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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

The diagrams use the following colours to describe the different countries:

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

The Nordic countries



	Denmark
Area km²	43 561
Population	5 511 451
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Capital area population	683 397



	Faroe Islands
Area km²	1 396
Population	48 778
Status/Form of government	Home rule – within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Capital area population	19 649 (Municipality)



	Greenland
Area km²	2 166 086
Population	56 194
Status/Form of government	Self government – within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Capital area population	15 105



	Finland
Area km²	338 424
Population	5 326 314
Status/Form of government	Republic
Head of state	President Tarja Halonen
Capital area population	576 632

The Nordic countries



Åland

Area km²	1 552
Population	27 456
Status/Form of government	Home rule – within the Republic of Finland
Head of state	President Tarja Halonen
Capital area population	11 005



Iceland

Area km²	103 300
Population	319 368
Status/Form of government	Republic
Head of state	President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson
Capital area population	119 547



Norway

Area km²	323 782
Population	4 799 252
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Harald V
Capital area population	575 475



Sweden

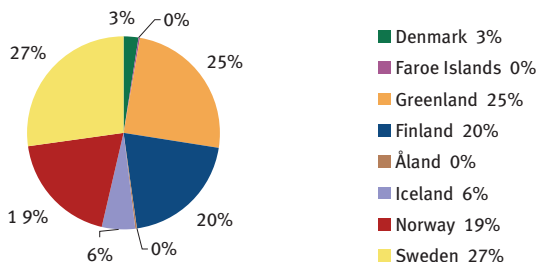
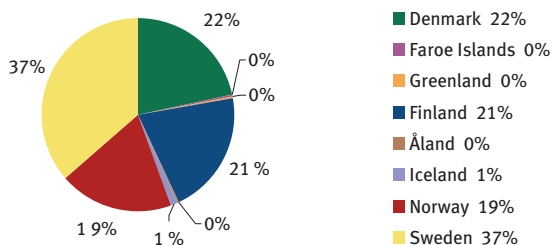
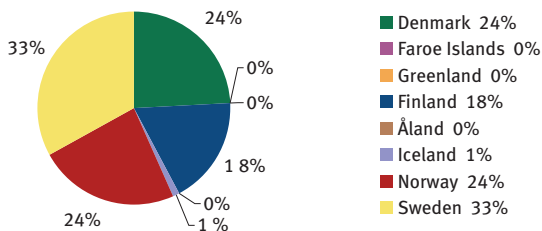
Area km²	450 295
Population	9 256 347
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Carl XVI Gustaf
Capital area population	810 120

Key figures

The Nordic countries in an international context – key figures

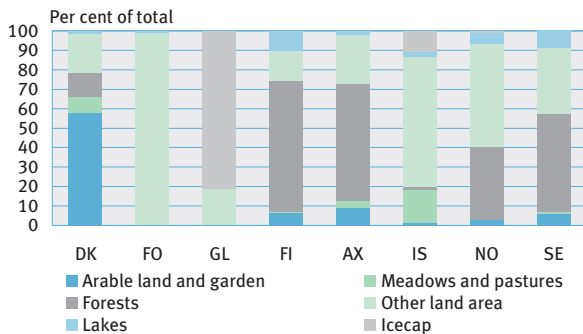
	Nordic countries	Euro- area	USA	Japan
<i>Land area, 1 000 sq km</i>				
Total	3 428	2 650	9 629	378
Ice-free	1 577	2 616	9 160	375
<i>Population</i>				
Total, million	25	327	304	128
Inhabitants per sq. km	16	125	33	341
<i>Fertility</i>				
Births per woman	1.9	1.5	2.1	1.3
% of population				
0–14 years	17.6	15.5	20.3	13.5
+65 years	16.3	17.9	12.4	22.1
<i>Life expectancy (years)</i>				
Men	78	77	76	79
Women	83	83	81	86
<i>GDP</i>				
2007, billion euro	1 072	9 276	9 819	3 329
Per person 2008, euro (PPP)	33 269	27 200	38 700	27 800
<i>General government, % of GDP</i>				
Debt, ult. 2008	38.6	69.3	70.5	196.3
Surplus, 2008	6.0	-1.9	-6.1	-5.6
Tax burden	46.8	39.9	28.0	27.9
<i>Labour force</i>				
Labour force participation, %				
Men	81.7	80.1	80.8	93.6
Women	76.7	64.8	70.4	66.9
Unemployment 2008, %	4.9	7.5	5.8	4.0

