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## Nordic co-operation


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**Throughout the book, the following symbols and country codes are used:**

### Symbols

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### Country codes

Denmark: DK	Åland: AX
Faroe Islands: FO	Iceland: IS
Greenland: GL	Norway: NO
Finland: FI	Sweden: SE
Euro area: EA17	The EU: EU27

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

Denmark:		Greenland:		Åland:		Norway:	
Faroe Islands:		Finland:		Iceland:		Sweden:	
Euro area:		The EU:					

## The Nordic countries



### Denmark

Area km <sup>2</sup>	43 561
Population	5 602 628
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Copenhagen	1 230 728



### Faroe Islands

Area km <sup>2</sup>	1 396
Population	48 197
Status/Form of government	Home rule – within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Tórshavn	19 827



### Greenland

Area km <sup>2</sup>	2 166 086
Population	56 370
Status/Form of government	Self government – within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Nuuk	16 454



### Finland

Area km <sup>2</sup>	338 432
Population	5 426 674
Status/Form of government	Republic
Head of state	President
Helsinki	Sauli Niinistö
	1 075 014

## The Nordic countries



### Åland

Area km <sup>2</sup>	1 580
Population	28 502
Status/Form of government	Home rule – within the Republic of Finland
Head of state	President Sauli Niinistö
Mariehamn	11 346



### Iceland

Area km <sup>2</sup>	103 440
Population	321 857
Status/Form of government	Republic
Head of state	President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson
Reykjavik	205 675



### Norway

Area km <sup>2</sup>	323 787
Population	5 051 275
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Harald V
Oslo	1 190 365



### Sweden

Area km <sup>2</sup>	450 295
Population	9 555 893
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Carl XVI Gustaf
Stockholm	2 127 006

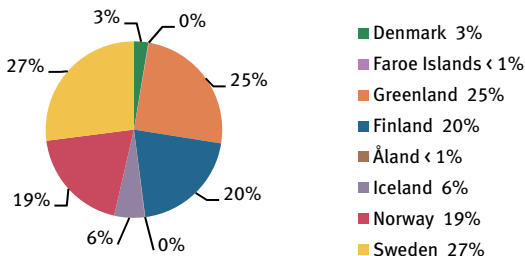
## Key figures

### *The Nordic countries in an international context – key figures 2012<sup>1</sup>*

	<b>Nordic countries</b>	<b>EA17</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>United States</b>
Total land area, 1 000 sq km	1 670	4 236	378	9 832
Arable land, per cent of land area	5.2	28.4	12.6	18.1
Forest area, per cent of land area	38.7	37.7	68.5	33.2
Population, million	26	486	128	309
Density (inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> )	16	119	338	32
Total fertility rate	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.9
Life expectancy, years	80.1	79.6	83.9	78.5
men	77.5	76.7	80.6	76.1
women	82.9	82.6	87.4	81.1
Unemployment rate	6.8	9.7	4.6	9.0
men	7.1	9.7	4.8	9.4
women	6.6	9.8	4.2	8.5
GDP, PPS (million US\$)	1 117	16 535	4 381	15 094
GDP per capita, PPS (US\$)	42 850	33 611	34 278	48 442
Total imports C.I.F (billion US\$)	452	6 002	854	2 266
Total exports F.O.B (billion US\$)	543	5 893	823	1 480
Trade balance (billion US\$)	91	-109	-31	-786
Tax revenue as percentage of GDP	44.5	..	26.9	24.8
Tax revenue per capita (US\$)	25 108	..	10 697	11 608

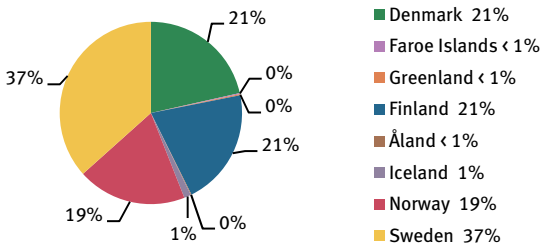
<sup>1</sup> 2012 or latest available data. The Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland. EA17: The 17 member states that have adopted the euro currency as their sole legal tender. PPS: Purchasing Power Standards which eliminates the differences in price levels between the countries.

