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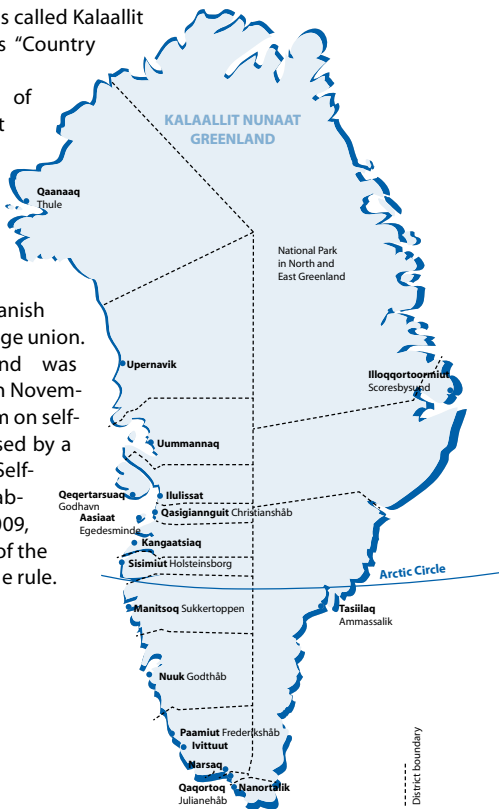
Greenland - Kalaallit Nunaat

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 years 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 was established on 21st June 2009, the 30th anniversary of the establishment of home rule.



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Key Figures of Greenland 2010

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 then 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 worlds 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 -10,8°, Kangerlussuaq -22°, Ilulissat -16,4° (2008)
Mean temperature, July:	Nuuk 8,6°, Kangerlussuaq 11,3°, Ilulissat 9.6° (2008)
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, collard lemming, snow hare and a rich bird life which comprises some 50 breeding species
National parks:	Greenland National park aprox. 972,000 km ² comprises the north-eastern part of the country
Natur Conservations:	At the Melville Bay aprox. 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:	56,452 (Jan. 2010)
Density:	0.14 pr. km ² ice free area (Jan. 2010)
Population in the capital:	Nuuk 15,469 (Jan. 2010)
Population in towns:	47,461 (Jan. 2010)
Population in settlements:	8,991 (Jan. 2010)
Population growth rate:	0.46 percent (2009)
Death rate, total:	7.6 deaths / 1,000 population (2008)
Net migration	-639 (2008)
Infant mortality rate, total:	9.6 deaths / 1,000 live births (2008)
Life expectancy:	Female: 71.6 years, Men: 66.6 years (2008)
Total fertility rate:	2,217 live born per 1,000 women aged 15-49 years (2008)
People living with HIV/AIDS:	6 (2005)
Nationality:	Noun: Greenlander(s), adjective: Greenlandic
Ethnic groups:	Inuit 88 percent, Danish and others 12 percent (jan. 2010)
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 Kuupik Kleist (Inuit Ataqatigiit)
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: 720,000 kr. Lowest 25 percent 65,000 kr. Average: 323,000 kr. (2007)
Inflation rate (consumer prices):	1.4 percent (Jan 2009 - Jan 2010)
Labour force:	28,510 (15-62 years born in Greenland and living in towns Jan. 2010)
Unemployment rate:	7.1 percent affected by unemployment in towns (2009)
Budget:	Income: 8.8 mia. kr. Expenditures: 8.8 mia. kr. including capital expenditures of 0.6 mia. kr. (2008)
Industries:	Fish processing (mainly shrimp 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 mio. kr. f.o.b. (provisional figures 2009)
Exports - commodities:	Fish and fish products 88 percent (prawns 54 percent)
Exports - partners:	EU (primarily Denmark) 93 percent, other European countries 4 percent, North America 4 percent (provisional figures 2009)
Imports:	3,669 mio. kr. 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 mio. kr. (provisional figures 2009)
Economic aid, recipient:	3,495 mio. kr. subsidy from Denmark (2010)
Currency:	Danish Crown (DKK)
Exchange rates:	100 US \$ = 552.1 DKK, 100 EUR = 744.4 DKK (March 2010)
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 2002-2010

