

# Nordic countries in figures 2008

ANP 2008:743

# Nordic countries in figures 2008

ANP 2008:743

ISBN 978-92-893-1758-0

ISSN 0908-4398

© Nordic Council of Ministers

Cover design: Jette Koefoed, Nordic Council of Ministers

Print: Arco Grafisk A/S, Skive

Copies: 4 000

Printed in Denmark



Main suppliers of data: The Nordic national statistical institutes  
Eds: Ulla Agerskov and Leila L. Hjulgaard, Statistics Denmark.

## **Nordic Council of Ministers**

Store Strandstræde 18

DK-1255 Copenhagen K

Tel: +45 33 96 02 00

Fax: +45 33 96 02 02

## **The Nordic Council**

Store Strandstræde 18

DK-1255 Copenhagen K

Tel: +45 33 96 04 00

Fax: +45 33 11 18 70

[www.norden.org](http://www.norden.org)

## **Nordic cooperation**

*Nordic cooperation* is one of the world's most extensive forms of regional collaboration, involving Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and three autonomous areas: the Faroe Islands, Greenland, and Åland. *Nordic cooperation* 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 cooperation* 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.

## Contents

The Nordic countries	4
Key figures	6
Environment and energy	8
Population	9
Science and technology	12
Quality of life	13
Education	17
Economic trends	18
Globalisation	21
Public finance and prices	24
Labour market	27

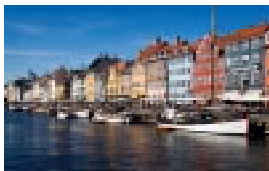
Throughout the book the following symbols and country codes are used:

Symbols		Country codes	
Nil	-	DK: Denmark	AX: Åland
Less than half	0	FO: Faroe	IS: Iceland
Not applicable	.	Icelands	NO: Norway
Data not available	..	GL: Greenland	SE: Sweden
		FI: Finland	

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

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

## The Nordic countries



	<b>Denmark</b>
<b>Area km<sup>2</sup></b>	43 561
<b>Population</b>	5 475 791
<b>Status/Form of government</b>	Constitutional monarchy
<b>Head of state</b>	Queen Margrethe II
<b>Capital area</b>	1 645 825



	<b>Faroe Islands</b>
<b>Area km<sup>2</sup></b>	1 396
<b>Population</b>	48 433
<b>Status/Form of government</b>	Home rule – within the Kingdom of Denmark
<b>Head of state</b>	Queen Margrethe II
<b>Capital area</b>	19 429



	<b>Greenland</b>
<b>Area km<sup>2</sup></b>	2 166 086
<b>Population</b>	56 462
<b>Status/Form of government</b>	Home rule – within the Kingdom of Denmark
<b>Head of state</b>	Queen Margrethe II
<b>Capital area</b>	15 047



	<b>Finland</b>
<b>Area km<sup>2</sup></b>	338 419
<b>Population</b>	5 300 484
<b>Status/Form of government</b>	Republic
<b>Head of state</b>	President Tarja Halonen
<b>Capital area</b>	1 007 611

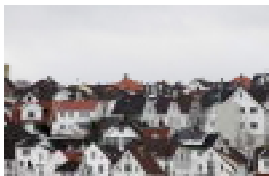
## The Nordic countries



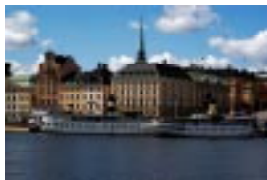
	<b>Åland</b>
<b>Area km<sup>2</sup></b>	1 552
<b>Population</b>	27 153
<b>Status/Form of government</b>	Home rule – within the Republic of Finland
<b>Head of state</b>	President Tarja Halonen
<b>Capital area</b>	10 902



	<b>Iceland</b>
<b>Area km<sup>2</sup></b>	103 300
<b>Population</b>	313 376
<b>Status/Form of government</b>	Republic
<b>Head of state</b>	President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson
<b>Capital area</b>	196 564



	<b>Norway</b>
<b>Area km<sup>2</sup></b>	323 782
<b>Population</b>	4 737 171
<b>Status/Form of government</b>	Constitutional monarchy
<b>Head of state</b>	King Harald V
<b>Capital area</b>	1 079 051