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

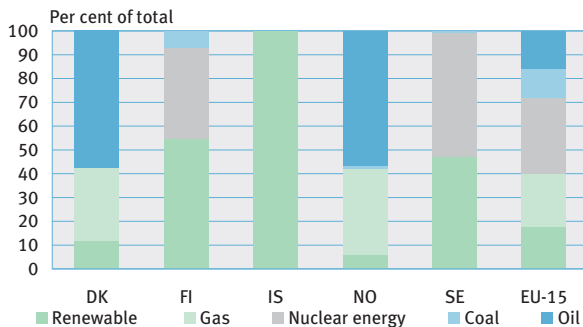
Area (ice-free)**Population****Gross national income**

Environment and energy

Land use. 2008



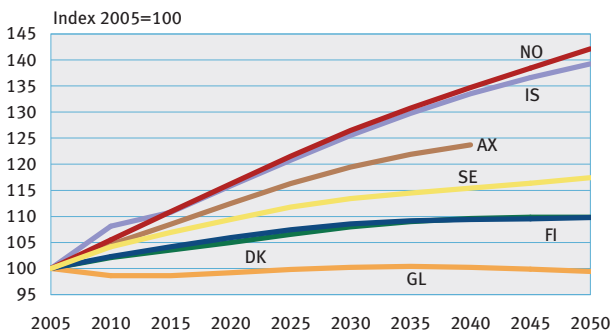
Indigenous energy production. 2007



Nordic population. 1 January 2009

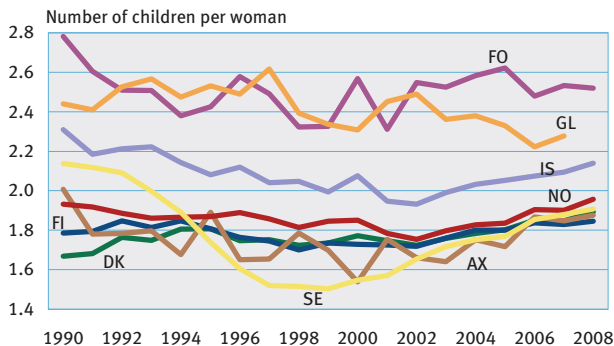
	Total	Men	Women
The Nordic countries, total	25 317 704	12 559 683	12 758 021
Denmark	5 511 451	2 732 020	2 779 431
Faroe Islands	48 778	25 370	23 408
Greenland	56 194	29 809	26 385
Finland	5 326 314	2 611 653	2 714 661
Åland	27 456	13 641	13 815
Iceland	319 368	162 068	157 300
Norway	4 799 252	2 395 053	2 404 199
Sweden	9 256 347	4 603 710	4 652 637

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
2007	76.0	76.5	66.3	75.8	..	79.4	78.2	78.9
2008	76.3	76.8	..	76.3	..	79.6	78.3	79.1
<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
2007	80.5	82.0	71.3	82.9	..	82.9	82.7	83.0
2008	80.7	82.3	..	83.0	..	83.0	83.0	83.2

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
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

