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

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

The Nordic countries



Denmark

Area km ²	43 561
Population	5 560 628
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Capital	
population	692 876



Faroe Islands

Area km ²	1 396
Population	48 574
Status/Form of government	Home rule – within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Capital	
population	19 919 (Municipality)



Greenland

Area km ²	2 166 086
Population	56 615
Status/Form of government	Self government – within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Capital	
population	15 862



Finland

Area km ²	338 440
Population	5 372 276
Status/Form of government	Republic
Head of state	President Tarja Halonen
Capital	
population	588 549



Åland

Area km ²	1 580
Population	28 007
Status/Form of government	Home rule – within the Republic of Finland
Head of state	President Tarja Halonen
Capital population	11 190



Norway

Area km ²	323 787
Population	4 920 305
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Harald V
Capital population	599 230



Iceland

Area km ²	103 440
Population	318 452
Status/Form of government	Republic
Head of state	President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson
Capital population	118 898



Sweden

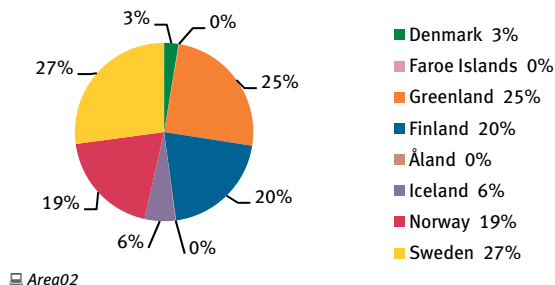
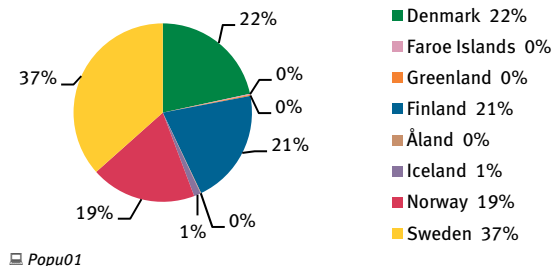
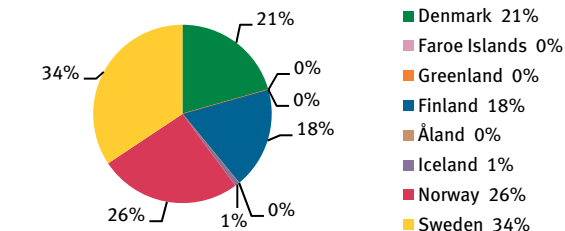
Area km ²	450 295
Population	9 415 570
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Carl XVI Gustaf
Capital population	847 073

Key figures

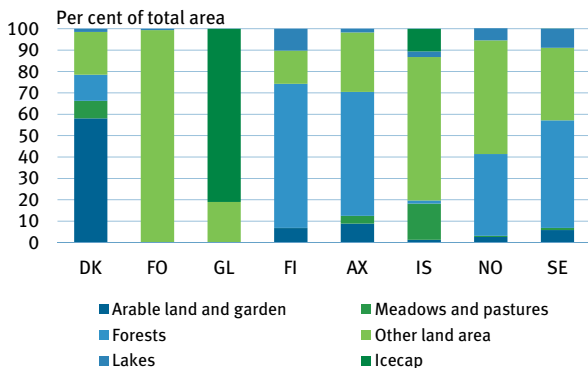
The Nordic countries in an international context – key figures. 2010

	Nordic countries	Euro- area	USA	Japan
<i>Land area, 1 000 sq km</i>				
Total	3 429	2 628	9 827	378
Ice-free	1 566	2 552	9 162	364
<i>Population</i>				
Total, million	26	331	309	128
Inhabitants per sq. km	16	130	34	350
<i>Fertility</i>				
Births per woman	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.3
Per cent of population				
0–14 years	17.4	15.4	20.1	13.3
65+ years	16.8	18.3	13.1	22.7
<i>Life expectancy (years) 2008</i>				
Men	78	78	76	80
Women	83	84	81	86
<i>GDP</i>				
Billion euro	1 042	9 770	10 957	4 122
Per person, euro (PPP)	32 375	26 400	36 500	2 600
<i>General government, per cent of GDP</i>				
Debt, ultimo 2009	45	85.1	61.3	183.5
Surplus	0.4	-6.0	-10.7	-8.7
Tax burden 2008	44.9	38.9	24.0	28.1
<i>Labour force, per cent</i>				
Labour force participation				
Men	81.4	79.5	79.2	84.8
Women	76.1	65.3	69.8	53.0
Unemployment	7.2	10.0	9.6	5.3

The Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland. Euro-area: The 17 European countries that have adopted the euro as currency.

