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Nordic cooperation is one of the world's most extensive forms of regional collaboration, involving Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and three autonomous areas: the Faroe Islands, Greenland, and Åland. *Nordic cooperation* has firm traditions in politics, the economy, and culture. It plays an important role in European and international collaboration, and aims at creating a strong Nordic community in a strong Europe. *Nordic cooperation* seeks to safeguard Nordic and regional interests and principles in the global community. Common Nordic values help the region solidify its position as one of the world's most innovative and competitive.

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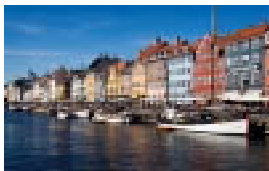
Throughout the book the following symbols and country codes are used:

Symbols		Country codes	
Nil	-	DK: Denmark	AX: Åland
Less than half	0	FO: Faroe	IS: Iceland
Not applicable	.	Icelands	NO: Norway
Data not available	..	GL: Greenland	SE: Sweden
		FI: Finland	

To describe the different countries in the figures following colours are used:

Denmark: 	Greenland: 	Åland: 	Norway: 
Faroe Isl: 	Finland: 	Iceland: 	Sweden: 

The Nordic countries



Area km²

Population

Status/Form of government

Head of state

Capital area

Denmark

43 561

5 475 791

Constitutional monarchy

Queen Margrethe II

1 645 825



Area km²

Population

Status/Form of government

Head of state

Capital area

Faroe Islands

1 396

48 433

Home rule – within the Kingdom of Denmark

Queen Margrethe II

19 429



Area km²

Population

Status/Form of government

Head of state

Capital area

Greenland

2 166 086

56 462

Home rule – within the Kingdom of Denmark

Queen Margrethe II

15 047



Area km²

Population

Status/Form of government

Head of state

Capital area

Finland

338 419

5 300 484

Republic

President

Tarja Halonen

1 007 611

The Nordic countries



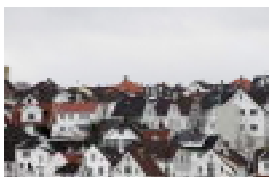
Åland

Area km²	1 552
Population	27 153
Status/Form of government	Home rule – within the Republic of Finland
Head of state	President Tarja Halonen
Capital area	10 902



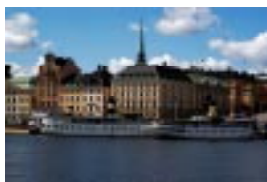
Iceland

Area km²	103 300
Population	313 376
Status/Form of government	Republic
Head of state	President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson
Capital area	196 564



Norway

Area km²	323 782
Population	4 737 171
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Harald V
Capital area	1 079 051



Sweden

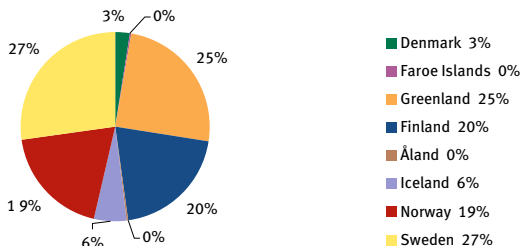
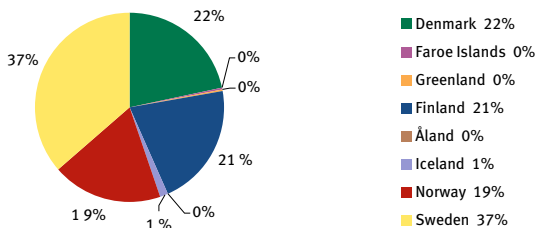
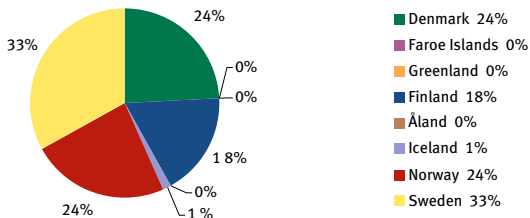
Area km²	450 295
Population	9 182 927
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Carl XVI Gustaf
Capital area	1 949 516

