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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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Greenland: GL	Norway: NO
Finland: FI	Sweden: SE

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

The Nordic countries



Denmark

Area km ²	43 561
Population	5 580 516
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Copenhagen	1 213 822



Faroe Islands

Area km ²	1 396
Population	48 351
Status/Form of government	Home rule – within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Tórshavn	19 834



Greenland

Area km ²	2 166 086
Population	56 749
Status/Form of government	Self government – within the Kingdom of Denmark
Head of state	Queen Margrethe II
Nuuk	16 181



Finland

Area km ²	338 432
Population	5 401 267
Status/Form of government	Republic
Head of state	President
	Sauli Niinistö
Helsinki	1 059 631



Åland

Area km ²	1 580
Population	28 355
Status/Form of government	Home rule – within the Republic of Finland
Head of state	President Sauli Niinistö
Mariehamn	11 263



Iceland

Area km ²	103 440
Population	319 575
Status/Form of government	Republic
Head of state	President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson
Reykjavik	203 594



Norway

Area km ²	323 787
Population	4 985 870
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Harald V
Oslo	1 169 539



Sweden

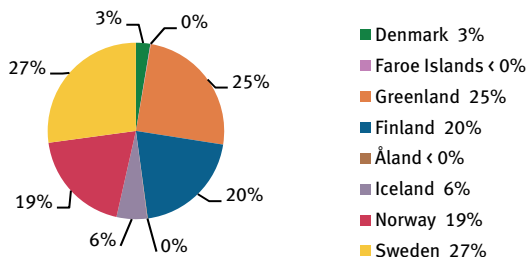
Area km ²	450 295
Population	9 482 855
Status/Form of government	Constitutional monarchy
Head of state	King Carl XVI Gustaf
Stockholm	2 091 473

Key figures

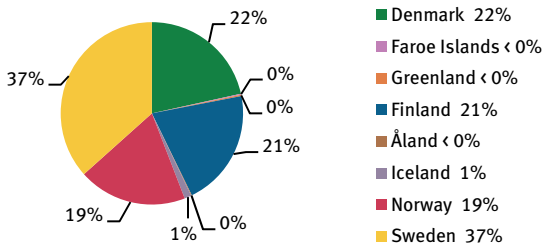
The Nordic countries in an international context – key figures 2011¹

	Nordic countries	Euro- area	USA	Japan
<i>Land area, 1 000 sq. km</i>				
Total	3 429	2 628	9 827	378
Ice-free	1 606	2 552	9 162	364
<i>Population</i>				
Total, million	26	333	314	128
Inhabitants per sq. km	16	130	34	350
<i>Fertility</i>				
Births per woman	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.3
Per cent of population				
0–14 years	17.3	15.4	20.1	13.3
65+ years	17.4	18.3	13.1	22.7
<i>Life expectancy (years)</i>				
Men (2009)	78.5	78.0	76.2	79.6
Women (2009)	83.1	83.7	81.1	86.4
<i>GDP</i>				
Billion euro	1 088	9 413	10 830	4 220
Per person, euro (PPP)	34 400	27 100	37 100	27 000
<i>General government, per cent of GDP</i>				
Debt, ultimo 2009	45.0	85.1	61.3	183.5
Surplus	0.4	-6.0	-10.7	-8.7
Tax burden 2008	44.9	38.9	24.0	28.1
<i>Labour force, per cent</i>				
Labour force participation				
Men	81.6	79.1	78.9	84.5
Women	76.4	66.5	67.8	63.0
Unemployment	6.7	10.1	8.9	4.6

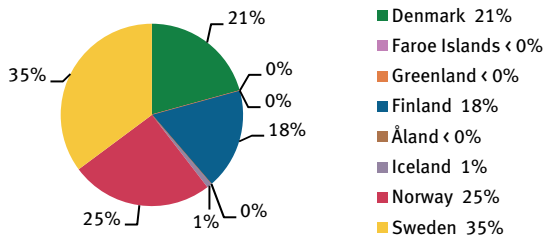
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Area (ice-free)

