

Greenland in Figures

2015



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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 towns and 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 -5.1° C, Ilulissat -7.0° C (2014)
Mean temperature, July	Nuuk 9.1° C, Ilulissat 8.9° C (2014)
Natural resources	Zinc, lead, iron ore, coal, molybdenum, gold, platinum, uranium, hydropower, copper, nickel, 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 sled dogs 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 Sarfartoq (The Paradise Valley) in the district of Maniitsoq. The Ilulissat icefjord is a UNESCO world heritage site

Population

Population	55,984 (Jan. 2015)
Density	0.14 per km ² of ice-free area (Jan. 2015)
Population in the capital	Nuuk: 16,992 (Jan. 2015)
Population in towns	48,216 (Jan. 2015)
Population in settlements	7,470 (Jan. 2015)
Population growth rate	-0.5 per cent (2015)
Death rate, total	8.5 deaths per 1,000 inhabitants (2014)
Net migration	-585 (2014)
Infant mortality rate, total	9.7 deaths per 1,000 live births (2013)
Life expectancy	Women 73.66, men 68.47 (2009/2013)
Total fertility rate	2.07 per woman aged 15-49 years (2013)
Demonym	Noun: Greenlander(s). Adjective: Greenlandic
Ethnic groups	Born in Greenland: 89.3 per cent. Born outside Greenland: 10.7 per cent (Jan. 2015)
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 to February 1 1985
Head of state	HMS Queen Margrethe II of Denmark
Head of government	Prime Minister Kim Kielsen (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 11,198 million (provisional figure for 2013 in 2005 prices)
GDP - real growth rate	-1.9 per cent from 2012 to 2013 (provisional figure)
Average gross income per household	1st decile: DKK 46,814. 10th decile: DKK 1,227,965 and Average: DKK 411,242 (2013)
Inflation rate (consumer prices)	1.4 per cent (July 2013 - July 2014)
Labour force	27,021 permanent residents, aged 18-64 (monthly average 2013)
Unemployment rate	10.1 per cent on average per month of permanent residents aged 18-64 (2013)
Budget	Income DKK 10.3 billion. Expenditure DKK 10.1 billion including capital expenditure of DKK 0.7 billion (2013)
Industries	Fish processing (mainly prawns and Greenland halibut), handicrafts, hides and skins, small shipyards, mining
Electricity - consumption	318 GWh (2013)
Agriculture - products	Sheep, cows, reindeer, fish
Exports	2,374.8 DKK million (2014 3rd quarter statements)
Exports - commodities	Provisions and livestock
Exports - partners	Denmark, Iceland
Imports	2,944.4 DKK million (2014 3rd quarter statements)
Imports - commodities	Machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods, provisions and livestock petroleum products
Imports - partners	EU (primarily Denmark and Sweden)
Block grant	3,624 DKK (2013) and 3,642 DKK (2014) million in subsidies from Denmark

Currency	Danish Kroner (DKK)
Exchange rates	USD 100 = DKK 658.5 • EUR 100 = DKK 744.4 (February 1, 2015)
Fiscal year	Calendar year

Communications

Telephones - landlines	13,736 (2014)
Telephones - mobiles	62,005 (2014)
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	11,918 (2014)

Transportation

Railways	0 km
Ports and harbours	Ports in 16 towns and harbours in 60 settlements
Airports	14 airports, 7 heliports and 37 helistops

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

Symbols

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

Population



Population by Gender

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	56,648	56,462	56,194	56,452	56,615	56,749	56,370	56,282	55,984
Men	30,005	29,885	29,809	29,936	29,942	30,041	29,838	29,730	29,556
Women	26,643	26,577	26,385	26,516	26,673	26,708	26,532	26,552	26,428

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

Population by Municipality, Town and Settlement

	2005		2015	
	Towns	Settlements	Towns	Settlements
Total	47,079	9,293	48,216	7,470
Kommune Kujalleq	6,417	1,322	5,952	863
Nanortalik	1,509	837	1,261	507
Qaqortoq	3,144	235	3,164	141
Narsaq	1,764	250	1,527	215
Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq	18,696	1,700	21,007	1,299
Paamiut	1,817	140	1,496	95
Nuuk	14,501	368	16,992	264
Tasiilaq	1,848	1,183	2,093	940
Ittoqqortoormiit	530	9	426	-
Qeqqata Kommunia	8,209	1,488	8,073	1,324
Maniitsoq	2,859	729	2,501	601
Sisimiut	5,350	759	5,572	723
Qaasuitsup Kommunia	13,757	4,783	13,184	3,984
Kangaatsiaq	642	838	532	647
Aasiaat	3,100	210	3,098	159
Qasigiannguit	1,320	88	1,165	68
Ilulissat	4,533	472	4,491	375
Qeqertarsuaq	978	54	871	21
Uummannaq	1,366	1,146	1,246	933
Upernavik	1,178	1,765	1,140	1,657
Qaanaaq	640	210	641	124
Outside municipalities	-	253	-	132