Key figures

The Nordic countries in an international context – key figures

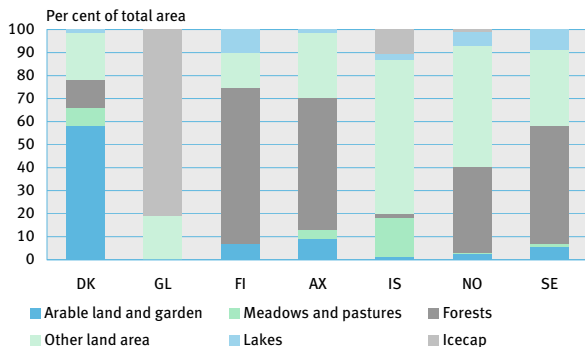
	Nordic countries	Euro- area	USA	Japan
<i>Land area, 1 000 sq km</i>				
Total	3 428	2 600	9 631	378
Ice free	1 561	2 568	9 162	375
<i>Population</i>				
Total, million	25	320	302	128
Inhabitants per sq. km	16	125	33	341
<i>Fertility</i>				
Births per woman	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.3
% of population				
0–14 years	17.7	15.6	20.3	13.6
+65 years	16.2	17.9	12.5	21.3
<i>Life expectancy (years)</i>				
Men	77	77	75	79
Women	82	83	80	86
<i>GDP</i>				
2007, billion euro	1 040	8 921	10 075	3 197
Per person 2007, euro (PPP)	33 396	27 300	38 500	28 200
<i>General government, % of GDP</i>				
Debt, ult. 2007	37.7	66.4	60.8	195.5
Surplus, 2007	7.1	-0.6	-2.5	-3.4
Tax burden	47.8	39.7	27.3	27.4
<i>Labour force</i>				
Labour force participation, %				
Men	81.1	78.7	81.7	85.2
Women	75.7	63.4	69.1	61.9
Unemployment 2007, %	6.6	7.9	4.6	4.1

The Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland. Euro-area: The 15 European countries, which have adopted the euro as currency.

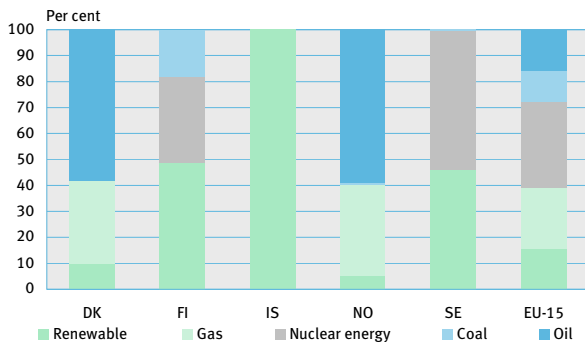
Area (ice free)**Population****Gross national income**

Environment and energy

Land use 2007



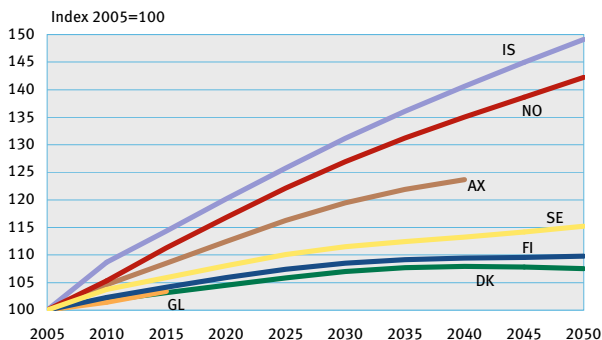
Indigenous energy production. 2006



Nordic population. 1 January 2008

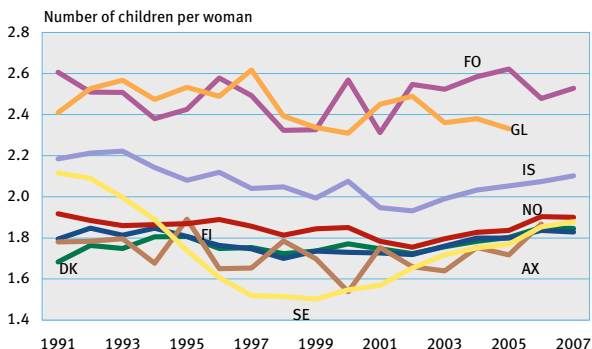
	Total	Men	Women
The Nordic countries, total	25 141 797	12 461 073	12 680 724
Denmark	5 475 791	2 712 666	2 763 125
Faroe Islands	48 433	25 174	23 259
Greenland	56 462	29 885	26 577
Finland	5 300 484	2 596 787	2 703 697
Åland	27 153	13 462	13 691
Iceland	313 376	159 488	153 888
Norway	4 737 171	2 359 690	2 377 481
Sweden	9 182 927	4 563 921	4 619 006

Finland includes Åland.