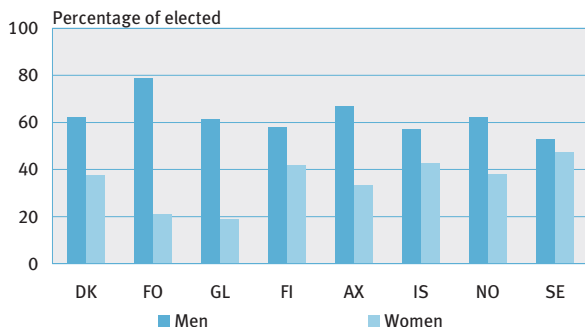
Asylum requests by citizenship. 2008

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden	Total
Total	951	4 035	73	14 431	24 353	43 843
EEA	7	13	-	22	36	78
Bulgaria	-	82	-	2	12	96
Romania	2	18	-	3	14	37
Russia	122	209	3	1 078	933	2 345
Belarus	4	68	-	13	361	446
Ukraine	-	10	1	18	60	89
Turkey	14	65	-	82	254	415
Other Europe	65	252	25	793	2 424	3 559
America, total	17	13	-	24	273	327
Somalia	1	1 181	2	1 293	3 361	5 838
Other Africa	92	304	17	3 603	2 892	6 908
Afghanistan	131	254	5	1 363	784	2 537
Iraq	195	1 255	4	3 137	6 083	10 674
Iran	96	144	3	720	799	1 762
Other Asia	163	114	13	1 340	4 560	6 190
Oceania	-	-	-	..	-	-
Unknown and stateless	42	53	-	940	1 507	2 542

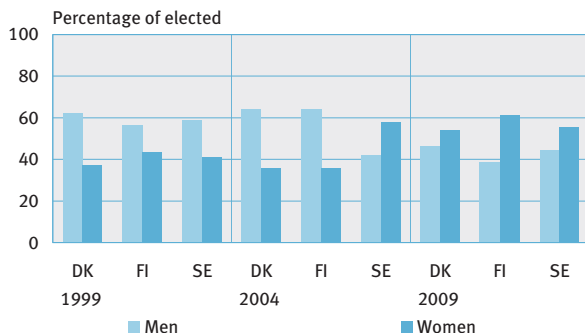
EEA: European Economic Area. Consists of the 27 members of the European Union, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

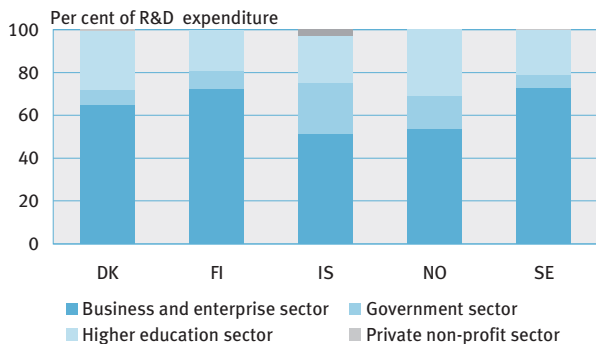
Population

Candidates elected to national parliaments, latest election



Candidates elected to European parliaments



R&D expenditure by performing sector. 2008

Denmark, Norway and Sweden: 2007 data. Iceland: 2005 data

Internet use. 2003 and 2008

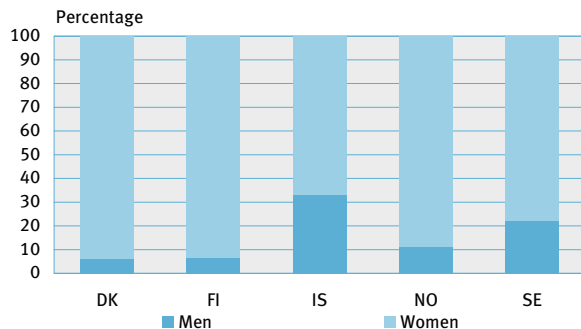
	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
<i>Per cent of 16–74 year old population</i>					
<i>In the last 3 months</i>					
2003	71	66	81	75	77
2008	81	79	90	85	80
<i>Once a week</i>					
2003	64	58	75	66	69
2008	80	78	88	86	83