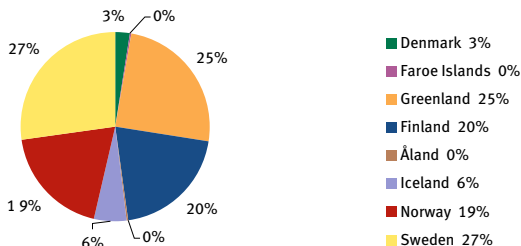
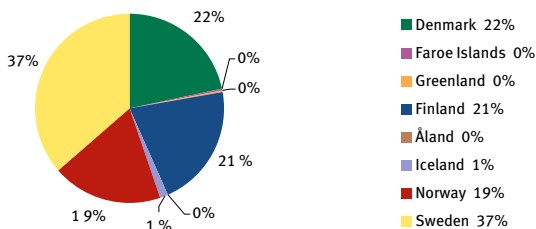
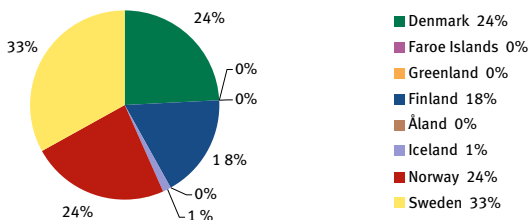
	<b>Sweden</b>
<b>Area km<sup>2</sup></b>	450 295
<b>Population</b>	9 182 927
<b>Status/Form of government</b>	Constitutional monarchy
<b>Head of state</b>	King Carl XVI Gustaf
<b>Capital area</b>	1 949 516

## Key figures

### *The Nordic countries in an international context – key figures*

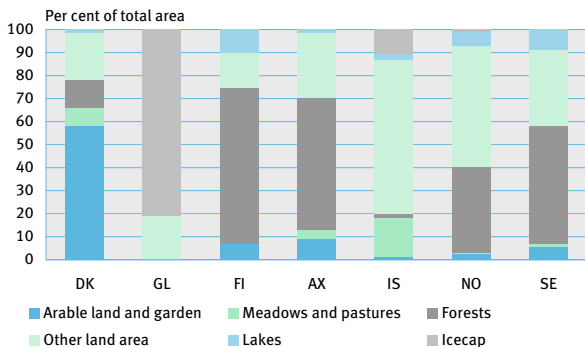
	<b>Nordic countries</b>	<b>Euro- area</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>Japan</b>
<i>Land area, 1 000 sq km</i>				
Total	3 428	2 600	9 631	378
Ice free	1 561	2 568	9 162	375
<i>Population</i>				
Total, million	25	320	302	128
Inhabitants per sq. km	16	125	33	341
<i>Fertility</i>				
Births per woman	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.3
% of population				
0–14 years	17.7	15.6	20.3	13.6
+65 years	16.2	17.9	12.5	21.3
<i>Life expectancy (years)</i>				
Men	77	77	75	79
Women	82	83	80	86
<i>GDP</i>				
2007, billion euro	1 040	8 921	10 075	3 197
Per person 2007, euro (PPP)	33 396	27 300	38 500	28 200
<i>General government, % of GDP</i>				
Debt, ult. 2007	37.7	66.4	60.8	195.5
Surplus, 2007	7.1	-0.6	-2.5	-3.4
Tax burden	47.8	39.7	27.3	27.4
<i>Labour force</i>				
Labour force participation, %				
Men	81.1	78.7	81.7	85.2
Women	75.7	63.4	69.1	61.9
Unemployment 2007, %	6.6	7.9	4.6	4.1

*The Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland. Euro-area: The 15 European countries, which have adopted the euro as currency.*

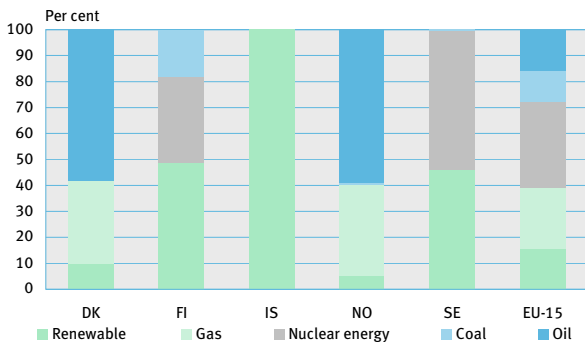
**Area (ice free)****Population****Gross national income**

