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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 2015 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!

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Denmark

Area km² 43,561
 Population 5,659,715
 Status Constitutional monarchy
 Head of state Queen Margrethe II
 Capital population 1,263,698

Faroe Islands

Area km² 1,396
 Population 48,704
 Status Home rule within the Kingdom of Denmark
 Head of state Queen Margrethe II
 Capital population 20,235

Greenland

Area km² 2,166,086
 Population 55,984
 Status Home rule within the Kingdom of Denmark
 Head of state Queen Margrethe II
 Capital population 16,992

Finland

Area km² 338,430
 Population 5,471,753
 Status Republic
 Head of state President Sauli Niinistö
 Capital population 1,106,418

Åland

Area km² 1,580
 Population 28,916
 Status Home rule within the Republic of Finland
 Head of state President Sauli Niinistö
 Capital population 11,480

Norway

Area km² 323,771
 Population 5,165,802
 Status Constitutional monarchy
 Head of state King Harald V
 Capital population 1,232,575

Sweden

Area km ²	447,435
Population	9,747,355
Status	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Carl XVI Gustav
Capital population	2,198,044

Iceland

Area km ²	103,492
Population	329,100
Status	Republic
Head of state	President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson
Capital population	211,282

The Nordic Region in an international context – key figures 2014¹

	The Nordic Region	EU	Japan	United States
Total land area, 1,000 km ²	1,147	4,236	378	9,832
Arable land, per cent of land area	7.3	28.4	12.5	44.7
Forest area, per cent of land area	56.1	37.7	68.6	33.3
Population, million	27	508	128	309
Density (inhabitants/km ²)	17	120	339	32
Total fertility rate	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.9
Life expectancy, years				
men	79.8	77.8	79.9	76.4
women	84.1	83.3	86.4	81.2
Unemployment rate	6.9	11.0	4.0	7.4
men	7.2	11.0	4.3	7.6
women	6.6	11.0	3.7	7.1
GDP (billion US\$)	1,256	18,430	4,636	17,419
GDP per capita, PPS (US\$)	47,598	34,083	36,485	54,639
Tax revenue as percentage of GDP	43.8	48.6	29.5	25.4
Tax revenue per capita (US\$)	28,961	16,088	13,711	13,783
Total imports C.I.F (billion US\$)	432	2,227	785	2,295
Total exports F.O.B (billion US\$)	530	2,256	695	1,593
Trade balance (billion US\$)	98	29	- 90	- 702

¹ 2014 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.

Unemployment in the Nordic countries

Men

Women

Unemployment in the EU

Men

Women

*Did you know that ...
since 1995 the Nordic
economies have almost
doubled while reducing
CO₂ emissions by almost
20 per cent?*

(Source: Nordic Statistics)

Climate and energy

... and that the Nordic countries are 25 years ahead of the rest of the world in terms of reducing carbon impact of electricity production?

(Source: IEA)

Average temperature in the Nordic capitals

Temp01. Faroe Islands, Norway and Sweden: 1990–2013 data. Iceland: 1997–2014 data.

Emissions of greenhouse gases, per capita

Emis11 and Popu02

Indigenous energy production 2013

The Nordic Region

Ener06

Indigenous energy production 2013

EU27

Ener06. EU27: 2012 data

*Gross inland consumption of energy 2013***The Nordic Region** Ener05*Gross inland consumption of energy 2013***EU28** Ener05

*Final consumption of energy 2013***The Nordic
Region** Ener10**EU28** Ener10

Decoupling environmental pressures and economic growth

Indic401

Decoupling environmental pressures and economic growth

Indic401

Environmental taxes

Pubs15

Organic farming 2013

Oeko01. Finland, Norway and Sweden: 2012 data.

*Did you know that ...
30 per cent of all
employed in the Nordic
countries are working
in the public sector?*

(Source: Nordic Statistics)

Labour market

Employment rates 2014

All employed by gender 2014

The Nordic Region

EU28

Work02. Åland: 2011 data. Greenland, Finland, Iceland and Norway: 2013 data.

Unemployment rates

Work02

Youth unemployment rates

Work02

Absence from work for at least a week due to illness

Soci02

Absence from work for at least a week due to illness 2013

Soci02

Maternity and paternity leave

Source: Soci04

Maternity and paternity leave

Source: Soci04. Sweden: 2013–2012 data.

Annual median income 2013

ⓘ Inco02. Sweden: 2012 data.