### Area (ice-free)



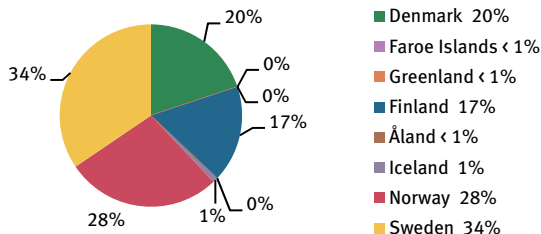
Area02

### Population



Popu01

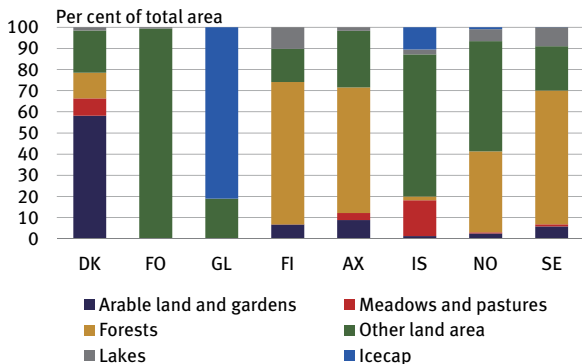
### Gross national income





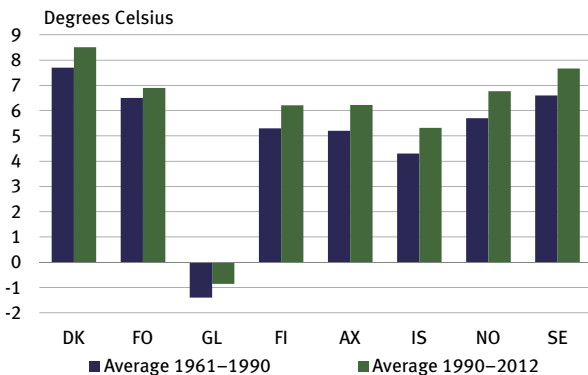
## Geography and climate

### Land use 2012



Area02

### Average temperature in the Nordic capitals



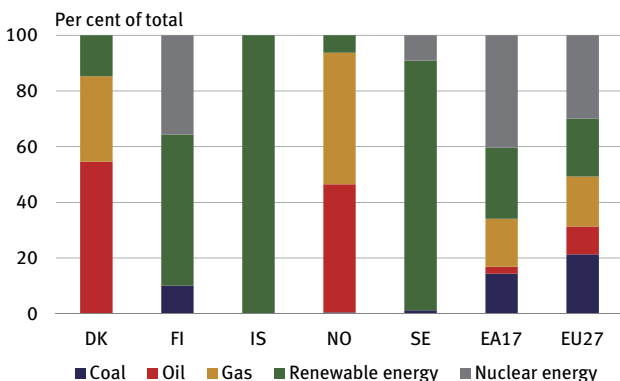
Temp01

### Greenhouse gas emissions per capita

	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalents, tonnes</i>					
1990	13.6	14.1	13.7	11.7	8.5
1995	14.8	13.8	12.2	11.4	8.4
2000	13.0	13.4	13.7	11.9	7.8
2005	12.0	13.1	12.9	11.6	7.5
2011	10.4	12.4	13.8	10.8	6.5

■ *Emis11 and Popu02*

### Indigenous energy production 2011



■ *Ener06. EU27: The 27 EU member states as per 1 January 2013. EA17: The 17 member states that have adopted the euro currency as their sole legal tender.*

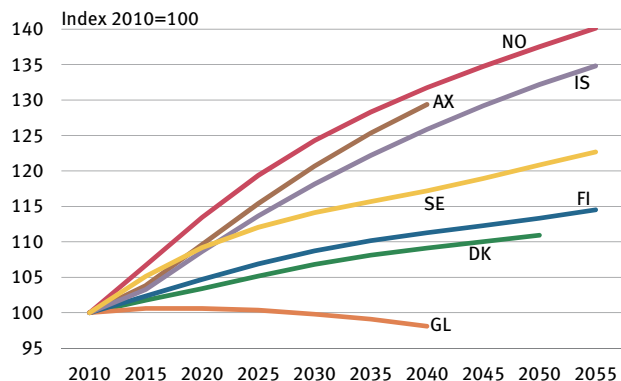
## Population

### Nordic population 1 January 2013

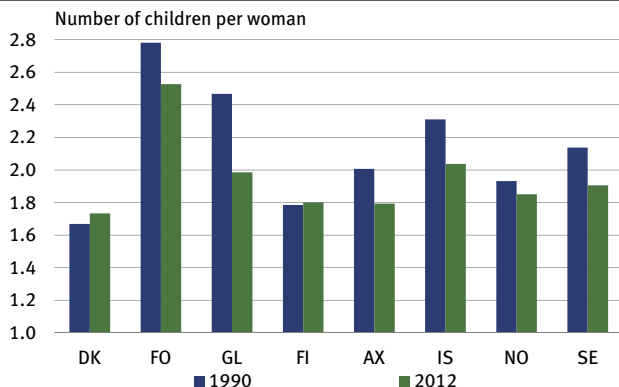
	Total	Men	Women
<b>The Nordic countries, total</b>	<b>26 062 894</b>	<b>12 963 582</b>	<b>13 099 312</b>
Denmark	5 602 628	2 778 852	2 823 776
Faroe Islands	48 197	25 019	23 178
Greenland	56 370	29 838	26 532
Finland	5 426 674	2 666 622	2 760 052
Åland	28 502	14 207	14 295
Iceland	321 857	161 438	160 419
Norway	5 051 275	2 535 908	2 515 367
Sweden	9 555 893	4 765 905	4 789 988

■ Popu01. Finland includes Åland.

### Population trends according to the latest population projections



■ Popu06

**Total fertility rate**

Chil02

**Life expectancy for a newborn baby, years**

	DK	FO	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Men</i>								
1990	72.0	73.1	60.7	70.9	74.7	75.0	73.4	74.8
1995	72.6	74.5	62.3	72.8	75.1	76.5	74.8	76.2
2000	74.3	76.2	62.8	74.1	78.5	77.6	76.0	77.4
2005	75.6	77.1	65.5	75.5	77.6	79.2	77.7	78.4
2010	77.1	78.8	67.9	76.7	81.2	79.7	78.9	79.5
2012	77.9	79.6	68.3	77.5	..	80.8	79.4	79.9
<i>Women</i>								
1990	77.7	80.3	68.4	78.9	82.8	80.1	79.8	80.4
1995	77.8	81.3	68.3	80.2	81.1	80.6	80.8	81.5
2000	79.0	81.6	68.0	81.0	81.5	81.4	81.4	82.0
2005	80.2	82.1	70.9	82.3	83.6	83.1	82.5	82.8
2010	81.2	83.9	72.9	83.2	84.2	83.7	83.2	83.5
2012	81.9	84.6	73.0	83.4	..	83.9	83.4	83.5

