

Population 2017-2040

Declining and aging population towards 2040

The total population will decline over the next decades and is expected to fall from the current 55,860 persons to 52-53,000 towards 2040.

By 2040, about 3,000 fewer will be living in Greenland than today if no unexpected changes in fertility, mortality or immigration and immigration flows occur.

Table 1 The Population's age distribution 1987-2040, selected years

	1987	1997	2007	2017	2027	2037	2040
persons							
Total	53,733	55,971	56,648	55,860	54,460	52,760	52,207
0-6	6,986	7,696	6,007	5,527	5,609	5,204	5,097
7-14	6,223	7,748	7,753	6,252	5,969	5,855	5,728
15-17	2,642	2,277	2,845	2,106	2,053	2,017	1,987
18-24	9,096	4,565	5,865	5,961	5,136	4,873	4,860
25-59	25,595	29,471	28,438	28,544	25,722	24,695	24,396
60-66	1,584	2,181	3,077	3,850	5,083	3,599	3,611
67+	1,607	2,033	2,663	3,620	4,886	6,517	6,527
percent							
0-6	13,0	13,7	10,6	9,9	10,3	9,9	9,8
7-14	11,6	13,8	13,7	11,2	11,0	11,1	11,0
15-17	4,9	4,1	5,0	3,8	3,8	3,8	3,8
18-24	16,9	8,2	10,4	10,7	9,4	9,2	9,3
25-59	47,6	52,7	50,2	51,1	47,2	46,8	46,7
60-66	2,9	3,9	5,4	6,9	9,3	6,8	6,9
67+	3,0	3,6	4,7	6,5	9,0	12,4	12,5

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

Throughout the projection period, the oldest part of the population (67+) will double. The part in working ages will fall, but still account for almost half of the population.

These are the main results of a projection of the Greenlandic population until 2040, based on the population count of January 1st 2017. The projection was conducted at a lower level of ambition than previous, as only the population estimates has been updated for the country projection and all assumptions are unchanged from the 2016 projections.

The lower level of ambition is chosen to allow time to rewrite the projection model using Statbank Greenland as datasource for the calculations. Also, the technical calculation methods will be revised for comparability to methods used by Statistics Denmark. For example, the Danish method of fertility calculation was revised in 2014.

Finally, regional projections must be changed to take account of the division of Qaasuitsup Municipality, cf. Inatsisart n 30 of November 28th 2016 on structural reform of the municipal sector from 2018. Regional projection results from the previous years can be found in StatBank Greenland at <http://bank.stat.gl/beeprog>

Greenland Statistics aim to publish results on October 5th, 2017.

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

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