

Vital Statistics 2010

On average we live longer

Life expectancy has increased markedly over the past 30 years. Figures for the five-year period 2006/2010 shows that newborn boys now can expect to live 67.8 years and newborn girls 5 years longer namely 72.8 years. This is 8 years longer for men compared with early 1980'ies and 6 years longer for women. Despite this increase, it remains the Nordic record low.

One reason to explain the low life expectancy is the many suicides. In the period 1980-2009 1474 people chose commit suicide. In just the past 10 years, a number of persons representing the entire population of a small Greenlandic town - or as many as once lived in the soon demolished Block P in Nuuk - killed themselves.

Compared to population size 7,4 times as many commit suicide in Greenland as in Denmark. Could this loss of human lives have been avoided, the average life expectancy would be higher. Of the 1474 suicides only 30 were committed by persons over 65 years.

This information and much more can be found in 3 new tables in our Statbank

<http://bank.stat.gl/BEEDT>

<http://bank.stat.gl/BEELD1>

<http://bank.stat.gl/BEELD2>

Mortality tables by base, time, age, gender and type

Cause of death by time, district, dk-list, gender and age 1968-2009

Cause of death by district, residence, dk-list and gender 1968-2009

The 2 new tables on causes of death have been prepared in cooperation with the National Board of Health, and a coherent detailed table for the entire period 1968-2009 has been established. The tables will be updated annually.

Figures in our Statbank

With this publication our presentation of population statistics continues to integrate our homepage (www.stat.gl) and our Statbank (<http://bank.stat.gl>).

We aim to give access to very detailed statistical information's and give our users an easy way to define and download tables. Updated figures will be found in the Statbank in Danish, Greenlandic and English.

On population we can present detailed, coherent and consistent statistical information for:

Population estimates: 1977-2011

Births: 1973-2010

Deaths: 1973-2010

Cause of Deaths: 1968-2009

Migration*: 1993-2010

Internal migration*: 1993-2010

* We have raw register data for 1981-1992 and hope to integrate later.

In creating these tables the present administrative subdivision has been used and municipalities are as defined January 1st 2009. At lower levels we use 2 concepts; districts are equivalent with municipalities prior to 2009 and localities. A locality is a place and can be any town, settlement, station, mine and can be inhabited or not. For definition we use the one ASIAQ (www.asiaq.gl) has determined. The Asiaq list on localities is as of now not complete with regards to historical localities.

To ensure consistency at detailed levels we have revised our data once again. Some minor inconsistencies have been corrected, and some differences can be found in comparing the revised tables with previously publications.

For fast access to a relevant table in the Statbank, links are found below each table and graph on the following pages.

Overview 1. Population January 1st by gender, 2002-2011

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total	56.676	56.854	56.969	56.901	56.648	56.462	56.194	56.452	56.615
Men	30.249	30.335	30.319	30.182	30.005	29.885	29.809	29.936	29.942
Women	26.427	26.519	26.650	26.719	26.643	26.577	26.385	26.516	26.673

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The rising population ... During 2010 total population rose by 163 persons. This is due to these changes:

Overview 2. Changes to the population in 2010

Population estimate January 1st 2010	56.453
+ births	868
- deaths	-510
+ immigrated	2.491
- emigrated	-2.651
- corrections	-35
Population estimate January 1st 2011	56.615

In the Statbank you can combine information on residence, gender, mother's age and place of birth from 1977 and onward. Geographically you can choose between municipalities, districts and localities. The most detailed table holds half a million table cells.

Overview 3. Births in the municipalities 2008-2010

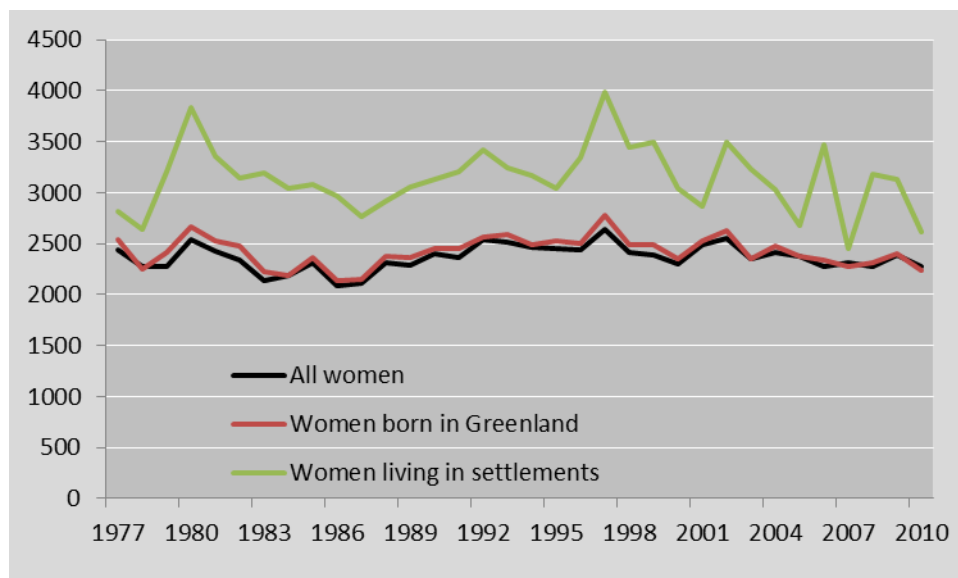
	2008	2009	2010
	number of live births		
Total	834	895	868
Kujalleq	110	121	115
Sermersooq	297	345	333
Qeqqata	163	149	133
Qaasuitsup	264	280	287

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From overview 3 we learn that 868 children were born in 2010, which are 27 fewer compared to 2009. The relatively small birth cohorts from the mid-seventies has for most now completed their fertile period. They will be replaced by relatively larger birth cohorts in the coming years.