Area02

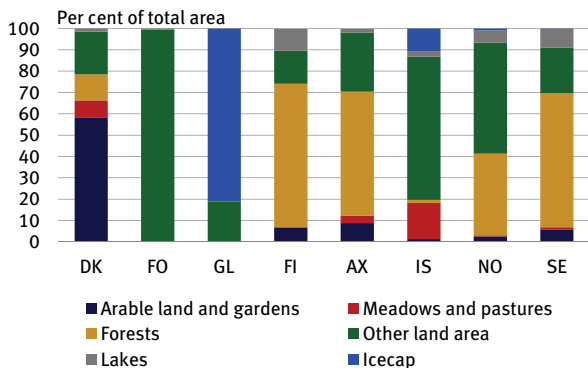
Population

Popu01

Gross national income

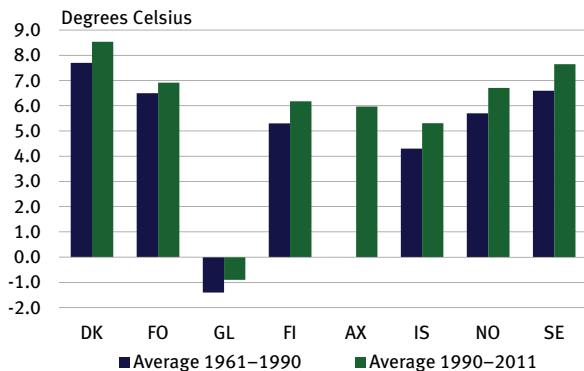
Geography and climate

Land use 2011



Area02

Average temperature in the Nordic capitals

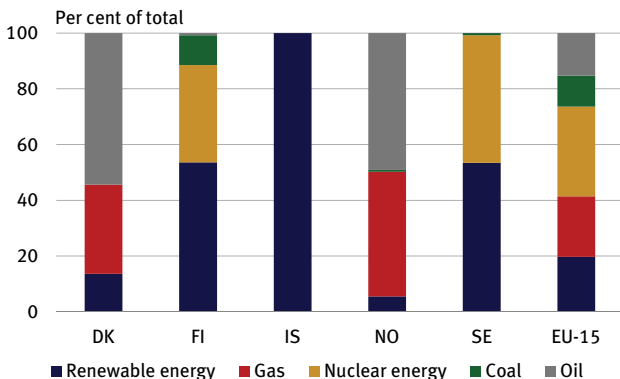


Temp01

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
2010	11.3	13.9	14.3	11.0	7.1

Emis11 and Popu02

Indigenous energy production 2010

Ener06. EU-15=The EU member states as per 1 January 1995: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Finland, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

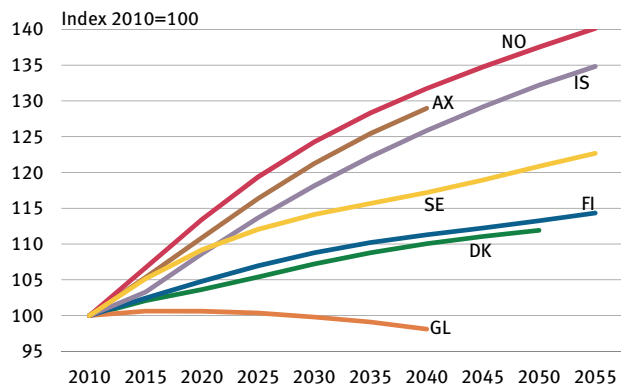
Population

Nordic population 1 January 2012

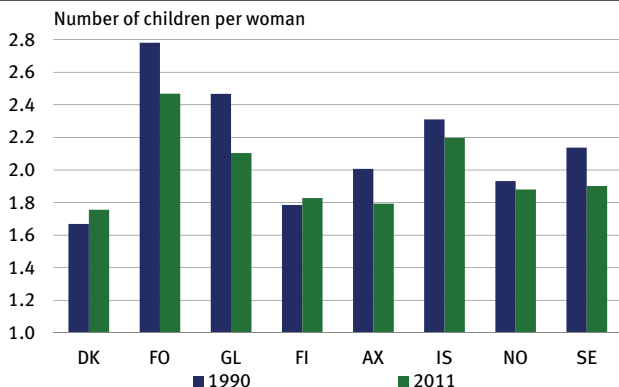
	Total	Men	Women
The Nordic countries, total	25 875 183	12 860 534	13 014 649
Denmark	5 580 516	2 766 776	2 813 740
Faroe Islands	48 351	25 114	23 237
Greenland	56 749	30 041	26 708
Finland	5 401 267	2 652 534	2 748 733
Åland	28 355	14 136	14 219
Iceland	319 575	160 364	159 211
Norway	4 985 870	2 498 871	2 486 999
Sweden	9 482 855	4 726 834	4 756 021

Popu01. Finland includes Åland.

Population trends according to 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	77.2	65.5	75.5	77.6	79.2	77.7	78.4
2010	77.1	78.7	67.9	76.7	81.2	79.5	78.9	79.5
2011	77.3	79.1	68.3	77.2	..	79.9	79.0	79.8
<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	82.2	70.9	82.3	83.6	83.1	82.5	82.8
2010	81.2	84.4	72.9	83.2	84.2	83.5	83.2	83.5
2011	81.6	84.9	73.0	83.5	..	83.6	83.5	83.7