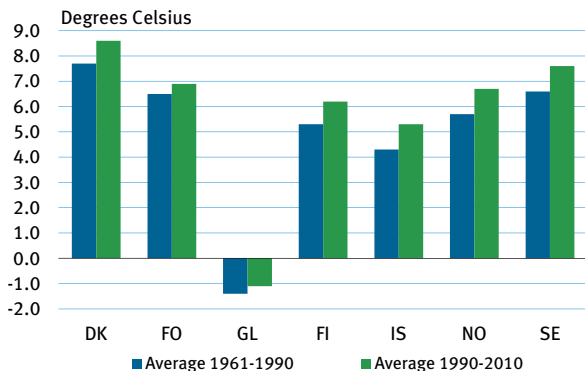
Area (ice-free)**Population****Gross national income**

Land use, 2010



Area02

Average temperature in the Nordic capitals

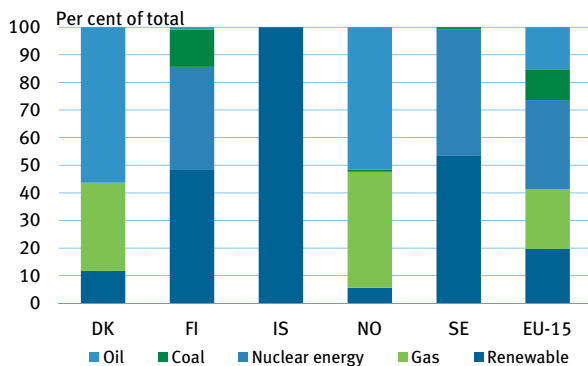


Temp01

Greenhouse gas emissions per capita

	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>CO₂-equivalents, tonnes</i>					
1990	13.5	14.1	13.4	11.7	8.5
2000	13.0	13.4	13.4	11.9	7.8
2009	11.3	12.4	14.5	10.6	6.5

Emis11 and Popu02

Indigenous energy production. 2009

Ener06

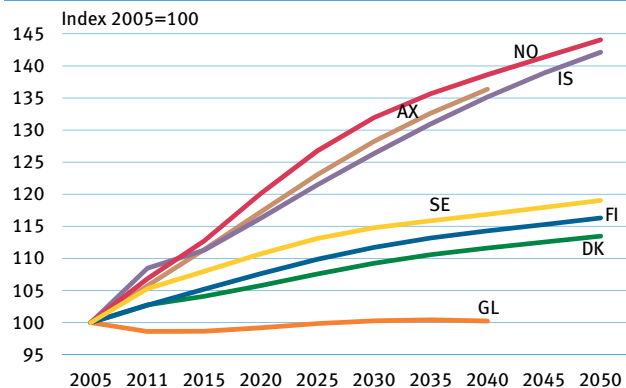
Population

Nordic population. 1 January 2011

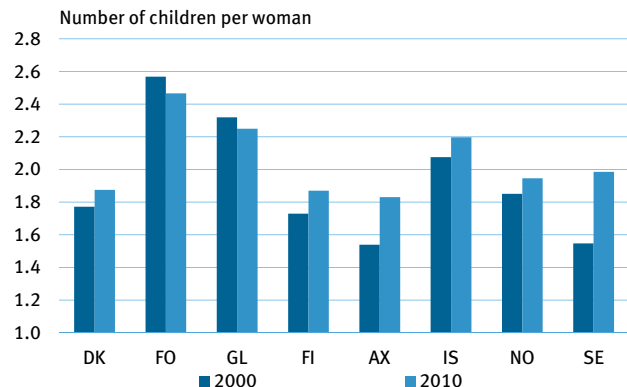
	Total	Men	Women
The Nordic countries, total	25 695 420	12 761 266	12 934 154
Denmark	5 560 628	2 756 582	2 804 046
Faroe Islands	48 574	25 227	23 347
Greenland	56 615	29 942	26 673
Finland	5 375 276	2 638 416	2 736 860
Åland	28 007	13 953	14 054
Iceland	318 452	160 006	158 446
Norway	4 920 305	2 460 849	2 459 456
Sweden	9 415 570	4 690 244	4 725 326

Popu01. Finland includes Åland.

Population trends according to latest population projections



Popu06

Total fertility rate

Chil02

Life expectancy for a newborn baby, years

	DK	FO	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
Men								
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
2009	76.5	76.9	..	76.5	79.7	79.7	78.6	79.3
2010	77.1	77.2	..	76.7	..	79.5	78.9	79.5
Women								
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
2009	80.8	82.5	..	83.1	83.1	83.3	83.1	83.3
2010	81.2	82.9	..	83.2	..	83.5	83.2	83.5

Life01

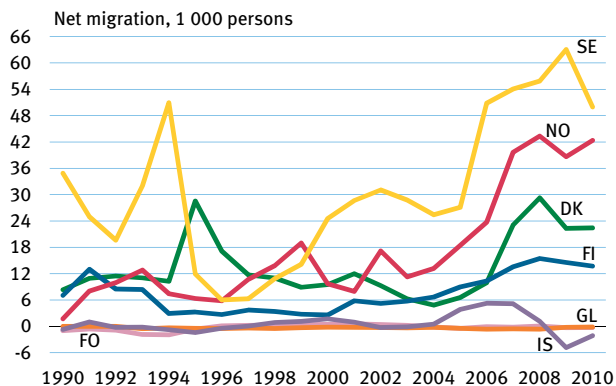
Population

Asylum requests

	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	Total
1990	5 292	..	4	..	29 420	..
1995	5 104	..	4	1 460	9 047	..
2000	10 347	3 170	25	10 843	16 303	40 688
2005	1 283	3 574	87	5 402	17 530	27 876
2006	922	2 324	39	5 320	24 322	32 927
2007	1 029	1 505	42	6 528	36 207	45 311
2008	951	4 035	73	14 431	24 353	43 843
2009	2 022	5 988	34	17 226	24 194	49 464
2010	2 844	4 018	44	10 064	31 819	48 789

