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Nordic cooperation

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 booklet the following symbols and country codes are used:

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

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

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

The Nordic countries



Greenland

Area: 2 166 086 sq km
Population: 56 648
Status/Form of government:
 Home rule – within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state:
 Queen Margrethe II
Capital:
 Nuuk – pop. 15 047



Iceland

Area: 103 300 sq km
Population: 307 672
Status/Form of government:
 Republic
Head of state: President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson
Capital area:
 Reykjavík – pop. 191 919



Faroe Islands

Area: 1 393 sq km
Population: 48 350
Status/Form of government:
 Home rule – within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state:
 Queen Margrethe II
Capital:
 Tórshavn – pop. 19 339



Norway

Area: 323 802 sq km
Population: 4 681 134
Status/Form of government:
 Constitutional monarchy
Head of state:
 King Harald V
Capital area:
 Oslo – pop. 1 057 794



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Finland

Area: 338 417 sq km
Population: 5 276 955
Status/Form of government: Republic
Head of state: President Tarja Halonen
Capital area: Helsinki – pop. 997 720



Åland

Area: 1 552 sq km
Population: 26 923
Status/Form of government: Home rule - within the republic of Finland
Head of state: Tarja Halonen
Capital: Mariehamn – pop. 10 824



Denmark

Area: 43 561 sq km
Population: 5 447 084
Status/Form of government: Constitutional monarchy
Head of state: Queen Margrethe II
Capital area: Copenhagen – pop. 1 636 749



Sweden

Area: 450 295 sq km
Population: 9 113 257
Status/Form of government: Constitutional monarchy
Head of state: King Carl XVI Gustaf
Capital area: Stockholm – pop. 1 918 104

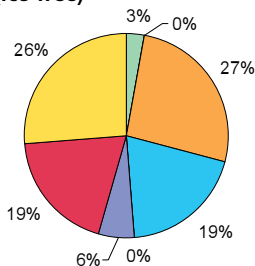
Key figures

The Nordic countries in an international context – key figures

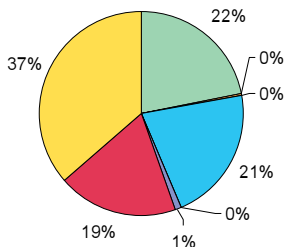
	Norden	Euro-13	USA	Japan
Total area, 1 000 sq km	3 428	2 589	9 631	378
Icefree land area, 1 000 sq km	1 561	2 557	9 162	375
Population, million	24.9	316.6	301.0	127.8
Inhabitants per sq. km	16	123	33	341
Fertility rate, births per women	1.9	1.5	2.1	1.4
Age:				
0-14 years, % of population	18.3	15.6	20.9	14.1
+65 years, % of population	15.9	17.5	12.3	19.2
Life expectancy: Men, years	77	75	75	79
Women, years	82	82	80	86
GDP, billion euro (2006)	974	8 407	10 509	3 477
GDP per capita, PPP-euro (2006)	31 855	26 000	36 300	26 700
General government debt, end of 2006, % of GDP	41.3	69.0	60.9	176.2
General government surplus (2006), % of GDP	6.1	-1.6	-2.3	-4.6
Tax burden: taxes as % of GDP	48.2	39.1	26.8	26.4
Labour force participation: %				
Men	81.3	76.1	81.9	84.8
Women	76.1	62.6	69.3	61.3
Average hours worked per week (1995-1999)	35-38	32-40	41	47
Unemployment rate, % (2006)	5.8	7.9	4.6	4.1

Norden: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and the three autonomous areas of the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland. Euro-13: The 13 European countries with the euro as their currency.

