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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 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 region solidify its position as one of the world's most innovative and competitive.

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Preface

Although small individually, the importance of the Nordic countries as a group is considerable. Did you know that the combined gross domestic product of the Nordic Region makes it the world's twelfth largest economy? Or even that the Nordic Region is bigger than the whole of India, making it the seventh largest landmass in the world?

This pocket edition of Nordic Statistics 2016 offers a glimpse into the data that helps to paint a picture of our Nordic society – for example that every resident of Iceland visits the theatre twice as often as those living in Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

For more information on this data, please visit www.norden.org/facts for links to Nordic Statistics and for more data that opens the door to countless fascinating analyses.

Happy reading!

Symbols

Nil	-
Less than half	0
Not applicable	.
Data not available	..
Link to database

Country codes

Denmark	DK
Faroe Islands	FO
Greenland	GL
Finland	FI
Åland	AX
Iceland	IS
Norway	NO
Sweden	SE
The Nordic Region	NR
Euro area	EA
The European Union	EU

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The Nordic countries

Denmark

Area km ²	43,561
Population	5,707,251
Status	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Capital population	1,280,371 (Copenhagen)

Faroe Islands

Area km ²	1,396
Population	48,704
Status	Home rule within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Capital population	20,521 (Tórshavn)

Greenland

Area km ²	2,166,086
Population	55,847
Status	Home rule within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Capital population	17,316 (Nuuk)

Sweden

Area km ²	447,435
Population	9,851,017
Status	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Carl XVI Gustav
Capital population	2,231,439 (Stockholm)

Finland

Area km ²	338,430
Population	5,487,308
Status	Republic
Head of state	President Sauli Niinistö
Capital population	1,122,101 (Helsinki)

Åland

Area km ²	1,581
Population	28,916
Status	Home rule within the Republic of Finland
Head of state	President Sauli Niinistö
Capital population	11,461 (Mariehamn)

Norway

Area km ²	323,781
Population	5,213,985
Status	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Harald V
Capital population	1,252,923 (Oslo)

Iceland

Area km ²	103,492
Population	332,529
Status	Republic
Head of state	President Guðni Jóhannesson
Capital population	213,619 (Reykjavik)

KEY FIGURES 2015*

The Nordic Region in an international context

*2015 or latest available data. In this table, the Nordic Region consists of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. EU: The 27 or 28 member states of the European Union as per 1 January 2013 or 1 January 2014. PPS: Purchasing Power Standards which eliminates differences in prices between the countries.

Total land area

1,000 km²

Population

(million)

THE NORDIC REGION

27

EU

509

JAPAN

127

UNITED STATES

321

Density

(inhabitants/km²)

THE NORDIC REGION

17

EU

118

JAPAN

336

UNITED STATES

33

Total fertility rate

THE NORDIC
REGION

1.8

EU

1.6

JAPAN

1.4

USA

1.9

Life expectancy

(years)

GDP

(billion USD)

GDP per capita

(PPS, USD)

GDP growth

(per cent)

Taxes

(per cent of GDP)

Exports / imports

(billion USD)

Since 1995 the Nordic economies have almost doubled while reducing CO₂ emissions by almost 20 per cent.

Climate and energy

Average temperature in the Nordic capitals

Tempo1. Denmark, Greenland and Åland: 1990–2014 data. Iceland: 1997–2015 data.

Emissions of greenhouse gases, per capita

Indic302 and Popuo2

Indigenous energy production 2014

The Nordic
Region

Enero6

EU28

Enero6

Gross inland consumption of energy 2014

The Nordic
Region

Eneros

EU28

Eneros

Final inland consumption of energy 2014

The Nordic Region

Ener10

EU28

Ener10

Decoupling environmental pressures and economic growth

Indic401

Environmental taxes

Publ15

Organic farming

Area02 and Oeko01. Total farm area: Arable land and permanent meadows and pastures. Sweden: 2000=2002 data. Åland: Only arable land.

Two thirds of Nordic women
are full-time employed.

Labour market

Employment rates 2015

Worko2. Åland: 2011 data. Faroe Islands, Greenland and EU28: 2014 data.

All employed by gender 2015

The Nordic Region

EU28

Worko2

Unemployment rates

Youth unemployment rates 2015

Absence from work for at least a week due to illness

Socio2

Absence from work for at least a week due to illness 2014

Socio2

Maternity and paternity leave

Socio4

Socio4

Annual median income 2015

Source: Incoo2. Sweden: 2014 data. PPS: Purchasing Power Standards which eliminates differences in prices between the countries.

Today there are more than three times as many doctors per inhabitant in the Nordic Region as there were in the 60s.