■ Migr04

Net migrations



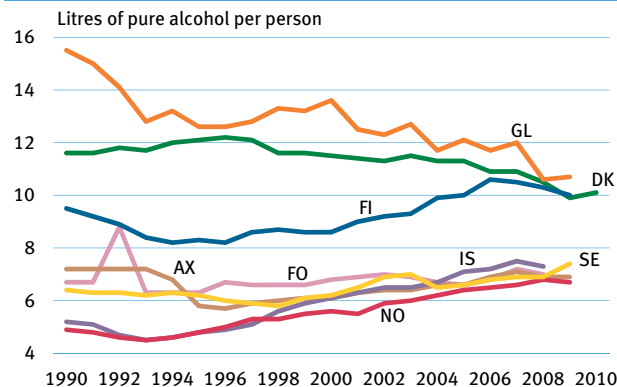
■ Migr03

Daily smokers

	DK	FO	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Per cent</i>						
<i>Men</i>						
1995	44	..	29	32	33	22
2000	31	..	27	23	31	17
2005	28	28	26	20	27	14
2009	24	24	22	15	21	13
<i>Women</i>						
1995	39	..	19	33	32	24
2000	26	..	20	22	32	21
2005	23	27	18	20	24	18
2009	22	24	14	16	20	15

Heal01. Denmark: 2000 refers to 2001 data and 2005 refers to 2004 data. Faroe Islands 2009 refers to 2008 data.

Sale of alcoholic beverages



Heal02

Causes of death per 100 000 people

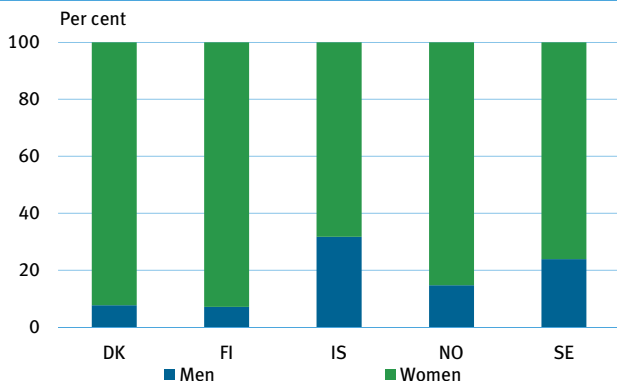
	DK	FO	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Men</i>								
<i>2005</i>								
Cancer	300	206	218	215	310	193	224	256
Cardiovascular diseases	303	335	185	364	338	226	300	418
Suicide	17	12	89	28	23	16	16	19
Accidents	35	37	82	81	43	26	50	44
<i>2009</i>								
Cancer	281	182	208	222	279	192	234	245
Cardiovascular diseases	259	261	131	376	332	236	257	374
Suicide	17	8	100	29	12	18	17	19
Accidents	28	63	60	74	61	25	45	37
<i>Women</i>								
<i>2005</i>								
Cancer	276	212	225	189	198	152	213	227
Cardiovascular diseases	322	334	188	389	455	217	328	436
Suicide	6	1	86	10	5	6	7	8
Accidents	27	19	53	36	17	18	34	31
<i>2009</i>								
Cancer	259	201	227	191	242	160	203	222
Cardiovascular diseases	271	244	136	386	400	221	301	403
Suicide	5	1	27	10	13	4	7	8
Accidents	23	13	38	33	21	16	35	25

■ Heal03, Heal04, Heal05 and Heal07

Children in day care by age. 2010

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
<i>Total number of children in day care by age group</i>					
Total	321 333	180 316	27 426	276 661	475 628
0 years	11 094	586	4 910	2 603	18
1 years	56 255	18 097	4 758	44 317	55 781
2 years	62 036	30 941	4 521	54 408	101 924
3 years	63 588	40 484	4 503	57 775	106 237
4 years	64 865	44 317	4 350	59 378	107 482
5 years	63 495	45 891	4 384	58 180	104 186
<i>Per cent of children in day care by age group</i>					
Total	82.0	50.3	74.1	75.6	72.0
0 years	17.5	1.0	7.2	4.2	-
1 years	86.1	29.8	67.5	71.2	49.3
2 years	94.1	51.4	93.8	88.9	91.4
3 years	97.2	68.0	95.3	95.0	96.1
4 years	98.6	74.0	95.7	98.5	97.7
5 years	96.8	78.2	91.4	97.4	98.3

■ Chil03. Children in total or partly publicly funded day care. Iceland: 2009 data

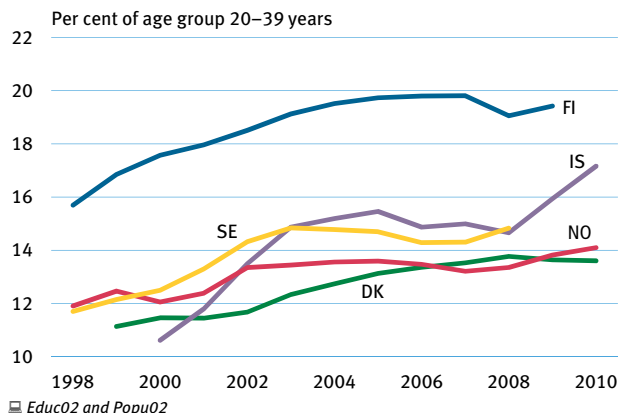
Number of days with maternity day benefits. 2010