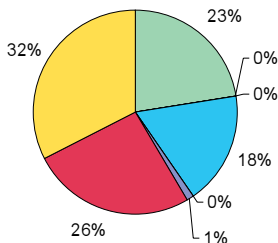
Area (ice-free)



Population



Gross national income

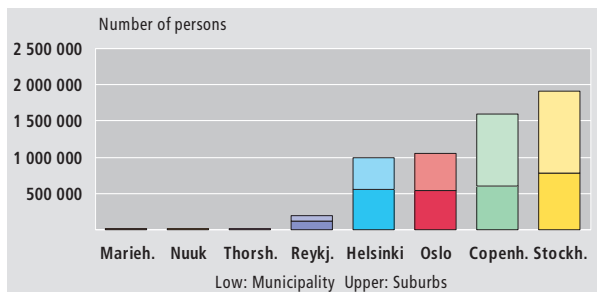


Energy and population

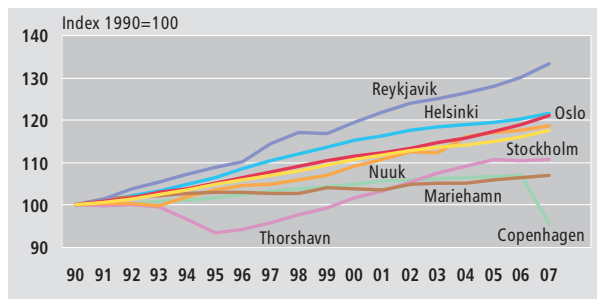
Indigenous energy production, mill. tonnes oil equivalents

	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Denmark	10,0	15,5	27,6	27,0	28,5	28,4	31,0	31,2
Finland	11,9	13,2	14,8	14,7	15,6	15,5	15,4	16,2
Iceland	1,4	1,6	2,3	2,5	2,5	2,5	2,5	2,6
Norway	120,1	181,6	224,5	228,4	233,1	235,5	238,0	233,6
Sweden	29,7	31,5	30,1	33,4	31,3	30,5	33,9	34,3

Population in the Nordic capitals. January 2007



Population development in capital areas



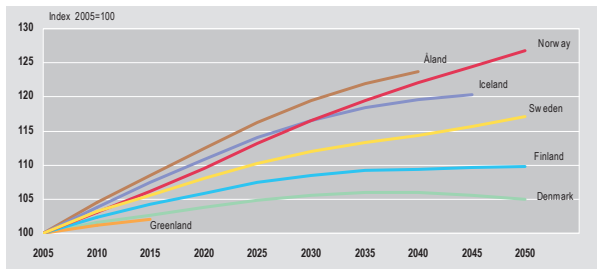
Copenhagen: Changed municipality structure by 1. January 2007 and is therefore not comparable with earlier years.

Population in the Nordic countries. 1 January 2007

	Total	Men	Women
Denmark	5 447 084	2 696 662	2 750 422
Faroe Islands	48 350	25 135	23 215
Greenland	56 648	30 005	26 643
Finland	5 276 955	2 583 742	2 693 213
Åland	26 923	13 352	13 571
Iceland	307 672	156 576	151 096
Norway	4 681 134	2 325 788	2 355 346
Sweden	9 113 257	4 523 523	4 589 734
Nordic total	24 931 100	12 341 431	12 589 669

The population of Finland includes the population of Åland.

Latest population projections



Population

Asylum requests

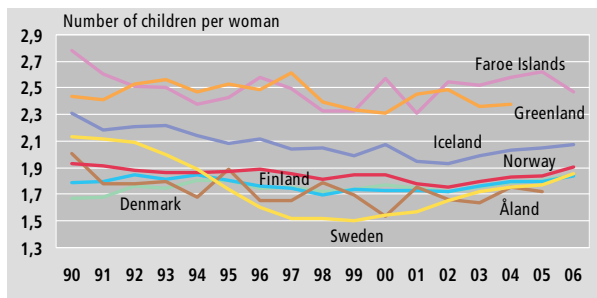
	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden	Nordic total
2000	10 347	3 170	25	10 843	16 303	40 688
2001	8 385	1 651	53	14 782	23 515	48 386
2002	6 660	3 443	117	17 480	33 016	60 716
2003	2 767	3 221	80	15 613	31 355	53 036
2004	1 633	3 861	76	7 950	23 161	36 681
2005	1 283	3 574	87	5 402	17 530	27 876
2006	921	2 324	39	5 320	24 322	32 926