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

Population in municipalities, towns and settlements

	2000		2010	
	Towns	Settlements	Towns	Settlements
Total	45,734	10,373	47,461	8,991
Kommune Kujalleq	6,377	1,667	6,367	1,222
Nanortalik	1,538	1,013	1,448	700
Qaqortoq	3,122	291	3,306	220
Narsaq	1,717	363	1,613	302
Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq	17,583	1,965	19,499	1,733
Ivittuut	19	145	12	160
Paamiut	1,887	197	1,619	156
Nuuk	13,449	391	15,469	321
Ammassalik	1,703	1,206	1,930	1,096
Illoqqortoormiut	525	26	469	0
Qeqqata Kommunia	8,055	1,486	8,244	1,433
Maniitsoq	2,929	796	2,784	639
Sisimiut	5,126	690	5,460	794
Qaasuitsup Kommunia	13,719	4,972	13,351	4,398
Kangaatsiaq	623	889	586	720
Aasiaat	3,229	212	3,005	180
Qasigiannugit	1,406	110	1,253	96
Ilulissat	4,199	463	4,546	446
Qeqertarsuaq	993	57	907	33
Uummannaq	1,460	1,301	1,299	1,049
Upernavik	1,144	1,741	1,129	1,705
Qaanaaq	665	199	626	169
Outside municipalities	-	283	-	205

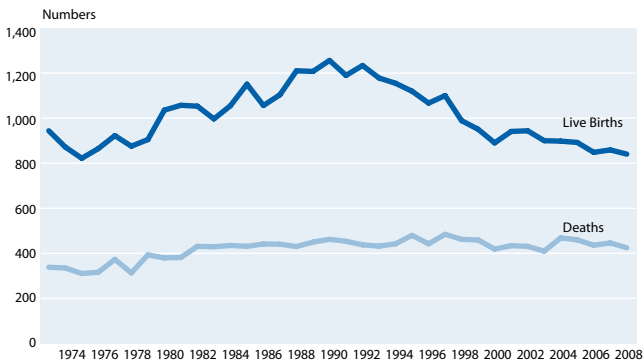
Greenlanders in Denmark and Foreigners in Greenland

	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

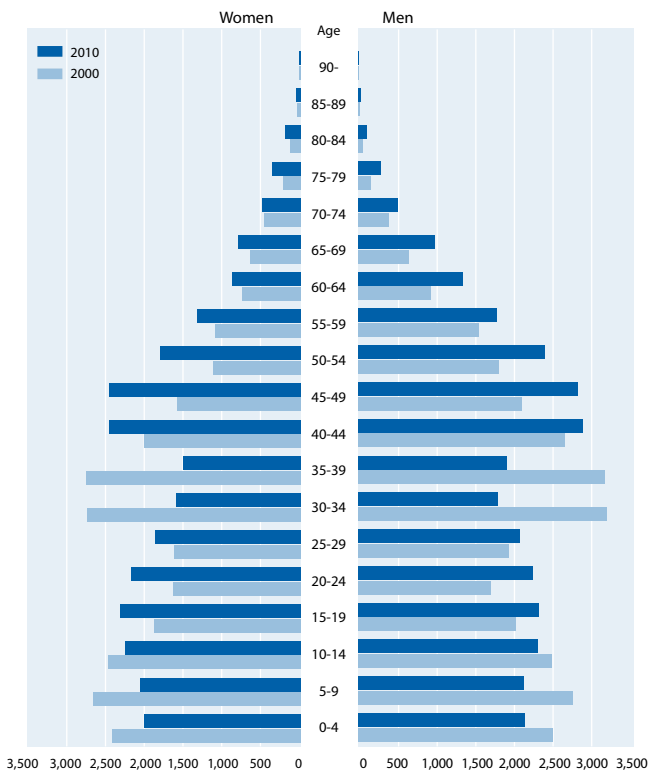
Population by sex and age January 1st 2010

	Total	Men	Women
Total	56,452	29,936	26,516
0-6 years	5,768	2,979	2,789
7-14 years	7,059	3,555	3,504
15-17 years	2,683	1,338	1,345
18-24 years	6,332	3,212	3,120
25-59 years	28,555	15,604	12,951
60-66 years	2,985	1,770	1,215
67 years and over	3,070	1,478	1,592