The fertility pattern has been unchanged with total fertility above reproduction level. Graph 1 shows the total fertility rates over the past 10 years. There are no major differences at the municipal level. But large differences can be found between towns and settlements. Visit our Statbank: <http://bank.stat.gl/BEEBBSF2>

Graph 1 Total fertility rates selected population groups 1977-2010



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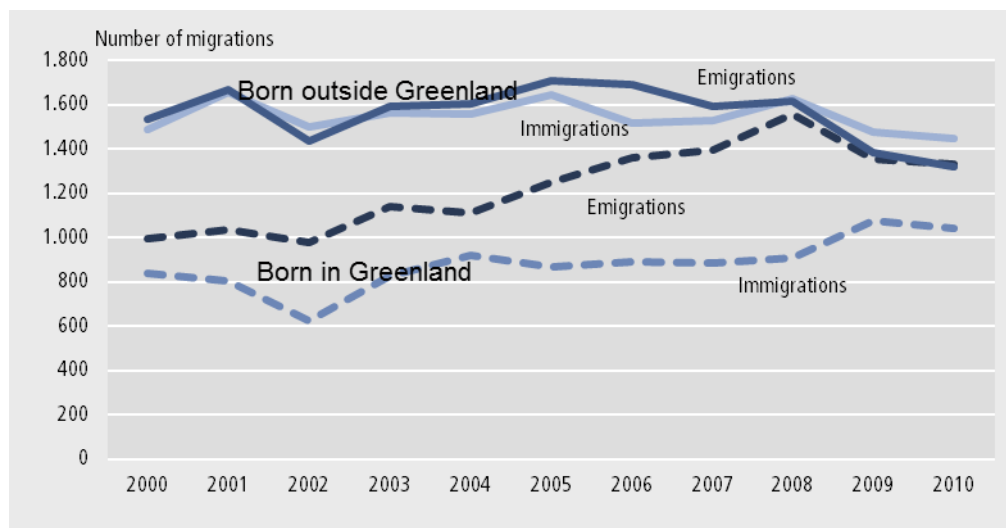
Overview 4 Death in the municipalities 2009-2010

	Men		Women		Total	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	Death					
Total						
Total	188	204	249	306	437	510
Towns	156	166	210	252	366	418
Settlements	32	38	39	54	71	92
Kujalleq						
Total	34	33	55	47	89	80
Towns	28	30	44	38	72	68
Settlements	6	3	11	9	17	12
Sermersooq						
Total	59	64	80	99	139	163
Towns	50	47	73	87	123	134
Settlements	9	17	7	12	16	29
Qeqqata						
Total	29	35	27	45	56	80
Towns	27	32	22	42	49	74
Settlements	2	3	5	3	7	6
Qaasuitsup						
Total	66	72	85	115	151	187
Towns	51	57	71	85	122	142
Settlements	15	15	14	30	29	45

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In the graph below the number of migrations by gender and place of birth 2000-2010 can be seen. Every year more people choose to emigrate than to immigrate. In 2010 2.491 persons immigrated while 2.651 persons emigrated.

Graph 2 Migrations 2000-2010



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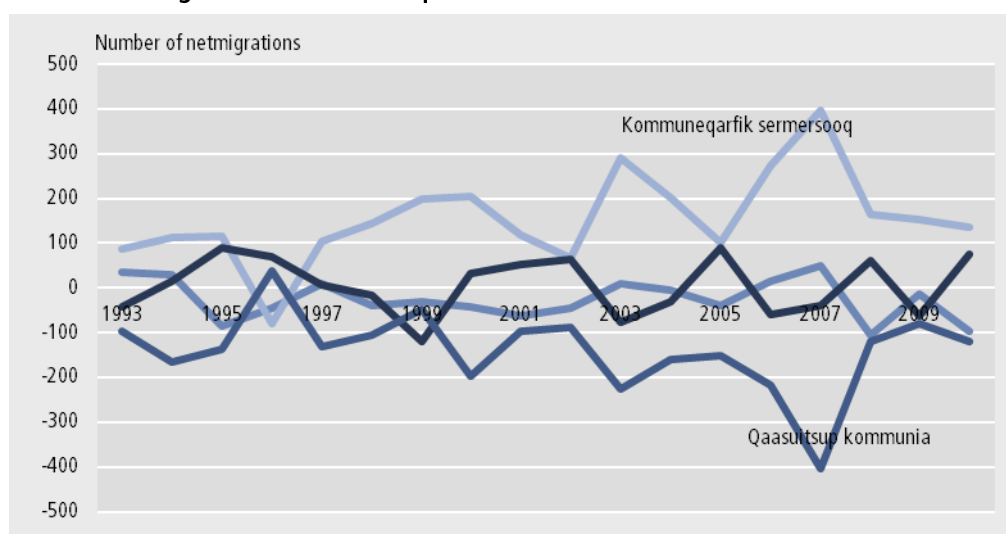
22.313 changes of addresses were counted in 2010, which is at same level as for the past 5 years. Most moving's takes place within the same locality.

Overview 5 Internal migrations 2010

	Kujalleq	Sermersooq	Qeqqata	Qaasuitsup	Other localities	Municipality of removal total
Municipality of migration	3.524	8.174	3.987	6.608	20	22.313
Kujalleq	2.996	354	130	139	2	3.621
Sermersooq	314	6.801	468	445	9	8.037
Qeqqata	95	491	3.019	303	3	3.911
Qaasuitsup	117	522	366	5.717	6	6.728
Other localities	2	6	4	4	-	16

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Graph 3 Net internal migrations in the municipalities 1993-2010



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