Latest population projections

Population

Total fertility rate



Life expectancy for a newborn baby, years

	DK	FO	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Men</i>								
1990	72.0	72.3	60.7	70.9	74.7	75.0	73.4	74.8
1995	72.6	73.5	62.3	72.8	75.1	76.5	74.8	76.2
2000	74.3	75.1	62.8	74.1	78.5	77.6	76.0	77.4
2005	75.6	76.9	65.5	75.5	77.6	79.2	77.7	78.4
2006	75.9	76.5	65.7	75.8	78.0	79.4	78.1	78.7
2007	76.0	76.5	..	75.8	..	79.4	78.2	78.9
<i>Women</i>								
1990	77.7	79.4	68.4	78.9	82.8	80.1	79.8	80.4
1995	77.8	80.5	68.3	80.2	81.1	80.6	80.8	81.5
2000	79.0	81.4	68.0	81.0	81.5	81.4	81.4	82.0
2005	80.2	81.4	70.9	82.3	83.6	83.1	82.5	82.8
2006	80.4	81.3	71.0	82.8	83.5	83.0	82.7	82.9
2007	80.5	82.0	..	82.9	..	82.9	82.7	83.0

Asylum requests

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden	Total
2000	10 347	3 170	25	10 843	16 303	40 688
2001	8 385	1 651	53	14 782	23 515	48 386
2002	6 660	3 443	117	17 480	33 016	60 716
2003	2 767	3 221	80	15 613	31 355	53 036
2004	1 633	3 861	76	7 950	23 161	36 681
2005	1 283	3 574	87	5 402	17 530	27 876
2006	922	2 324	39	5 320	24 322	32 927
2007	1 028	1 512	42	6 528	36 207	45 317

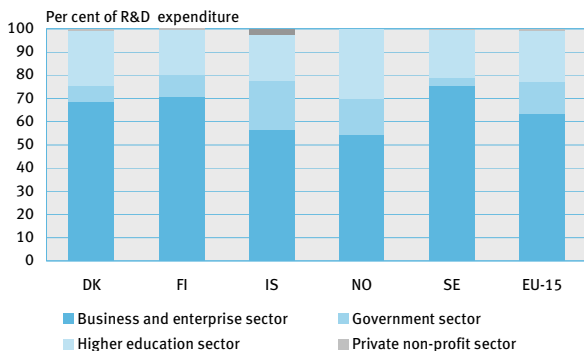
Asylum requests by citizenship. 2007

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden	Total
Totalt	1 028	1 512	42	6 528	36 207	45 317
EEA	11	12	-	34	48	105
Bulgaria	4	13	-	4	35	56
Romania	3	9	1	4	56	73
Russia	52	176	5	863	788	1 884
Belarus	-	48	3	16	365	432
Ukraine	2	5	1	6	68	82
Turkey	9	73	1	49	290	422
Other Europe	95	224	7	660	3 118	4 104
America, total	2	10	1	17	849	879
Somalia	11	82	-	187	3 349	3 629
Other Africa	60	224	4	1 633	2 664	4 585
Afghanistan	68	96	1	234	609	1 008
Iraq	474	327	1	1 227	18 559	20 588
Iran	55	79	1	222	485	842
Other Asia	158	120	16	857	3 304	4 455
Oceania	-	-	-	..	1	1
Unknown and stateless	24	14	-	515	1 619	2 172

EEA: European Economic Area. Consists of the 27 members of the European Union, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Science and technology

R&D expenditure by performing sector. 2007



Household access to PC and Internet. 2007

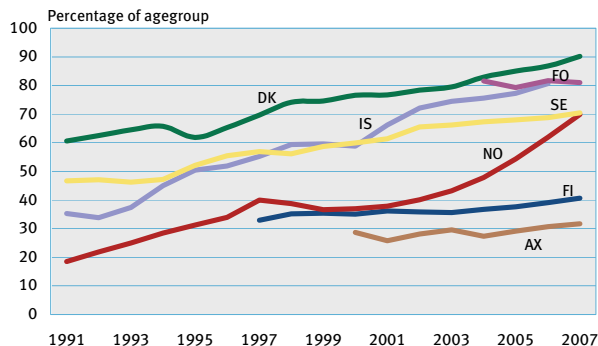
	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
<i>Per cent</i>					
Access to PC ¹⁾	85	74	89	75	82
Access to the Internet	78	69	84	78	79

¹⁾ 2006 data.