Births and Deaths



Population by age



Migration

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008
Net immigration	-205	-288	-236	-644	-639
Immigrations, total	2,323	2,126	2,482	2,404	2,536
Persons born in Greenland	837	624	923	890	907
Persons born outside Greenland	1,486	1,502	1,559	1,514	1,629
Emigration, total	2,528	2,414	2,718	3,048	3,175
Persons born in Greenland	995	981	1,114	1,358	1,560
Persons born outside Greenland	1,533	1,433	1,604	1,690	1,615

Demographic changes

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008
Total removals	14,197	17,416	18,740	20,784	20,639
Intermunicipal traffic	3,030	3,326	3,760	3,874	3,911
Within the same town	8,036	10,277	11,216	12,490	12,091
Within the same settlement	730	942	956	1,262	1,243
Between towns	3,396	3,747	4,148	4,427	4,357
Between settlements	315	283	272	288	386
From settlement to town	890	1,139	1,064	1,205	1,282
From town to settlement	728	899	926	972	1,028

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 by Greenlandic vessels

	2005	2006	2007*	2008*
Catches	1,000 tonnes			
Total shellfish	143.5	138.1	131.4	138.0
Islandic scallop	1.4	1.9	1.4	0.7
Northern prawn	137.6	132.5	127.9	135.1
Snow crab	4.5	3.6	2.2	2.2
Total fish	68.4	75.5	73.4	76.1
Atlantic cod	6.6	10.6	16.3	25.3
Atlantic halibut	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1
Capelin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Catfishes	0.5	0.8	0.9	1.2
Chars	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Greenland cod	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.6
Greenland halibut	41.9	44.9	43.6	40.1
Greenland shark	0.0	-	-	-
Lumpfish	9.7	10.0	8.8	6.5
Redfishes	8.3	7.9	3.2	2.2
Roundnose grenadier	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0

Seal hunting

	2004	2005	2006	2007*
	Numbers			
Total	157,835	188,320	187,526	159,661
Bearded seal	1,366	1,432	1,783	1,566
Habour seal	804	431	77	86
Harp seal over 4 year	28,888	31,762	31,165	26,654
Harp seal under 4 year	43,356	59,701	64,003	57,038
Hooded seal	5,853	4,123	4,801	3,281
Ringed seal	77,374	90,619	85,604	70,903
Walrus	194	252	93	133

* Provisional figures

Whaling

	2004	2005	2006	2007*
	Numbers			
Total	4,140	4,440	3,709	3,821
Beluga whale	186	184	137	120
Fin whale	13	14	10	12
Killer whale	14	2	-	3
Minke whale	190	180	182	167
Narwhale	509	520	411	331
Pilot whale	265	345	46	287
Porpoise whale	2,963	3,195	2,923	2,901

* Provisional figures

Hunting of land mammals

	2004	2005	2006	2007*
	Numbers			
Total	21,410	19,859	22,658	17,453
Musk ox	1,779	1,944	2,393	2,396
Polar bear	225	217	109	130
Polar fox	1,975	2,234	2,681	...
Polar hare	2,183	1,956	2,473	...
Reindeer	15,248	13,508	15,002	14,927

* Provisional figures

Active fishing vessels at the end of 2007

	Greenland total	Kommune Kujalleq	Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq	Qeqqata Kommunia	Qaasuitsup Kommunia
	Numbers				
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
121BRT and more	47	2	29	5	11

Paid hunting licenses

	2004	2005	2006	2007
	Number of persons			
Total	9,374	8,575	9,289	9,965
Hunters	2,526	2,412	2,730	2,657
Sportsmen	6,848	6,163	6,559	7,308

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, January 1st

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	Number of persons				
Total population	56,969	56,901	56,648	56,462	56,194
Total labour force ¹⁾	32,352	32,402	32,454	32,523	32,652
Unemployed persons ²⁾	2,556	2,381	2,200	1,782	2,333
	Percent				
Unemployment rate	7.9	7.3	6.8	5.5	7.1
Men	8.1	7.8	7.2	5.8	7.4
Women	7.6	6.8	6.3	5.1	6.2

1) Persons aged 15-62 years living in towns. Notice that people born outside Greenland are included. Total labour force therefore differs from the usual published labour force. This is due to the fact that unemployment includes all unemployed people regardless of birthplace. 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 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