Life01

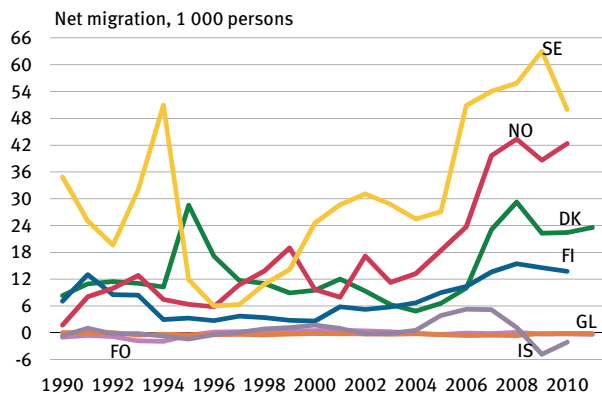
Population

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

■ Migr04

Net migrations

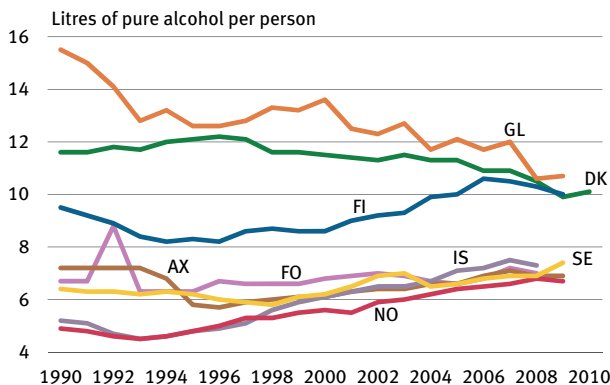


■ Migr03

Daily smokers

	DK	FO	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Per cent</i>						
<i>Men</i>						
1995	44	..	29	32	33	22
2000	31	..	27	23	31	17
2005	28	28	26	20	27	14
2009	24	24	22	15	21	13
<i>Women</i>						
1995	39	..	19	33	32	24
2000	26	..	20	22	32	21
2005	23	27	18	20	24	18
2009	22	24	14	16	20	15

Heal01

Sale of alcoholic beverages

Heal02

Causes of death per 100 000 people

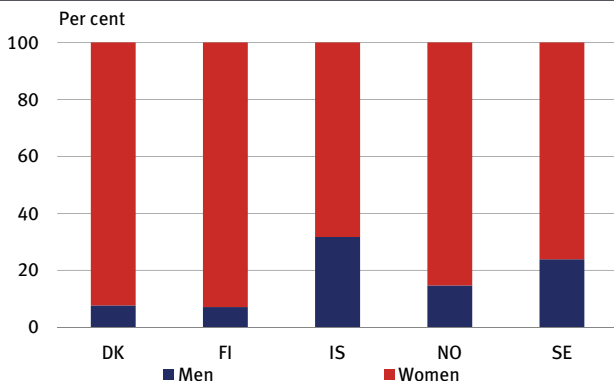
	DK	FO	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Men</i>								
<i>2005</i>								
Cancer	300	206	218	215	310	193	224	256
Cardiovascular diseases	303	335	185	364	338	226	300	418
Suicide	17	12	89	28	23	16	16	19
Accidents	35	37	82	81	43	26	50	44
<i>2009</i>								
Cancer	281	182	208	222	279	192	234	245
Cardiovascular diseases	259	261	131	376	332	236	257	374
Suicide	17	8	100	29	12	18	17	19
Accidents	28	63	60	74	61	25	45	37
<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>2009</i>								
Cancer	259	201	227	191	242	160	203	222
Cardiovascular diseases	271	244	136	386	400	221	301	403
Suicide	5	1	27	10	13	4	7	8
Accidents	23	13	38	33	21	16	35	25

Heal03, Heal04, Heal05 and Heal07

Children in day care by age 2011

	DK	FO	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Total number of children in day care by age group</i>							
Total	82.7	78.5	50.0	59.6	74.6	76.2	72.0
0 years	18.9	16.8	1.0	.	6.8	4.3	0.0
1 years	89.4	83.5	29.8	24.9	65.9	70.6	49.3
2 years	91.7	86.9	51.4	55.0	93.6	89.0	91.4
3 years	97.9	92.1	68.0	78.9	95.5	96.7	96.1
4 years	97.2	89.3	74.0	93.4	96.7	97.3	97.7
5 years	97.2	96.5	78.2	92.4	93.8	98.9	98.3

☐ Chil03. Children in totally or partly publicly funded day care.