Life01

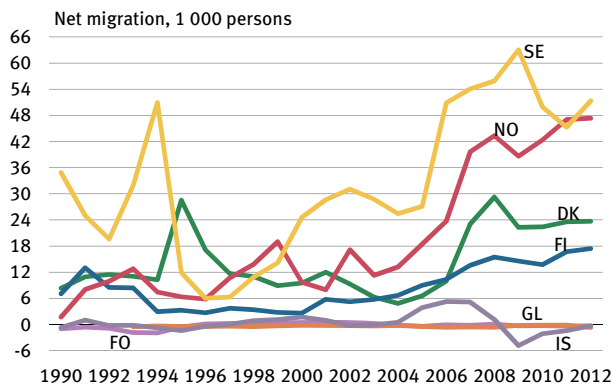
## Population

### 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
2011	3 573	3 087	75	9 053	29 670	45 458
2012	3 256	3 129	120	9 785	43 907	60 197

▣ Migr04

### Net migrations

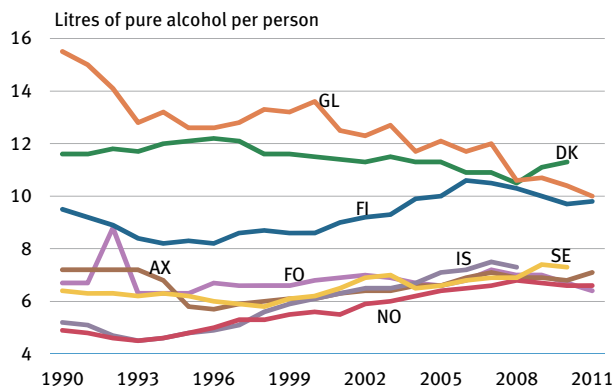


▣ Migr03

**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
2010	77	..	77	85	81	87
2011	..	73	78	86	84	..
<i>Women</i>						
1995	61	..	81	67	68	76
2000	74	..	80	78	68	79
2005	77	73	82	80	76	82
2010	81	..	84	86	81	85
2011	..	75	85	86	84	..

Heal01

**Sale of alcoholic beverages**

Heal02

## Health

### *Causes of death per 100 000 people*

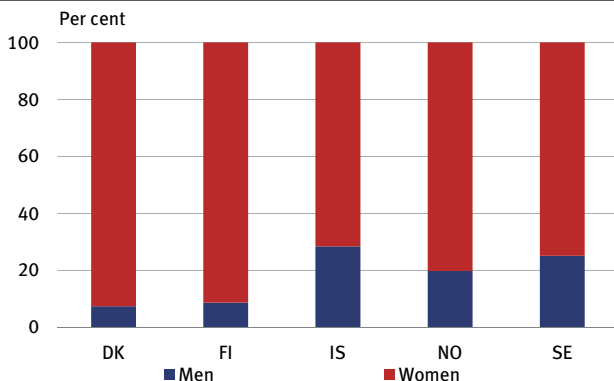
	DK	FO	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Men</i>								
<i>2005</i>								
Cancer	300	206	218	215	310	193	224	256
Cardiovascular diseases	303	335	185	364	338	226	300	418
Suicide	17	12	89	28	23	16	16	19
Accidents	35	37	82	81	43	26	50	44
<i>2011</i>								
Cancer	288	182	208	230	279	192	235	242
Cardiovascular diseases	231	261	131	373	332	236	242	353
Suicide	16	..	100	27	12	18	18	17
Accidents	24	63	60	68	61	25	41	36
<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>2011</i>								
Cancer	256	201	227	200	242	160	203	218
Cardiovascular diseases	239	244	136	378	400	221	281	386
Suicide	5	..	27	10	7	4	7	7
Accidents	16	13	38	33	21	16	34	26

☐ Heal03, Heal04, Heal05 and Heal07. FO, GL, AX and IS: 2011 data refer to 2009.

**Children in day care by age 2012**

	DK	FO	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Per cent of age group</i>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>82.0</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>74.5</b>
0 years	18.5	21.6	0.8	0.7	6.6	4.3	0.0
1 years	87.6	85.3	28.8	24.8	68.8	70.6	51.2
2 years	93.1	88.3	52.1	53.9	95.1	89.0	91.8
3 years	95.8	95.2	68.1	84.6	96.2	96.7	96.4
4 years	98.5	97.0	76.2	91.1	96.9	97.3	97.7
5 years	96.8	89.4	78.7	97.9	95.3	98.9	98.0

■ Chil03. Children in totally or partly publicly funded day care. FO and NO: 2011 data.

**Number of days with maternity day benefits 2012**

■ Soci04. DK: 2011 data.