Children in day-care by age. 2007

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
<i>Total number of children in the agegroup</i>					
0 years	64 408	58 852	4 455	58 678	107 018
1 years	65 020	58 578	4 478	58 623	105 222
2 years	65 113	58 102	4 289	58 317	103 444
3 years	65 629	57 667	4 347	58 400	102 739
4 years	64 244	56 681	4 115	57 777	100 522
5 years	64 850	56 415	4 167	57 813	96 932
<i>Per cent of children in the age group</i>					
0 years	16.6	1,3	7,4	4,4	0,0
1 years	88.1	31,0	69,0	60,3	50,3
2 years	92.4	50,4	92,2	79,3	91,0
3 years	95.3	67,3	97,9	92,6	95,4
4 years	98.2	73,3	95,0	96,5	98,9
5 years	95.6	76,1	91,3	94,9	100,0

Children in total or partly publicly funded day care.

1–2-year-old children in day-care

Children in total or partly publicly funded day care.

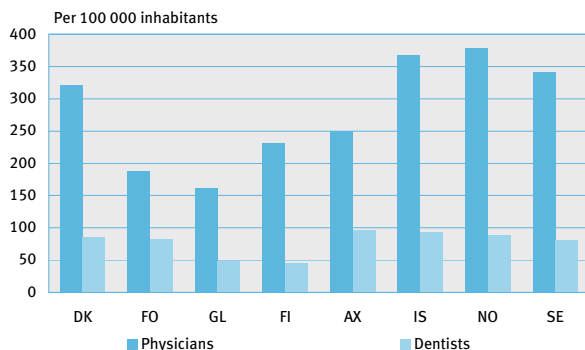
Quality of life

Maternity day benefits in the event of pregnancy, childbirth or adoption

	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Number of days with benefits (1 000s)</i>					
1990					
Days	12 523	16 900	725	5 149	50 607
Percentage taken by men	4.1	2.4	..	..	8.8
2007					
Days	20 874	16 104	1 150	11 789	47 548
Percentage taken by men	6.2	6.1	32.6	11.4	21.2

Iceland: 2006 data. Entitlement to cash benefit during maternity leave will lapse if a mother is entitled to full pay from her employer.

Working physicians and dentists. 2006



Denmark: 2005 data. Faroe Islands: 2003 data.

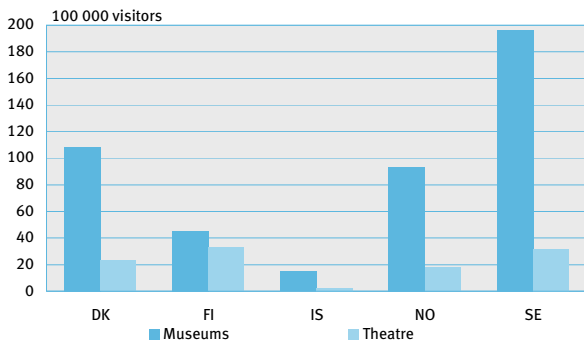
Deaths caused by cancer. Per 100 000. 2006

	DK	FO	GL	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Men:</i>							
Total	300	209	185	223	176	224	256
0–14 years	1	7	14	2	-	3	4
15–34 years	8	..	12	5	13	5	5
35–44 years	28	22	50	21	9	20	20
45–54 years	129	93	267	81	120	94	77
55–64 years	432	367	617	308	298	324	281
65–74 years	1 092	866	1 715	774	895	861	811
75+ years	2 483	1 894	3 313	1 914	1 573	2 239	1 973
<i>Women:</i>							
Total	276	201	188	187	148	213	227
0–14 years	2	7	14	3	-	1	2
15–34 years	7	11	14	5	9	4	5
35–44 years	42	37	77	29	28	35	30
45–54 years	137	75	177	90	126	120	105
55–64 years	372	333	710	217	305	300	291
65–74 years	809	762	1 695	460	534	569	586
75+ years	1 530	1 167	2 863	995	937	1 214	1 112

Greenland, Norway and Sweden: 2005 data.

