

Population 2016-2040

Declining and aging population over the next 24 years

The total population count is over the next 24 years projected to decline from todays 55,847 persons to 52,608 in 2040. In 2040 there will be around 3.000 fewer people in Greenland than today, if no unexpected changes in fertility, mortality and migration occur. Over the 24 years the population's average age will increase to 38,1 years from 35,4 today. The population continues to be younger than, say the Danish population where the average age today is 41,1 years.

Table 1. The Population's age distribution 1986-2040, selected years

	1986	1996	2006	2016	2026	2036	2040
— persons —							
Total	53.406	55.863	56.901	55.847	54.802	53.300	52.608
0-6	6.931	7.840	6.133	5.508	5.666	5.234	5.085
7-17	8.157	9.184	9.989	7.642	7.395	7.345	7.133
18-24	10.300	5.296	6.554	6.835	5.778	5.470	5.469
25-59	24.954	29.432	28.673	28.624	26.069	24.775	24.396
60-69	1.892	2.820	3.683	4.609	6.487	5.395	4.939
70+	1.172	1.291	1.869	2.629	3.407	5.081	5.586
— percent —							
0-6	13,0	14,0	10,8	9,9	10,3	9,8	9,7
7-17	15,3	16,4	17,6	13,7	13,5	13,8	13,6
18-24	19,3	9,5	11,5	12,2	10,5	10,3	10,4
25-59	46,7	52,7	50,4	51,3	47,6	46,5	46,4
60-69	3,5	5,0	6,5	8,3	11,8	10,1	9,4
70+	2,2	2,3	3,3	4,7	6,2	9,5	10,6

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

Over the projection period, the share of elderly people (70+) will double. The population in working ages will decline, but still constitute about half the population.

These are the main results of the projection of the Greenlandic population, based on the population count January 1st 2016 and experiences from vital statistics 2006-2015 .

Detailed calculation results by gender, 1 year age groups and place of birth can be found in our Statbank <http://bank.stat.gl/beeprog>

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