■ Soci04

Student performance by literacy. PISA 2009

Reading literacy		Mathematical literacy		Scientific literacy	
Korea, Rep. of	539	Korea, Rep. of	546	Finland	554
Finland	536	Finland	541	Japan	539
Åland	527	Åland	536	Åland	539
Canada	524	Switzerland	534	Korea, Rep. of	538
New Zealand	521	Japan	529	New Zealand	532
Japan	520	Canada	527	Canada	529
Australia	515	Netherlands	526	Estonia	528
Netherlands	508	New Zealand	519	Australia	527
Belgium	506	Belgium	515	Netherlands	522
Norway	503	Australia	514	Germany	520
Estonia	501	Germany	513	Switzerland	517
Switzerland	501	Estonia	512	United Kingdom	514
Poland	500	Iceland	507	Slovenia	512
Iceland	500	Denmark	503	Poland	508
United States	500	Slovenia	501	Ireland	508
Sweden	497	Norway	498	Belgium	507
Germany	497	France	497	Hungary	503
Ireland	496	Slovak Republic	497	United States	502
France	496	Austria	496	OECD average	501
Denmark	495	OECD average	496	Czech Republic	500
United Kingdom	494	Poland	495	Norway	500
Hungary	494	Sweden	494	Denmark	499
OECD average	493	Czech Republic	493	France	498
Portugal	489	United Kingdom	492	Iceland	496
Italy	486	Hungary	490	Sweden	495
Slovenia	483	Luxembourg	489	Austria	494
Greece	483	United States	487	Portugal	493
Spain	481	Ireland	487	Slovak Republic	490
Czech Republic	478	Portugal	487	Italy	489
Slovak Republic	477	Spain	483	Spain	488
Israel	474	Italy	483	Luxembourg	484
Luxembourg	472	Greece	466	Greece	470
Austria	470	Faroe Islands	448	Israel	455
Turkey	464	Israel	447	Turkey	454
Chile	449	Turkey	445	Chile	447
Faroe Islands	436	Chile	421	Faroe Islands	431
Mexico	425	Mexico	419	Mexico	416

Students aged 20–39 at tertiary education in tertiary education

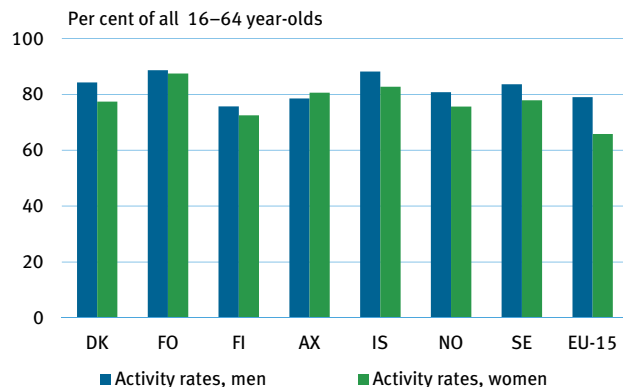


Nordic students abroad by destination. 2009/2010

Persons from	DK	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
Total	3 139	4 963	1 058	2 375	13 555	22 002
<i>Country of study:</i>						
Nordic total	579	1 081	1 015	1 270	3 180	3 159
Denmark	.	118	6	1 049	2 423	2 227
Finland	15	.	228	3	22	228
Iceland	38	13	1	.	26	19
Norway	187	73	6	58	.	685
Sweden	339	877	774	160	709	.
France	54	95	-	26	214	985
Germany	180	240	2	60	183	659
Great Britain	1 370	1 629	17	313	3 417	4 505
USA	290	350	8	313	1 176	3 804
Other	666	1 568	16	393	5 385	8 890

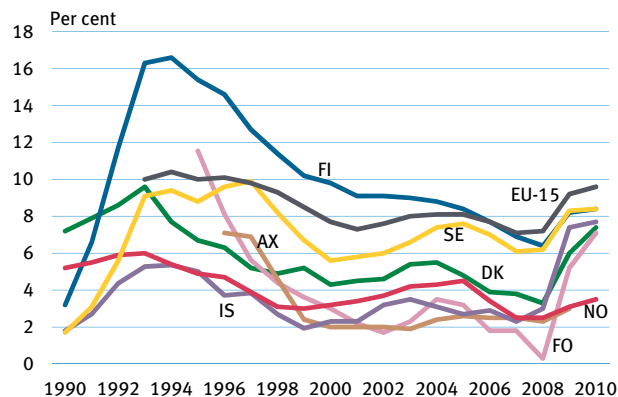
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Activity rates by sex, 2010



■ Work02. Åland: 2009 data.

Unemployment

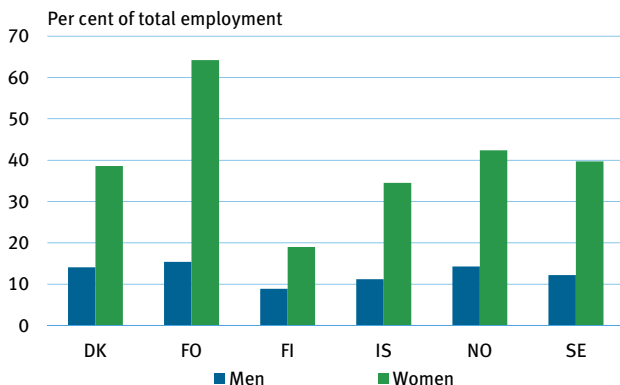


■ Key01. EU-harmonised unemployment figures except Faroe Islands and Åland.