## Environment and energy

### Land use 2007



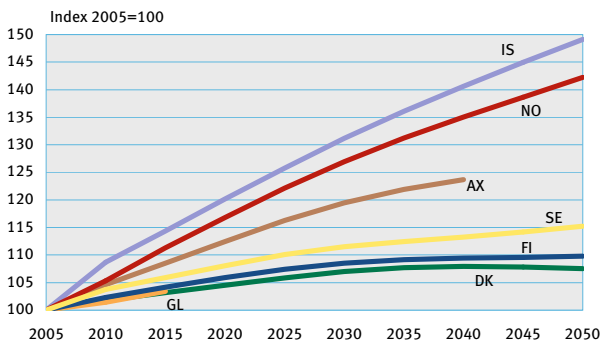
### Indigenous energy production. 2006



**Nordic population. 1 January 2008**

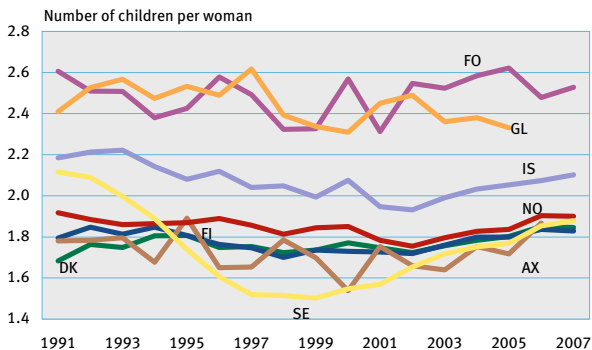
	Total	Men	Women
<b>The Nordic countries, total</b>	25 141 797	12 461 073	12 680 724
Denmark	5 475 791	2 712 666	2 763 125
Faroe Islands	48 433	25 174	23 259
Greenland	56 462	29 885	26 577
Finland	5 300 484	2 596 787	2 703 697
Åland	27 153	13 462	13 691
Iceland	313 376	159 488	153 888
Norway	4 737 171	2 359 690	2 377 481
Sweden	9 182 927	4 563 921	4 619 006

*Finland includes Åland.*

**Latest population projections**

## Population

### Total fertility rate



### Life expectancy for a newborn baby, years

	DK	FO	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
<i>Men</i>								
1990	72.0	72.3	60.7	70.9	74.7	75.0	73.4	74.8
1995	72.6	73.5	62.3	72.8	75.1	76.5	74.8	76.2
2000	74.3	75.1	62.8	74.1	78.5	77.6	76.0	77.4
2005	75.6	76.9	65.5	75.5	77.6	79.2	77.7	78.4
2006	75.9	76.5	65.7	75.8	78.0	79.4	78.1	78.7
2007	76.0	76.5	..	75.8	..	79.4	78.2	78.9
<i>Women</i>								
1990	77.7	79.4	68.4	78.9	82.8	80.1	79.8	80.4
1995	77.8	80.5	68.3	80.2	81.1	80.6	80.8	81.5
2000	79.0	81.4	68.0	81.0	81.5	81.4	81.4	82.0
2005	80.2	81.4	70.9	82.3	83.6	83.1	82.5	82.8
2006	80.4	81.3	71.0	82.8	83.5	83.0	82.7	82.9
2007	80.5	82.0	..	82.9	..	82.9	82.7	83.0

**Asylum requests**

	<b>Denmark</b>	<b>Finland</b>	<b>Iceland</b>	<b>Norway</b>	<b>Sweden</b>	<b>Total</b>
2000	10 347	3 170	25	10 843	16 303	40 688
2001	8 385	1 651	53	14 782	23 515	48 386
2002	6 660	3 443	117	17 480	33 016	60 716
2003	2 767	3 221	80	15 613	31 355	53 036
2004	1 633	3 861	76	7 950	23 161	36 681
2005	1 283	3 574	87	5 402	17 530	27 876
2006	922	2 324	39	5 320	24 322	32 927
2007	1 028	1 512	42	6 528	36 207	45 317

