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Nordic co-operation

Nordic co-operation 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 co-operation 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 co-operation seeks to safeguard Nordic and regional interests and principles in the global community. Common Nordic values help the regionsolidify 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

Nil	-
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Country codes

Denmark: DK	Åland: AX
Faroe Islands: FO	Iceland: IS
Greenland: GL	Norway: NO
Finland: FI	Sweden: SE

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

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

The Nordic countries



Denmark

Area km ²	43 561
Population	5 534 738
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Capital population	678 873



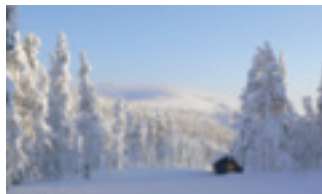
Faroe Islands

Area km ²	1 396
Population	48 650
Status/Form of government	Home rule – within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Capital population	19 873 (Municipality)



Greenland

Area km ²	2 166 086
Population	56 452
Status/Form of government	Self government – within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Capital population	15 469



Finland

Area km ²	338 441
Population	5 351 427
Status/Form of government	Republic
Head of state	President Tarja Halonen
Capital population	583 350



Åland

Area km ²	1 582
Population	27 734
Status/Form of government	Home rule – within the Republic of Finland
Head of state	President Tarja Halonen
Capital population	11 123



Iceland

Area km ²	103 300
Population	317 630
Status/Form of government	Republic
Head of state	President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson
Capital population	118 326



Norway

Area km ²	323 782
Population	4 858 199
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Harald V
Capital population	586 860



Sweden

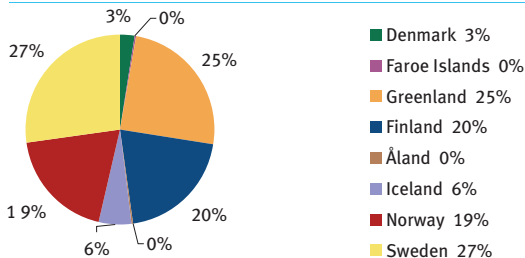
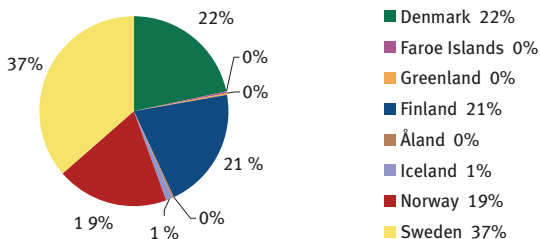
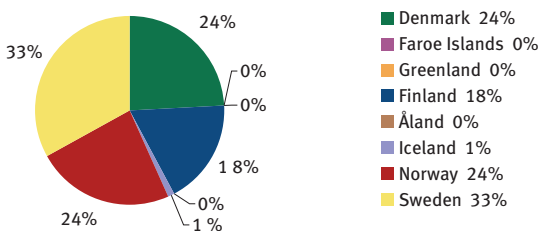
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Population	9 340 682
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Carl XVI Gustaf
Capital population	810 120

Key figures

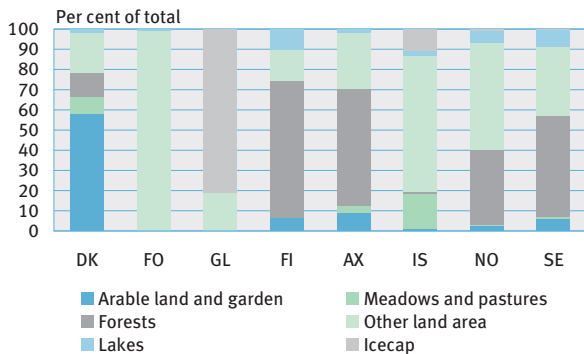
The Nordic countries in an international context – key figures. 2009