Asylum requests by citizenship. 2006

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden	Nordic total
Total	921	2 324	39	5 320	24 322	32 926
EEA	15	12	2	23	451	503
Bulgaria	9	463	-	3	639	1 114
Romania	5	20	9	10	441	485
Russia	31	176	7	548	755	1 517
Belarus	3	98	3	28	432	564
Ukraine	4	9	2	12	90	117
Turkey	20	41	-	69	305	435
Other Europe	194	373	3	490	2 631	3 201
America, total	3	7	-	13	1 030	1 040
Somalia	35	92	-	632	1 066	1 825
Other Africa	134	298	5	1 127	2 128	3 692
Afghanistan	85	97	1	224	594	1 001
Iraq	96	225	1	1 002	8 951	10 275
Iran	69	91	2	218	494	874
Other Asia	173	292	4	683	3 351	4 503
Oceania	45	-	-	1	-	46
Stateless	-	30	-	237	964	994

EEA: European Economic Area. Consists of 25 EU-countries + Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

Total fertility rate



Life expectancy at birth, number of 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	..	75.5	78.8	79.2	77.7	78.4
2006	75.9	76.5	..	75.8	..	79.4	78.1	78.7
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	..	82.3	81.1	83.1	82.5	82.8
2006	80.4	81.3	..	82.8	..	83.0	82.7	82.9

Population

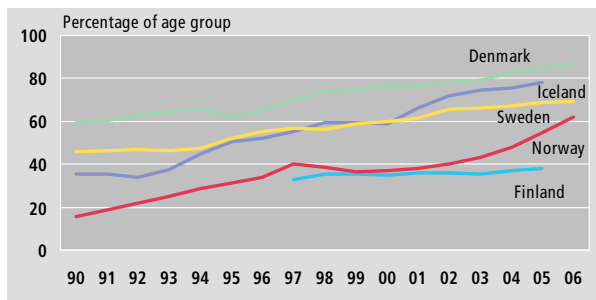
Children in day-care by age group. 2006

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
Number					
0 years	9 917	759	255	1 928	12
1 years	55 173	16 299	2 674	29 187	48 160
2 years	58 228	26 423	3 832	42 547	92 346
3 years	62 260	35 271	3 844	52 173	94 957
4 years	62 414	39 242	3 921	53 524	95 498
5 years	63 182	41 723	4 055	55 121	92 091
Per cent of age group					
0 years	15.4	1.3	6.0	3.3	0.0
1 years	84.8	28.2	62.3	50.6	46.9
2 years	89.4	46.4	90.5	73.1	89.7
3 years	96.3	63.0	93.7	89.8	93.6
4 years	94.9	69.5	95.0	93.9	96.8
5 years	93.4	73.0	93.6	94.6	97.6

Children in fully or partly publicly funded private day-care.

Denmark includes after-school arrangements. Finland, Iceland and Norway 2004 data.

1-2-year-old children in day-care



Children in fully or partly publicly funded private day-care.