Children in day-care (by age). 2008

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
<i>Total number of children in the age group</i>					
Total	318 476	177 954	19 368	261 424	454 124
0 years	10 926	734	303	2 713	8
1 years	57 214	18 671	2 981	39 134	53 317
2 years	61 160	31 058	4 043	50 342	98 939
3 years	63 348	39 903	4 153	55 093	99 163
4 years	63 273	43 160	4 044	57 068	101 889
5 years	62 555	44 428	3 844	57 074	100 808
<i>Per cent of children in the age group</i>					
Total	81.5	50.8	72.6	73.8	71.8
0 years	16.8	1.2	7.2	4.5	0.0
1 years	88.1	31.6	66.6	65.8	48.9
2 years	93.6	52.2	92.5	83.6	91.3
3 years	96.9	68.4	95.3	93.6	94.8
4 years	96.2	73.8	95.5	96.4	97.4
5 years	97.1	77.3	93.5	96.8	97.9

Children in fully or partly publicly funded day care. Iceland: 2007 data

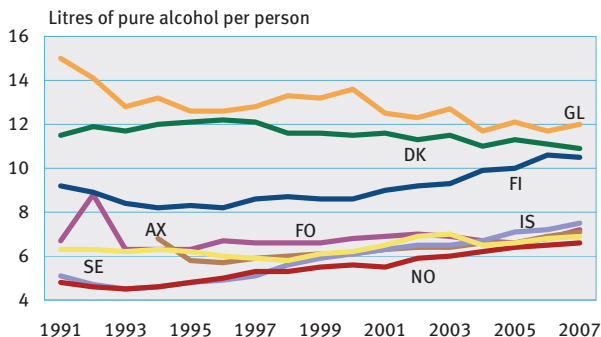
Maternity day benefits. 2008



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
2007	..	79	74	80	78	87
<i>Women</i>						
1995	61	..	81	67	68	76
2000	74	..	80	78	68	79
2005	77	73	82	80	76	82
2007	..	73	83	82	78	85

Denmark: 2000 refers to 2001 data and 2005 refers to 2004 data.

Sale of alcoholic beverages

Quality of life

Deaths caused by cancer. Per 100 000. 2007

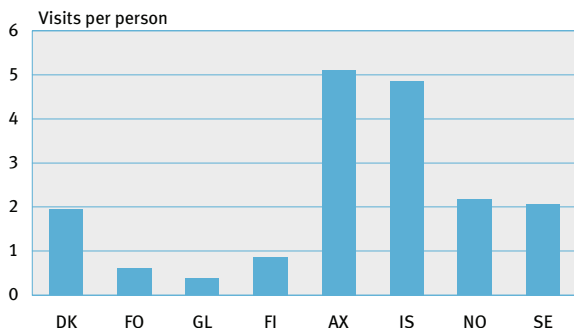
	DK	FO	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Men</i>								
0–14 years	1	7	14	3	-	6	2	4
15–34 years	8	-	12	6	-	6	5	5
35–44 years	28	22	50	19	21	9	17	20
45–54 years	129	93	267	82	42	89	88	77
55–64 years	432	367	617	303	406	234	317	281
65–74 years	1 092	866	1 715	752	1 055	780	870	811
75+ years	2 483	1 894	6 627	1 821	2 262	2 120	2 115	1 973
<i>Women</i>								
0–14 years	2	7	14	3	9	3	1	2
15–34 years	7	11	14	6	7	9	6	5
35–44 years	42	37	77	29	-	28	33	30
45–54 years	137	75	177	88	79	118	114	105
55–64 years	372	333	710	225	292	300	287	291
65–74 years	809	762	1 695	444	424	677	545	586
75+ years	1 530	1 167	2 863	1 009	1 112	1 348	1 244	1 296

Denmark, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Norway and Sweden: 2006 data.

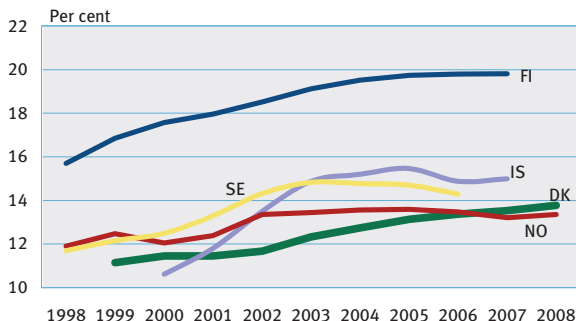
Film premières. 2008

	DK	FO	GL	FI	IS	NO	SE
Total	213	77	109	169	177	237	250
National	35	0	..	19	5	22	36
Foreign	178	77	..	150	172	215	214
<i>Per cent</i>							
National share	16	0	..	11	3	9	14

Iceland and Norway: 2007 data

Number of visits to museums. 2008

Finland, Norway and Iceland: Museums 2007 data. Greenland and Iceland: 2006 data.