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Change 2007 - 2008
	1,000 kr.					Percent
Greenland total	159	160	166	170	177	4.1
Town	168	168	174	179	185	3.4
Settlement	104	107	109	111	121	9.0
Kommune Kujalleq	134	136	142	146	150	2.7
Town	140	140	145	151	153	1.3
Settlement	110	118	131	127	142	11.8
Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq	194	195	205	209	215	2.9
Town	202	202	212	217	223	2.8
Settlement	92	91	95	98	106	8.2
Qeqqata Kommunια	156	158	163	168	178	6.0
Town	156	158	164	169	179	5.9
Settlement	154	156	152	162	174	7.4
Qaasuitsup Kommunια	130	130	131	133	141	6.0
Town	143	142	143	145	153	5.5
Settlement	90	92	93	93	102	9.7

Consumer price index and its sub-Indices, half-year changes

	Jan 2008 - Jul 2008	Jul 2008 - Jan 2009	Jan 2009 - Jul 2009	Jul 2009 - Jan 2010
	Percent			
Consumer price index, total	3.0	0.5	0.4	1.1
Food and beverages	5.3	0.7	2.7	1.9
Alcohol and tobacco	4.2	0.0	0.8	0.6
Clothing and footwear	2.6	0.5	-2.8	1.6
Gross rent (dwelling)	3.9	1.0	0.2	0.8
Furniture, household equipment, etc.	2.6	-0.5	11.9	-2.4
Medical care and health expenses	2.0	0.0	2.4	1.7
Transport	2.7	1.0	0.1	1.1
Communication	-5.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
Recreation, entertainment, etc.	2.0	-0.5	-2.5	0.3
Restaurant and hotels	-0.8	1.3	0.1	0.5
Miscellaneous goods and services	0.8	4.2	-8.4	2.3



Gross domestic product at factor cost and market prices

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

* Provisional figures

Expenditure of general government sector, by function

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Mio. kr.				
Total	7,459	7,473	7,916	8,239	8,756
General public services	802	798	883	965	979
Defence	220	228	231	183	236
Public order and safety	235	230	264	305	313
Economic affairs	1,033	1,000	981	957	962
Environmental protection	123	98	117	137	125
Housing and community amenities	256	297	301	297	384
Health	898	913	944	999	1,116
Recreation, culture and religion	277	257	277	298	310
Education	1,348	1,375	1,477	1,587	1,659
Social protection	1,910	1,922	2,074	2,140	2,270
Other functions	355	356	367	370	402

Foreign Trade

Exports, by SITC divisions

	2005	2006	2007*	2008*	2009*
	Mio. kr.				
Total export	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 divisions

	2005	2006	2007*	2008*	2009*
	Mio. kr.				
Total import	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*
	Percent				
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

Export by countries

	2005	2006	2007*	2008*	2009*
	Percent				
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

Export by products

	2008*	2009*	2008*	2009*
	Ton		Mio. kr.	
Total export	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

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

	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
Greenland internal	101	115	144	139	137

Motor vehicles

	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	-	-	-	-

From 1995 the category "Cars" also include commercial vehicles



Energy consumption, gross

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
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Gross Energy consumption, total	9,296	9,392	9,659	9,626	10,073
Gas oil	7,110	7,174	7,275	7,215	7,619
Diesel Fuel Arctic	194	163	223	213	208
Kerosene	719	727	839	834	877
Gasoline	487	504	533	537	550
Liquid gas (LPG)	7	6	5	5	4
Renewable energy	780	818	783	822	814

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

	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

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	1,000 tonnes				
Total	628	632	654	649	682
Gas oil	526	531	538	534	564
Diesel Fuel Arctic	14	12	16	15	15
Kerosene	52	52	60	60	63
Gasoline	36	37	39	39	40
Liquid gas (LPG)	0	0	0	0	0
	Tonnes				
CO ₂ emission per capita	11.0	11.1	11.5	11.5	12.1

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
	Mio. kr.				
Total expenditure	740	756	774	804	825
Home Rule expenditure	475	485	500	504	507
Home Rule-owned schools	16	13	7	8	7
Special education	49	51	52	53	51
Continuation school	7	6	6	7	9
General grants to municipalities	364	377	385	385	378
Other	39	38	50	52	61
Municipal expenditure	216	222	220	251	268
Tertiary /high schools etc.	49	49	54	49	49

