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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 ²	43 561
Population	5 627 235
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Copenhagen	1 246 611

Faroe Islands

Area km ²	1 396
Population	48 228
Status/Form of government	Home rule – within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Tórshavn	19 948

Greenland

Area km ²	2 166 086
Population	56 282
Status/Form of government	Self government – within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Nuuk	16 818

Finland

Area km ²	338 432
Population	5 451 270
Status/Form of government	Republic
Head of state	President
	Sauli Niinistö
Helsinki	1 090 616

Åland

Area km ²	1 580
Population	28 666
Status/Form of government	Home rule – within the Republic of Finland
Head of state	President Sauli Niinistö
Mariehamn	11 393

Iceland

Area km ²	103 492
Population	325 671
Status/Form of government	Republic
Head of state	President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson
Reykjavik	208 752

Norway

Area km ²	323 771
Population	5 109 056
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Harald V
Oslo	1 210 220

Sweden

Area km ²	447 420
Population	9 644 864
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Carl XVI Gustaf
Stockholm	2 163 042

Key figures

The Nordic countries in an international context – key figures 2013¹

	Nordic countries	EU	Japan	United States
Total land area, 1 000 sq km	1 147	4 236	378	9 832
Arable land, per cent of land area	7.3	28.4	12.5	17.5
Forest area, per cent of land area	56.1	37.7	68.6	33.3
Population, million	26	486	128	309
Density (inhabitants/km ²)	17	119	338	32
Total fertility rate	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.9
Life expectancy, years				
men	79.9	77.5	79.9	76.3
women	83.9	83.1	86.4	81.1
Unemployment rate	7.1	10.9	4.0	7.4
men	7.3	10.9	4.3	7.6
women	6.8	10.9	3.7	7.1
GDP, PPS (million US\$)	1 675	13 069	4 792	17 058
GDP per capita, PPS (US\$)	47 513	34 083	37 630	53 960
Tax revenue as percentage of GDP	44.9	40.7	28.3	26.9
Tax revenue per capita (US\$)	27 416	10 469	13 308	12 599
Total imports C.I.F (billion US\$)	437	5 882	886	2 240
Total exports F.O.B (billion US\$)	534	6 063	799	1 579
Trade balance (billion US\$)	94	182	- 87	- 661

¹ 2013 or latest available data. The Nordic countries in this table consist 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 the differences in price levels between the countries.

Area (ice-free)

Area02

Population

Popu01

Gross national income

Geography and climate

Land use 2013

Area02

Average temperature in the Nordic capitals

Temp01

Greenhouse gas emissions per capita

	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>CO₂-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
2012	9.4	11.3	13.9	10.5	6.1

■ Emis11 and Popu02

Indigenous energy production 2012

■ Ener06. EU27: The 27 EU member states as per 1 January 2013.

Population

Nordic population 1 January 2014

	Total	Men	Women
The Nordic countries, total	26 262 575	13 072 501	13 190 074
Denmark	5 627 235	2 792 279	2 834 956
Faroe Islands	48 197	25 019	23 178
Greenland	56 282	29 730	26 552
Finland	5 451 270	2 680 364	2 770 906
Åland	28 666	14 302	14 364
Iceland	325 671	163 318	162 353
Norway	5 109 056	2 567 434	2 541 622
Sweden	9 644 864	4 814 357	4 830 507

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
2013	78.0	79.3	68.7	77.8	79.7	80.8	79.3	80.1
<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
2013	81.9	83.4	73.5	83.8	83.2	83.7	83.6	83.7

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
2013	5 107	3 238	173	11 983	54 264	74 765

■ 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	..
2012	83	73	79	85	85	..
<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	..
2012	83	72	82	87	86	..

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>2012</i>								
Cancer	287	182	208	232	279	192	229	242
Cardiovascular diseases	230	261	131	382	332	236	238	350
Suicide	16	..	100	25	12	18	15	17
Accidents	24	63	60	63	61	25	39	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>2012</i>								
Cancer	256	201	227	200	242	160	203	218
Cardiovascular diseases	239	244	136	382	400	221	281	384
Suicide	5	..	27	8	7	4	6	7
Accidents	16	13	38	33	21	16	34	25

Heal03, Heal04, Heal05 and Heal07. FO, GL, AX and IS: 2012 data refer to 2009.

Children in day care by age 2013

	DK	FO	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Per cent of age group</i>							
0 years	18.9	18.0	0.8	0.7	5.7	3.8	0.0
1 years	88.5	83.4	28.7	28.9	73.8	69.0	50.9
2 years	92.0	92.0	52.2	63.5	94.9	90.3	91.9
3 years	97.1	88.0	68.3	88.3	96.3	96.5	96.2
4 years	96.3	99.4	74.0	93.4	96.8	98.8	97.5
5 years	97.7	93.0	78.4	95.9	93.7	97.7	97.6

■ Chil03. Children in fully or partly publicly funded day care. NO: 2012 data.

Maternity and paternity day benefits 2013

■ Soci04. SE: 2012 data.