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

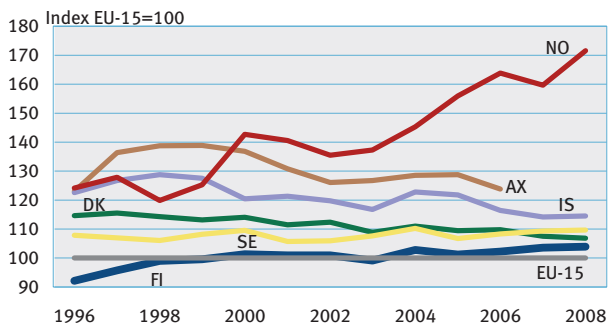
Economic trends

Economic key figures. 2008

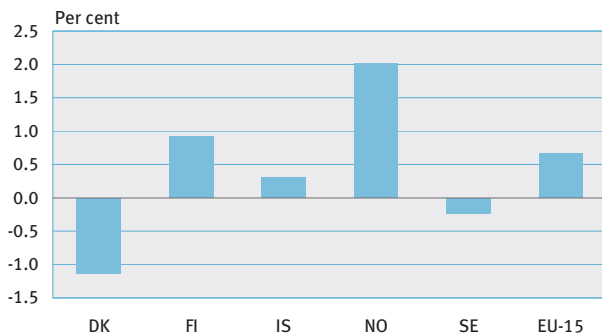
	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	Euro-area
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>						
Balance of payments	2.0	2.0	-37.6	19.5	8.3	-1.1
Foreign assets, net, 31 Dec. 2008	-8.8	-4.3	-263.8	63.6	2.5	..
Public sector surplus	3.6	4.2	-14.3	18.8	2.5	-1.9
Public debt, 31 Dec. 2008	33.3	33.4	63.9	50.0	38.0	69.3
<i>Per cent</i>						
Unemployment	3.3	6.4	3.0	2.5	6.2	7.5
Interest rate	4.3	4.3	11.1	4.5	3.9	4.4
<i>Percentage change 2007–2008</i>						
Inflation	3.5	4.0	12.5	3.9	3.5	3.3
Economic growth	-1.1	0.9	0.3	2.0	-0.2	0.7
Share price index	-22.7	-24.0	-51.7	-19.3	-29.6	-24.7
Effective nominal Exchange rate index	1.6	1.8	..	1.8	1.9	6.2

Note: Harmonized unemployment figures.

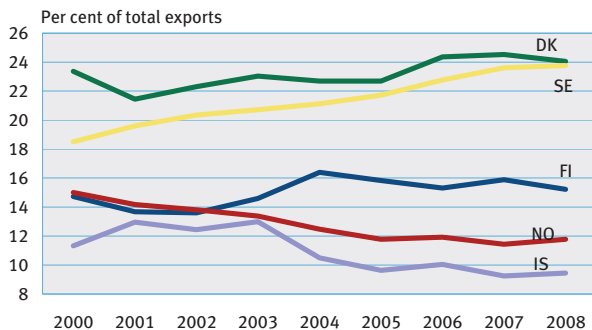
Gross domestic product per person in euro (PPP)



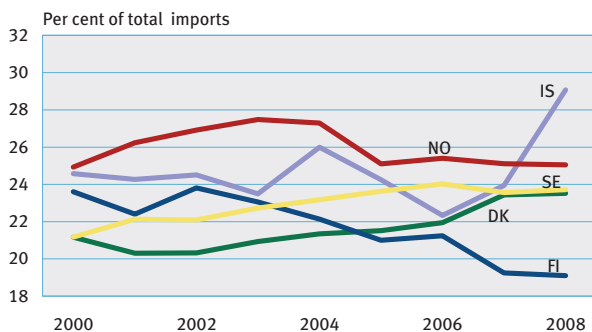
Gross domestic product, real annual growth. 2008