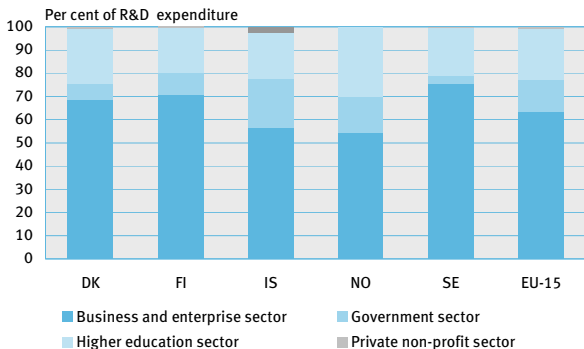
**Asylum requests by citizenship. 2007**

	<b>Denmark</b>	<b>Finland</b>	<b>Iceland</b>	<b>Norway</b>	<b>Sweden</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Totalt</b>	1 028	1 512	42	6 528	36 207	45 317
EEA	11	12	-	34	48	105
Bulgaria	4	13	-	4	35	56
Romania	3	9	1	4	56	73
Russia	52	176	5	863	788	1 884
Belarus	-	48	3	16	365	432
Ukraine	2	5	1	6	68	82
Turkey	9	73	1	49	290	422
Other Europe	95	224	7	660	3 118	4 104
America, total	2	10	1	17	849	879
Somalia	11	82	-	187	3 349	3 629
Other Africa	60	224	4	1 633	2 664	4 585
Afghanistan	68	96	1	234	609	1 008
Iraq	474	327	1	1 227	18 559	20 588
Iran	55	79	1	222	485	842
Other Asia	158	120	16	857	3 304	4 455
Oceania	-	-	-	..	1	1
Unknown and stateless	24	14	-	515	1 619	2 172

EEA: European Economic Area. Consists of the 27 members of the European Union, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

## Science and technology

### *R&D expenditure by performing sector. 2007*



### *Household access to PC and Internet. 2007*

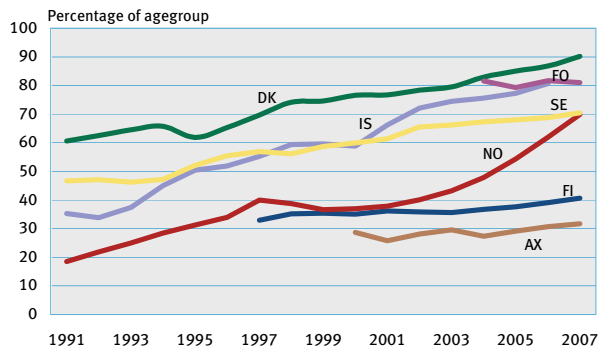
	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
<i>Per cent</i>					
Access to PC <sup>1)</sup>	85	74	89	75	82
Access to the Internet	78	69	84	78	79

<sup>1)</sup> 2006 data.

**Children in day-care by age. 2007**

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
<i>Total number of children in the agegroup</i>					
0 years	64 408	58 852	4 455	58 678	107 018
1 years	65 020	58 578	4 478	58 623	105 222
2 years	65 113	58 102	4 289	58 317	103 444
3 years	65 629	57 667	4 347	58 400	102 739
4 years	64 244	56 681	4 115	57 777	100 522
5 years	64 850	56 415	4 167	57 813	96 932
<i>Per cent of children in the age group</i>					
0 years	16.6	1,3	7,4	4,4	0,0
1 years	88.1	31,0	69,0	60,3	50,3
2 years	92.4	50,4	92,2	79,3	91,0
3 years	95.3	67,3	97,9	92,6	95,4
4 years	98.2	73,3	95,0	96,5	98,9
5 years	95.6	76,1	91,3	94,9	100,0