	Nordic countries	Euro- area	USA	Japan
<i>Land area, 1 000 sq km</i>				
Total	3 429	2 650	9 629	378
Ice-free	1 577	2 616	9 160	375
<i>Population</i>				
Total, million	26	329	307	127
Inhabitants per sq. km	16	126	33	338
<i>Fertility</i>				
Births per woman	1.9	1.5	2.1	1.4
Per cent of population				
0–14 years	17.5	15.5	20.3	13.5
65+ years	16.6	17.9	12.6	22.1
<i>Life expectancy (years) 2008</i>				
Men	78	78	76	79
Women	83	83	81	86
<i>GDP</i>				
Billion euro	968	8 963	10 123	3 639
Per person, euro (PPP)	30 318	25 500	34 500	27 200
<i>General government, per cent of GDP</i>				
Debt, ultimo 2009	43.3	78.7	53.1	178.0
Surplus	0.5	-6.3	-6.1	-10.3
Tax burden 2008	43.3	39.3	26.9	28.3
<i>Labour force, per cent</i>				
Labour force participation				
Men	81.7	80.1	80.8	85.2
Women	76.7	64.8	70.4	61.9
Unemployment	6.8	9.4	9.3	5.1

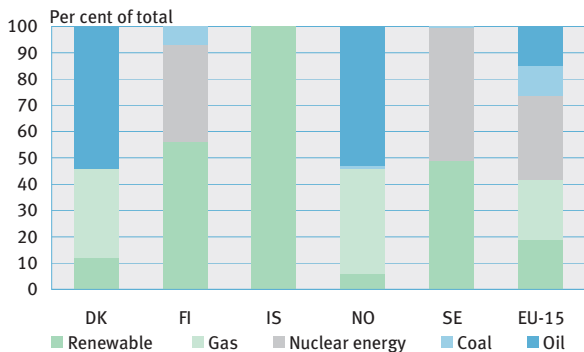
The Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland. Euro-area: The 16 European countries that have adopted the euro

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

Land use. 2009

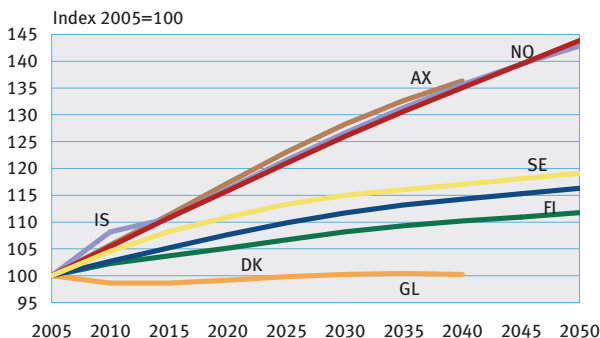


Indigenous energy production. 2008



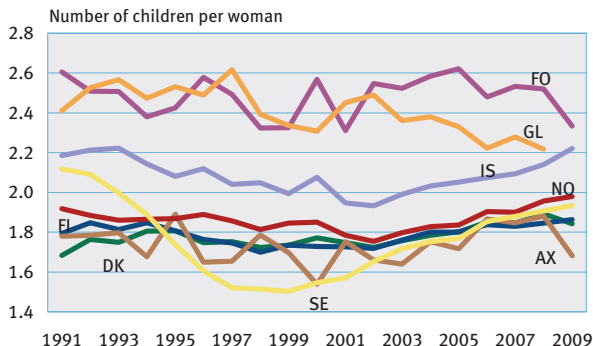
Nordic population. 1 January 2010

	Total	Men	Women
The Nordic countries, total	25 507 778	12 659 299	12 848 479
Denmark	5 534 738	2 743 286	2 791 452
Faroe Islands	48 650	25 308	23 342
Greenland	56 452	29 936	26 516
Finland	5 351 427	2 625 067	2 726 360
Åland	27 734	13 807	13 927
Iceland	317 630	159 936	157 694
Norway	4 858 199	2 426 752	2 431 447
Sweden	9 340 682	4 649 014	4 691 668

Population trends according to 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
2008	76.3	76.8	66.6	76.3	79.0	79.6	78.3	79.1
2009	76.5	76.9	..	76.5	..	79.7	78.6	79.3
<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
2008	80.7	82.3	71.6	83.0	83.1	83.0	82.9	83.2
2009	80.8	82.4	..	83.1	..	83.3	83.1	83.3

Asylum requests

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden	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
2008	951	4 035	73	14 431	24 353	43 843
2009	2 022	5 988	34	17 226	..	..