Quality of life

Number of visitors to museums and theatres. 2007

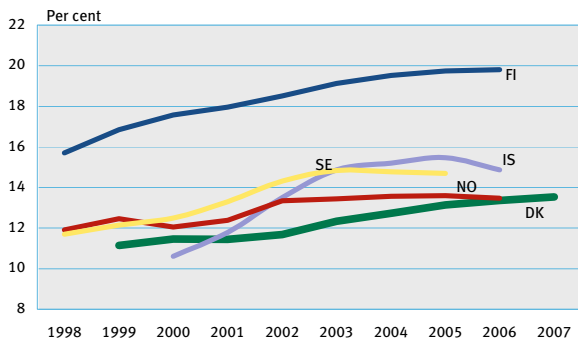


Finland and Iceland: Museums 2006-data. Norway and Sweden: 2006 data.

Film premières. 2007

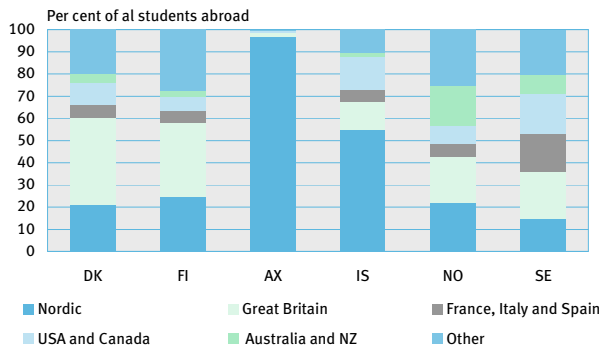
	DK	FO	GL	FI	IS	NO	SE
Total	235	80	105	165	168	237	246
National premières	38	..	..	14	4	22	29
Foreign film premières	197	80	..	151	164	215	217
<i>Per cent</i>							
National share	16	..	..	8	2	9	12

Students aged 20–39 at tertiary education, per cent of population 20–39.



Finland includes Åland.

Nordic students abroad. 2006/07



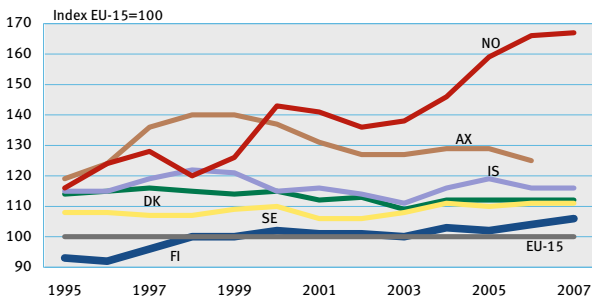
Economic trends

Economic key figures. 2007

	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	Euro-area
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>						
Balance of payments	1.1	4.6	-15.6	15.4	8.5	0.3
Foreign assets, net, 31 dec. 2007	-4	-26	-124	59	-2	..
Public sector surplus	4.8	5.3	5.2	19.3	3.5	-0.6
Public debt, 31 dec. 2007	26.0	35.4	30.0	48.9	40.6	66.3
<i>Per cent</i>						
Unemployment	3.8	6.9	2.3	2.6	6.2	7.0
Interest rate	4.3	4.3	9.8	4.8	4.2	4.3
<i>Percentage change 2006–2007</i>						
Inflation	1.7	1.6	3.6	0.7	1.7	2.1
Economic growth	1.8	4.4	3.8	3.7	2.7	2.6
Share price index	24.0	24.4	27.1	24.5	20.6	16.5
Effective nominal Exchange rate index	1.6	1.8	..	1.8	1.9	6.2 ¹⁾

Note: Harmonized unemployment figures.

¹⁾ EU-15

Gross domestic product per person in euro (PPP)**Supply and demand. 2007**

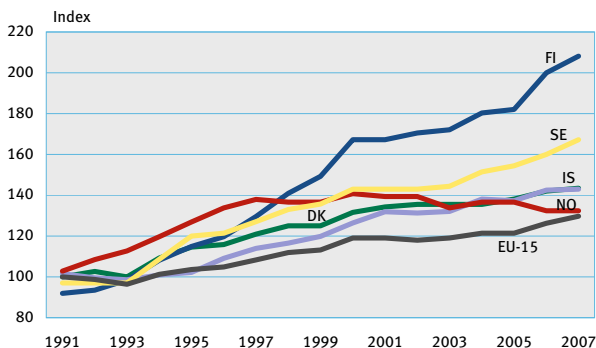
Billion euro	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	EU-15
Gross domestic product, GDP	227.7	179.7	14.6	284.0	332.0	11 439.1
<i>Per cent</i>						
Total supply	151	141	146	130	145	138
Gross domestic product, GDP	100	100	100	100	100	100
Import of goods and services	51	41	46	30	45	38
Total demand	151	140	146	130	145	138
Consumption:						
Private	50	50	59	44	47	58
Public	26	21	25	20	26	21
Gross capital formation	23	22	27	21	19	21
Exports of goods and services	52	46	35	46	52	39
Surplus: Exports - imports	1.1	5.1	-10.6	15.7	7.6	0.8