Education

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

Students aged 20–39 in tertiary education

■ Educ02 and Popu02

Nordic students abroad by destination 2012/2013

Persons from	DK	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
Total	3 876	6 256	1 068	2 333	15 746	22 318
<i>Per cent of total</i>						
<i>Country of study</i>						
Nordic total	21.0	21.8	96.4	46.7	21.3	13.1
Denmark	.	2.3	0.6	32.7	16.7	8.1
Finland	0.2	.	27.0	0.1	0.1	1.1
Iceland	1.2	0.2	0.0	.	0.2	0.2
Norway	6.1	0.9	0.9	3.1	.	3.8
Sweden	13.5	18.4	68.0	10.8	4.3	.
France	1.8	1.9	0.1	1.2	1.3	3.5
Germany	6.2	4.2	0.1	3.2	1.3	3.3
Great Britain	39.3	29.9	1.0	10.8	29.9	21.1
USA	9.3	6.3	0.5	15.2	10.8	22.0
Other	22.4	36.0	1.9	22.9	35.4	36.9

■ Educ05

Activity rates by sex 2013

■ 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 2013

	DK	FO	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Per cent of labour force</i>								
Total	7.2	3.9	9.8	8.3	3.2	6.1	3.6	8.2
16–19	15.8	15.4	20.7	29.6	11.8	16.2	12.3	36.7
20–24	11.1	4.5	16.5	15.8	6.8	11.7	7.5	18.7
25–34	8.6	3.1	10.8	7.9	3.2	6.6	4.2	8.1
35–44	5.5	2.0	8.2	6.1	1.8	3.6	2.7	5.4
45–54	5.2	2.4	8.3	5.9	3.0	3.6	2.0	4.9
55–64	5.1	3.1	6.9	7.0	3.1	4.3	1.3	5.1

Work02

Part time employment by sex 2013

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

Valid votes at the last two national elections

Ele01

Candidates elected to national parliaments, latest election

Ele03

Sale of music 2011

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

■ Cult19

Number of visits to museums 2013

■ Cult16 and Popu02

Economic key figures 2013

	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	EA17
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>						
Balance of payments	7.8	-1.0	3.9	11.2	6.4	..
Foreign assets, net, 31 Dec. 2013	40.0	46.0	-422.0	134.0	..	..
Public sector surplus	-0.7	-2.5	-3.3	13.2	-1.0	-3.0
Public debt, 31 Dec. 2013	48.6	60.7	..	..	41.7	95.2
<i>Per cent</i>						
Unemployment	7.0	8.2	5.4	3.5	8.0	12.0
Interest rate	1.7	1.9	5.8	2.6	2.1	3.0
<i>Percentage change 2012–2013</i>						
Inflation	0.5	2.2	4.1	2.0	0.4	1.4
Economic growth	0.4	-1.4	3.3	0.6	1.6	-0.4
Share price index	20.0	16.4	19.6	14.0	17.1	..
Effective nominal exchange rate index	-3.0	..	2.4	-3.9	1.0	..

☐ Key01. Harmonized unemployment figures. EA17: The 17 EU member states that had adopted the euro currency as their sole legal tender by 1 January 2013.

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 Key01. EA17: The 17 EU member states that had adopted the euro currency as their sole legal tender by 1 January 2013.

Nordic exports and imports in per cent of total export 2012

Per cent	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Exports to:</i>					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nordic countries	23.5	16.0	9.7	12.6	23.4
EU27 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	47.4	40.5	70.1	69.3	43.7
Other Europe	2.3	3.7	2.7	1.4	3.1
USA and Canada	7.5	7.4	5.1	5.5	7.2
Other America	1.5	2.3	0.5	0.7	1.6
BRIC	6.0	16.7	5.3	3.2	7.2
Japan	2.0	1.9	2.1	0.9	1.5
DAEs	3.7	3.3	1.0	4.3	2.9
Oceania	1.2	1.3	0.2	0.3	1.4
Rest of the world	4.7	7.0	3.5	1.8	8.1
<i>Imports from:</i>					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nordic countries	22.5	21.1	27.5	22.9	22.1
EU27 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	55.8	44.9	33.6	41.6	53.7
Other Europe	2.2	1.5	2.5	2.9	1.7
USA and Canada	3.0	2.8	11.2	8.3	3.6
Other America	1.4	1.3	3.2	1.3	0.9
BRIC	9.1	23.5	15.3	13.6	11.4
Japan	0.5	0.5	1.5	2.3	1.4
DAEs	2.0	1.9	3.1	3.8	2.4
Oceania	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Rest of the world	3.3	2.2	1.9	3.0	2.6

☐ Fotr49. EU27: The 27 EU member states as per 1 January 2013. BRIC = Brazil, Russia, India and China. 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 2012

Fotr49

Trade balance of goods

Fotr49 and Naac01

Consumer price index 2013

Pr01

Price levels 2013

Pr03. EU27: The 27 EU member states as per 1 January 2013.

Public finance and prices

General government expenditure by purpose 2012

■ Pubs13. FO: 2011 data.

General government gross debt

■ Pubs14. EA17: The 17 EU member states that had adopted the euro currency as their sole legal tender by 1 January 2013.

Share prices

Shar01. EA17: The 17 EU member states that had adopted the euro currency as their sole legal tender by 1 January 2013.

Government aid to developing countries

Ofde02

R&D expenditure by performing sector 2012

Rede01. IS: 2009 data. EU27: The 27 EU member states as per 1 January 2013.

Patents 2013

Pate01

PhD graduates 2013

PhdG01

Internet purchases by individuals

■ Info13. EU27: The 27 EU member states as per 1 January 2013. EU27: 2004 data refers to 2009 data.

Interaction of individuals with public authorities via the Internet 2013

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

Interaction of enterprises with public authorities via the Internet 2013

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

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