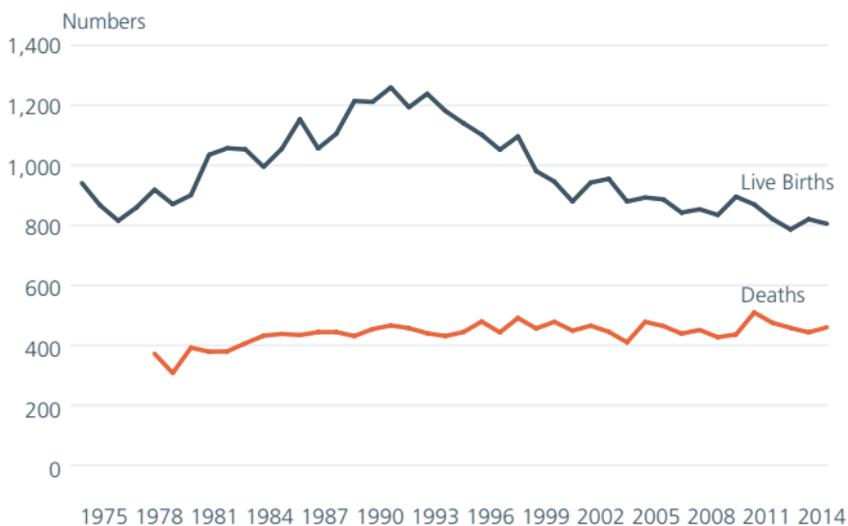
Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/BEEST3>

Population by Gender and Age. 1 January 2015

	Total	Women	Men
Total	55,984	26,428	29,556
0-6 years	5,509	2,620	2,889
7-14 years	6,373	3,142	3,231
15-17 years	2,291	1,155	1,136
18-24 years	6,170	3,040	3,130
25-59 years	28,621	13,297	15,324
60-66 years	3,438	1,435	2,003
67 years and older	3,582	1,739	1,843

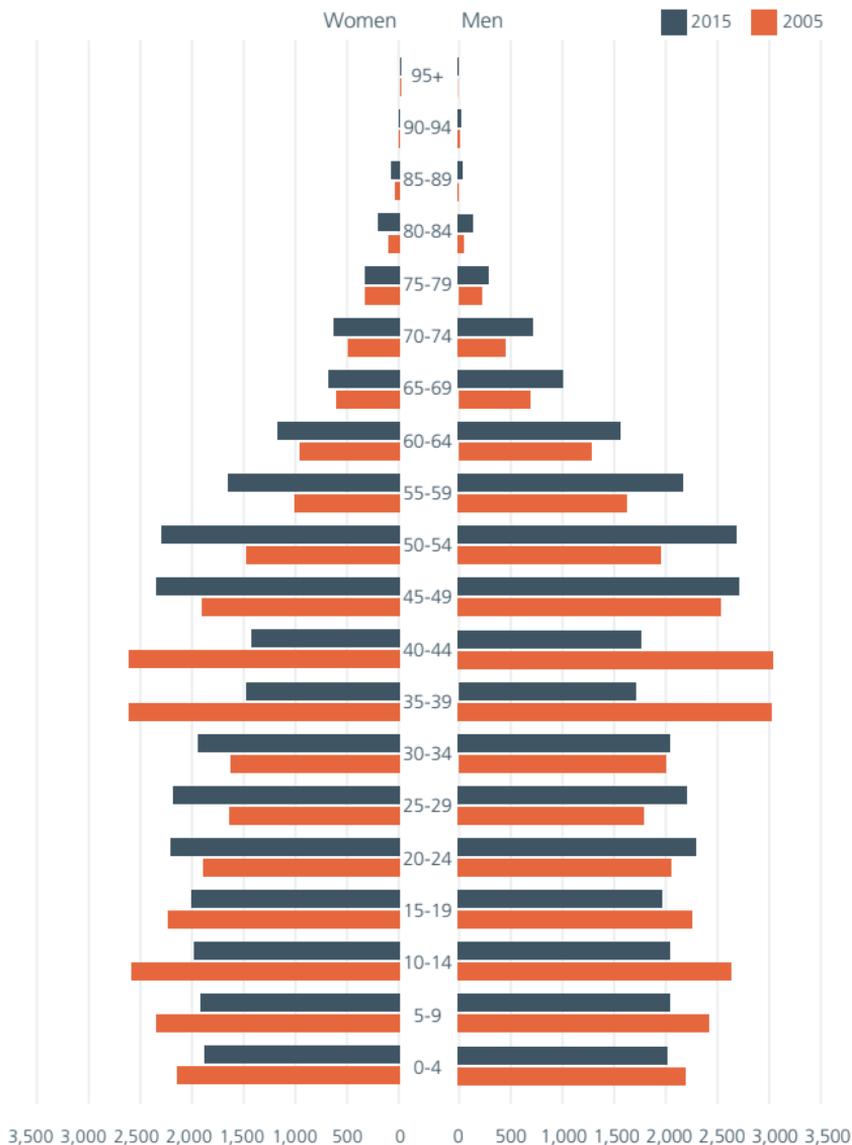
Source: <http://bank.stat.gi/BEEST5>

Live Births and Deaths



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

Population by Age Group



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

Migration

	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014
Net immigration	-644	-639	-160	-709	-585
Immigrations, total	2,404	2,536	2,491	1,003	2,148
Persons born in Greenland	890	907	1,043	871	1,009
Persons born outside Greenland	1,514	1,629	1,448	1,320	1,139
Emigration, total	3,048	3,175	2,651	2,900	2,733
Persons born in Greenland	1,358	1,560	1,334	1,483	1,499
Persons born outside Greenland	1,690	1,615	1,317	1,417	1,234

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

Internal Migration

	2008	2010	2012	2014
Within the same town	12,040	13,755	13,129	14,322
Within the same settlement	1,252	12,150	1,191	1,119
Between towns	4,439	4,553	4,440	4,695
Between settlements	406	346	418	345
From settlement to town	1,323	1,325	1,359	1,403
From town to settlement	1,057	1,070	1,079	1,201
Other	122	49	82	25