Economic trends

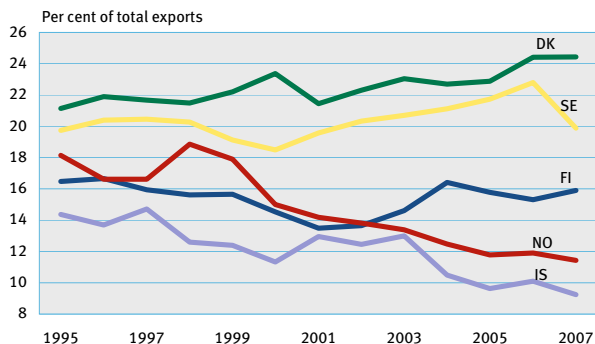
Balance of payments. 2007

	DK	FO	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Million euro</i>						
Current account surplus (1+2+3)	2 520	19	8 222	- 2 281	43 742	28 315
(1) Balance of goods and services	4 589	-155	8 522	- 1 554	44 458	24 698
Of which: goods (fob)	-824	-80	8 662	- 1 004	39 907	13 297
Of which: services (fob)	5 413	-74	- 140	- 550	4 552	11 401
(2) Labour compensation and investment income	1 594	60	1 084	- 683	1 147	7 238
(3) Current transfers	- 3 663	114	- 1 385	- 44	- 1 863	- 3 621
Capital account and financial transactions	- 2 541	..	- 7 471	1 946	43 742	- 15 598
Change in the foreign exchange reserve	- 20	..	- 227	- 76	1 061	240

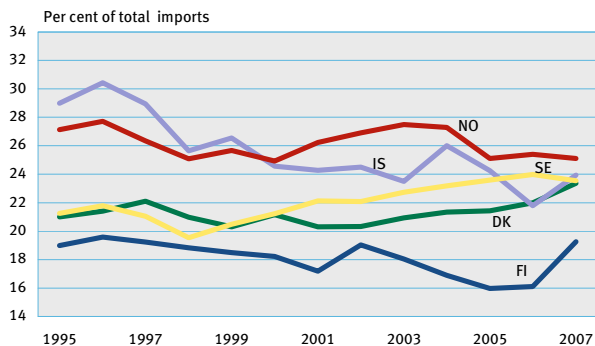
Industrial production index 1990=100



The Nordic countries exports to other Nordic countries



The Nordic countries imports from other Nordic countries

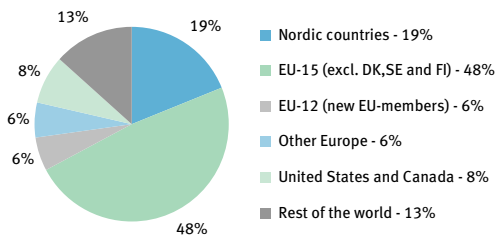
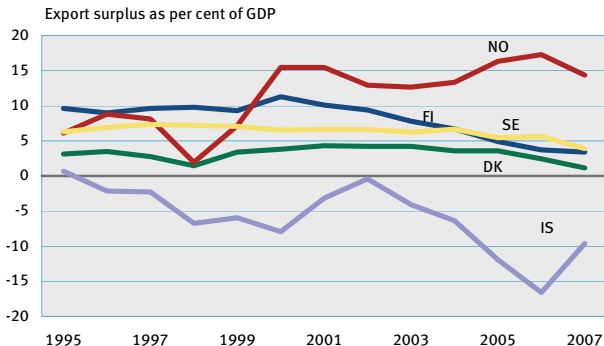