Unemployment by age. 2010

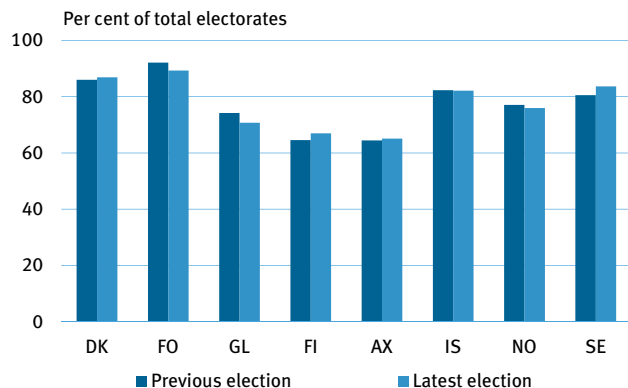
	DK	FO	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Per cent of labour force</i>							
Total	7.6	7.1	8.5	1.6	7.7	3.7	8.4
16–19	16.0	27.3	31.6	1.1	19.1	12.5	36.1
20–24	11.8	12.0	17.0	3.0	14.0	7.5	20.3
25–34	8.3	6.7	7.7	2.0	9.9	4.6	8.0
35–44	6.0	3.1	6.3	1.2	4.7	2.8	5.5
45–54	5.6	2.6	6.5	1.7	4.5	1.9	5.1
55–64	5.8	4.8	6.5	1.4	4.4	1.5	5.4

Work02. Åland: 2009 data.

Part time employment by sex. 2010

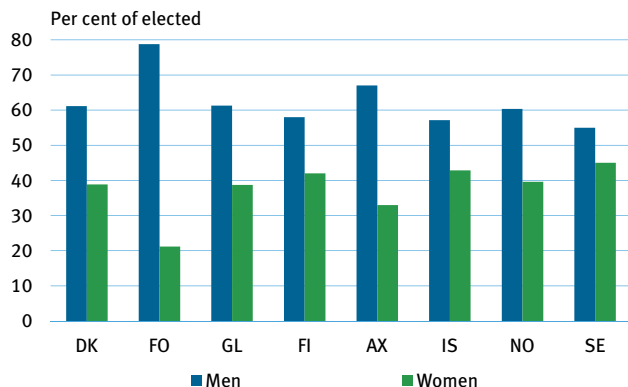
Labo03

Valid votes at the last two national elections



Ele01

Candidates elected to national parliaments, latest election

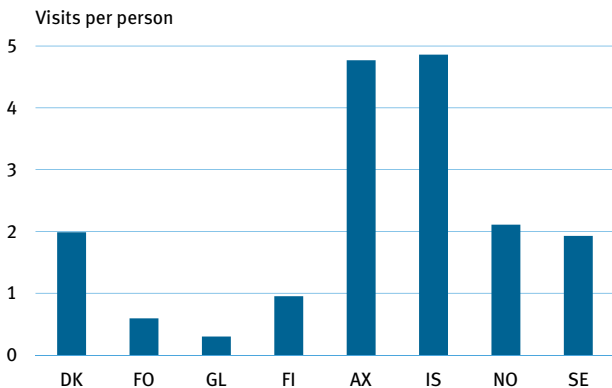


Ele03

Sale of music. 2010

	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>1 000 euro</i>					
Total sale	62 706	35 178	3 224	64 911	86 481
Digital sale	18 664	7 842	247	17 883	26 952
<i>Per cent</i>					
Total sale	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Digital sale	29.8	22.3	7.7	27.6	31.2

■ Cult19

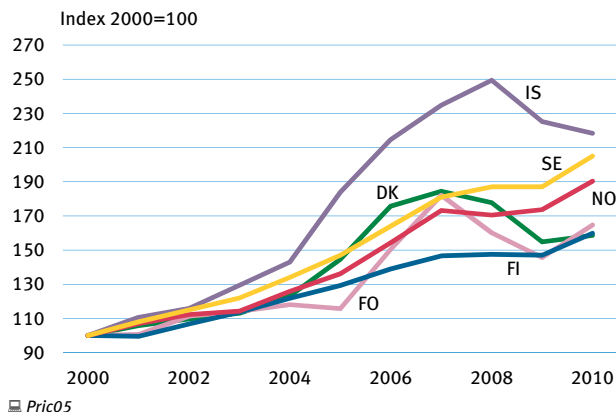
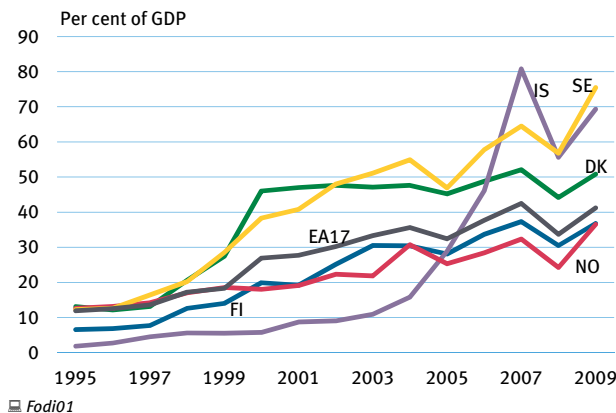
Number of visits to museums. 2009

■ Cult16 and Popu02. Iceland: 2006 data. Greenland: 2008 data.