Confirmed new cancer cases per million inhabitants. 2005

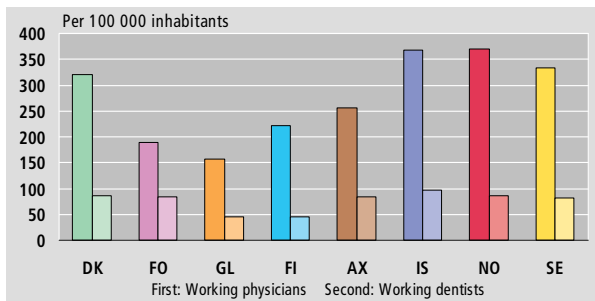
	DK	FO	GL	FI	IS	NO	SE
Men:							
Total	6 127	3 191	3 061	5 363	4 372	5 574	6 016
Testicular	103	105	66	38	54	109	63
Prostate	893	462	46	2 042	1 308	1 592	2 207
Stomach	120	194	193	154	153	127	129
Colon	709	454	345	488	465	750	635
Pancreas	134	121	120	180	91	124	100
Lung	750	381	857	611	438	586	405
Skin cancer	200	32	20	159	150	249	242
Other types	3 217	1 442	1 415	1 692	1 714	2 037	2 235
Women:							
Total	6 317	3 652	2 928	4 626	4 234	4 978	5 213
Mammarian	1 469	909	441	1 462	1 185	1 198	1 529
Cervical	150	114	243	61	115	126	94
Stomach	68	105	68	129	94	97	74
Colon	621	550	434	464	396	736	647
Pancreas	126	201	190	164	62	124	97
Lung	583	227	555	228	419	386	330
Skin cancer	253	70	8	145	229	243	228
Other types	3 047	1 476	989	1 974	1 734	2 068	2 214

Greenland: Average of 1999-2003. Faroe Islands and Iceland: Average of 2001-2005.

Denmark: 2003 data. Finland: 2004 data.

Health and causes of death

Physicians and dentists per 100 000 inhabitants. 2005



Sale of alcohol, litres of pure alcohol equivalent per person

	1990	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Denmark	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.3	11.5	11.0	11.0
Faroe Islands	6.7	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.6
Greenland	15.5	13.4	12.5	12.3	12.7	11.7	12.1
Finland	9.5	8.6	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.9	10.0
Åland	7.2	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.6
Iceland	5.2	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.7	7.1
Norway	4.9	5.6	5.5	5.9	6.0	6.2	6.4
Sweden	6.4	6.2	6.5	6.9	7.0	6.5	6.6

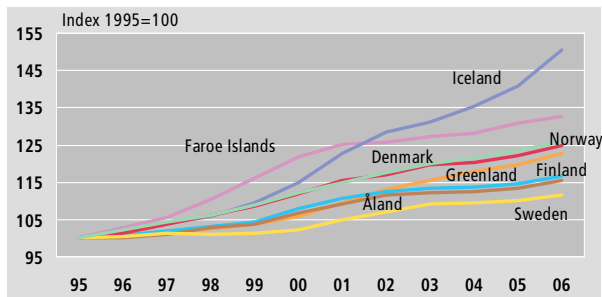
Includes only the sale of alcohol in each individual country. Consequently, the consumption of alcohol bought in another country is not included.

Consumption of food, kg per person. 2005

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
Rice	6.3	5.2	5.2	6.2	5.8
Potatoes	55.0	62.0	57.8	71.3	83.6
Vegetables	..	68.4	58.9	63.4	73.5
Fruit	..	90.4	81.7	82.4	103.0
Cheese	..	17.2	15.5	17.5	17.9
Butter	1.9	2.8	2.3	2.9	1.5
Eggs	17.0	9.3	9.6	10.7	12.4
Beef and veal	26.1	18.6	12.9	20.0	25.2
Pork	38.4	33.5	17.9	24.3	36.1
Sheep and lamb	1.3	0.4	25.7	5.6	1.0
Poultry	23.3	16.1	20.6	12.4	14.9
Other meat	0.8	3.1	2.7	5.8	2.2

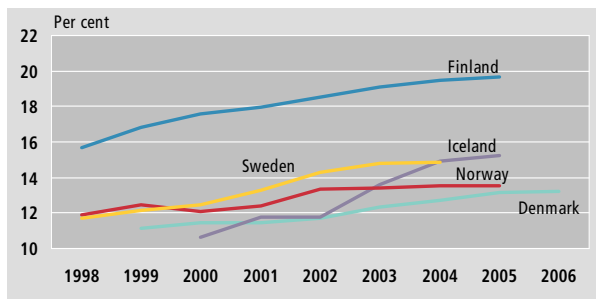
Sweden: 2004 data.