Research and education

Level of education (age group 25–74) 2015

The Nordic Region

Educo1

EU28

Educo1

Student performance by literacy, PISA 2012

Reading literacy		Mathematical literacy		Scientific literacy	
Japan	538	Korea, Rep. of	554	Japan	547
Korea, Rep. of	536	Japan	536	Finland	545
Finland	524	Switzerland	531	Estonia	541
Canada	523	Netherlands	523	Korea, Rep. of	538
Ireland	523	Estonia	521	Poland	526
Poland	518	Finland	519	Canada	525
Estonia	516	Canada	518	Germany	524
New Zealand	512	Poland	518	Netherlands	522
Australia	512	Belgium	515	Ireland	522
Netherlands	511	Germany	514	Australia	521
Belgium	509	Austria	506	New Zealand	516
Switzerland	509	Australia	504	Switzerland	515
Germany	508	Slovenia	501	United Kingdom	514
France	505	Ireland	501	Slovenia	514
Norway	504	New Zealand	500	Czech Republic	508
United Kingdom	499	Denmark	500	Austria	506
United States	498	Czech Republic	499	Belgium	505
Denmark	496	France	495	OECD average	501
OECD average	496	OECD average	494	France	499
Czech Republic	493	United Kingdom	494	Denmark	498
Italy	490	Iceland	493	United States	497
Austria	490	Luxembourg	490	Spain	496
Hungary	488	Norway	489	Norway	495
Portugal	488	Portugal	487	Hungary	494
Spain	488	Italy	485	Italy	494
Luxembourg	488	Spain	484	Luxembourg	491
Israel	486	Slovak Republic	482	Portugal	489
Iceland	483	United States	481	Sweden	485
Sweden	483	Sweden	478	Iceland	478
Slovenia	481	Hungary	477	Slovak Republic	471
Greece	477	Israel	466	Israel	470
Turkey	475	Greece	453	Greece	467
Slovak Republic	463	Turkey	448	Turkey	463
Chile	441	Chile	423	Chile	445
Mexico	424	Mexico	413	Mexico	415

■ PISA01

University students

Educo2 and Popu02

Educo2 and Popu02

Financial support for students 2015

Educo7

PhD graduates 2014

Phdgo2. EU28: 2013 data.

R&D staff

Redeo4

Total government expenditure on R&D

Redeo1

New enterprise creation

Entp02

Since 2000 the stock of other media than books has increased between 20 and 80 per cent in the Nordic countries while lending books has decreased between 10 and 20 per cent.

Innovation and creativity

Patents 2015

Pate01

Cultural employment

Cult23

Government expenditure on culture and leisure 2014

■ Cult20. Faroe Islands: 2009 data. Greenland: 2012 data.

Government expenditure on culture and leisure

■ Cult20

Film premieres 2015

Share of Nordic film premieres

Cultos

Film premieres 2015

Cultos

Theatre visits 2015

■ Cult15. Iceland and Greenland: 2014 data. Sweden: 2010 data.

Life expectancy for women in the region is now 84 years. At the start of the 60s the average life expectancy for women was "only" 74 years.

Social services and equality

Gini coefficient

■ Ginio1. Faroe Islands: 2005=2009 data. EU28: Data from 2005 cover only EU27.

Risk of poverty 2014

Per cent of households

■ Riop01

Recipients of social security

Source: Soc12. Faroe Islands: 2013=2011 data. Finland and Norway: 2013=2012 data.

Social expenditure by financial source 2013

Source: Soexo6

Gender pay gap (to the benefit of men)

Indic109

Candidates elected to the national parliaments (as per most recent election)

Ele03

Valid votes at the two latest national elections

Eleo1

Over the last 5 to 6 years the total number of asylum requests per year in the Nordic countries has varied between 45,000 and 75,000.

Trust and transparency

Emigration from the Nordic Region 2015

Migro2, Finland: 2014 data.

Immigration to the Nordic Region 2015

Migro1

Asylum requests in the Nordic countries 2015

Share of requests

Migro4

Asylum requests and asylum granted in the Nordic Region

Migro4

Unaccompanied children seeking asylum

Migros

About one fifth of the foreign trade in the Nordic countries is trade with other Nordic countries.

Economy

KEY FIGURES 2015*

Economy

Unemployment (per cent)

■ Key01. * 2015 or latest available figures. EA19: The 19 EU member states that had adopted the euro currency as their sole legal tender by 1 January 2015.

Economic growth

(per cent)

1.2

0.2

4.0

1.6

4.1

Balance of payments

(surplus per cent of GDP)

7.0

0.1

4.2

8.7

5.8

Interest rate

(per cent)

0.7

0.7

6.3

1.6

0.7

Public sector surplus

(per cent of GDP)

-2.1

-2.7

-0.5

5.7

0.0

Inflation

(2014–2015, per cent)

0.2

-0.2

0.3

2.0

0.7

GDP per capita

Indic102 and Popu02. PPS: Purchasing Power Standards which eliminates differences in prices between the countries.

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GDP – real annual growth

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Trade balance of goods – export minus import

Fotr49 and Naaco1

Trade between the Nordic countries

Fotr44

Trade between the Nordic countries

Fotr43

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