Number of days with maternity day benefits 2010

☐ Soci04

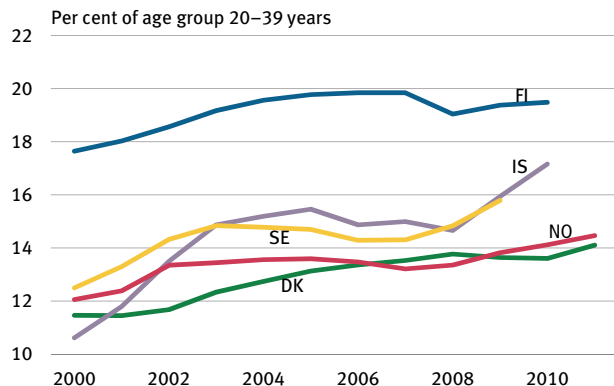
Education

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



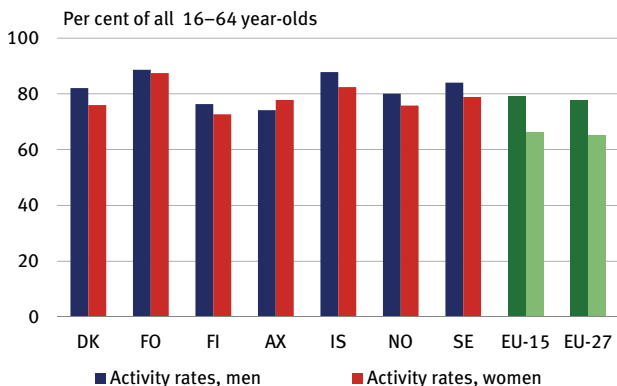
■ Educ02 and Popu02

Nordic students abroad by destination. 2010/2011

Persons from	DK	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
Total	3 385	5 457	1 058	2 406	15 169	21 705
<i>Country of study:</i>						
Nordic total	614	1 178	1 015	1 307	4 087	3 121
Denmark	.	133	6	1 058	2 938	2 117
Finland	16	.	228	3	37	215
Iceland	46	13	1	.	34	26
Norway	189	76	6	66	.	763
Sweden	363	956	774	180	1 078	.
France	69	101	-	23	322	832
Germany	198	263	2	61	207	656
Great Britain	1 478	1 777	17	247	3 552	4 484
USA	307	370	8	324	1 264	4 110
Other	719	1 768	16	444	5 737	8 502

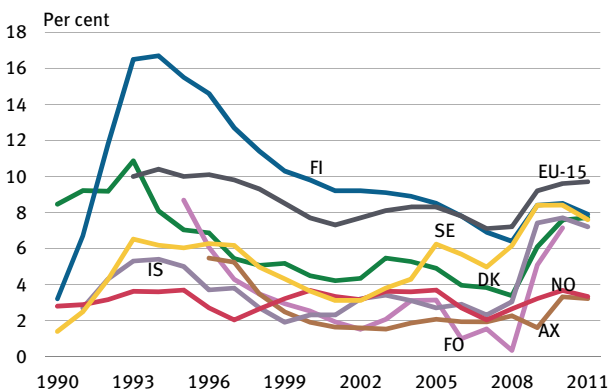
■ Educ05

Activity rates by sex 2011



Work02. EU-27=EU-15 + Cyprus, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia.

Unemployment

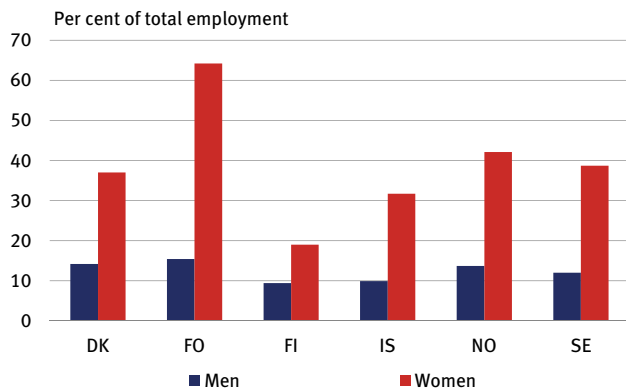


Key01. EU-harmonized unemployment figures except Faroe Islands and Åland.

Unemployment by age 2011

	DK	FO	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Per cent of labour force</i>							
Total	7.7	7.1	7.9	3.2	7.2	3.3	7.6
16–19	17.2	27.3	29.6	11.8	17.4	11.5	34.2
20–24	11.9	12.0	16.0	6.8	12.6	7.2	18.2
25–34	9.7	6.7	7.5	3.2	8.6	4.0	7.2
35–44	5.5	3.1	5.5	1.8	4.0	2.3	4.8
45–54	5.3	2.6	5.6	3.0	4.5	2.1	4.6
55–64	5.7	4.8	6.4	3.1	5.4	1.2	4.7