Consumer price increase, 1995-2006



Education

Students at university level, % of all 20-39-year-olds



Nordic students abroad by country of destination. 2005/06

	Students from: Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
	Number of students abroad				
Total	3 101	4 470	2 496	12 343	20 136
Other Nordic countries	658	1 170	1 342	2 707	2 687
Great Britain	1 210	1 524	319	2 583	4 271
USA and Canada	322	298	375	995	3 391
Australia and NZ	107	101	40	2 210	1 948
Other	804	1 377	420	3 848	7 839

Books: Titles published

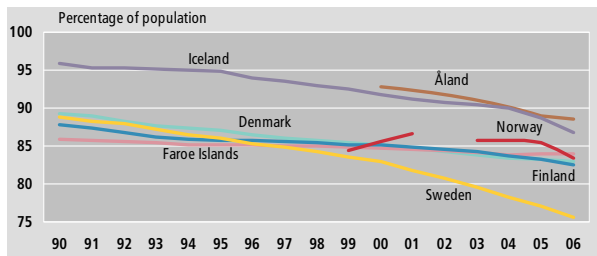
	DK	FO	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
	2004	2006	2005	2004	2006	2000	2004	2004
Total	14 829	142	114	12 977	78	1 967	5 531	17 683
Number of published titles per 1 000 inhabitants								
Total	2.8	0.3	2.0	2.5	2.9	7.0	1.2	2.0

Cinemas. 2006

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
Cinemas	165	208	22	235	784
Screens	385	331	46	429	1 171
Seats	57 778	55 657	8 046	84 269	191 729
Seats per screen	150	168	175	196	164
Seats per 1 000 inhabitants	11	11	27	18	21

Iceland: 2005 data.

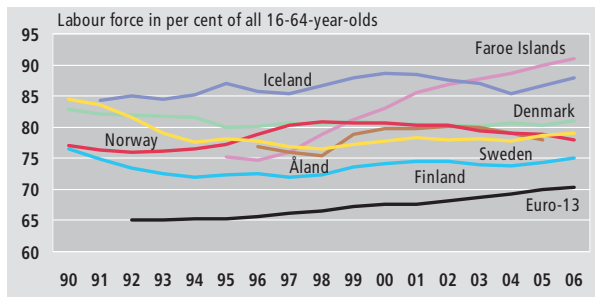
Lutherans' proportion of total population



Norway: Only data from few years

Labour market

Activity rates



Euro-13: The 13 countries that have adopted the euro.

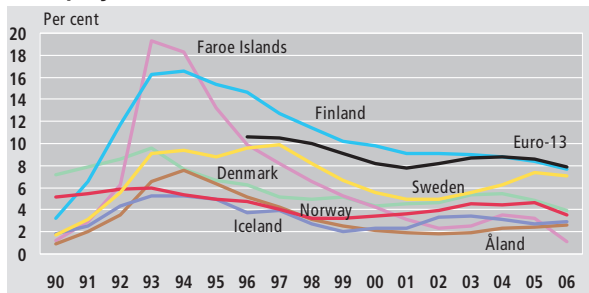
Unemployed as per cent of labour force

	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Denmark	6.7	4.3	4.5	4.6	5.4	5.5	4.8	3.9
Faroe	13.2	4.2	3.1	2.3	2.5	3.5	3.2	1.1
Finland	15.4	9.8	9.1	9.1	9.0	8.8	8.4	7.7
Åland	6.4	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.3	2.4	2.6
Iceland	4.9	2.3	2.3	3.3	3.4	3.1	2.7	2.9
Norway	4.9	3.4	3.6	3.9	4.5	4.4	4.6	3.5
Sweden	8.8	5.6	4.9	4.9	5.6	6.3	7.4	7.1
Euro-13	..	8.2	7.8	8.2	8.7	8.8	8.6	7.9

Harmonized unemployment rates except Faroe Islands, Åland and Iceland.