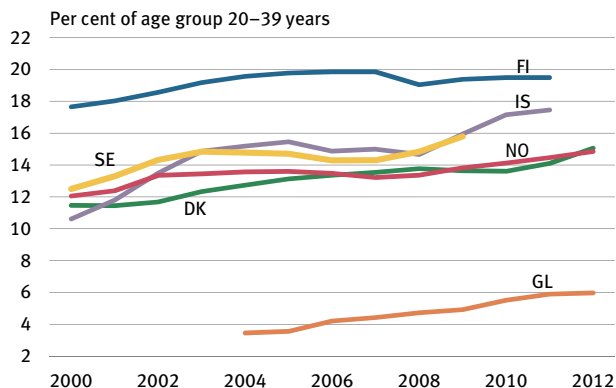
## Education

### 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	501
Denmark	495	OECD	496	Czech Republic	500
United Kingdom	494	Poland	495	Norway	500
Hungary	494	Sweden	494	Denmark	499
OECD	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

■ PISA01

### Students aged 20–39 in tertiary education



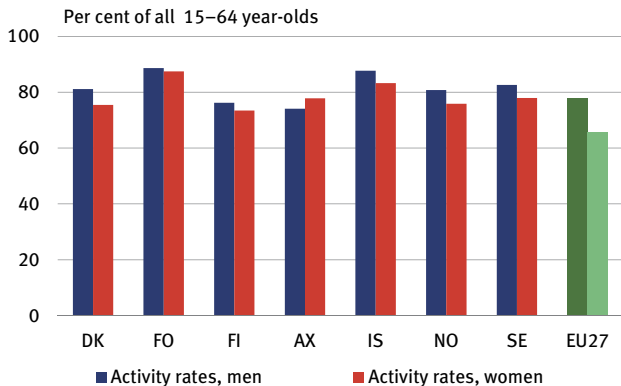
■ Educ02 and Popu02

### Nordic students abroad by destination. 2011/2012

Persons from	DK	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 671</b>	<b>5 848</b>	<b>1 054</b>	<b>2 329</b>	<b>15 592</b>	<b>22 021</b>
<i>Per cent of total</i>						
<i>Country of study</i>						
<b>Nordic total</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>13.5</b>
Denmark	.	2.3	0.8	36.9	17.3	8.9
Finland	0.4	.	25.4	0.3	0.1	1.0
Iceland	1.2	0.3	0.0	.	0.1	0.1
Norway	5.7	1.3	0.9	3.4	.	3.5
Sweden	12.1	16.2	68.9	9.2	4.7	.
France	2.0	1.6	0.1	1.3	1.5	4.0
Germany	6.3	4.6	0.1	3.2	1.3	3.0
Great Britain	41.7	33.5	1.4	10.0	28.9	21.1
USA	9.3	6.3	0.6	14.8	10.0	20.5
Other	21.4	33.8	1.8	20.8	36.1	37.8

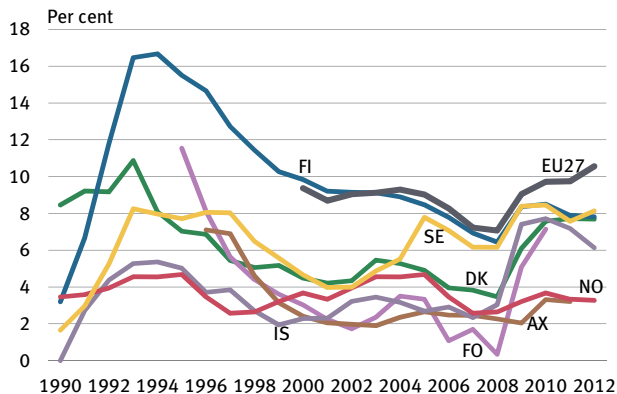
■ Educ05

### Activity rates by sex 2012



■ Work02. EU27: The 27 EU member states as per 1 January 2013.

### Unemployment

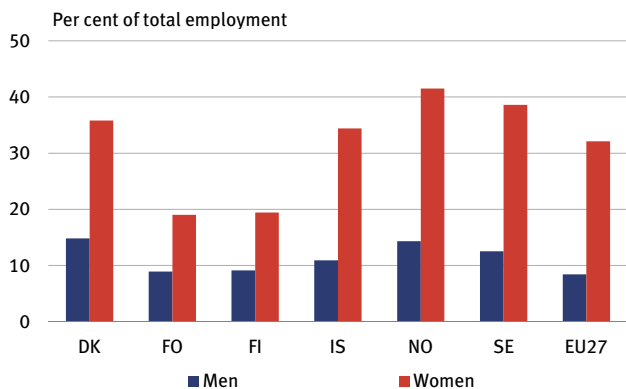


■ Key01. EU-harmonized unemployment figures except Faroe Islands and Åland.  
EU27: The 27 EU member states as per 1 January 2013.

**Unemployment by age 2012**

	DK	FO	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Per cent of labour force</i>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>8.1</b>
16–19	16.6	27.3	29.4	11.8	16.2	10.9	36.5
20–24	12.3	12.0	14.4	6.8	11.7	7.4	18.8
25–34	9.5	6.7	7.6	3.2	6.6	3.6	8.0
35–44	6.0	3.1	5.3	1.8	3.6	2.3	5.0
45–54	5.2	2.6	5.6	3.0	3.6	2.0	5.1
55–64	5.5	4.8	6.6	3.1	4.3	1.2	5.2

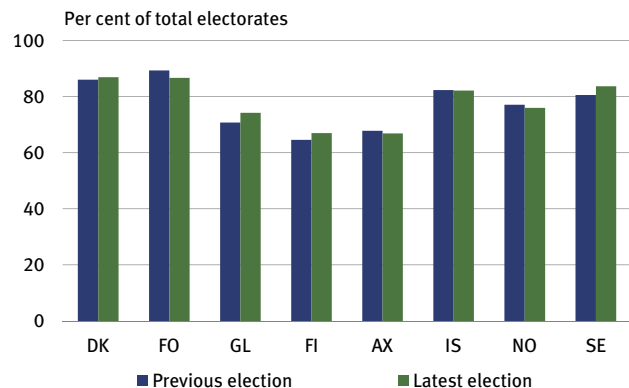
Work02. FO: 2010 data. AX: 2011 data.