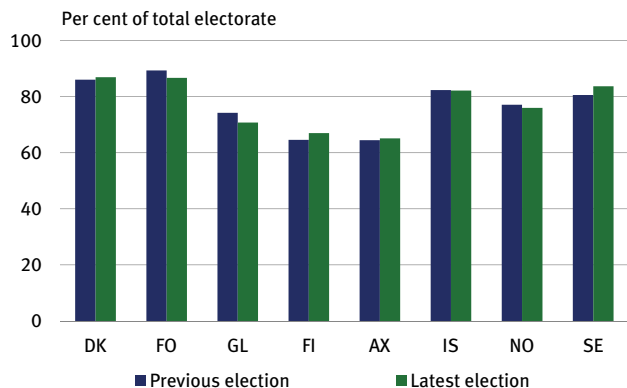
Work02

Part time employment by sex 2011

Labo03

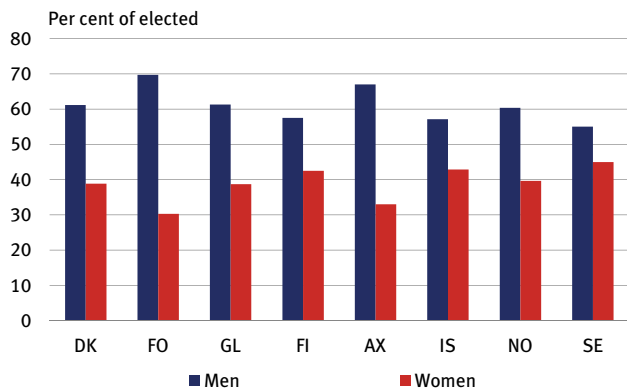
Elections

Valid votes at the last two national elections



Ele01

Candidates elected to national parliaments, latest election

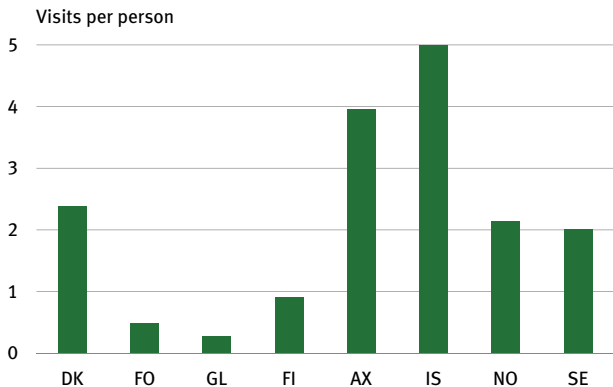



Ele03

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 2011

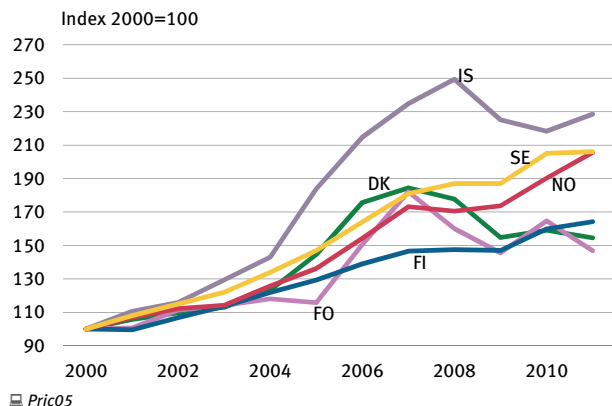
 Cult16 and Popu02

Economic key figures 2010

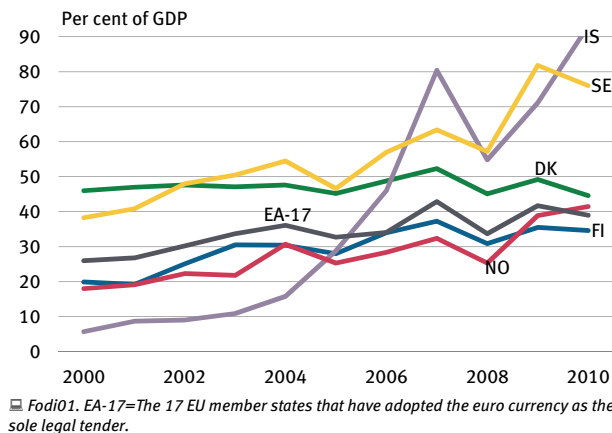
	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	Euro-area
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>						
Balance of payments	5.6	3.1	-7.8	13.7	6.4	0.7
Foreign assets, net, 31 Dec. 2010	10.0	8.9	-605.8	104.4	-24.2	..
Public sector surplus	-2.7	-2.5	-7.8	10.5	0.0	-6.0
Public debt, 31 Dec. 2010	43.6	48.4	89.5	44.7	39.8	85.1
<i>Per cent</i>						
Unemployment	7.4	8.2	7.7	3.5	8.4	10.1
Interest rate	2.9	3.0	5.0	3.5	2.9	3.8
<i>Percentage change 2009–2010</i>						
Inflation	2.2	1.7	7.5	2.3	1.9	1.6
Economic growth	1.7	3.6	-3.5	0.3	5.7	1.8
Share price index	33.2	21.5	21.9	26.6	30.5	13.5
Effective nominal exchange rate index	-3.6	-5.7	..	4.7	7.0	..

Key01. Harmonized unemployment figures. Euro-area (or EA-17)=The 17 EU member states that have adopted the euro currency as their sole legal tender.