*Children in total or partly publicly funded day care.*

**1–2-year-old children in day-care**

*Children in total or partly publicly funded day care.*

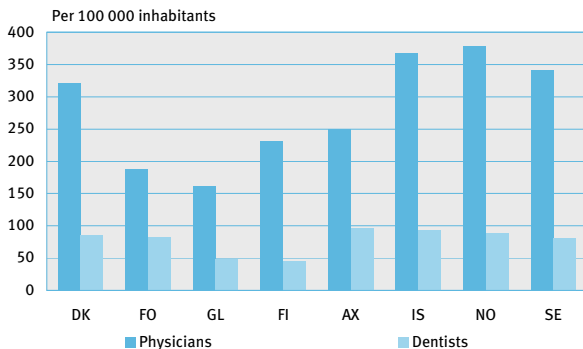
## Quality of life

### Maternity day benefits in the event of pregnancy, childbirth or adoption

	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Number of days with benefits (1 000s)</i>					
<b>1990</b>					
Days	12 523	16 900	725	5 149	50 607
Percentage taken by men	4.1	2.4	..	..	8.8
<b>2007</b>					
Days	20 874	16 104	1 150	11 789	47 548
Percentage taken by men	6.2	6.1	32.6	11.4	21.2

*Iceland: 2006 data. Entitlement to cash benefit during maternity leave will lapse if a mother is entitled to full pay from her employer.*

### Working physicians and dentists. 2006



*Denmark: 2005 data. Faroe Islands: 2003 data.*

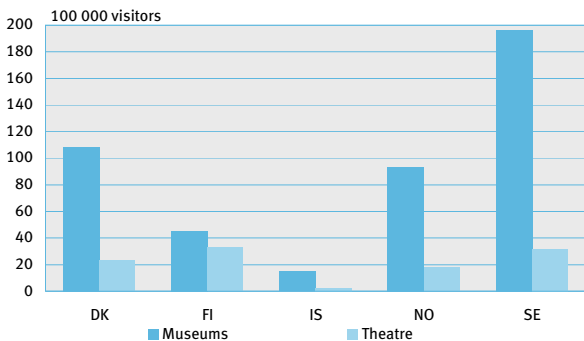
**Deaths caused by cancer. Per 100 000. 2006**

	DK	FO	GL	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Men:</i>							
<b>Total</b>	300	209	185	223	176	224	256
0–14 years	1	7	14	2	-	3	4
15–34 years	8	..	12	5	13	5	5
35–44 years	28	22	50	21	9	20	20
45–54 years	129	93	267	81	120	94	77
55–64 years	432	367	617	308	298	324	281
65–74 years	1 092	866	1 715	774	895	861	811
75+ years	2 483	1 894	3 313	1 914	1 573	2 239	1 973
<i>Women:</i>							
<b>Total</b>	276	201	188	187	148	213	227
0–14 years	2	7	14	3	-	1	2
15–34 years	7	11	14	5	9	4	5
35–44 years	42	37	77	29	28	35	30
45–54 years	137	75	177	90	126	120	105
55–64 years	372	333	710	217	305	300	291
65–74 years	809	762	1 695	460	534	569	586
75+ years	1 530	1 167	2 863	995	937	1 214	1 112

Greenland, Norway and Sweden: 2005 data.

## Quality of life

### Number of visitors to museums and theatres, 2007

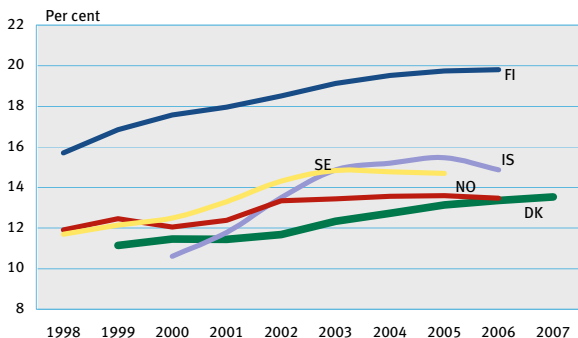


Finland and Iceland: Museums 2006-data. Norway and Sweden: 2006 data.

### Film premières, 2007

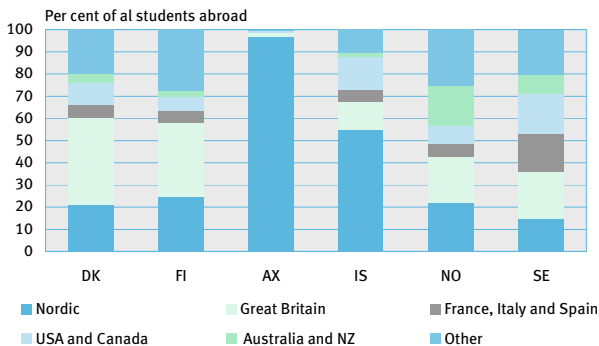
	DK	FO	GL	FI	IS	NO	SE
<b>Total</b>	235	80	105	165	168	237	246
National premières	38	..	..	14	4	22	29
Foreign film premières	197	80	..	151	164	215	217
<i>Per cent</i>							
National share	16	..	..	8	2	9	12

### Students aged 20–39 at tertiary education, per cent of population 20–39.



Finland includes Åland.