Economic key figures. 2010

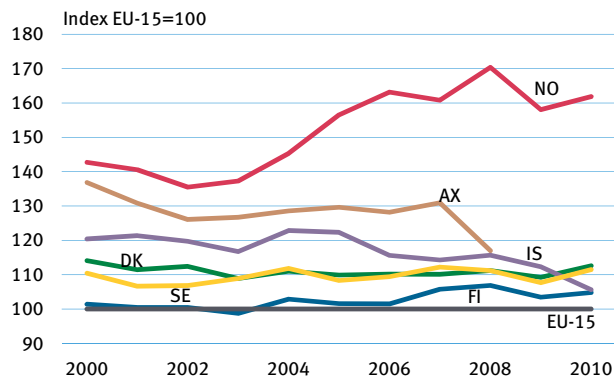
	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	Euro-area
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>						
Balance of payments	5.6	3.1	-7.8	13.7	6.4	0.7
Foreign assets, net, 31 dec. 2010	10	8.9	-605.8	104.4	-24.2	..
Public sector surplus	-2.7	-2.5	-7.8	10.5	0.0	-6.0
Public debt, 31 dec. 2010	43.6	48.4	89.5	44.7	39.8	85.1
<i>Per cent</i>						
Unemployment	7.4	8.2	7.7	3.5	8.4	10.1
Interest rate	2.9	3.0	5.0	3.5	2.9	3.8
<i>Percentage change 2009–2010</i>						
Inflation	2.2	1.7	7.5	2.3	1.9	1.6
Economic growth	1.7	3.6	-3.5	0.3	5.7	1.8
Share price index	33.2	21.5	21.9	26.6	30.5	13.5
Effective nominal exchange rate index	-3.6	-5.7	..	4.7	7.0	..

■ Key01. Harmonized unemployment figures.

House price index**Foreign direct investment – inwards**

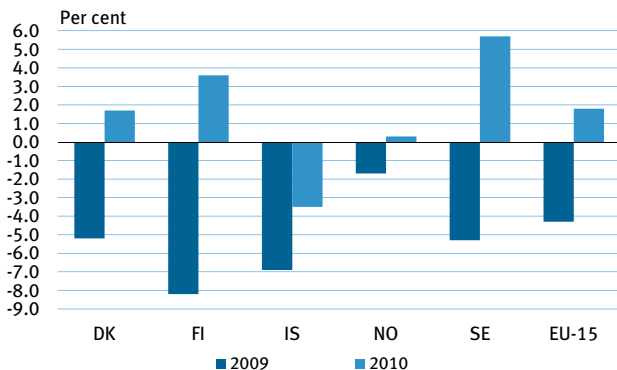
The Economy

Gross domestic product per person in euro (PPP)



Naac04

Gross domestic product, real annual growth



Naac01 and Key01

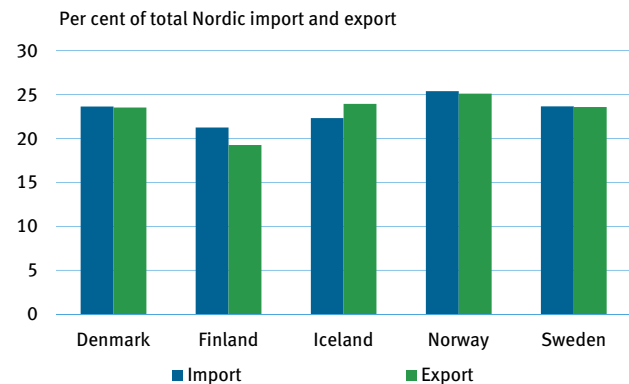
Nordic exports in per cent of total export. 2010

Per cent	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Exports to:</i>					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nordic countries	23.1	16.2	8.5	11.8	23.0
EU-15 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	44.2	34.0	71.2	66.3	38.4
12 new EU countries	5.7	7.4	3.0	3.1	5.8
Russia	1.7	8.9	2.1	0.9	1.8
Other Europe	2.2	3.7	2.9	1.3	2.7
USA and Canada	7.4	8.2	5.0	6.6	8.3
Other America	2.4	2.5	0.4	1.2	2.5
Japan	1.9	1.7	2.5	1.2	1.3
DAEs	3.2	3.6	1.1	3.3	2.8
China	2.4	5.2	0.6	1.7	3.1
India	0.5	1.2	0.1	0.3	1.2
Rest of the world	5.3	7.5	2.6	2.2	9.2
<i>Imports from:</i>					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nordic countries	21.8	19.4	27.2	23.2	22.2
EU-15 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	48.4	39.5	29.9	33.7	45.5
12 new EU countries	7.1	7.2	4.4	6.8	8.0
Russia	1.1	17.6	0.6	2.6	4.9
Other Europe	2.2	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.7
USA and Canada	3.4	2.7	9.6	8.7	3.5
Other America	2.0	2.0	13.0	2.7	1.5
Japan	0.4	0.7	2.3	2.2	1.7
DAEs	3.3	2.1	1.8	5.7	3.3
China	7.2	4.4	6.0	8.5	5.0
India	0.8	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5
Rest of the world	2.4	2.4	2.0	3.3	2.2

☐ *Fotr49, DAE-countries (Dynamic Asian Economies): Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.*