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

Population by Citizenship

	2007	2009	2011	2013	2015
Total	56,648	56,194	56,615	56,370	55,983
Denmark	56,146	55,518	55,804	55,392	55,009
Iceland	50	79	93	180	172
Thailand	75	100	149	152	166
Philippines	15	33	78	119	157
Sweden	76	90	95	99	79
Norway	54	61	65	70	64
Germany	42	66	58	60	53
USA	19	29	32	43	36
Other	171	218	241	255	247

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 Greenlandic halibut is regulated by quota and 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	2013*
	1,000 tonnes					
Shellfish, total	69.4	65.7	55.8	57.0	51.9	46.9
Snow crab	2.2	3.1	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.0
Northern prawn	67.2	62.6	54.1	55.2	50.1	44.9
Fish, total	39.3	36.3	41.7	46.6	45.3	55.3
Chars	-	-	-	0.1	-	-
Greenland cod	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wolffish	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.9
Greenland halibut	19.2	20.6	23.0	23.4	23.6	25.3
Trash fish, unspec	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capelin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Redfish	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
R. Grenadier	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lumpfish	6.4	6.6	8.4	11.1	10.5	14.2
Atlantic cod	12.3	7.8	9.0	11.1	10.2	14.7

* Provisional figures

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

Hunting Licenses

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*
	Number of persons					
Total	7,237	6,970	7,631	7,037	5,304	5,864
Hunters	2,127	1,712	2,083	2,060	1,758	1,998
Sportsmen	5,110	5,258	5,548	4,977	3,546	3,866

* Provisional figures

Source: Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture

Seal Hunting

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*
	Number of animals					
Total	156,950	142,594	156,322	140,203	124,225	104,469
Ringed seal	70,536	65,734	61,643	62,279	60,607	43,927
Harp seal under 4 years	56,033	50,196	68,747	51,967	44,024	45,585
Harp seal over 4 years	26,154	23,258	22,249	22,410	16,673	12,823
Hooded seal	2,606	1,987	2,144	2,069	1,707	1,218
Bearded seal	1,437	1,259	1,406	1,302	1,100	796
Harbour seal	81	33	26	79	-	-
Walrus	103	127	107	97	114	120

* Provisional figures

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

Whaling

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*
	Number of animals					
Total	2,790	3,061	3,148	3,777	3,595	3,313
Beluga whale	279	228	222	139	208	294
Fin whale	14	10	6	5	5	9
Killer whale	26	14	15	39	44	35
Minke whale	152	168	196	189	152	181
Narwhale	377	371	266	294	361	340
Pilot whale	182	238	338	274	430	154
Porpoise whale	1,760	2,029	2,093	2,828	2,385	2,292
Greenland whale	.	3	3	1	-	-
Humpback	.	.	9	8	10	8

* Provisional figures

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

Hunting of Land Mammals

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*
	Number of animals					
Total	19,213	16,659	15,328	14,984	13,680	11,961
Reindeer	16,243	13,866	12,721	12,093	11,408	9,743
Musk ox	2,833	2,675	2,485	2,760	2,134	2,092
Polar bear	137	118	122	131	138	126

* Provisional figures

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

Hunting of Birds

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*
	Number of animals					
Total	167,837	158,982	171,274	171,364	150,647	68,354
Guillemot	64,660	62,847	64,468	68,271	66,035	23,650
Eider	27,139	26,478	27,647	30,858	31,483	11,580
King eider	5,429	4,460	6,369	4,362	4,069	1,193
Theist	13,449	13,307	16,394	16,486	14,724	4,166
Little auk	24,292	22,093	28,984	26,474	12,739	14,401
Black-legged Kitti	6,506	7,705	8,117	7,656	7,780	5,155
Goose	2	3	10	8	27	5
Grouse	26,360	22,089	19,285	17,249	13,790	8,204

* Provisional figures

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

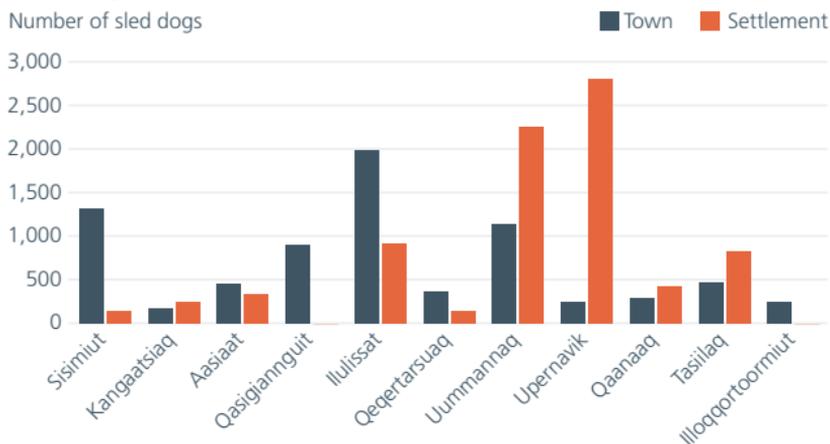
Livestock

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Number of animals					
Sheep	20,499	20,439	20,729	20,232	20,107	19,994
Tame reindeer	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Cows	49	56	65	79	98	125
Horses	203	186	164	161	147	132
Fowls	148	182	241	215	212	191
Beehives	10	...	...	4	4	4