Globalisation

Nordic exports in percent of total export. 2006

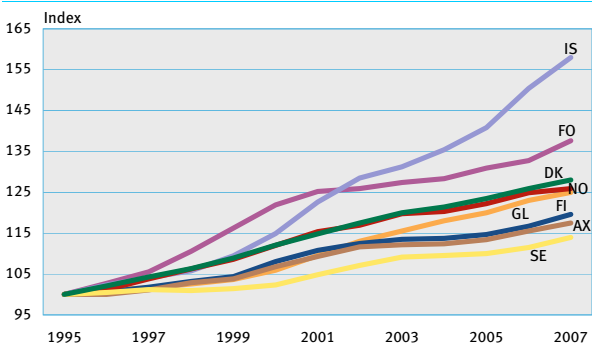
Per cent	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Exports to:</i>					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nordic countries	24.4	15.9	9.2	11.4	23.7
EU-15 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	46.8	35.8	68.4	67.2	40.8
12 new EU-countries	6.2	8.2	1.9	2.5	6.3
Russia	1.8	10.2	1.4	0.7	2.0
Other Europe	4.5	14.3	3.4	2.2	5.3
USA and Canada	7.0	7.2	5.7	9.1	8.5
Other America	1.5	2.0	2.4	1.1	2.1
Japan	1.8	1.8	4.2	1.0	1.2
DAEs	2.4	2.7	0.7	2.3	2.3
China	1.7	3.3	0.8	1.2	1.9
India	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.9
Rest of the world	3.9	9.0	3.3	1.8	7.6
<i>Imports from:</i>					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nordic countries	23.1	19.2	23.8	24.9	23.4
EU-15 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	50.2	40.8	34.4	37.8	48.2
12 new EU-countries	6.1	5.8	6.6	6.0	7.1
Russia	1.2	13.9	1.2	2.4	3.1
Other Europe	3.1	1.7	3.2	2.7	2.5
USA and Canada	3.6	3.2	15.1	9.0	3.4
Other America	1.5	2.2	1.3	2.5	1.4
Japan	0.7	1.6	4.7	2.2	2.0
DAEs	2.6	2.8	2.4	3.1	2.5
China	5.3	5.5	5.0	6.0	4.2
India	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Rest of the world	1.9	3.1	2.0	3.0	1.9

Note: DAE-countries (Dynamic asian economies): Hongkong, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

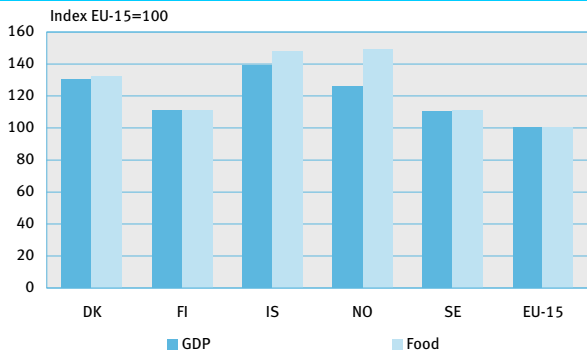
Nordic exports in percent of total export. 2007***Trade balance of goods***

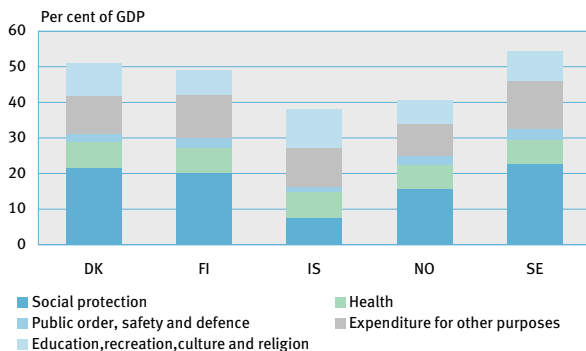
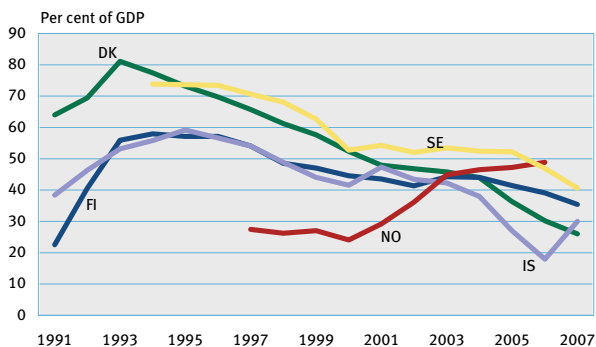
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Consumer price index