House price index

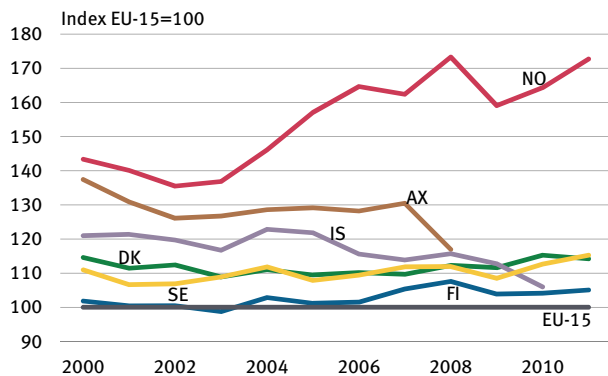


Foreign direct investment – inwards

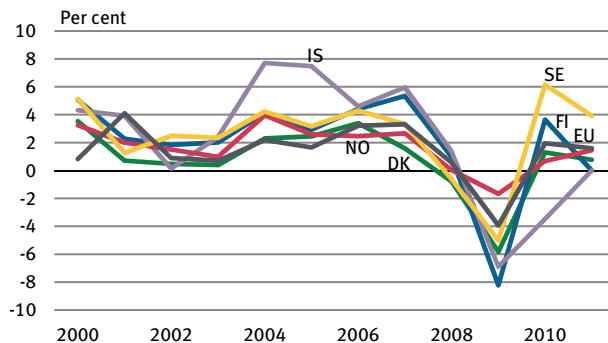


The Economy

Gross domestic product per person in euro (PPP)



Gross domestic product, real annual growth



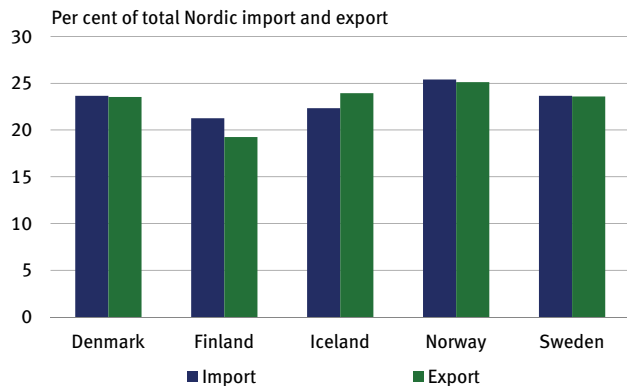
Nordic exports in per cent of total export 2010

Per cent	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Exports to:</i>					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nordic countries	23.1	16.2	8.5	11.8	23.0
EU-15 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	44.2	34.0	71.2	66.3	38.4
12 new EU countries	5.7	7.4	3.0	3.1	5.8
Russia	1.7	8.9	2.1	0.9	1.8
Other Europe	2.2	3.7	2.9	1.3	2.7
USA and Canada	7.4	8.2	5.0	6.6	8.3
Other America	2.4	2.5	0.4	1.2	2.5
Japan	1.9	1.7	2.5	1.2	1.3
DAEs	3.2	3.6	1.1	3.3	2.8
China	2.4	5.2	0.6	1.7	3.1
India	0.5	1.2	0.1	0.3	1.2
Rest of the world	5.3	7.5	2.6	2.2	9.2
<i>Imports from:</i>					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nordic countries	21.8	19.4	27.2	23.2	22.2
EU-15 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	48.4	39.5	29.9	33.7	45.5
12 new EU countries	7.1	7.2	4.4	6.8	8.0
Russia	1.1	17.6	0.6	2.6	4.9
Other Europe	2.2	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.7
USA and Canada	3.4	2.7	9.6	8.7	3.5
Other America	2.0	2.0	13.0	2.7	1.5
Japan	0.4	0.7	2.3	2.2	1.7
DAEs	3.3	2.1	1.8	5.7	3.3
China	7.2	4.4	6.0	8.5	5.0
India	0.8	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5
Rest of the world	2.4	2.4	2.0	3.3	2.2

☐ *Fotr49. DAE-countries (Dynamic Asian Economies)=Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.*

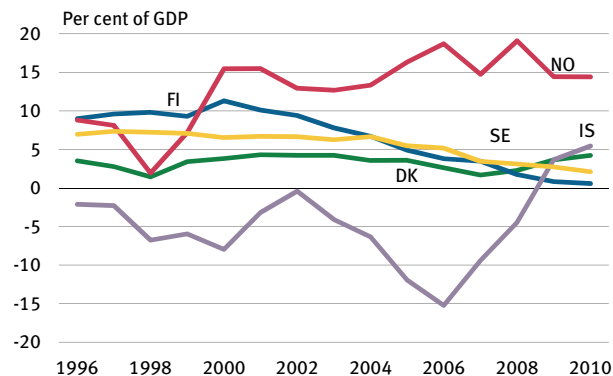
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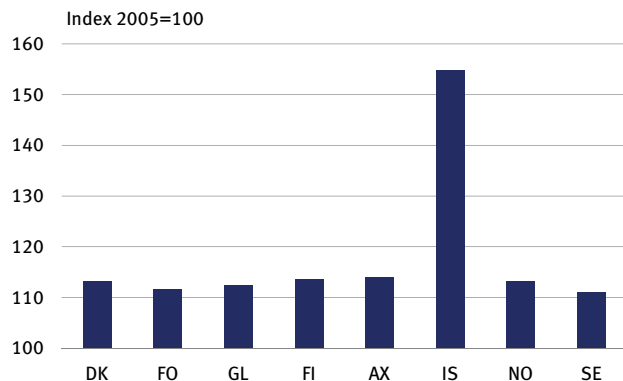