The figures are partly estimates

Source: Agricultural Consulting Services

Sled dogs in 2013



Source: Statistics Greenland

Labour Market



Employment by Trade

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Number of main employed persons in average per month				
Total	25,864	25,583	25,489	25,501	25,461
Fishing, hunting and agriculture	3,731	3,531	3,415	3,532	3,548
Mining and quarrying	120	119	137	143	128
Manufacturing	283	251	242	233	235
Electricity and water supply	411	423	410	390	392
Construction	2,064	1,958	1,872	1,952	1,872
Wholesale	3,094	3,016	3,009	3,086	3,045
Hotels and restaurants	754	769	785	756	806
Transportation	2,641	2,623	2,616	2,629	2,583
Business activities	1,300	1,298	1,344	1,426	1,500
Public administration and service	9,973	10,044	10,052	9,804	9,895
Other industries	790	807	817	844	865
Activity not stated	705	744	789	705	591

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

Labour Force

	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Labour force in average per month			
Total	26,482	26,820	26,994	27,021
18-19 years of age	861	885	836	744
20-24 years of age	2,731	2,860	2,863	2,836
25-29 years of age	2,740	2,755	2,781	2,892
30-34 years of age	2,631	2,790	2,880	2,902
35-39 years of age	2,569	2,540	2,514	2,500
40-44 years of age	3,839	3,454	3,149	2,810
45-49 years of age	4,241	4,293	4,369	4,340
50-54 years of age	3,305	3,462	3,597	3,705
55-59 years of age	2,193	2,353	2,478	2,654
60-64 years of age	1,373	1,428	1,527	1,638

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

Income and Prices



Average Personal Gross Income

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Change 2012-2013
	DKK					Per cent
Greenland	198,510	201,817	207,349	213,126	217,299	2.0
Town	207,672	211,496	216,593	222,246	226,486	1.9
Settlement	133,629	134,260	141,029	147,829	151,899	2.8
Kommune Kujalleq	163,804	164,616	170,157	173,179	177,617	2.6
Town	168,329	169,170	174,249	178,008	183,138	2.9
Settlement	138,098	142,176	148,918	147,227	148,679	1.0
Kommuneqarfik Sermersooq	244,064	249,889	254,280	258,997	264,517	2.1
Town	251,866	257,381	261,366	266,427	271,841	2.0
Settlement	119,566	124,337	133,634	134,793	142,825	6.0
Qeqqata Kommunia	193,017	193,751	200,464	207,257	208,790	0.7
Town	194,389	194,713	201,414	208,444	209,947	0.7
Settlement	185,078	188,154	194,653	200,122	202,133	1.0
Qaasuitsup Kommunia	159,453	161,540	167,248	173,439	176,135	1.6
Town	171,900	175,293	180,487	185,172	187,365	1.2
Settlement	119,303	117,189	123,972	134,305	137,699	2.5

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	Jan. 2014	Jul. 2014
Consumer price index, total	106.8	108.6	112.0	113.3	113.8	114.3	115.3	115.9
Food and beverages	113.4	116.9	119.7	119.8	121.5	121.9	123.5	125.3
Alcohol and tobacco	106.1	107.5	108.5	109.1	109.8	109.9	112.5	113.1
Clothing and footwear	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.5	100.3	99.3	100.1	98.1
Gross rent (dwelling)	109.4	113.5	124.4	127.7	127.6	128.7	130.6	130.3
Furniture, household equipment etc.	110.6	113.2	113.9	115.7	116.0	119.2	119.5	121.0
Medical care and health expenses	115.3	116.6	121.5	121.8	121.8	122.3	121.0	121.5
Transport	105.4	105.4	109.7	112.1	112.7	114.8	116.0	117.1
Communication	95.1	95.2	95.2	95.5	95.5	88.6	88.8	88.1
Recreation, entertainment etc.	98.2	96.0	95.2	98.1	95.3	96.7	94.4	95.7
Restaurants and hotels	108.9	109.5	110.2	112.6	112.6	113.6	114.4	115.2
Miscellaneous goods and services	99.7	100.3	103.2	103.3	106.1	106.2	105.9	106.1

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



Economy



GDP (2005 Prices)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*	2013*
	DKK billion					
GDP	11.0	10.9	11.2	11.5	11.4	11.2
Imports of goods and services	8.5	7.3	10.0	11.4	8.0	6.9
Total	19.5	18.2	21.2	22.9	19.4	18.1
Private consumption	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4
Public expenditure	5.9	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.3
Gross investments	4.5	3.4	6.0	7.7	4.4	3.1
Exports of goods and services	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.4
Total	19.5	18.2	21.2	22.9	19.2	18.1
	Growth in per cent					
GDP	2.1	-0.7	2.5	2.2	-0.3	-1.9
Imports of goods and services	22.7	-14.6	37.6	14.2	-29.9	-13.6
Total	10.1	-6.7	16.5	7.9	-15.1	-6.8
Private consumption	-0.7	-0.7	1.7	2.7	-0.7	-0.4
Public expenditure	2.2	3.7	-14	-1.1	0.4	3.7
Gross investments	46.0	-23.7	75.2	27.4	-42.3	-30.4
Exports of goods and services	8.1	-11.3	12.5	-1.7	-4.9	-4.6
Total	10.1	-6.7	16.5	7.9	-15.1	-6.8

* Provisional figures

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

Expenditure of General Government Sector

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	DKK million					
Total	8,798	9,358	9,386	9,343	9,743	10,053
General public services	1,049	1,108	1,130	1,123	1,136	1,145
Defence	98	113	98	93	117	99
Public order and safety	480	507	524	600	611	698
Economic affairs	1,081	1,067	1,014	979	1,094	1,022
Environmental protection	154	148	149	128	100	209
Housing and community amenities	432	485	376	307	402	359
Health	1,171	1,267	1,294	1,323	1,403	1,380
Recreation, culture and religion	345	343	332	349	359	388
Education	1,665	1,845	1,929	1,863	1,890	1,951
Social welfare	2,323	2,473	2,540	2,578	2,633	2,803