The Nordic countries' exports to other Nordic countries



The Nordic countries' imports from other Nordic countries



Nordic exports in percent of total export. 2008

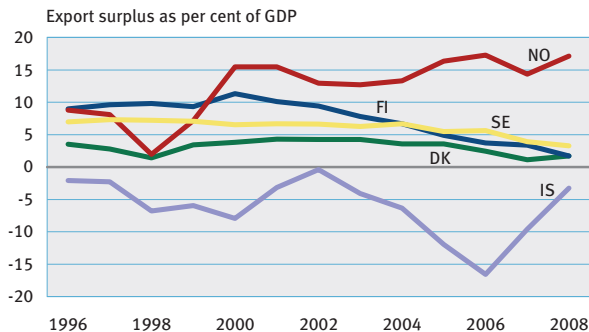
Per cent	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Exports to:</i>					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nordic countries	24.1	15.2	9.4	11.8	23.8
EU-15 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	46.4	34.9	69.5	69.2	40.2
12 new EU countries	6.6	8.8	2.5	2.9	5.9
Russia	1.8	11.6	1.3	0.7	2.4
Other Europe	1.9	3.2	1.8	1.1	2.7
USA and Canada	6.3	7.0	6.1	6.8	7.5
Other America	1.5	2.4	0.6	1.1	2.4
Japan	1.9	1.8	4.4	0.9	1.1
DAEs	2.5	2.4	0.5	2.3	2.3
China	1.9	3.1	2.2	1.1	2.2
India	0.5	0.8	0.0	0.3	1.1
Rest of the world	4.6	8.6	1.7	2.0	8.5

Imports from:

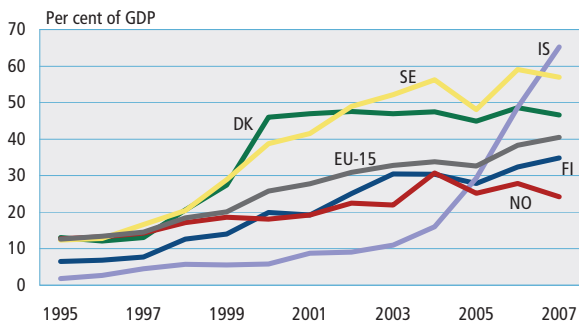
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nordic countries	23.5	19.1	29.1	25.1	23.7
EU-15 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	48.6	38.6	30.4	37.0	46.1
12 new EU countries	7.0	6.7	5.8	6.6	7.7
Russia	1.5	16.3	0.6	2.2	4.4
Other Europe	2.2	1.4	3.8	2.2	1.8
USA and Canada	3.5	3.0	9.1	8.3	3.5
Other America	1.7	1.9	2.8	2.6	1.6
Japan	0.6	1.1	3.7	2.2	1.8
DAEs	2.3	3.4	1.3	3.4	2.5
China	5.7	5.1	6.6	6.4	4.2
India	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.5
Rest of the world	2.7	3.1	6.3	3.6	2.3