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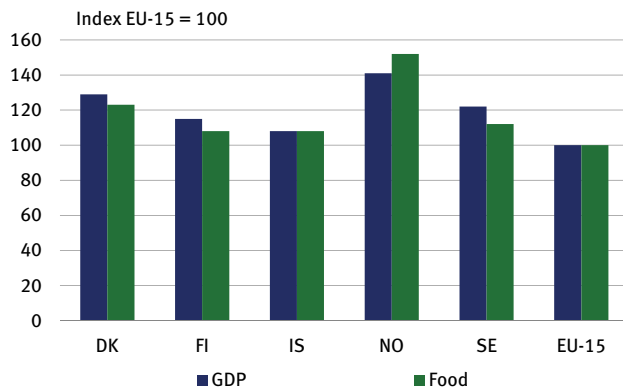
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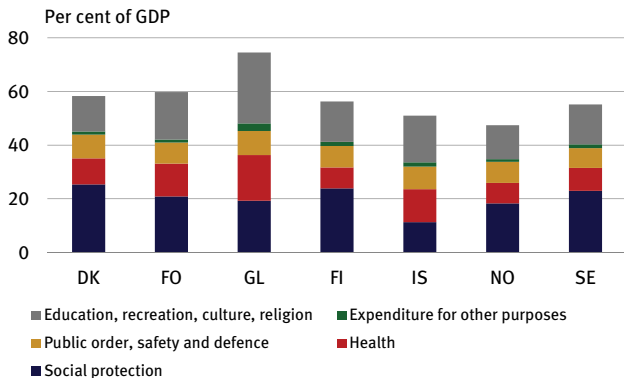
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Price levels 2011

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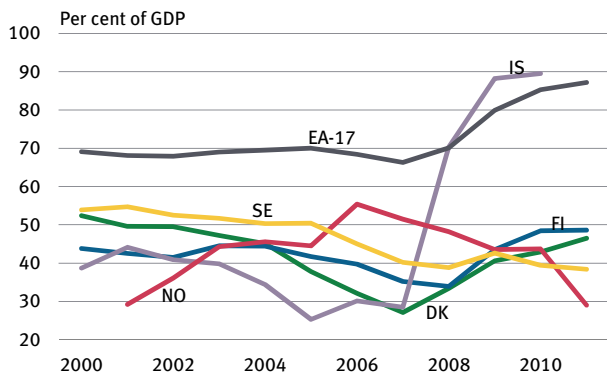
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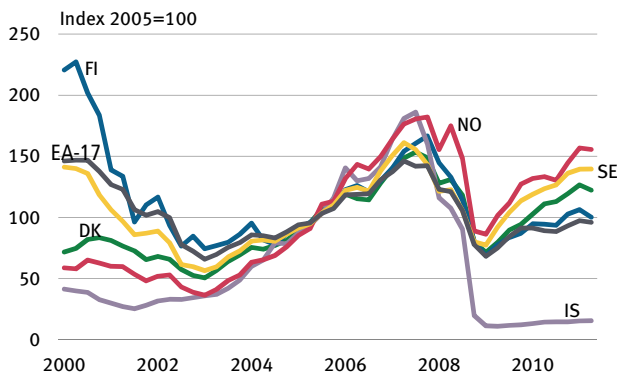