**Part time employment by sex 2012**

Labo03. EU27: The 27 EU member states as per 1 January 2013.

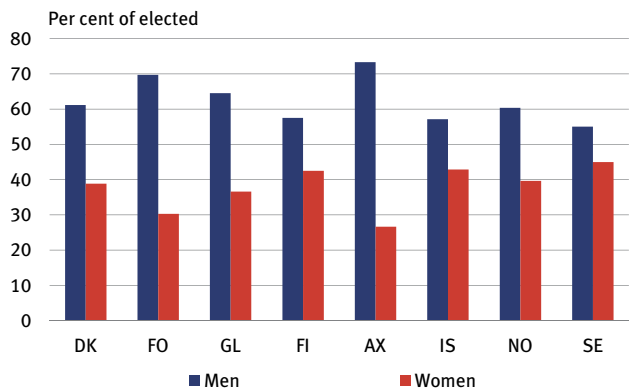
## Elections

### Valid votes at the last two national elections



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### Candidates elected to national parliaments, latest election

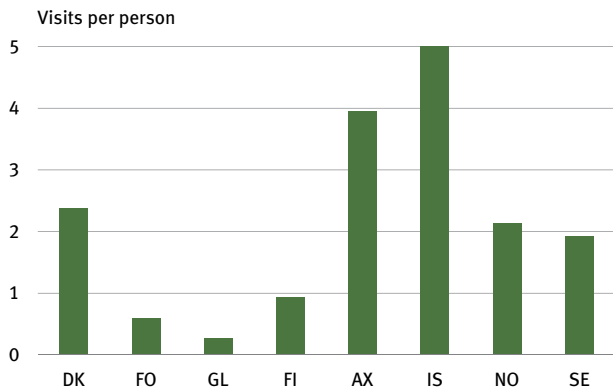


Ele03

**Sale of music 2011**

	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>1 000 euro</i>					
<b>Total sale</b>	<b>56 451</b>	<b>33 139</b>	<b>4 206</b>	<b>64 911</b>	<b>92 983</b>
Digital sale	22 043	8 174	124	17 883	47 568
<i>Per cent</i>					
<b>Total sale</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Digital sale	39.1	24.7	3.0	27.6	51.2

■ Cult19

**Number of visits to museums 2012**

■ Cult16 and Popu02. IS: 2010 data.

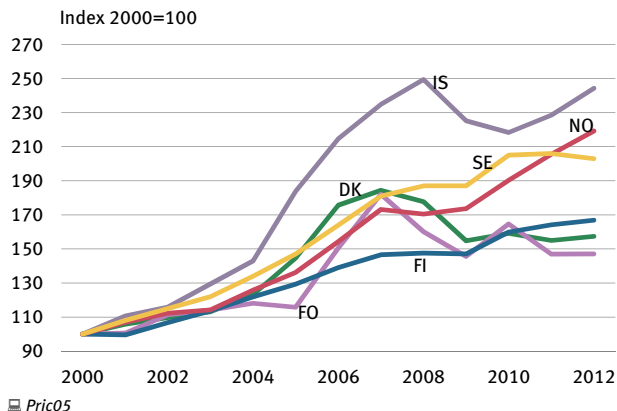
## The Economy

### *Economic key figures 2012*

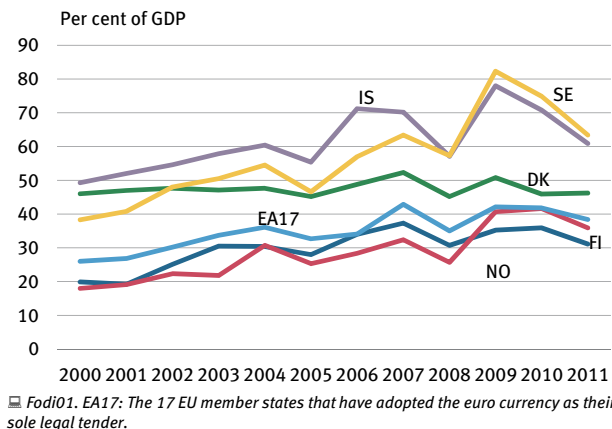
	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	EA17
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>						
Balance of payments	5.2	1.9	..	14.3	7.2	..
Foreign assets, net, 31 Dec. 2012	35	12	-522	99	..	..
Public sector surplus	-4.1	-2.2	-3.4	13.8	-0.6	-3.7
Public debt, 31 Dec. 2012	45.8	53.0	99.0	29.6	38.2	90.6
<i>Per cent</i>						
Unemployment	7.5	7.7	6.0	3.2	8.0	11.4
Interest rate	1.4	1.8	6.2	2.1	1.6	3.0
<i>Percentage change 2011–2012</i>						
Inflation	2.4	3.2	6.0	0.4	0.9	2.5
Economic growth	-0.5	-0.2	1.6	3.1	0.8	-0.6
Share price index	7.3	-14.3	7.9	3.6	-0.9	-6.5
Effective nominal exchange rate index	-2.6	-2.8	0.5	-0.9	-0.4	..