### Nordic students abroad. 2006/07



## Economic trends

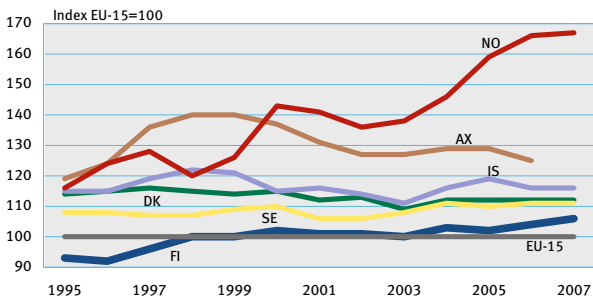
### *Economic key figures. 2007*

	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	Euro-area
<i>Per cent of GDP</i>						
Balance of payments	1.1	4.6	-15.6	15.4	8.5	0.3
Foreign assets, net, 31 dec. 2007	-4	-26	-124	59	-2	..
Public sector surplus	4.8	5.3	5.2	19.3	3.5	-0.6
Public debt, 31 dec. 2007	26.0	35.4	30.0	48.9	40.6	66.3
<i>Per cent</i>						
Unemployment	3.8	6.9	2.3	2.6	6.2	7.0
Interest rate	4.3	4.3	9.8	4.8	4.2	4.3
<i>Percentage change 2006–2007</i>						
Inflation	1.7	1.6	3.6	0.7	1.7	2.1
Economic growth	1.8	4.4	3.8	3.7	2.7	2.6
Share price index	24.0	24.4	27.1	24.5	20.6	16.5
Effective nominal Exchange rate index	1.6	1.8	..	1.8	1.9	6.2 <sup>1)</sup>

Note: Harmonized unemployment figures.

<sup>1)</sup> EU-15

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



### Supply and demand. 2007

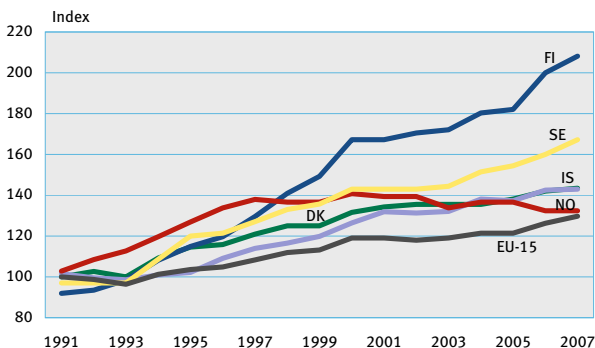
Billion euro	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE	EU-15
<b>Gross domestic product, GDP</b>	227.7	179.7	14.6	284.0	332.0	11 439.1
<i>Per cent</i>						
<b>Total supply</b>	151	141	146	130	145	138
Gross domestic product, GDP	100	100	100	100	100	100
Import of goods and services	51	41	46	30	45	38
<b>Total demand</b>	151	140	146	130	145	138
Consumption:						
Private	50	50	59	44	47	58
Public	26	21	25	20	26	21
Gross capital formation	23	22	27	21	19	21
Exports of goods and services	52	46	35	46	52	39
Surplus: Exports - imports	1.1	5.1	-10.6	15.7	7.6	0.8