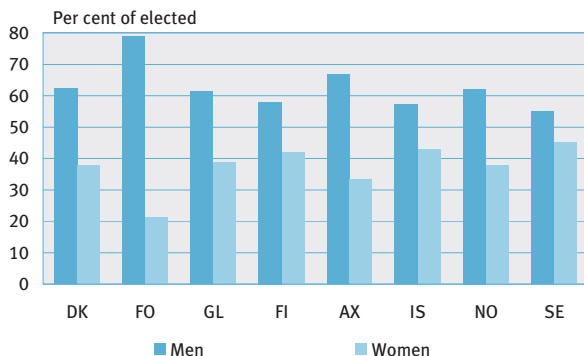
Asylum requests by citizenship. 2009

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden	Total
Total	2 022	5 988	34	17 226	24 353	49 623
EEA	5	7	-	83	36	131
Bulgaria	6	739	-	13	12	770
Romania	11	54	-	6	14	85
Russia	114	602	-	867	933	2 516
Belarus	2	95	-	10	361	468
Ukraine	4	7	-	27	60	98
Turkey	14	140	1	82	254	491
Other Europe	209	392	4	421	2 424	3 450
America, total	12	10	1	36	273	332
Somalia	66	1 180	1	1 901	3 361	6 509
Other Africa	170	610	12	5 068	2 892	8 752
Afghanistan	514	461	2	3 871	784	5 632
Iraq	153	1 195	3	1 214	6 083	8 648
Iran	280	162	6	574	799	1 821
Other Asia	417	275	4	1 773	4 560	7 029
Oceania	-	-	-	..	-	-
Unknown and stateless	45	59	-	1 280	1 507	2 891

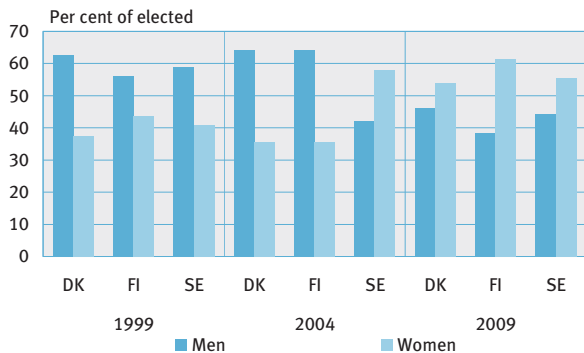
EEA: European Economic Area. Consists of the 27 members of the European Union, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

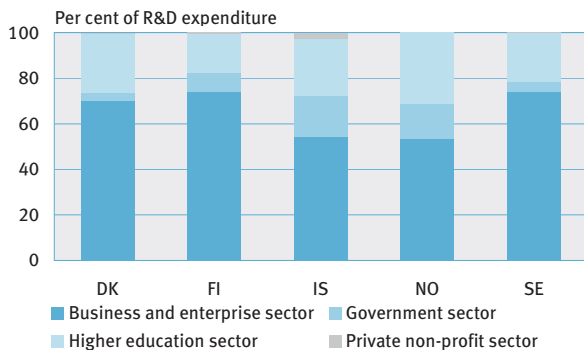
Population

Candidates elected to national parliaments, latest election



Candidates elected to European parliaments



R&D expenditure by performing sector. 2008

Norway: 2007 data.

Internet use

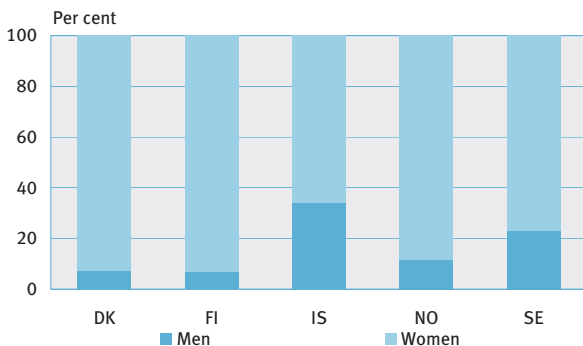
	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
<i>Per cent of 16–74 year old population</i>					
<i>In the last 3 months</i>					
2003	71	66	81	75	77
2009	86	82	93	91	90
<i>At least once a week</i>					
2003	64	58	75	66	69
2009	82	79	90	88	86