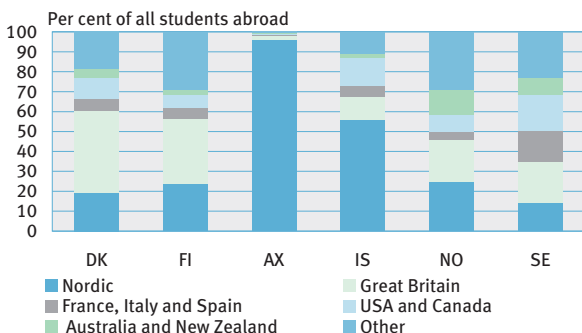
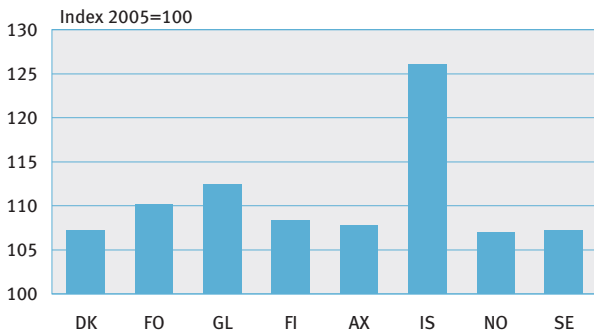
Note: DAE-countries (Dynamic Asian Economies): Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.

Trade balance of goods



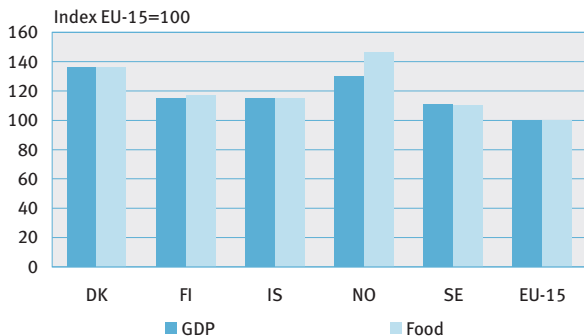
Foreign direct investment – inwards



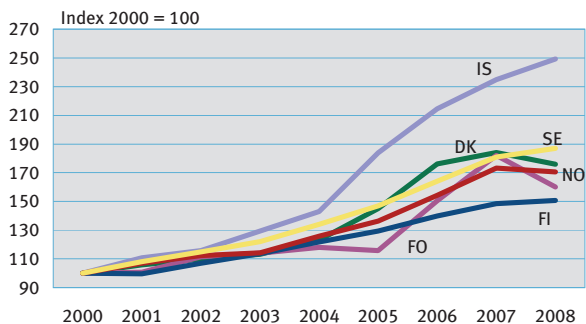
Nordic students abroad. 2007/08**Consumer price index. 2008**