☐ Key01. Harmonized unemployment figures. EA17: The 17 EU member states that have adopted the euro currency as their sole legal tender.

### House price index



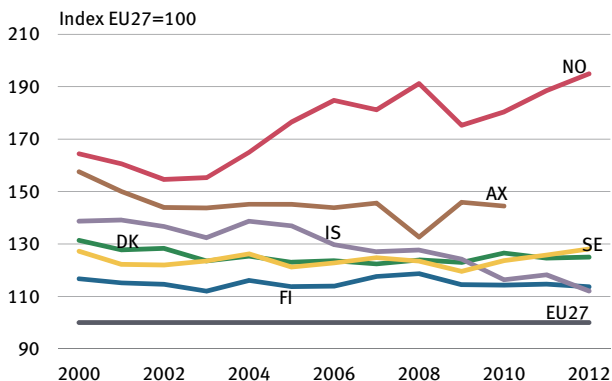
### Foreign direct investment – inwards





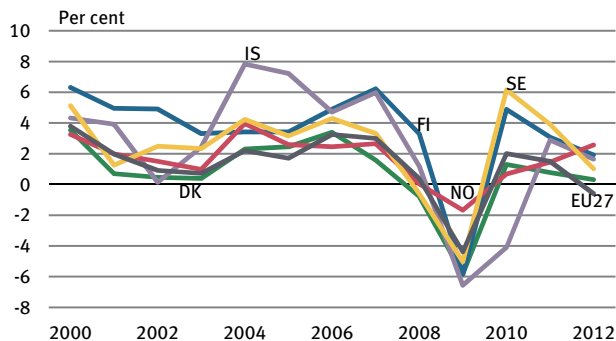
## The Economy

### Gross domestic product per person in euro (PPS)



■ Naac04. EU27: The 27 EU member states as per 1 January 2013. PPS: Purchasing Power Standards which eliminates the differences in price levels between the countries.

### Gross domestic product, real annual growth



■ Naac01 and Kev01. EU27: The 27 member states as per 1 January 2013.

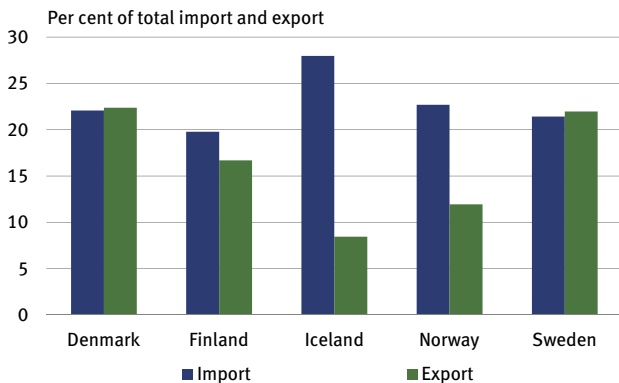
***Nordic exports and imports in per cent of total export 2011***

Per cent	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Exports to:</i>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Nordic countries	22.4	16.7	8.4	12.0	22.0
EU15 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	39.9	33.4	71.7	64.5	37.4
12 new EU countries	5.1	8.0	3.5	3.3	6.1
Russia	1.6	9.4	3.1	0.8	2.3
Other Europe	2.0	3.7	1.7	1.4	3.0
USA and Canada	6.7	6.7	4.1	6.9	7.1
Other America	1.6	1.5	0.5	0.7	1.6
Japan	1.7	1.7	2.5	1.1	1.3
DAEs	2.9	2.9	0.8	2.2	3.1
China	2.2	4.7	0.9	1.8	3.3
India	0.4	1.1	0.1	0.3	1.1
Rest of the world	7.0	11.6	3.2	3.0	13.5
<i>Imports from:</i>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Nordic countries	22.1	19.8	28.0	22.7	21.4
EU15 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	48.5	36.9	29.4	33.6	46.3
12 new EU countries	7.5	7.7	4.9	7.0	8.5
Russia	1.5	18.3	0.9	2.1	5.6
Other Europe	2.1	1.5	2.6	2.4	1.9
USA and Canada	3.0	3.4	12.0	9.4	3.3
Other America	1.4	1.2	3.2	1.3	0.7
Japan	0.5	0.7	1.6	2.2	1.5
DAEs	2.3	1.8	1.8	5.0	2.6
China	6.6	4.3	6.3	9.1	4.7
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☐ *Fotr49. DAE-countries (Dynamic Asian Economies)=Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.*