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

Foreign Trade



Exports by SITC Division

	2010	2011	2012	2013*	2014*
	DKK million				
Exports, total	2,194.5	2,636.3	2,782.6	2,751.6	3,028.8
Provisions and livestock	1,925.8	2,381.6	2,520.9	2,473.9	2,758.1
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	-
Raw materials, inedible	19.4	7.8	7.2	3.6	15.8
Mineral fuels and lubricants etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Animal or vegetable fats and oils	-	-	-	-	-
Chemicals and chemical products	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.1
Manufactured products, mainly semi-manufactured	6.0	11.7	7.1	14.5	7.3
Machinery and transport equipment	130.7	84.1	23.9	36.6	7.9
Manufactured products	20.7	11.5	9.5	11.0	10.3
Miscellaneous articles and transactions	91.6	139.3	213.6	-	229.3

* Provisional figures

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

Imports by SITC Division

	2010	2011	2012	2013*	2014*
	DKK million				
Imports, total	4,794.7	5,350.6	4,995.8	4,616.0	4,305.6
Provisions and livestock	767.0	823.6	813.0	834.8	837.8
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	139.8	142.9	146.9	131.2	135.5
Raw materials, inedible	59.0	53.4	64.6	57.3	54.8
Mineral fuels and lubricants etc.	982.4	1,209.1	1,257.2	1,103.4	897.8
Animal or vegetable fats and oils	3.8	4.3	6.0	3.8	4.3
Chemicals and chemical products	278.6	286.2	305.8	300.8	307.4
Manufactured products, mainly semi-manufactured	581.8	652.1	699.9	638.1	546.5
Machinery and transport equipment	2,491.6	1,527.2	2,398.5	831.5	875.9
Manufactured products	539.0	521.0	585.3	559.2	490.6
Miscellaneous articles and transactions	870.2	130.9	917.2	155.9	155.0

* Provisional figures

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

Business



Turnover

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	DKK million					
Fishing	780.7	951.1	858.7	995.3	1,092.2	1,273.2
Mining	293.7	353.3	295.5	24.1	55.2	89.3
Industry	733.1	700.2	629.3	687.4	709.8	649.5
Construction	2,022.6	2,117.4	2,015.5	2,146.4	2,018.3	2,323.7
Wholesale, retail trade, and repair work	7,108.4	7,300.8	7,463.4	7,473.1	8,349.6	8,597.7
Hotels and restaurants	317.8	332.8	336.7	328.5	350.8	343.7
Transport	2,656.4	2,793.2	2,763.7	2,837.8	3,476.8	3,270.2
Finance and insurance	283.5	309.6	337.1	336.5	391.5	511.9
Real estate and business services	875.1	1,095.5	1,041.0	1,023.5	1,059.7	951.1

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

Profit or Loss before Tax

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	DKK million					
Fishing	9.8	14.2	-1.1	81.1	179.1	265.8
Mining	-126.3	-214.8	-232.1	-77.9	120.7	-146.7
Industry	40.4	38.3	45.7	54.5	67.7	80.9
Construction	94.4	159.5	117.3	112.2	76.1	21.1
Wholesale, retail trade, and repair work	165.5	49.3	-94.6	229.2	407.1	415.2
Hotels and restaurants	34.9	27.1	10.3	24.4	18.6	15.4
Transport	225.0	229.3	141.5	196.9	287.3	228.5
Finance and insurance	111.4	90.5	148.8	114.3	82.0	158.6
Real estate and business services	155.1	78.4	121.7	58.9	60.8	35.5

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



Transportation



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 airplane and helicopter traffic is distributed to the towns of Greenland.

Passenger Traffic by Air

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	Number of passengers					
Passengers, total	417,396	423,059	429,161	414,446	397,856	396,420
Domestic by plane	208,362	216,367	214,902	200,634	194,350	193,618
International traffic by plane	155,515	154,918	161,946	159,665	159,432	158,191
Helicopter traffic	53,519	51,774	52,313	54,147	44,074	44,611

Source: Greenland Airports

Sea Cargo

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	1,000 m ³					
Cargo, total	891	822	814	834	811	725
To Greenland	439	401	386	423	389	269
From Greenland	312	291	310	300	295	353
Internally in Greenland	140	130	118	111	127	103

Source: Royal Arctic Line

Motor Vehicles

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Motor vehicles, total	5,009	5,855	5,386	5,929	5,857	5,877
Passenger cars	3,221	3,842	3,621	3,941	3,931	3,958
Taxis	140	214	177	243	205	193
Busses	68	83	83	89	83	76
Fire-engines	104	112	122	134	145	154
Commercial vehicles and trucks	1,398	1,503	1,264	1,391	1,358	1,339
Motor cycles	-	-	-	1	3	2
Other vehicles	78	101	119	130	132	155

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



Energy



Gross Energy Consumption

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
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Gross Energy consumption, total	9,977	8,996	10,273	11,033	9,144	8,979
Gas oil	7,513	6,449	7,475	7,954	6,208	5,942
Gasoline	544	559	582	571	576	569
Kerosene	876	750	839	1,010	807	727
Diesel fuel arctic (DFA)	210	227	209	172	161	193
Aviation gas	5	2	3	1	6	5
Fuel oil	...	...	50	82	55	133
Waste oil	9	9	9	9	9	9
Liquid gas (LPG)	5	4	4	4	4	3
Hydro power	727	916	1,012	1,138	1,215	1,278
Waste	87	80	90	91	103	117