Children in day care by age. 2009

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
<i>Total number of children in the age group</i>					
Total	318 338	176 140	20 072	269 654	465 109
0 years	9 751	557	320	2 706	7
1 years	57 777	17 396	3 145	42 246	54 861
2 years	60 241	29 886	4 262	51 659	99 986
3 years	63 999	40 076	4 216	57 487	103 837
4 years	63 869	42 996	4 230	57 491	103 061
5 years	62 701	45 229	3 899	58 065	103 357
<i>Per cent of children in the age group</i>					
Total	81,1	49,7	75,2	74,8	71,9
0 years	15,1	0,9	7,2	4,4	0,0
1 years	88,0	29,0	67,5	69,8	49,5
2 years	92,4	50,3	93,8	85,8	90,9
3 years	97,6	67,1	95,3	96,1	95,0
4 years	97,5	73,5	95,7	97,0	97,7
5 years	95,1	77,1	91,4	97,9	98,0

Children in total or partly publicly funded day care. Iceland: 2008 data

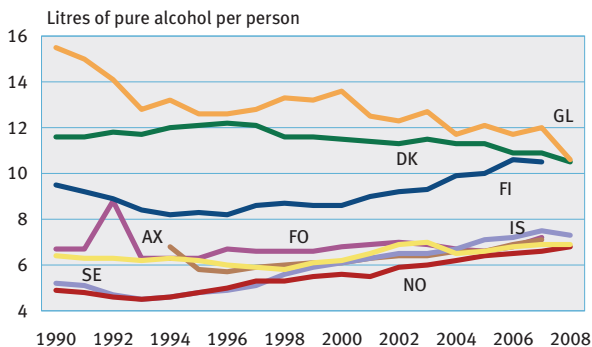
Number of days with maternity day benefits. 2008



Non daily smokers

	DK	FO	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Per cent</i>						
<i>Men</i>						
1995	56	..	71	68	67	78
2000	69	..	73	77	69	83
2005	72	72	74	80	73	86
2008	76	79	74	84	79	88
<i>Women</i>						
1995	61	..	81	67	68	76
2000	74	..	80	78	68	79
2005	77	73	82	80	76	82
2008	78	73	83	84	79	84

Denmark: 2000 refers to 2001 data and 2005 refers to 2004 data. Faroe Islands and Finland: 2008 refers to 2007 data.

Sale of alcoholic beverages

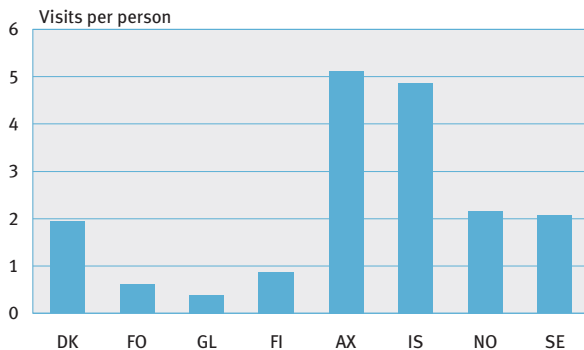
Deaths caused by cancer. Per 100 000. 2008

	DK	FO	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Men</i>								
0–14 years	3	-	-	2	-	3	3	3
15–34 years	8	-	-	7	-	10	5	6
35–44 years	23	28	39	22	21	8	18	19
45–54 years	110	-	101	75	21	61	88	76
55–64 years	400	440	526	308	375	226	305	270
65–74 years	968	968	1 718	719	1 068	842	818	731
75+ years	2 257	2 177	2 806	1 735	2 129	1 841	2 227	1 924
<i>Women</i>								
0–14 years	2	19	-	3	18	3	2	2
15–34 years	6	-	13	6	7	-	7	6
35–44 years	38	-	23	25	-	32	29	32
45–54 years	130	66	152	86	80	105	104	101
55–64 years	347	306	470	223	301	244	280	263
65–74 years	769	351	1 862	463	536	723	575	567
75+ years	1 484	1 279	1 290	1 031	1 216	1 398	1 208	1 147

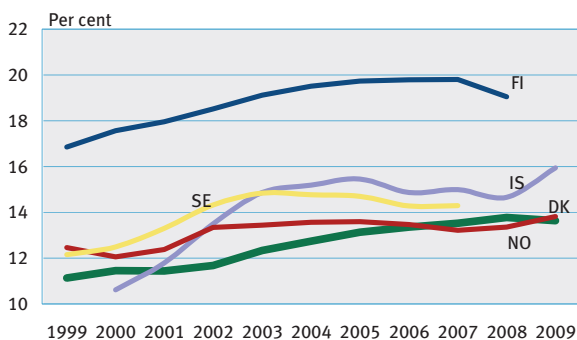
Faroe Islands: 2006 data.