## Economic trends

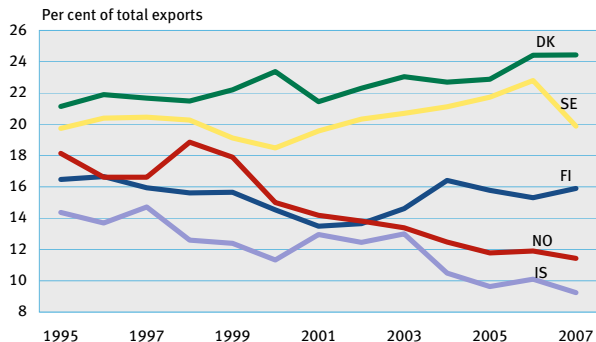
### Balance of payments. 2007

	DK	FO	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Million euro</i>						
<b>Current account surplus (1+2+3)</b>	2 520	19	8 222	-2 281	43 742	28 315
(1) Balance of goods and services	4 589	-155	8 522	-1 554	44 458	24 698
Of which:						
goods (fob)	-824	-80	8 662	-1 004	39 907	13 297
Of which:						
services (fob)	5 413	-74	-140	-550	4 552	11 401
(2) Labour compensation and investment income	1 594	60	1 084	-683	1 147	7 238
(3) Current transfers	-3 663	114	-1 385	-44	-1 863	-3 621
Capital account and financial transactions	-2 541	..	-7 471	1 946	43 742	-15 598
Change in the foreign exchange reserve	-20	..	-227	-76	1 061	240

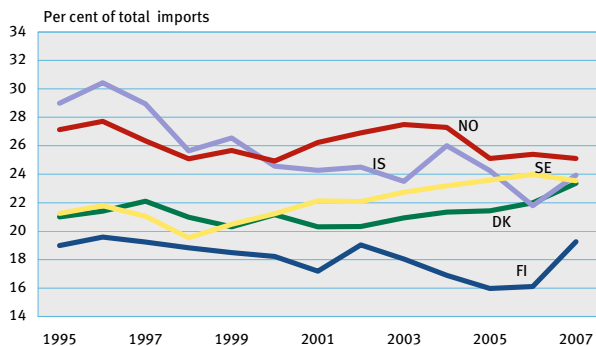
### Industrial production index 1990=100



### The Nordic countries exports to other Nordic countries



### The Nordic countries imports from other Nordic countries

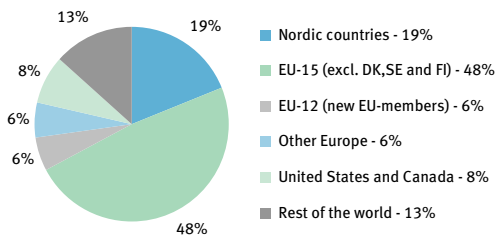
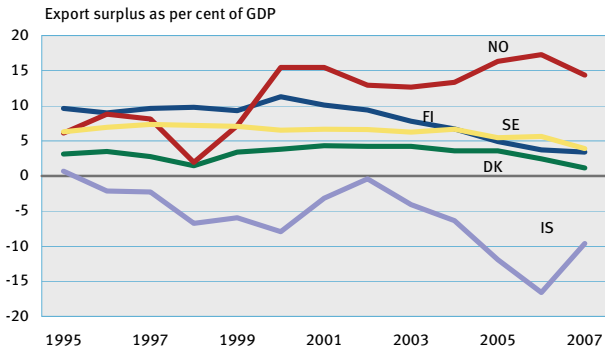


## Globalisation

### *Nordic exports in percent of total export. 2006*

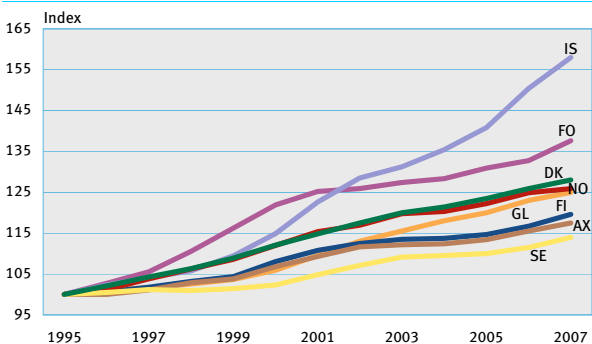
Per cent	DK	FI	IS	NO	SE
<i>Exports to:</i>					
<b>Total</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nordic countries	24.4	15.9	9.2	11.4	23.7
EU-15 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	46.8	35.8	68.4	67.2	40.8
12 new EU-countries	6.2	8.2	1.9	2.5	6.3
Russia	1.8	10.2	1.4	0.7	2.0
Other Europe	4.5	14.3	3.4	2.2	5.3
USA and Canada	7.0	7.2	5.7	9.1	8.5
Other America	1.5	2.0	2.4	1.1	2.1
Japan	1.8	1.8	4.2	1.0	1.2
DAEs	2.4	2.7	0.7	2.3	2.3
China	1.7	3.3	0.8	1.2	1.9
India	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.9
Rest of the world	3.9	9.0	3.3	1.8	7.6
<i>Imports from:</i>					
<b>Total</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Nordic countries	23.1	19.2	23.8	24.9	23.4
EU-15 (excl. DK, FI, SE)	50.2	40.8	34.4	37.8	48.2
12 new EU-countries	6.1	5.8	6.6	6.0	7.1
Russia	1.2	13.9	1.2	2.4	3.1
Other Europe	3.1	1.7	3.2	2.7	2.5
USA and Canada	3.6	3.2	15.1	9.0	3.4
Other America	1.5	2.2	1.3	2.5	1.4
Japan	0.7	1.6	4.7	2.2	2.0
DAEs	2.6	2.8	2.4	3.1	2.5
China	5.3	5.5	5.0	6.0	4.2
India	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Rest of the world	1.9	3.1	2.0	3.0	1.9