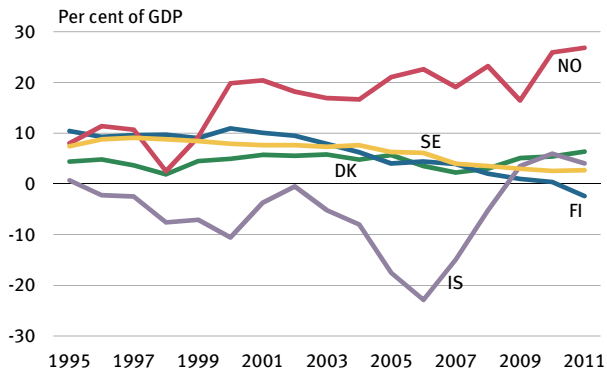
## Foreign trade

### Imports and exports to and from other Nordic countries 2011

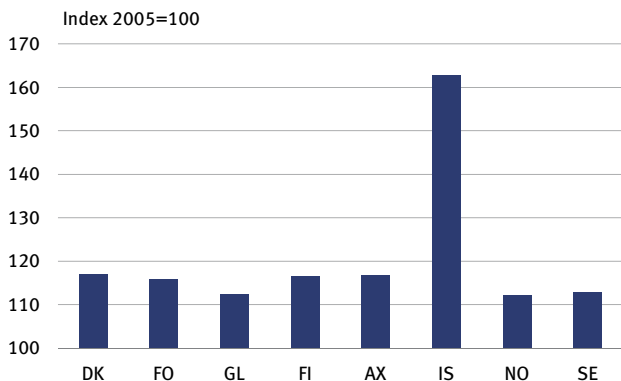


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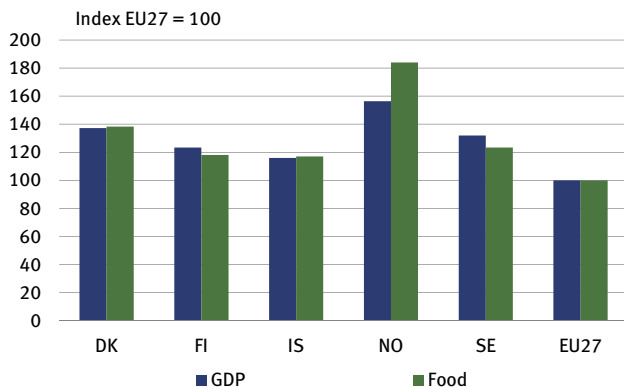
### Trade balance of goods



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**Consumer price index 2012**

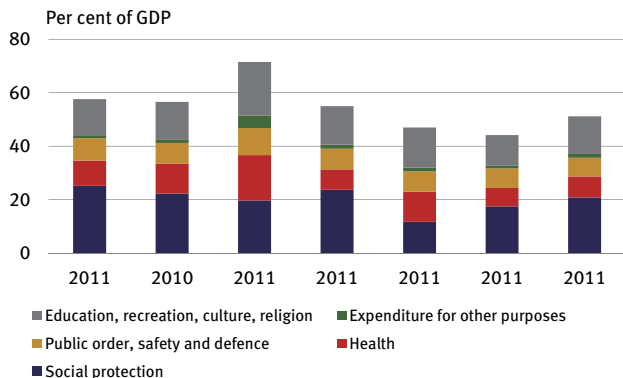
■ Pric01. Greenland: 2008 data.

**Price levels 2012**

■ Pric03. EU27: The 27 EU member states as per 1 January 2013.

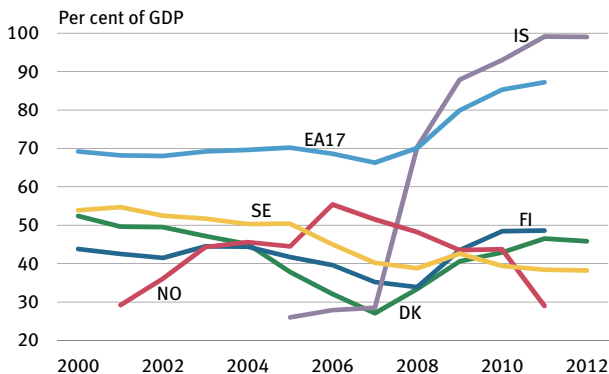
## Public finance and prices

### General government expenditure by purpose 2011



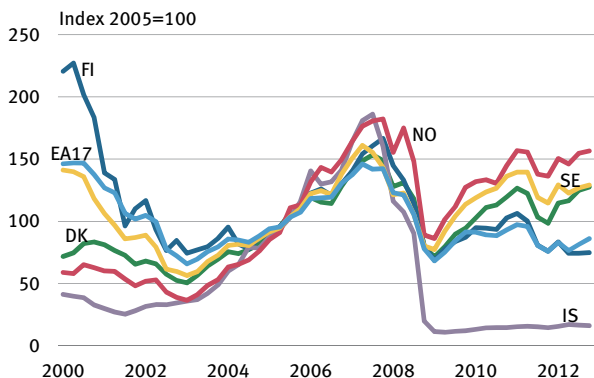
■ Pubs13. FO: 2010 data.

### General government gross debt



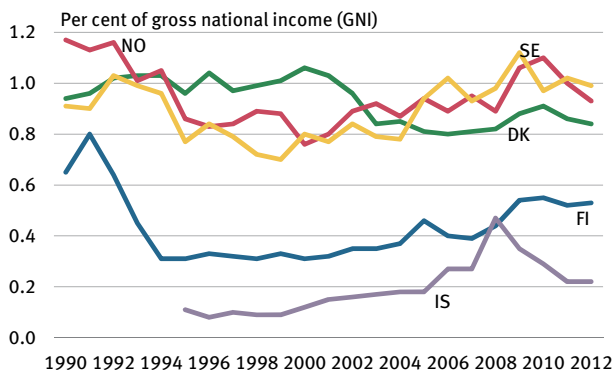
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### Share prices