Public libraries, stock and lending

	DK	FO	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Per person</i>							
<i>Stock, total</i>							
2005	5.3	8.0	7.8	12.0	..	4.8	4.8
2008	4.5	13.4	7.6	12.2	..	4.4	4.7
<i>Lent out, total</i>							
2005	13.5	3.7	19.8	17.8	..	5.4	7.9
2008	13.4	4.0	18.6	17.3	..	5.0	7.5
<i>Books lent</i>							
2005	9.6	..	14.5	..	..	3.9	6.7
2008	9.7	..	13.5	14.1	..	3.5	6.2

Number of visits to museums. 2008

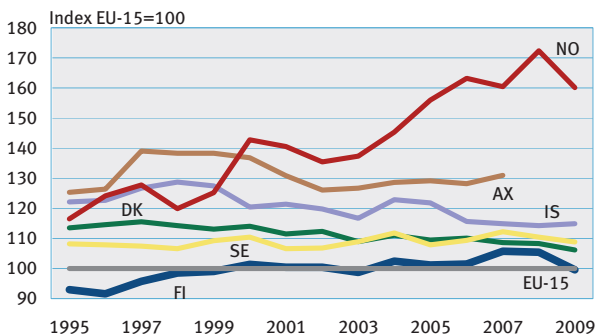
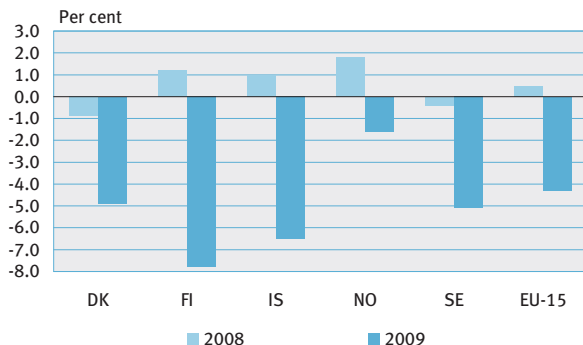
Iceland: 2006 data.

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

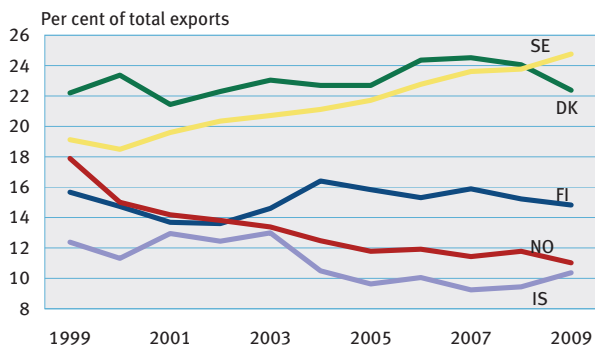
Economic key figures. 2009

	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	Euro-area
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>						
Balance of payments	4.0	1.3	-3.3	13.9	7.4	-0.6
Foreign assets, net, 31 dec. 2009	6.0	-7.0	-371.0	88.7	-9.0	..
Public sector surplus	-2.7	-2.2	-9.1	9.7	-0.5	-6.3
Public debt, 31 dec. 2009	41.6	44.0	88.1	43.7	42.1	78.7
<i>Per cent</i>						
Unemployment	6.0	8.2	8.0	3.1	8.3	9.4
Interest rate	3.6	3.7	8	4.0	3.3	4.0
<i>Percentage change 2008–2009</i>						
Inflation	1.1	1.6	16.3	2.3	1.9	0.3
Economic growth	-4.9	-7.8	-6.5	-1.6	-5.1	-4.1
Share price index	-26.7	-32.9	-86.3	-24.8	-9.9	-25.4
Effective nominal exchange rate index	3.0	1.1	..	-1.5	-9.3	..