*Did you know that ...
2/3 of the Nordic women
are fulltime employed?*

(Source: Nordic Statistics)

*Did you know that ...
today there are more
than three times as many
doctors per inhabitant
as there were in the 60s?*

(Source: Nordic Statistics)

Research and education

Level of education (age group 25–74) 2014

**The Nordic
Region**

Educ01

Level of education (age group 25–74) 2014

EU27

Educ01

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

Proportion of university students

■ Educ02 and Popu02

Proportion of university students

■ Educ02 and Popu02

Financial support for students 2013

📄 Educ07

PhD graduates 2012

📄 Phdg01

R&D staff

Rede04

Total government expenditure on R&D

Rede01

New enterprise creation

Entp02

*Did you know that ...
the number of women
studying at university
has doubled since the
60s? Today 6 out of 10
university students are
women.*

(Source: Nordic Statistics)

*Did you know that ...
since 2000 the stock of
other media than books
has increased between
30 and 80 per cent in the
Nordic countries while
lending of books has
decreased between 10
and 20 per cent?*

(Source: Nordic Statistics)

Innovation and creativity

Patents 2014

Pate01

Cultural employment

Cult23

Government expenditure on culture and leisure 2013

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

Government expenditure on culture and leisure

■ Cult20

Film premieres 2013

Share of Nordic film premieres

Cult05

Film premieres 2013

Cult05

Theatre visits 2014

Cult15. Iceland: 2012 data. Sweden: 2010 data.

*Did you know that ...
today there are a total
of 406 theatres in
the Nordic countries
presenting over 60,000
performances a year?*

(Source: Nordic Statistics)

*Did you know that ...
the Nordic countries are
best positioned to achieve
the UN Sustainable
Development Goals?*

*(Source: Sustainable Governance
Indicators 2015)*

*... and that 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.*

(Source: Nordic Statistics)

Social services
and equality

Gini coefficient 2013

Gini01. Faroe Islands: 2005=2009 data. EU28: Data from 2005 covers only EU27.

Social expenditure by financial source 2012

Soex06

Recipients of social security 2013

⌚ Soci12. Faroe Islands: 2013=2011 data5. Finland and Norway: 2013=2012 data.

Risk of poverty 2013

⌚ Riop01

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

Ele01

Immigration to the Nordic Region 2014

Migr01

*Did you know that ...
at the start of the 60s
over half of those who
immigrated to the Nordic
countries came from
another Nordic country?
Now most of them come
from the rest of Europe.*

(Source: Nordic Statistics)

Trust and transparency

Emigration from the Nordic Region 2014

■ Migr02. Finland: 2013 data.

Asylum requests and asylum granted in the Nordic Region

■ Migr04

Asylum requests in the Nordic countries 2014

Share of requests

Asylum granted in the Nordic countries 2014

Share of grants

Migr04. Finland: 2013 data.

Unaccompanied children seeking asylum

⌂ Migr05

*Did you know that ...
over the last 5–6 years
the total number of
asylum requests per year
in the Nordic countries
have varied between
45,000 and 75,000?*

(Source: Nordic Statistics)

*Did you know that ...
combined the Nordics are
the 12th largest economy
in the world with a total
GDP of 1.5 trillion Euro?*

(Source: World Bank)

Economy

Economic key figures 2014¹

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden	EA19
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>						
Balance of payments	6.3	-1.9	3.6	8.5	6.3	..
Foreign assets, net, 31 December	40.0	46.0	-422.0	134.0	..	..
Public sector surplus	1.2	-3.2	-0.2	9.1	-1.9	..
Public debt, 31 December	45.2	59.3	99.0	26.4	43.9	91.9
<i>Per cent</i>						
Unemployment	6.6	8.7	5.0	3.5	7.9	11.6
Interest rate	1.3	1.4	6.4	2.5	1.7	..
<i>Percentage change 2013–2014</i>						
Inflation	0.3	1.2	1.0	1.9	0.2	0.4
Economic growth	0.4	-1.4	3.3	0.6	1.6	-0.4
Share price index	30.0	16.6	11.9	15.7	13.5	..
Effective nominal exchange rate index	-8.4	-8.5	-8.8	-8.3	-8.3	..

¹ Key01. ¹ 2014 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.

*Did you know that ...
in the Nordic countries
more than 70 per cent of
all employed work in the
service sector?*

(Source: Nordic Statistics)

GDP per capita

Indic102 and Popu02

GDP per capita

Indic102 and Popu02. EA19: The 19 EU member states that had adopted the euro currency as their sole legal tender by 1 January 2015.

GDP – real annual growth

Naac04

GDP – real annual growth

Naac04. EA19: The 19 EU member states that had adopted the euro currency as their sole legal tender by 1 January 2015.

Trade balance of goods – export minus import

Fotr49

Trade between the Nordic countries

Fotr44

Trade between the Nordic countries

Fotr43

*Did you know that ...
about one fifth of the
foreign trade in the Nordic
countries is trade with
other Nordic countries?*

(Source: Nordic Statistics)

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