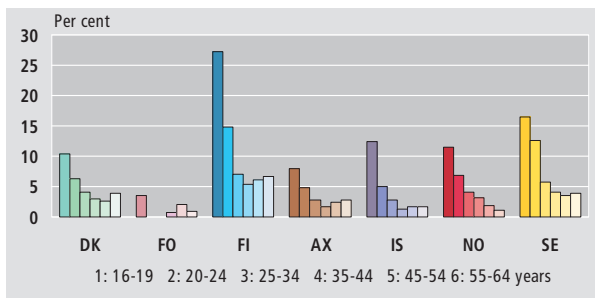
Euro-13: The 13 countries that have adopted the euro.

Unemployment rates 1990-2006



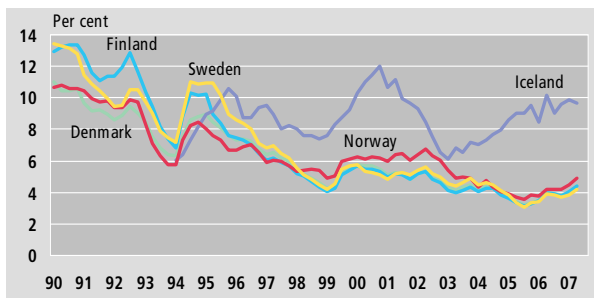
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Unemployment rates by age group. 2006



Interest and prices

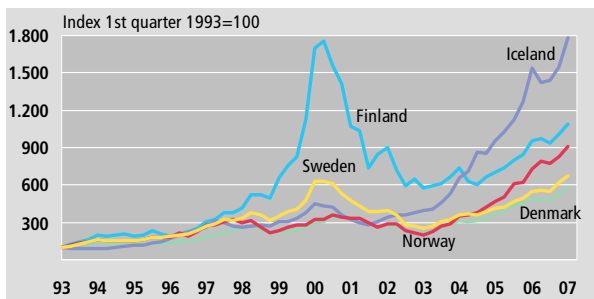
Long-term interest rate



Exchange rates, annual average

	Value of 1 US dollar			Value of 1 euro		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
Danish kr.	5.99	6.00	5.95	7.44	7.45	7.46
Finish euro	1.24	1.24	1.26	1.00	1.00	1.00
Icelandic kr.	70.12	62.86	69.78	87.15	78.14	87.72
Norwegian kr.	6.74	6.45	6.41	8.37	8.01	8.05
Swedish kr.	7.35	7.48	7.38	9.13	9.28	9.25

Share prices



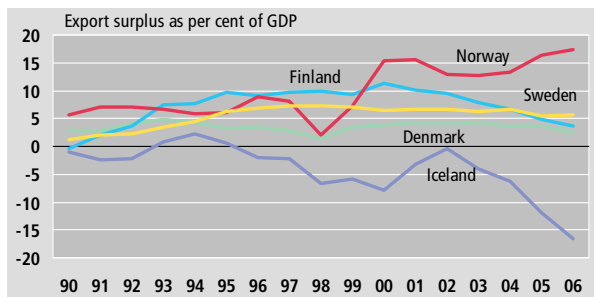
Foreign trade

Selected export commodities as % of total exports. 2006

	DK	FO	GL	FI	IS	NO	SE
	Per cent						
Meat	5.4	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1
Dairy products	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	0	0.1	0.2
Other food	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.1	1.4
Fish, etc.	3.2	77.6	84.4	0.0	47.0	4.4	1.1
Petroleum	9.2	2.2	0.0	4.9	2.3	46.4	5.5
Gas	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.0	0.1
Pharmaceuticals	7.1	0.0	0.0	1.3	2.4	0.4	6.0
Paper	1.0	0.0	0.0	13.6	0.1	1.1	6.8
Aluminium	0.6	0.0	0.0	4.4	23.5	6.6	2.1
Telecomm.	3.6	0.0	0.4	15.7	0.1	0.8	8.5
Road vehicles	2.6	0.0	0	4.8	0.5	0.7	13.6
Other transport equipment	1.8	0.3	1.8	2.2	6.8	1.9	0.8
All other goods	57.7	19.9	13.3	51.6	16.9	16.5	53.8
Total exports	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Each country's dominant export commodities are written in red bold.
Aluminium also includes other non-ferrous metals.