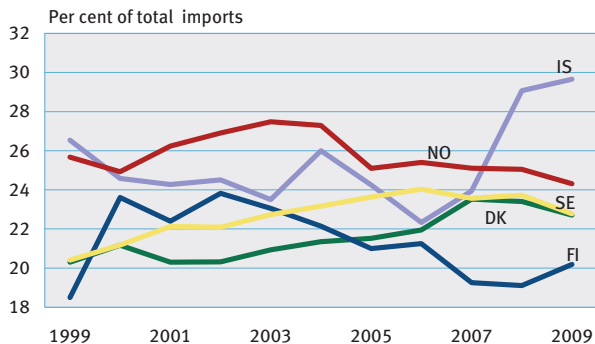
Note: Harmonized unemployment figures.

Gross domestic product per person in euro (PPP)**Gross domestic product, real annual growth**

Exports of the Nordic countries to other Nordic countries



Imports to the Nordic countries from other Nordic countries

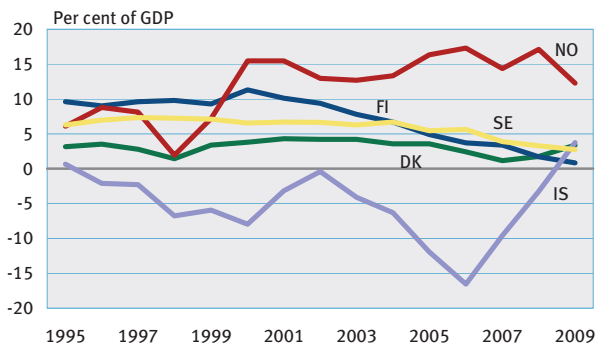


Nordic exports in per cent of total export. 2009

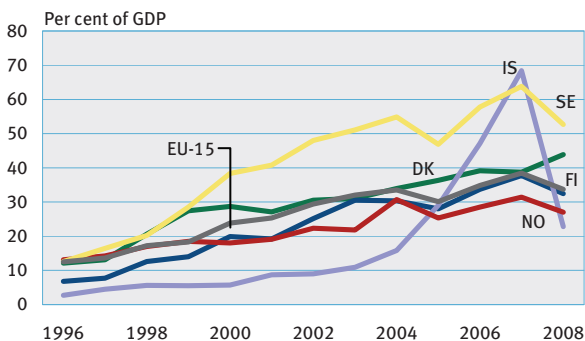
Per cent	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Exports to:</i>					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nordic countries	22.4	14.8	10.4	11.0	24.8
EU-15 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	46.2	35.5	71.2	66.5	39.1
12 new EU countries	5.9	8.4	2.6	2.9	5.5
Russia	1.6	8.9	1.2	0.8	1.4
Other Europe	2.2	3.4	1.8	1.4	2.9
USA and Canada	7.1	8.8	4.4	7.1	7.3
Other America	1.9	2.8	0.3	0.9	2.1
Japan	2.0	1.6	1.9	1.0	1.3
DAEs	3.2	3.2	1.0	3.6	2.5
China	2.3	4.1	2.6	2.1	3.1
India	0.4	1.0	0.0	0.5	1.3
Rest of the world	4.9	7.5	2.6	2.2	8.8
<i>Imports from:</i>					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nordic countries	22.7	20.2	29.7	24.3	22.8
EU-15 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	48.4	39.7	31.5	35.9	46.2
12 new EU countries	6.6	7.2	4.1	6.9	7.9
Russia	0.8	16.1	0.7	1.5	3.6
Other Europe	2.3	1.4	3.5	2.2	1.8
USA and Canada	3.8	2.8	8.8	8.3	4.1
Other America	1.9	1.7	7.6	2.6	1.4
Japan	0.5	1.0	3.3	2.5	1.8
DAEs	4.1	2.2	2.0	4.2	2.6
China	6.3	5.3	5.0	7.8	4.8
India	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.5
Rest of the world	1.8	2.2	3.1	3.2	2.5