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

	2003/ 04	2004/ 05	2005/ 06	2006/ 07	2007/ 08
Completed educations, total	521	410	416	384	479
Vocational educations and training, total	332	251	268	250	309
of which: Commerce and office	99	21	55	45	67
Social and Health	93	112	98	76	94
Middle-range training, total	153	114	97	89	115
of which: Teacher training	28	19	34	26	43
Commerce, computer science, etc.	49	47	16	12	20
University education, total	34	42	50	44	55
of which: Natural science educations	3	3	1	2	3
Social science educations	8	6	12	15	19
Humanistic educations	10	9	14	11	16
Commercial educations	3	5	6	2	4
Other educations, total	2	3	1	1	-

Broadcasts by Greenlandic Radio/TV (KNR)

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2007
	Hours per year				
Radio, total number of hours	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

Figures in 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

Tourism

Nights spent at hotels, by nationality

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008
	Number of nights				
Numbers of nights spent, total	212,434	179,349	190,755	225,667	236,913
Greenland	107,752	94,552	95,512	103,664	115,289
Denmark	69,545	55,602	64,777	82,309	79,396
Sweden	5,686	1,954	1,385	2,308	3,029
Norway	2,129	1,695	1,540	2,196	2,831
Iceland	1,682	1,697	1,617	8,494	1,913
Germany	4,735	4,491	4,971	3,982	4,571
France	1,016	1,057	1,230	1,378	1,787
Italy	825	493	1,047	541	598
Netherlands	469	463	613	656	1,221
United Kingdom	1,795	2,048	2,566	2,097	2,778
Rest of Europe	2,631	2,646	2,913	4,713	6,736
USA	9,043	6,227	7,720	9,536	6,532
Japan	1,579	1,940	1,585	1,006	1,327
Canada	1,994	2,177	1,512	1,057	2,269
Other countries	1,338	2,307	1,767	1,663	6,636
Unknown	215	-	-	67	-



Consumption of alcoholic beverages

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008
	1,000 liters				
Light Beer	1,508	18	13	75	165
Beer	7,194	7,097	6,632	6,863	6,884
Luxury Beer	186	301	271	207	147
Wine	672	789	854	844	698
Spirits	168	168	147	135	76
Average consumption of alcohol	Liters of 100 percent				
Per person older than 14 years	13.6	12.4	11.6	11.7	10.6

Consumption of cigarettes

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008
	Mio. pieces				
Total consumption	111	115	100	94	73
Average consumption	Pieces per day				
Per person	5.4	5.6	4.8	4.5	3.5
Per person older than 14 years	7.5	7.6	6.5	6.0	4.6

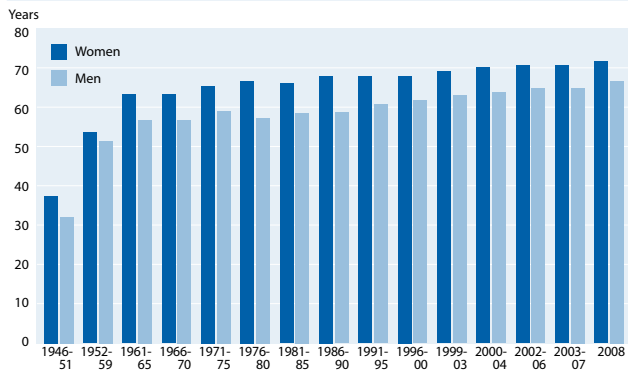
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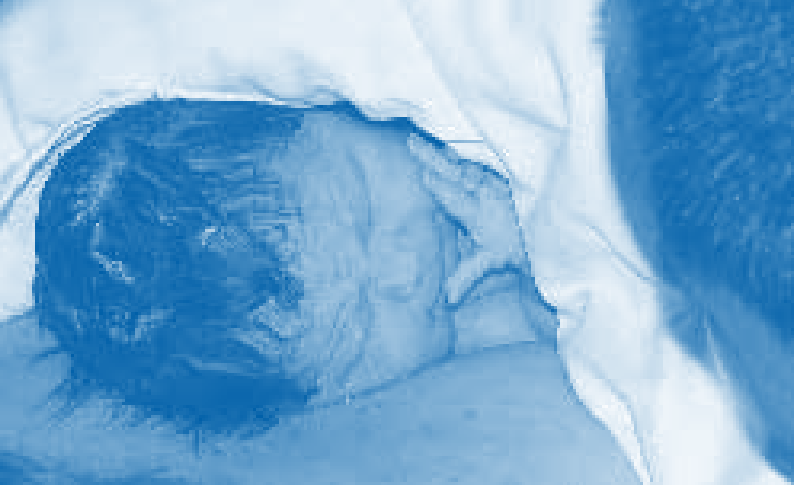
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of abortions	Numbers				
All Greenland	901	899	867	887	894
Abortions by age of woman	Percent				
12 - 15 years	4,2	5,0	5,2	5,6	4,9
16 - 17 years	10,3	12,3	10,6	10,3	10,4
18 - 19 years	12,7	10,8	13,0	13,2	16,4
20 - 24 years	31,0	29,7	31,5	30,6	31,5
25 - 29 years	17,4	17,8	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