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

Cost Rates for Electricity, Water and Heat

	1. jan 2010	1. jan 2011	1. feb 2011	1. jan 2012	1. jan 2013	1. mar 2014
	DKK					
Electricity, minimum price per kWh	1.56	1.61	1.65	1.60	1.60	1.46
Electricity, maximum price per kWh	2.98	3.02	3.33	3.24	3.24	3.29
Water, minimum price per m ³	12.69	14.62	14.60	15.23	15.23	15.46
Water, maximum price per m ³	35.79	36.68	35.91	34.97	34.97	35.49
Fixed electric heating, price per kWh	0.62	0.62	0.64	0.78	0.82	0.81
Interruptible electric heating, price per kWh	0.55	0.55	0.58	0.72	0.75	0.75
Central heating, price per kWh	0.62	0.62	0.64	0.78	0.82	0.81

Source: *Nukissiofiit*

CO₂ Emission from Energy Consumption

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	1,000 tonnes of CO ₂ -equivalents					
Total	677	592	677	724	577	555
Gas oil	553	475	550	586	455	431
Gasoline	38	39	40	39	40	39
Kerosene	63	54	60	72	58	52
Diesel fuel arctic (DFA)	15	17	15	13	12	14
Aviation gas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel oil	-	-	4	6	4	10
Waste oil	1	1	1	1	1	1
Liquid gas (LPG)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waste	7	7	7	7	7	7
	Tonnes of CO ₂ -equivalents					
Emission of Greenhouse Gases per Capita	12	11	12	13	10	10

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

Education and Culture



Education in Greenland

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Number of persons					
Totals						
Starters	1,210	1,231	1,386	1,488	1,455	1,390
Drop-outs	544	596	677	614	769	663
Completions	471	520	520	572	621	590
Vocational education						
Starters	787	808	873	972	922	867
Drop-outs	337	413	465	403	496	408
Completions	309	332	319	390	410	389
Mid-range training						
Starters	281	226	308	330	316	304
Drop-outs	128	110	120	115	142	135
Completions	117	115	123	135	136	129
Higher education						
Starters	142	197	205	186	217	219
Drop-outs	79	73	92	96	131	120
Completions	45	73	78	47	75	72

Source: <http://bank.stat.gl/UDEEUDD>, <http://bank.stat.gl/UDEKVUD> and <http://bank.stat.gl/UDELVUD>

Higher Education

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Number of graduates					
Total	45	73	78	47	75	72
Humanities	12	21	13	13	19	27
Business	-	2	4	1	1	1
Veterinary and agriculture	1	-	2	-	-	-
Architecture	1	1	1	-	1	1
Natural sciences	3	3	5	2	3	4
Other	28	46	53	31	51	39

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
Spoken broadcasts in Danish	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	2013
	Number of visits					
Total	16,764	16,318	17,260	15,271	12,869	11,556
Children	2,868	2,675	2,959	3,348	2,075	1,891
Adults	13,896	13,643	14,301	11,923	10,794	9,665

Source: Greenland National Museum

Expenditure on Culture

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	DKK million					
Total expenditure	165	165	169	174	169	179
Construction expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating expenses, total	165	165	169	174	169	179
Greenlandic Broadcasting Corporation	60	60	62	63	73	68
Broadcasting radio and TV	27	26	25	25	2	2
National Library of Greenland	14	14	13	13	16	16
Museums	9	8	8	8	12	12
Folk high schools	12	12	11	12	12	12
Art school	1	1	1	1	1	1
Katuaq (arts centre)	5	5	5	5	5	5
Grants to cultural purposes	37	39	38	38	38	56
National Theatre of Greenland	.	.	6	9	10	7

Source: Accounts of the Exchequer and Budgets for 2013 and 2014

Tourism



Nights Spent at Hotels by Guest's Country of Origin

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	Number of overnight stays					
Total	224,801	216,141	213,656	209,896	214,012	209,715
Greenland	120,870	119,422	115,322	110,457	115,724	114,361
Denmark	67,218	54,381	56,350	53,468	55,072	51,274
Sweden	1,875	4,480	1,755	3,791	3,010	3,013
Norway	2,110	2,015	1,899	2,029	2,141	2,485
Iceland	1,780	2,586	1,558	2,350	2,849	2,777
Germany	5,091	4,830	6,263	6,754	5,681	6,483
France	1,354	1,767	1,842	2,022	1,763	1,371
Italy	717	600	701	650	431	649
Holland	696	703	732	892	628	610
England	2,362	3,790	4,448	3,026	2,506	2,173
Rest of Europa	5,587	4,814	4,678	5,901	3,962	6,244
USA	9,428	8,602	6,236	9,083	10,107	8,141
Japan	919	310	596	883	627	789
Canada	2,336	4,462	4,700	1,850	1,895	1,396
Other countries	2,458	3,087	6,576	6,740	6,886	6,354
Unknown	-	292	-	-	730	1,595

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





Import of Alcoholic Beverages

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	1,000 litres					
Total	7,970	7,888	7,890	7,488	7,475	6,673
Beer	7,196	6,999	7,077	6,711	6,675	5,910
Wine	672	774	700	673	702	672
Spirits	102	115	113	104	98	91
Average per person over 14 years of age	Litres of 100 per cent alcohol					
Beer	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.0	6.9	6.2
Wine	1.9	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8
Spirits	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8