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

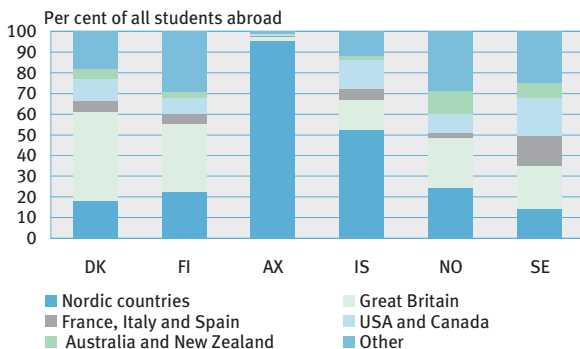
Trade balance of goods



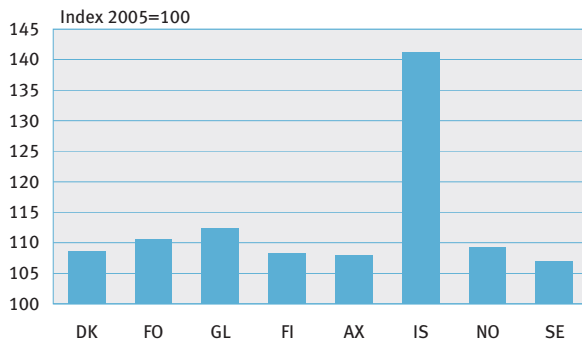
Foreign direct investment – inwards



Nordic students abroad. 2008/09

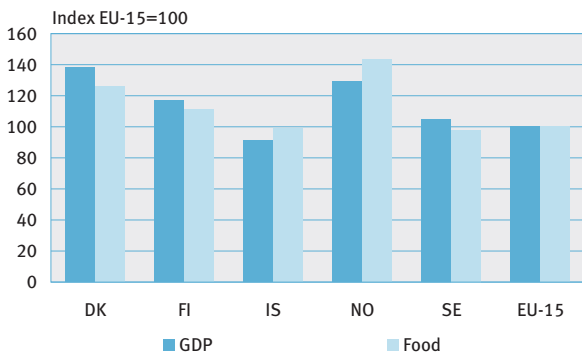


Consumer price index. 2009

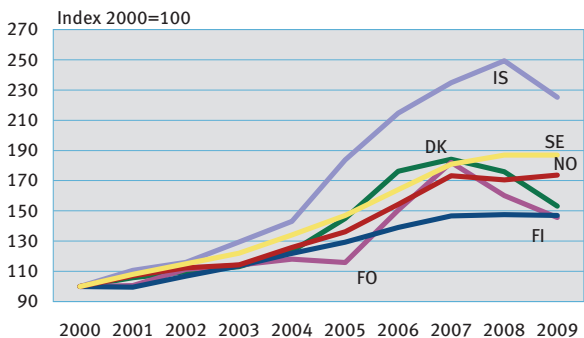


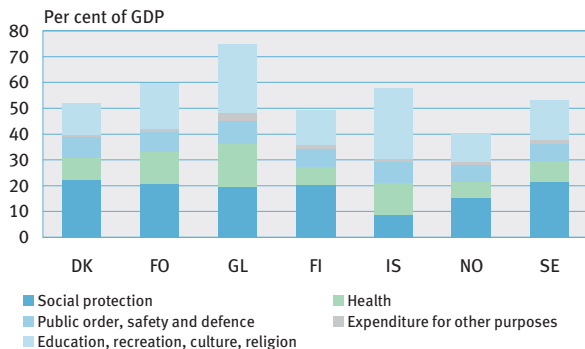
Greenland: 2008 data

Price levels. 2009

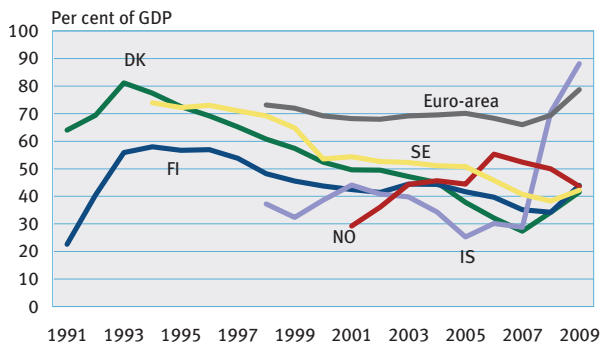


House price index

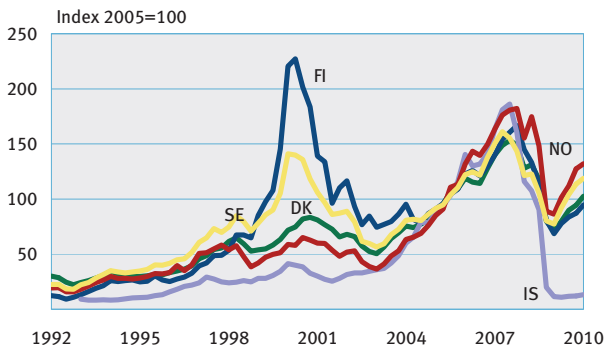


General government expenditure by purpose. 2008

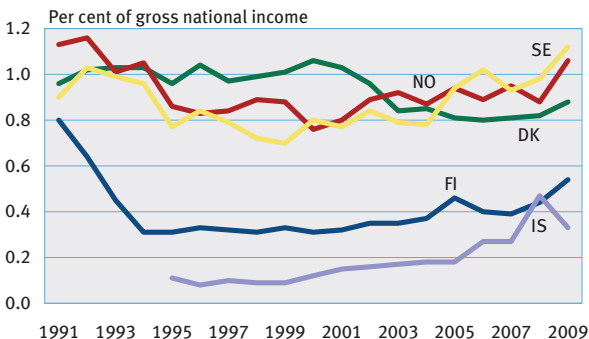
Greenland: 2007 data.

General government gross debt

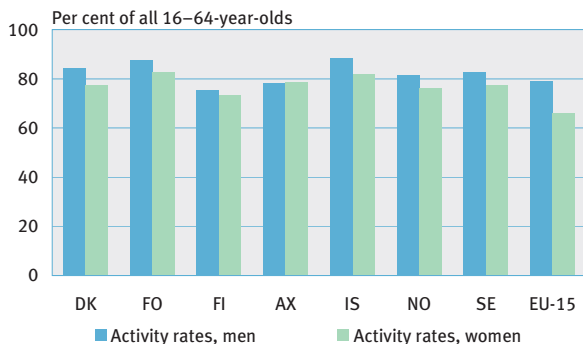
Share prices