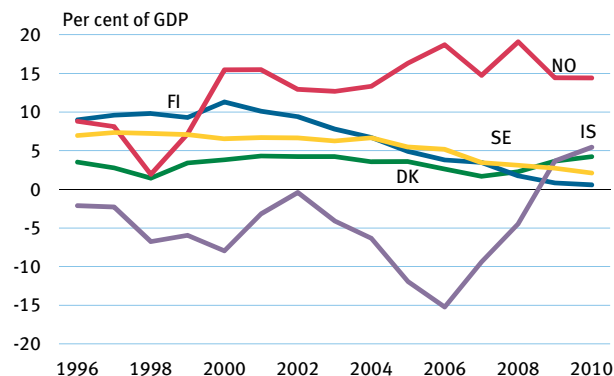
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Exports of the Nordic countries to other Nordic countries. 2010

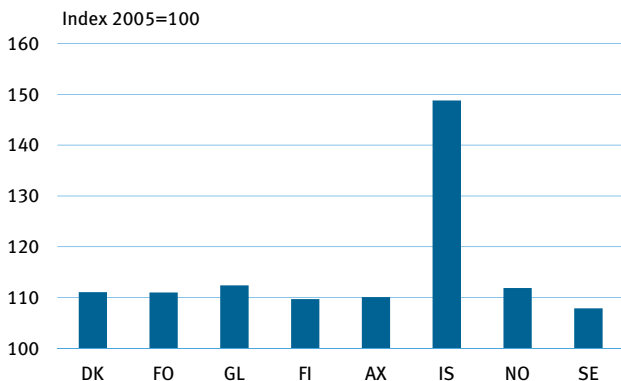


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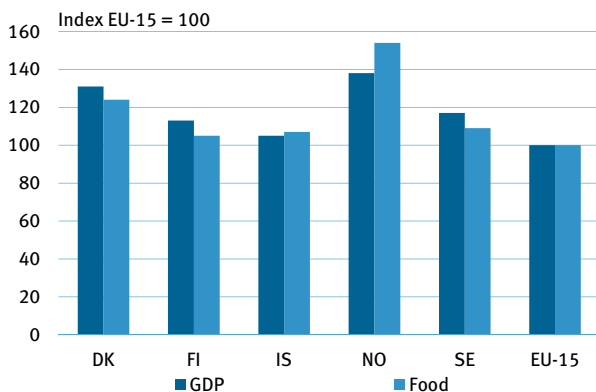
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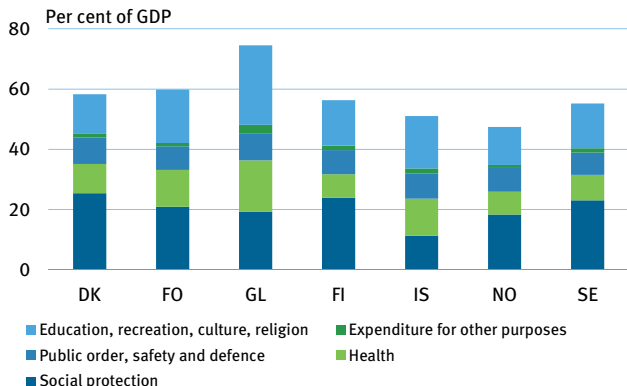
Consumer price index. 2010

Pr01. Greenland: 2008 data

Price levels. 2010

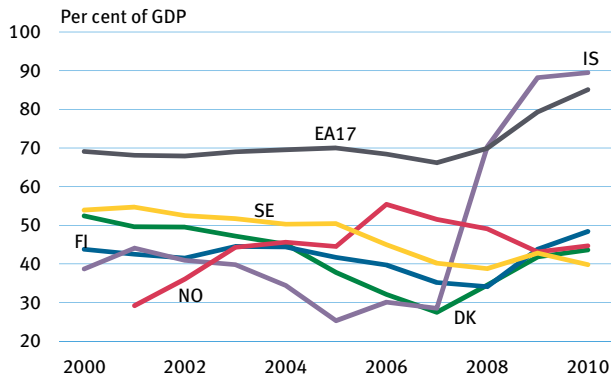
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General government expenditure by purpose. 2009



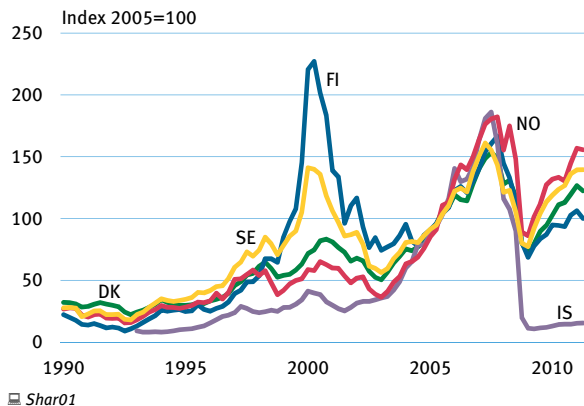
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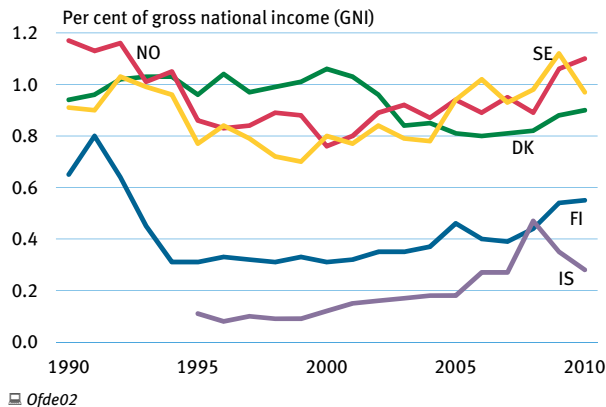