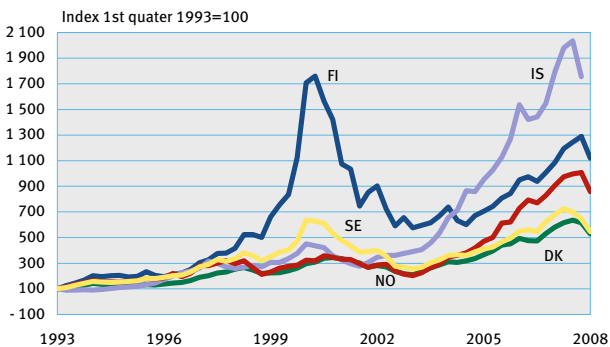
Price index. 2007



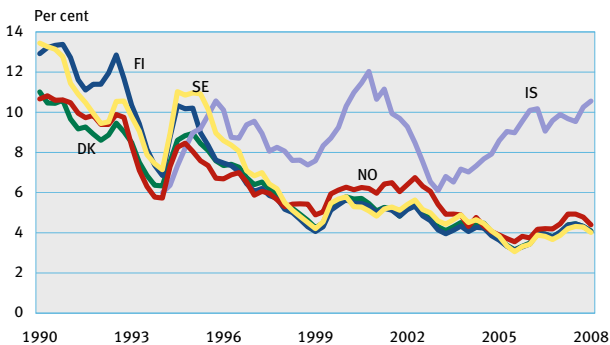
General government expenditure by purpose. 2007**General government gross debt**

Public finance and prices

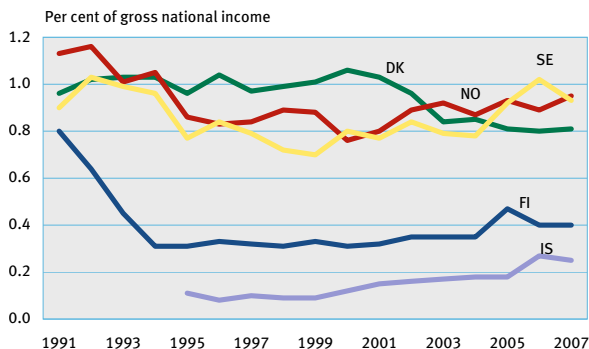
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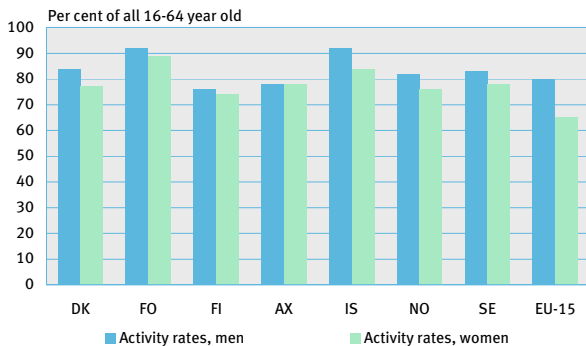
Long-term interest rates



Government aid to developing countries

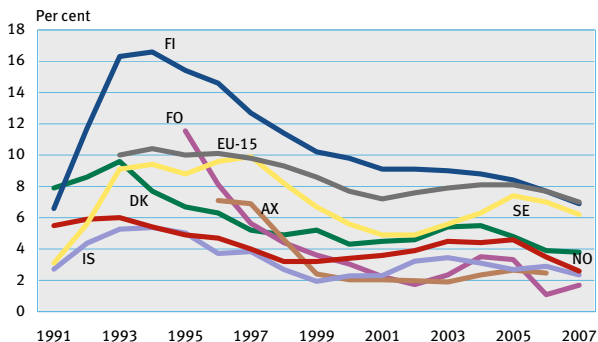


Activity rates by sex. 2007



Labour market

Unemployment



EU-harmonized unemployment figures except Faroe Islands and Åland.

Unemployment by age. 2007

	DK	FO	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
1 000s								
Total	107.4	0.5	2.2	183.0	0.3	4.1	63.0	291.8
16-19	14.5	0.0	0.2	28.0	0.0	1.5	15.0	58.6
20-24	15.2	0.2	0.3	29.0	0.0	0.8	11.0	54.6
25-34	25.7	0.0	0.4	34.0	0.1	0.6	14.0	59.4
35-44	20.8	0.1	0.7	32.0	0.1	0.5	12.0	49.0
45-54	15.9	0.1	0.5	34.0	0.1	0.5	7.0	34.9
55-64	15.4	0.1	0.1	27.0	0.1	0.2	4.0	35.2