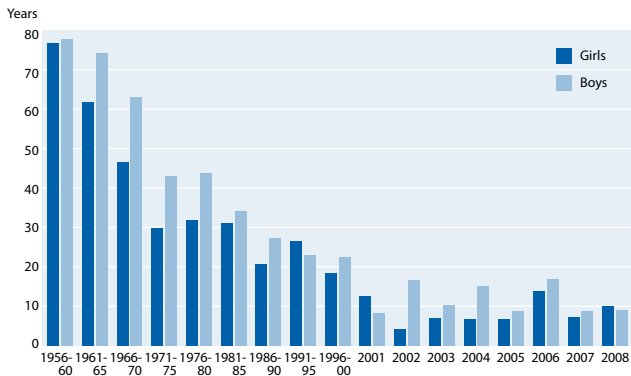
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	Number of persons				
Meningitis	4	16	28	14	16
Hepatitis	3	1	8	6	-
Tuberculosis	89	69	99	73	60
HIV positive	11	6	6	5	3
AIDS	6	2	3	2	-
Syphilis	1	1	1	-	2
Gonorrhoea	659	657	769	808	747
Chlamydia	1,846	1,853	2,713	2,579	2,369

Life expectancy for newborn boys and girls





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



Housing

Dwellings January 1st 2009, by municipality

	Dwellings		Persons per house	
	Completed*	Total	Towns	Settlements
Greenland, total	364	22,833	2.5	2.4
Nanortalik	3	1,028	2.4	1.7
Qaqortoq	15	1,498	2.4	1.7
Narsaq	-	829	2.2	4.3
Paamiut	-	1,067	1.8	1.5
Nuuk	161	6,319	2.5	1.9
Maniitsoq	3	1,512	2.3	2.1
Sisimiut	121	2,163	2.7	6.2
Kangaatsiaq	8	486	2.9	2.7
Aasiaat	1	1,344	2.4	1.7
Qasigiannugit	-	623	1.9	2.4
Ilulissat	5	1,838	2.8	2.2
Qeqertarsuaq	-	454	2.2	1.1
Uummannaq	4	1,085	2.3	2.0
Upernavik	3	874	3.0	3.6
Qaanaaq	1	380	2.5	1.3
Ammassalik	39	1,104	3.1	2.2
Illoqqortoormiut	-	229	2.7	-

*Dwellings completed in 2008

Judicial System

Convicted criminal offences

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008
Offences, total	3,990	3,624	3,939	3,470	3,694
Sexual offences, total	175	169	160	101	186
Rape and attempted rape	64	56	58	44	48
Incest	11	4	3	1	2
Sexual offences against minors	35	35	42	25	35
Other sexual offences	65	74	57	31	101
Crimes of violence, total	461	452	495	459	480
Assault	431	426	477	439	470
Homicide and attempted homicide	14	13	13	10	7
Other offences against life or body	16	13	5	10	3
Offences against property, total	1,955	1,727	1,949	1,622	1,490
Theft	1,377	1,287	1,455	1,240	1,097
Fraud, embezzlement, etc.	179	96	80	52	61
Malicious damage	318	264	331	239	271
Other offences against property	81	80	83	91	61
Other offences, total	266	265	279	214	227
Offences against special legislation	1,133	1,011	1,056	1,074	1,311
of this selling and smuggling of narcotics	347	238	372	348	356
Number of charged persons	2,112	1,918	2,091	1,953	1,978