Trade balance of goods (Exports – imports)



Foreign trade

Exports. Million euro. 2006

	DK	GL	FI	IS	NO	SE
Total	73 311	565	61 489	2 767	97 261	115 371
Denmark	.	71	1 305	97	3 414	8 043
Faroes Isl.	294	.	1	33	113	24
Greenland	364	4	4	5	19	84
Finland	2 232	4	.	9	1 513	7 017
Iceland	376	21	52	.	286	401
Norway	4 147	70	1 599	110	.	10 698
Sweden	10 446	4	6 457	25	6 248	.
Belgium and Luxembourg	1 132	1	1 452	55	2 472	5 388
France	3 423	54	2 065	94	8 037	5 763
Germany	12 361	32	6 946	414	11 973	11 433
Italy	2 445	14	1 955	21	3 066	3 915
Netherlands	3 657	6	3 156	460	9 986	5 552
United Kingdom	6 481	144	4 000	433	26 023	8 331
Other EU	8 432	65	7 550	353	6 978	12 260
Switzerland	657	0	665	67	267	1 044
Russian Fed.	1 308	18	6 220	53	677	1 928
Other Europe	1 163	6	1 614	19	891	2 341
USA	4 885	4	4 012	300	5 565	10 885
Canada	746	9	526	16	3 013	1 231
Other America	1 006	0	1 444	11	985	2 362
China	939	11	1 974	31	1 360	2 244
Japan	1 495	18	1 012	57	950	1 821
DAE	2 211	1	1 575	20	1 809	2 649
Other Asia	1 592	0	3 921	34	903	5 174
Africa	735	7	1 425	48	502	2 451
Oceania	697	0	504	4	210	1 702
Unknown	86	3	56	0	0	630

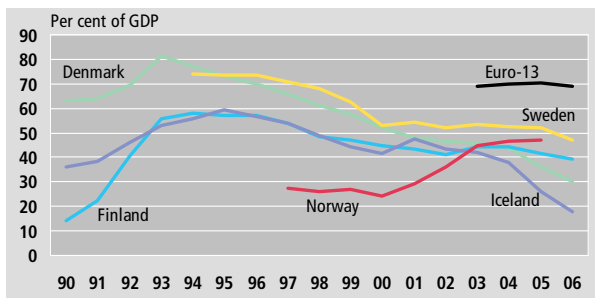
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Imports. Million euro. 2006

	DK	GL	FI	IS	NO	SE
Total	67 944	715	55 253	4 926	51 141	98 156
Denmark	.	202	1 737	300	3 525	9 233
Faroes Isl.	130	.	1	13	57	3
Greenland	293	7	0	5	6	2
Finland	1 525	6	.	68	1 636	5 743
Iceland	93	24	13	.	100	23
Norway	3 136	176	1 710	347	.	8 588
Sweden	9 737	45	5 422	343	7 666	.
Belgium and Luxembourg	2 523	6	1 248	159	1 235	4 662
France	3 005	17	1 811	193	2 013	4 650
Germany	14 663	49	7 668	605	6 878	17 536
Italy	2 707	13	1 869	161	1 737	3 193
Netherlands	4 263	13	2 441	239	2 086	6 180
United Kingdom	3 838	28	2 654	259	3 274	6 067
Other EU	6 667	33	5 510	502	5 109	10 622
Switzerland	885	0	474	110	557	1 004
Russian Fed.	1 086	2	7 768	17	1 241	3 481
Other Europe	1 535	7	892	75	684	1 613
USA	2 061	9	2 079	633	2 733	3 401
Canada	268	1	306	140	1 376	366
Other America	974	17	1 559	92	1 297	1 431
China	3 546	20	4 109	259	2 915	3 132
Japan	601	16	1 590	204	1 376	1 960
DAE	2 248	13	2 296	107	2 058	3 156
Other Asia	1 612	6	1 004	69	828	1 327
Africa	306	1	354	19	640	438
Oceania	242	4	739	8	114	349
Unknown	0	3	0	0	0	0