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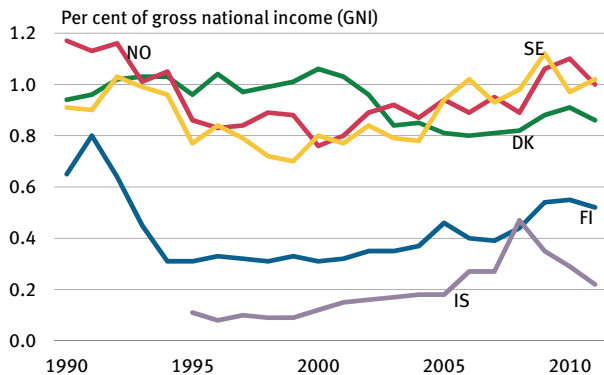
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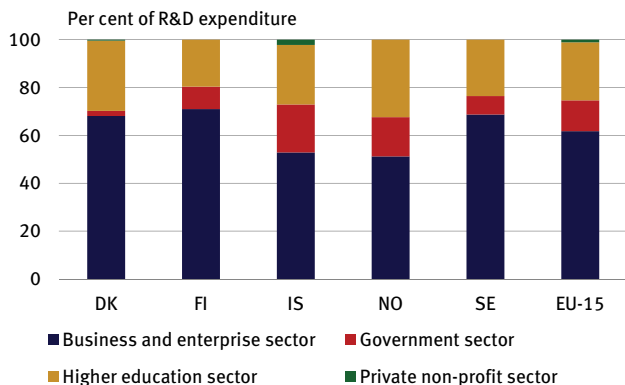
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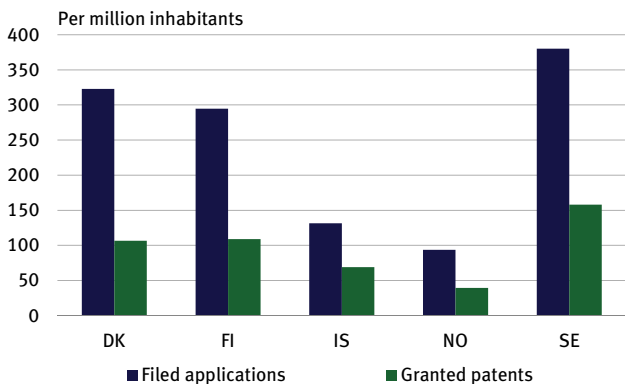
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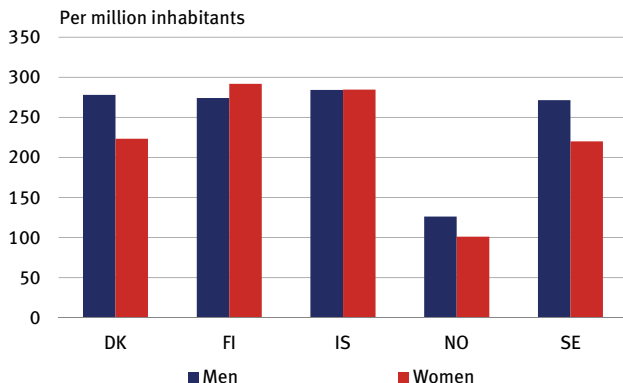


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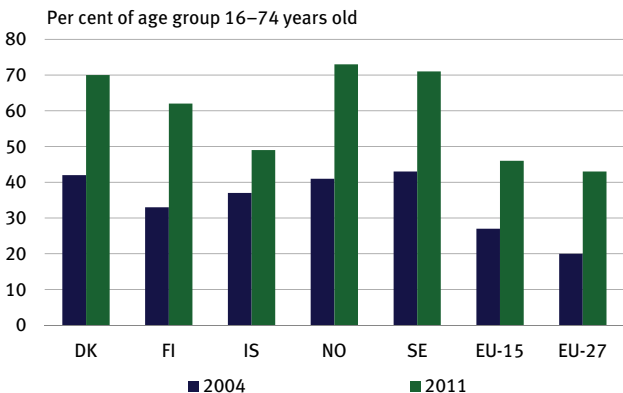
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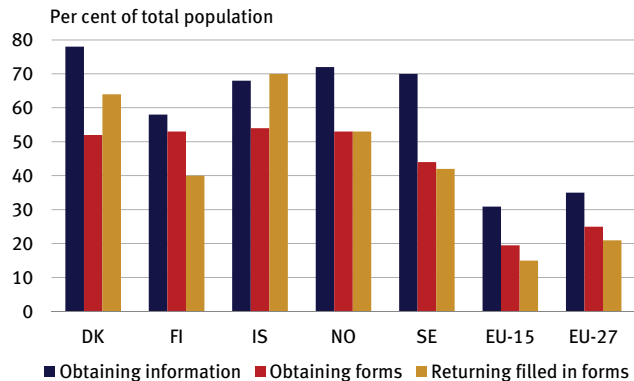
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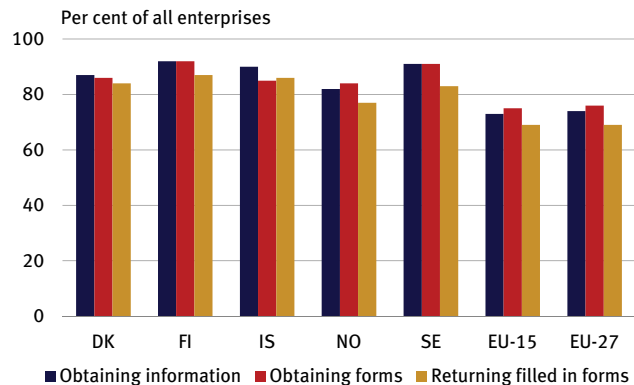
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