Recidivists distributed by age groups and year of release

	2001			2003		
	1-3 years	4-5 years	1-5 years	1-3 years	4-5 years	1-5 years
	Percent					
Total	38.9	8.6	47.5	36.3	10.0	46.3
15-19 years	49.4	8.0	57.4	49.1	11.6	60.8
20-24 years	48.6	9.4	57.9	48.3	7.9	56.2
25-29 years	37.3	10.0	47.3	38.2	7.5	45.7
30-34 years	37.7	9.6	47.3	34.6	9.6	44.1
35-39 years	45.1	7.8	52.9	29.9	15.1	45.0
40-44 years	34.3	9.1	43.4	34.8	9.4	44.3
45-49 years	26.0	6.8	32.9	29.1	12.2	41.2
50-54 years	26.9	9.0	35.9	20.8	6.5	27.3
55-60 years	15.9	6.3	22.2	23.9	2.2	26.1
60 years and more	10.6	4.3	14.9	21.8	1.8	23.6

Mean temperature in 2008, selected towns

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Ammassalik
	Celsius				
January	-6.4	-10.8	-22.0	-16.4	-7.3
February	-5.7	-12.2	-23.8	-17.9	-9.7
March	-2.7	-8.2	-15.5	-13.2	-5.7
April	2.3	-1.6	-3.6	-5.2	-1.2
May	4.6	2.7	5.3	2.2	1.4
June	5.5	5.6	10.6	7.3	5.2
July	7.7	8.6	11.3	9.6	7.1
August	7.6	6.5	7.6	6.7	7.0
September	5.2	3.3	2.6	1.5	4.6
October	2.0	-0.3	-5.1	-4.3	-0.2
November	1.1	-1.6	-10.0	-7.8	-2.8
December	-2.8	-7.1	-15.2	-9.5	-4.1



Maximum temperature in 2008, selected towns

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Ammassalik
	Celsius				
January	2.6	2.7	1.9	3.0	3.9
February	5.6	1.4	-1.5	-3.6	0.7
March	10.0	5.9	4.3	1.3	2.9
April	12.2	9.0	9.0	7.0	7.9
May	15.0	12.1	16.0	13.4	8.1
June	18.8	17.7	19.4	18.1	19.0
July	19.8	19.4	20.3	18.8	18.6
August	17.8	16.4	19.2	17.3	15.1
September	14.1	9.2	14.8	14.5	13.1
October	13.7	10.6	14.9	12.5	11.6
November	13.2	7.4	5.2	1.5	4.5
December	7.7	10.2	5.8	6.6	3.2

Minimum temperature in 2008, selected towns

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Ammassalik
	Celsius				
January	-14.0	-17.2	-40.4	-25.9	-19.3
February	-16.7	-25.7	-47.2	-33.6	-20.3
March	-14.2	-20.0	-36.9	-29.9	-15.4
April	-6.1	-8.9	-21.3	-22.2	-11.9
May	-2.0	-3.3	-5.0	-5.0	-5.7
June	-2.1	-1.3	0.8	-0.8	-3.2
July	-0.5	1.9	-1.0	0.7	0.6
August	1.4	2.8	-2.4	-1.7	0.9
September	-1.1	-1.8	-8.8	-7.2	-2.7
October	-6.5	-9.3	-19.6	-15.1	-7.3
November	-5.7	-9.0	-25.2	-15.4	-10.5
December	-9.3	-15.8	-34.9	-20.7	-12.8

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, June 2nd 2009 by municipalities

	Electorate	Votes cast	Valid votes	Percentage voting
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
Qasigiannguit	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 Greenland Parliament, June 2nd 2009 by parties

	Votes	Percent	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 Partiia	383	1,4	-	-
Outside Parties	70	0,2	-	-

Election to the municipal councils, April 8th 2008

	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
Percentage voting	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 Ataqtigiit	27.1	30.7	30.4	24.4	23.3
Siumut	38.1	49.1	30.1	44.3	37.9
Kattusseqatigiit Partiat no1	4.7	-	1.4	0.9	12.4
Kattusseqatigiit Partiat 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

Election date	Atassut	Siumut	Inuit Ataqtigiit	Demo- kraatit	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 2,166,086 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