	1,376	1,046	1,038	76.0
Qaqortoq	2,549	1,953	1,938	76.6
Narsaq	1,361	1,063	1,048	78.1
Paamiut	1,241	922	914	74.3
Nuuk	12,393	8,873	8,783	71.6
Maniitsoq	2,423	1,763	1,754	72.8
Sisimiut	4,544	3,328	3,288	73.2
Kangaatsiaq	842	669	663	79.5
Aasiaat	2,437	1,869	1,853	76.7
Qasigiannguit	919	741	735	80.6
Ilulissat	3,542	2,742	2,721	77.4
Qeqertarsuaq	659	520	518	78.9
Uummannaq	1,646	1,349	1,343	82.0
Upernavik	1,919	1,448	1,439	75.5
Qaanaaq	562	445	441	79.2
Ammassalik	1,903	1,173	1,167	61.6
Illoqqortoormiut	297	232	230	78.1

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/SAELANST>

Election to the Greenlandic Parliament. March 12, 2013 by Party

	Votes	Per cent	Mandates	Elected women
Total	29,873	100.0	31	11
Atassut	2,454	8.2	2	-
Demokratit	1,870	6.3	2	-
Inuit Ataqaigiit	10,374	34.7	11	7
Siumut	12,910	43.2	14	3
Kattusseqatigiit Partiiat	326	1.1	-	-
Partii Inuit	1,930	6.5	2	1
Outside parties	9	0.0	-	-

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/SAELANST>



Elections to the Municipal Councils. April 2, 2013

	Greenland, total	Qaasuitsup Kommunia	Qeqqata Kommunia	Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq	Kommune Kujalleq
Eligible Votes	40,909	12,609	7,006	16,013	5,281
Tallied Votes	23,834	7,830	4,038	8,432	3,534
Valid votes in all	23,548	7,746	3,991	8,331	3,480
Poll	58.3	62.1	57.6	52.7	66.9
Distribution of votes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Atassut	13.0	13.6	23.0	8.5	11.2
Demokraatit	6.5	2.3	5.5	11.2	5.5
Inuit Ataqatigiit	29.8	22.6	16.9	42.4	30.0
Siumut	48.1	55.9	53.7	36.1	53.2
Kattusseqatigiit Partiiat	1.1	3.2	0.3	0.1	0.0
Partii Inuit	1.3	2.0	0.7	1.5	0.0
Outside parties	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/SAEKOMST>

Elections to the Danish Parliament Since 2001

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

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/SAEFOLK>

Self-Government Referendum. November 25, 2008

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

Source: http://www.stm.dk/_p_10536.html

EU Referendum. February 23, 1982

	Poll	For	Against
	— Percentage of votes —		
Are you for or against Greenlandic EU membership?	74.9	47.0	53.0

Source: www.euo.dk

More Information on Greenland



The Statistical Yearbook at <http://www.stat.gl/SAE201001/o1> offers comprehensive information on a number of statistical areas:

- Political and Administrative matters
- Geography, Climate and Nature
- Population
- Housing
- Business Structure
- Labour Market
- Fisheries, Catch and Agriculture
- Transport, Tourism and Communication
- Raw Materials
- Energy
- National Accounts
- Foreign Trade
- Public Finances
- Income, Consumption and Prices
- Money and Capital Market
- Preschool Education and Primary and Lower Secondary School
- Education
- Research
- The Police, the Judicial System and Defense

The Largest Island of the World

Geographically speaking, Greenland is part of the North American continent but geopolitically a part of Europe. Greenland is a mountainous country and the largest island of the world with a total area of 2,166,086 km². Of this area, 81 per cent is covered with ice, while the rest is ice-free. The further to the north, the colder, drier, and less windy it is. July is the warmest month while February and March are the coldest.



Largest distances: North to south: 2,670 km • East to west: 1,050 km
Coastline: 44,087 km • Highest point: Gunnbjørn Fjeld 3,700 m

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