Government aid to developing countries

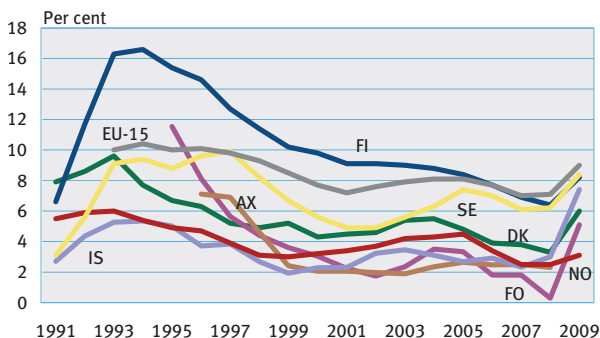


Activity rates by sex, 2009



Åland: 2008 data.

Unemployment



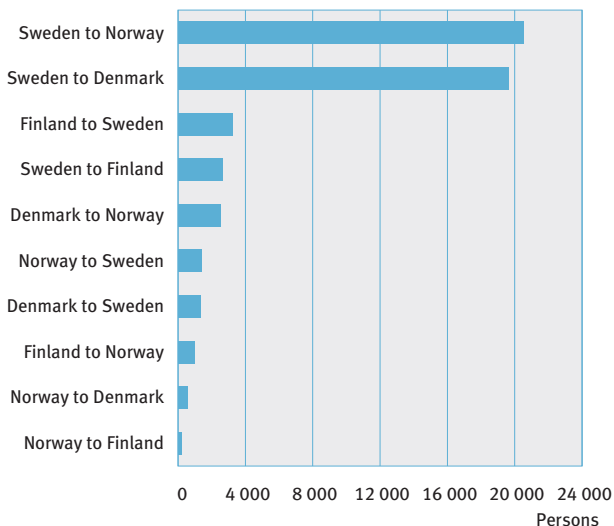
EU-harmonised unemployment figures except Faroe Islands and Åland.

Unemployment by age. 2009

	DK	FO	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>1 000 persons</i>							
Total	170.7	1.3	221.0	0.3	12.9	81.0	401.3
16–19	21.6	0.4	32.0	0.0	2.3	17.0	67.0
20–24	25.6	0.2	38.0	0.0	2.5	17.0	84.7
25–34	39.3	0.3	47.0	0.1	3.7	18.0	82.5
35–44	33.8	0.1	35.0	0.1	1.8	15.0	63.8
45–54	31.2	0.1	41.0	0.1	1.7	10.0	56.4
55–64	19.2	0.2	29.0	0.1	1.0	4.0	46.9

Finland and Åland: 2008 data.

Commuters after commuting direction. 2007





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