Faroe Islands and Åland; 2007 data

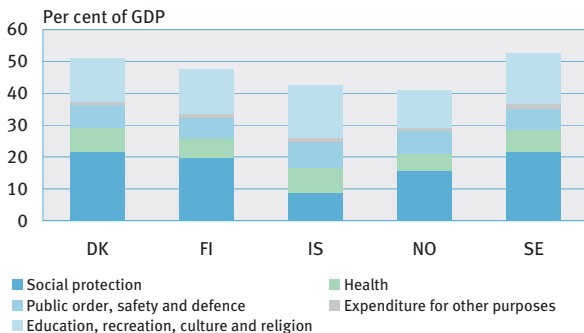
Price levels. 2008



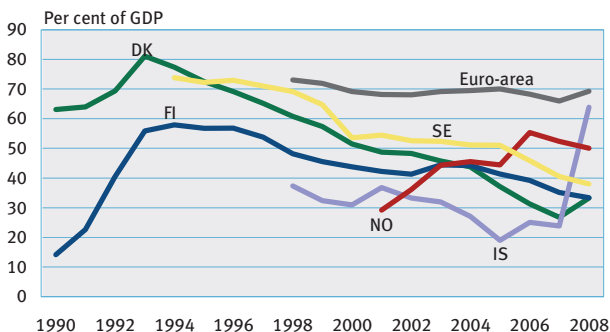
House price index



General government expenditure by purpose. 2007

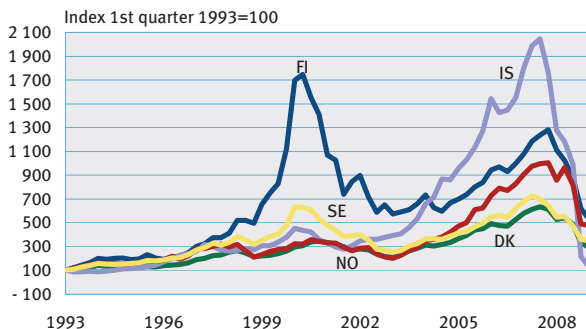


General government gross debt

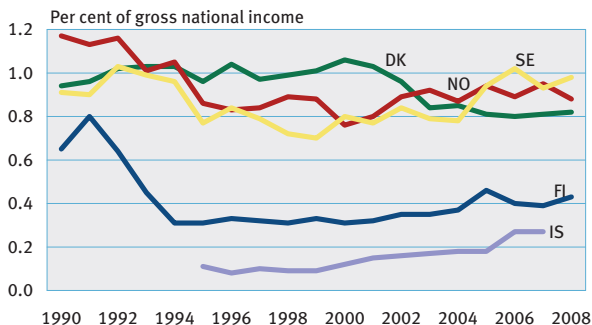


Public finance and prices

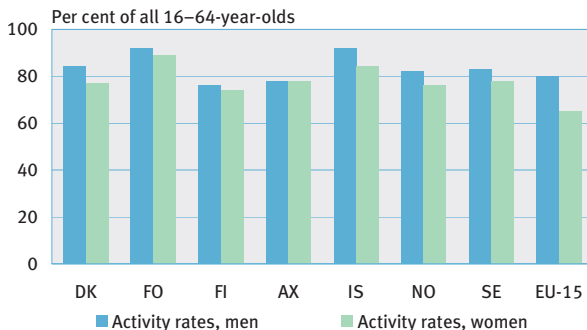
Share prices



Government aid to developing countries

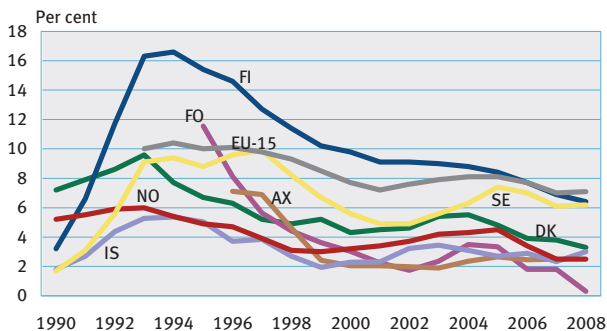


Activity rates by sex. 2008



Åland: 2007 data.

Unemployment



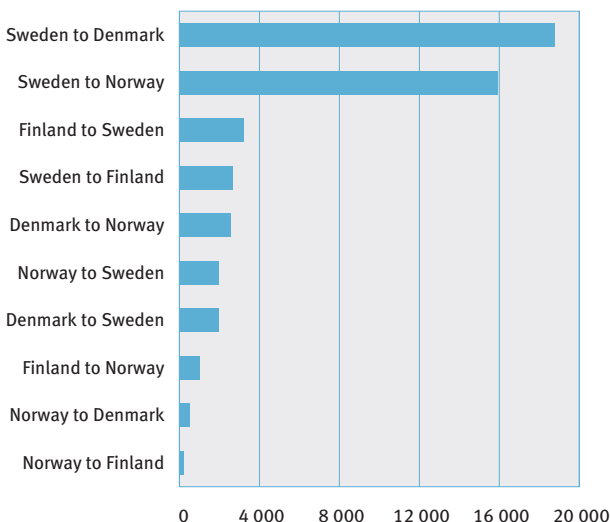
EU-harmonised unemployment figures except Faroe Islands and Åland.

Unemployment by age. 2008

	DK	FO	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>1 000 persons</i>							
Total	94.4	0.1	172.0	0.3	5.4	67	293.7
16–19	15.9	0.0	29.0	0.0	1.6	19	60.9
20–24	15.7	0.0	27.0	0.0	1.0	10	58.4
25–34	20.3	0.1	33.0	0.1	1.1	16	57.3
35–44	17.4	0.0	28.0	0.1	0.5	11	45.1
45–54	13.5	0.0	30.0	0.1	0.8	8	38.6
55–64	11.7	0.0	25.0	0.1	0.4	4	33.5

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