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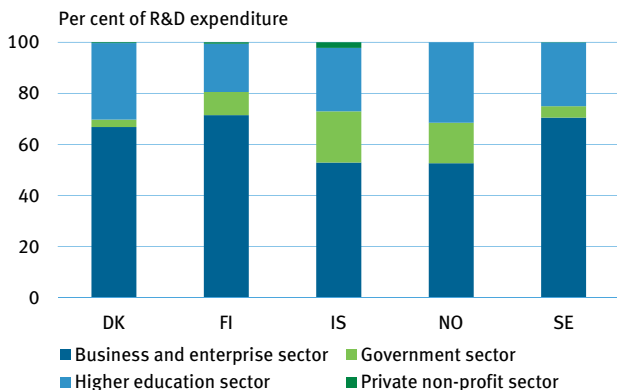
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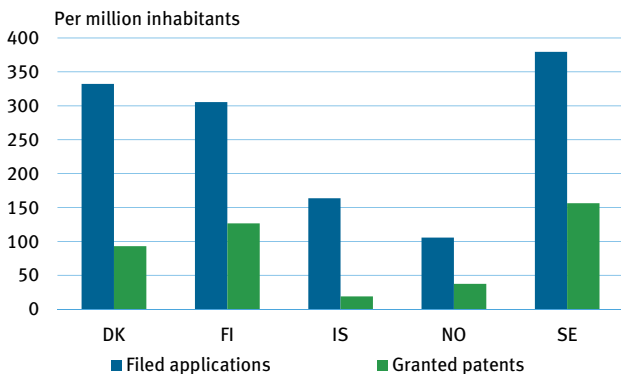


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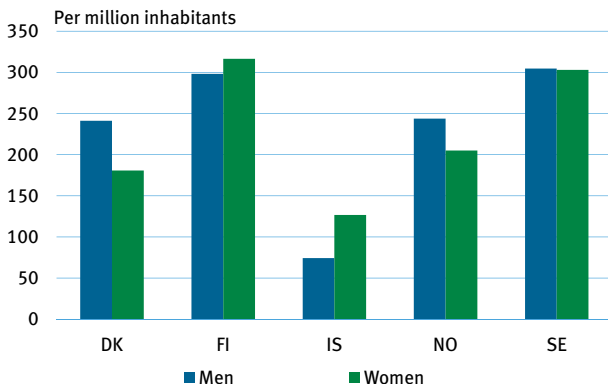


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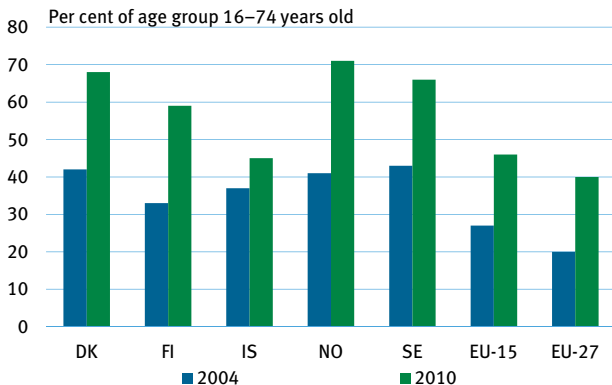
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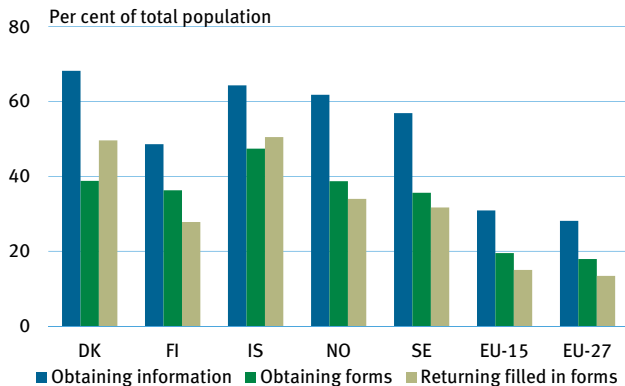
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Internet purchases by individuals.

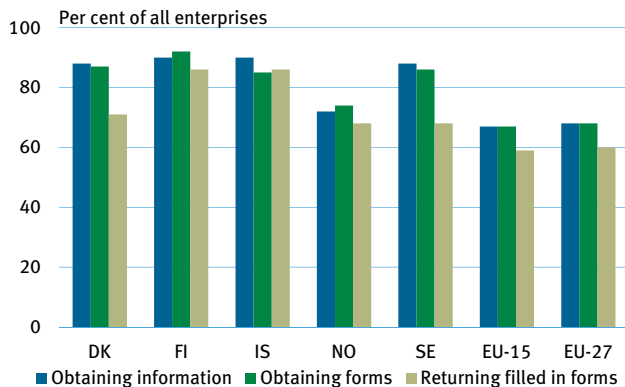
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Interaction of individuals with public authorities via the Internet. 2010



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