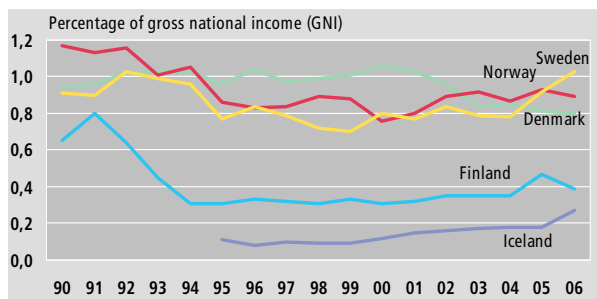
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General government gross debt



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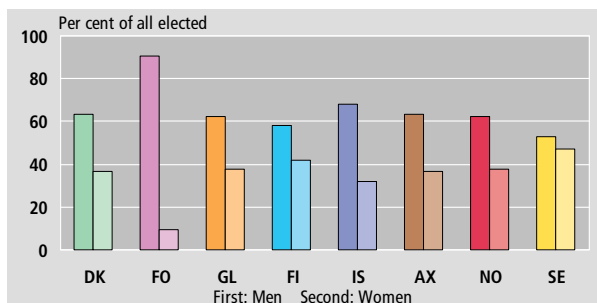
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Electorate and turnout at the latest general election

National parliament	Latest election	Electorate	Turnout
Denmark	Folketinget 08-02-2005	4 003 616	84.5%
Faroe Islands	Lagtinget 20-01-2004	34 400	92.3%
Greenland	Landstinget 15-11-2005	38 924	74.9%
Finland	Riksdagen 18-03-2007	4 292 436	65.0%
Åland	Lagtinget 19-10-2003	18 969	67.6%
Iceland	Alltinget 12-05-2007	221 368	83.6%
Norway	Stortinget 12-09-2005	3 421 741	77.4%
Sweden	Riksdagen 17-09-2006	6 892 009	82.0%

Candidates elected to national parliaments by sex



National accounts

Economic key figures. Nordic countries and the Euro zone

	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	EU-13
Population, millions	5.4	5.3	0.3	4.7	9.1	316.6
GDP 2006, billion euro (PPP)	166	149	10	200	263	8 245
GDP per person, 2006 in euro (PPP)	30 600	28 300	31 700	42 900	29 000	26 000
Per cent						
Real growth in GDP 1996-2006	23.5	45.5	53.0	30.8	35.4	24.3
Unemployment, 2006	3.9	7.7	2.6	3.5	7.1	7.9
Inflation, 2005-2006	1.9	1.7	6.8	2.2	1.4	2.1
Interest rate, 2006	3.8	3.8	9.3	4.1	3.7	4.0
Per cent of GDP						
Balance of payments, current account surplus, 2006	2.4	5.8	-26.7	16.7	7.4	-0.4
Foreign assets (net) as of 31/12 2006	-2.0	-12.0	-120.0	58.0 ¹⁾	-8.0	..
Public surplus, 2006	4.2	3.9	2.0	18.5	2.2	-1.6
Public debt, as of 31/12 2006	30.2	39.1	18.0	47.2 ²⁾	46.9	69.0

Euro (PPP): Purchasing Power Parities used when converting into euro. The only Nordic country included in EU-13 is Finland.

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1) 31 Dec. 2005. 2) 2005 data.

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