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, aged 14 or older	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.3	2.8
Per person	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.3	2.2

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

Legal Abortions

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Numbers					
Number of abortions	899	799	858	785	868	873
Abortions by age of woman	Per cent					
12 - 15 years	4.9	3.1	3.1	4.9	3.7	3.2
16 - 17 years	10.5	8.9	10.8	8.4	9.6	9.3
18 - 19 years	16.4	16.9	12.2	14.5	11.2	11.6
20 - 24 years	31.5	33.5	35.0	36.1	34.0	30.9
25 - 29 years	19.1	20.4	21.0	18.3	22.3	25.2
30 - 34 years	10.7	9.6	9.2	10.4	11.9	12.4
35 - 39 years	4.9	5.1	6.3	5.0	4.9	5.2
40 - 44 years	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.3
45 - 49 years	-	0.3	0.1	0.3	-	-

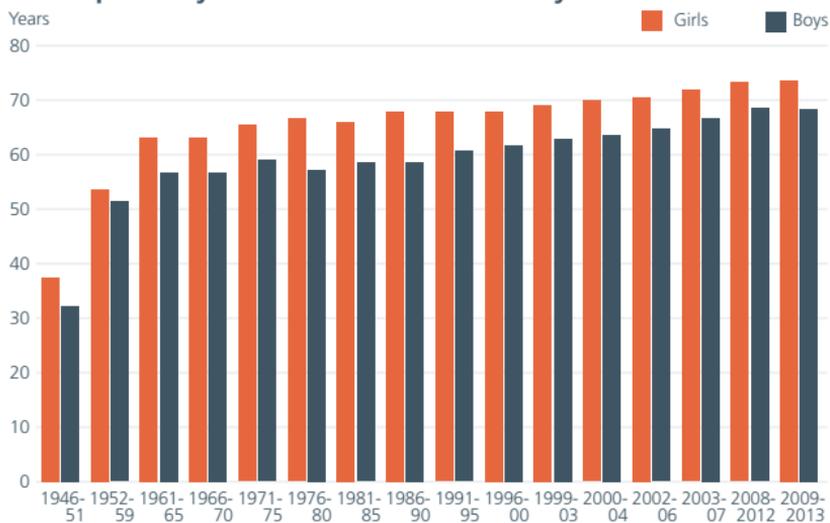
Source: National Board of Health and Statistics Greenland

Reported Infectious Diseases

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Number of persons					
Meningitis	...	12	10	10	7	8
Hepatitis	...	...	...	2	2	9
Tuberculosis	62	63	116	112	89	34
HIV positive	1	6	4	1	2	2
AIDS	1	-	-	...	...	...
Syphilis	...	-	-	3	10	25
Gonorrhoea	927	1,103	1,237	1,355	1,432	1,273
Chlamydia	2,504	2,843	3,002	3,225	3,601	3,253

Source: National Board of Health and Statistics Greenland

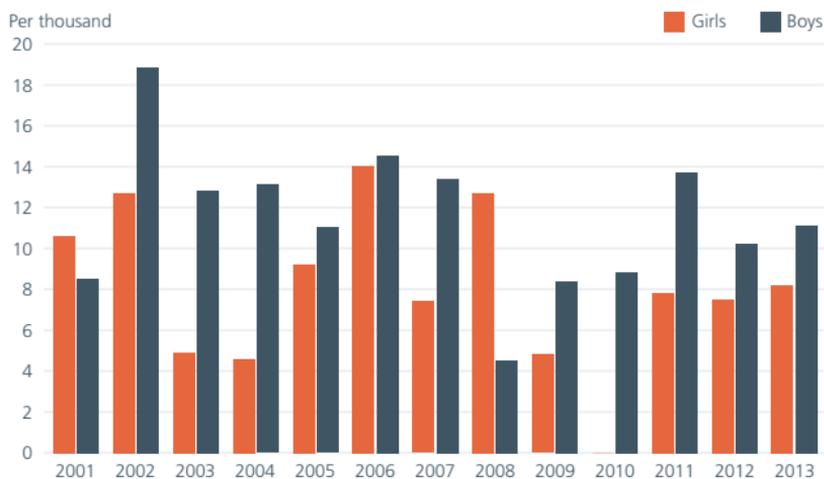
Life Expectancy for Newborn Girls and Boys



Source: Statistics Greenland



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



Source: Statistics Greenland and National Board of Health

Social Welfare



Recipients of Social Benefits

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Number of persons				
Population aged 15 or older as per 1 January	43,188	43,625	43,925	44,251	44,234
Recipients of social benefits	18,186	18,444	18,934	18,675	18,536
Social welfare benefit	7,748	8,302	8,596	8,653	8,686
Unemployment	3,777	3,521	3,632	3,374	3,317
Maternity leave benefit	1,126	1,155	1,079	1,023	1,308
Early retirement benefit	2,801	2,925	3,073	2,990	2,912
Retirement pension	3,984	3,838	3,898	3,943	3,949

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

Social Benefits by Total Amount

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	DKK 1,000				
Total	746,642	774,282	803,814	810,399	849,119
Social welfare benefit	106,915	120,656	131,543	143,940	156,199
Unemployment benefit	42,351	39,804	46,741	41,999	40,496
Maternity leave benefit	34,623	34,471	33,649	31,740	32,276
Early retirement benefit	222,591	243,958	256,187	250,792	259,454
Retirement pension	354,095	349,786	352,590	357,420	380,214

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	2013
Prospecting permits (active)	17	23	27	25	27	18
Exploration permits (granted)	11	13	20	20	20	22
Exploration costs in USD million	115.5	102.0	501.7	823.9	219.8	...