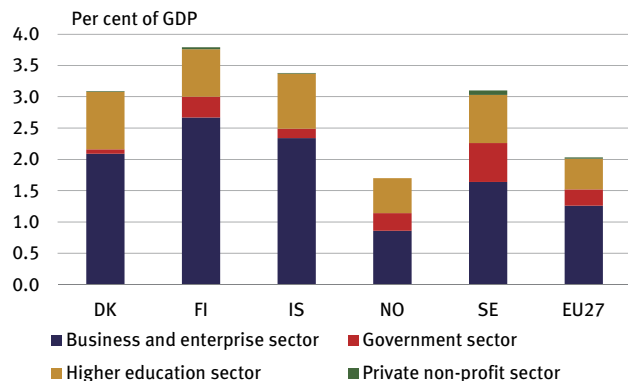
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### Government aid to developing countries



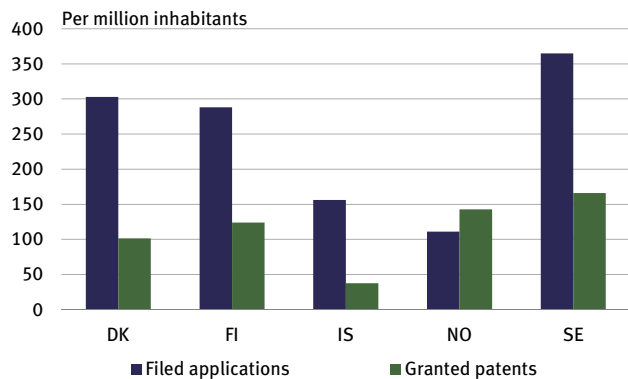
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### R&D expenditure by performing sector 2011

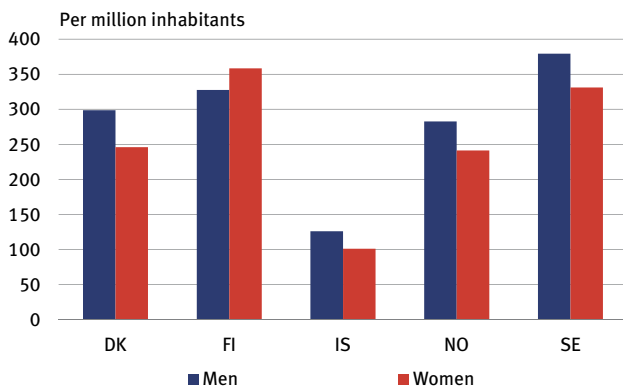


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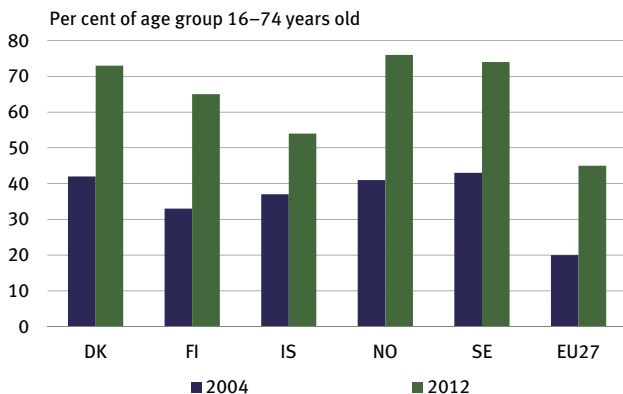
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**PhD Graduates 2011**

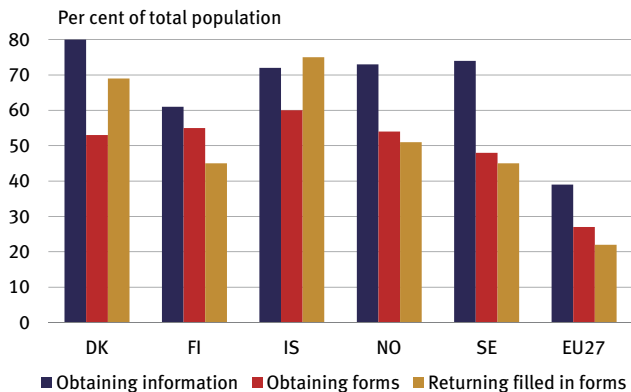
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**Internet purchases by individuals**

■ Info13. EU27: The 27 EU member states as per 1 January 2013.  
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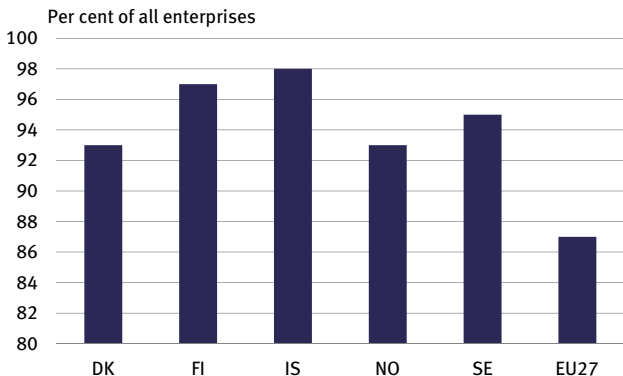


### ***Interaction of individuals with public authorities via the Internet 2012***



■ Digi01. EU27: The 27 EU member states as per 1 January 2013.

### ***Interaction of enterprises with public authorities via the Internet 2012***



■ Digi02. EU27: The 27 EU member states as per 1 January 2013.