Source: Statistics Greenland

Mineral Exploration

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Prospecting permits (active)	14	11	21	25	25	22
Exploration permits (granted)	67	71	73	77	79	76
Exploitation permits (granted)	3	4	4	4	4	5
Exploration costs in DKK million	497.0	300.0	522.3	711.3	518.9	...

Source: Statistics Greenland

Climate



Mean Temperatures in 2014, Selected Towns

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Tasiilaq (Kulusuk)
	Degrees Celsius				
January	-2.8	-5.1	...	-7.0	...
February	-3.6	-7.4	-16.6	-10.1	-3.3
March	-3.2	-8.4	-17.0	-12.6	-5.9
April	-1.1	-6.2	-9.6	-8.7	...
May	3.5	1.1	2.1	-0.6	1.7
June	5.2	5.7	11.9	7.4	5.2
July	6.7	9.1	12.4	8.9	6.3
August	8.0	8.0	9.4	7.2	7.7
September	6.3	4.0	3.2	3.0	5.0
October	2.5	-	-5.6	-2.9	-0.4
November	0.3	-2.7	-12.9	-5.2	-1.2
December	-2.7	-5.9	-16.1	-10.2	-4.8

Source: Statistics Greenland and ASIAQ



Average Maximum Temperatures in 2014, Selected Towns

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Tasiilaq (Kulusuk)
Degrees Celsius					
January	5.8	4.0	...	4.8	...
February	2.2	6.1	4.1	3.9	2.4
March	7.7	5.2	7.3	5.6	1.7
April	5.5	6.1	7.7	6.1	...
May	11.0	7.9	13.4	5.5	8.3
June	13.3	16.7	22.9	18.4	11.2
July	16.2	17.5	20.7	17.9	14.0
August	18.6	15.6	21.4	16.2	16.9
September	13.8	9.4	13.3	10.1	9.9
October	9.9	12.5	9.6	9.4	6.3
November	6.9	7.7	5.8	8.7	4.4
December	9.0	4.1	4.1	3.2	2.1

Source: Statistics Greenland and ASIAQ

Average Minimum Temperatures in 2014, Selected Towns

	Nanortalik	Nuuk	Kangerlussuaq	Ilulissat	Tasiilaq (Kulusuk)
Degrees Celsius					
January	-9.6	-10.8	...	-19.4	...
February	-9.3	-16.3	-35.5	-27.3	-13.5
March	-9.3	-14.3	-29.8	-24.8	-13.4
April	-7.0	-13.3	-25.4	-22.1	...
May	-1.8	-3.4	-9.6	-12.5	-3.9
June	-1.2	-0.7	0.8	0.1	-0.8
July	-1.1	1.9	3.2	2.3	-1.6
August	2.3	3.9	-0.1	-0.7	0.4
September	0.8	-1.3	-8.4	-6.0	-1.1
October	-5.5	-7.2	-21.2	-12.3	-6.3
November	-6.6	-10.9	-26.4	-15.3	-6.4
December	-9.0	-13.0	-34.9	-19.8	-12.9

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 Naleraq

The party was founded in 2014 and promotes local fishing, hunting and agriculture and the interest of the settlements and the isolated regions.

Election to the Greenlandic Parliament. November 28th, 2014 by Districts

	Electorate	Votes cast	Valid votes	Poll
Greenland	40,424	25,233	29,489	72.9
Nanortalik	1,336	952	957	71.6
Qaqortoq	2,490	1,784	1,804	72.4
Narsaq	1,337	995	1,006	75.2
Paamiut	1,167	891	908	77.8
Nuuk	12,597	9,174	9,269	73.6
Maniitsoq	2,344	1,611	1,625	69.3
Sisimiut	4,484	3,209	3,244	72.3
Kangaatsiaq	820	635	639	77.9
Aasiaat	2,478	1,757	1,802	72.7
Qasigiannuguit	866	651	656	75.8
Ilulissat	3,499	2,533	2,542	72.6
Qeqertarsuaq	708	497	499	70.5
Uummannaq	1,607	1,211	1,215	75.6
Upernavik	1,935	1,412	1,415	73.1
Qaanaaq	541	437	439	81.1
Tasiilaq	1,932	1,253	1,264	65.4
Illoqqortoormiut	283	199	205	72.4

Please note: Preliminary results for election to the Greenlandic Parliament 2014

Source: *The Election Board, Government of Greenland*

Election to the Greenlandic Parliament. November 28th, 2014 by Party

	Votes	Per cent	Mandates	Elected women
Total	29,201	100.0	31	14
Atassut	1,919	6.5	2	-
Demokraatit	3,469	11.8	4	2
Inuit Ataqatigiit	9,783	33.2	11	8
Siumut	10,108	34.3	11	4
Partii Inuit	477	1.6	-	-
Partii Naleraq	3,423	11.6	3	-
Outside parties	22	0.1	-	-

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	7,783	4,038	8,432	3,340
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	-
Partii Inuit	1.3	2.0	0.7	1.5	-
Outside parties	0.2	0.3	-	0.2	-

Kattusseqatigiit partiiat has existed since 1993 but was not officially founded until late in the spring of 2005. That is why the voices of Kandidat forbund 1 moved to Kattusseqatigiit partiiat from 1993.

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

Elections to the Danish Parliament Since 2001

	Atassut	Siumut Ataqatigiit	Inuit 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 about 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
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- Income, Consumption and Prices
- Money and Capital Market
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- Research
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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 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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