*Note: DAE-countries (Dynamic asian economies): Hongkong, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand.*

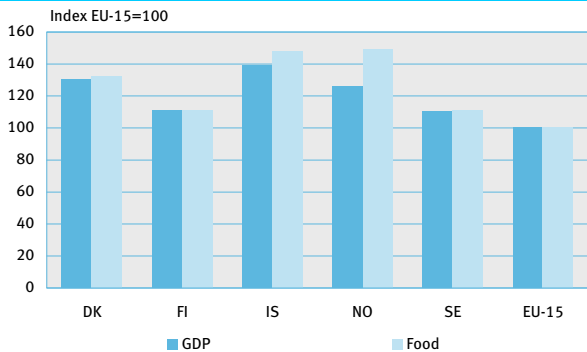
**Nordic exports in percent of total export. 2007****Trade balance of goods**

## Public finance and prices

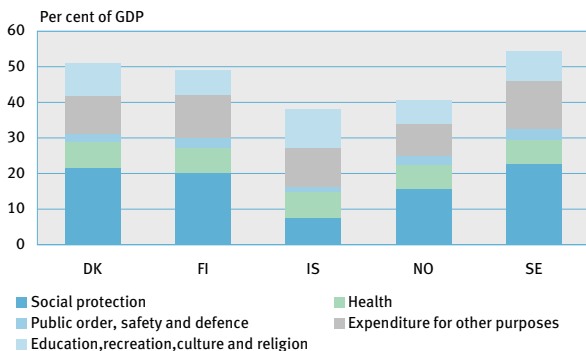
### Consumer price index



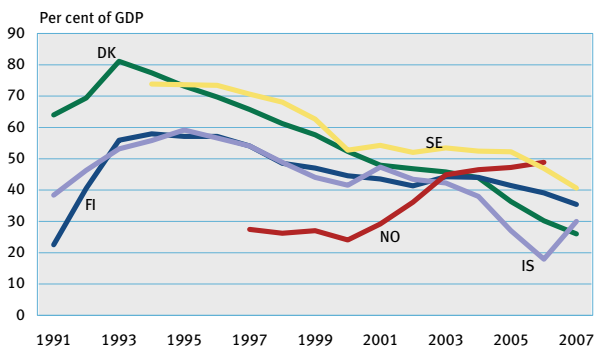
### Price index. 2007



### General government expenditure by purpose. 2007

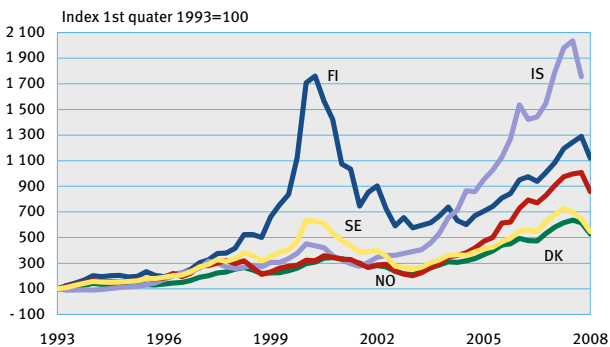


### General government gross debt

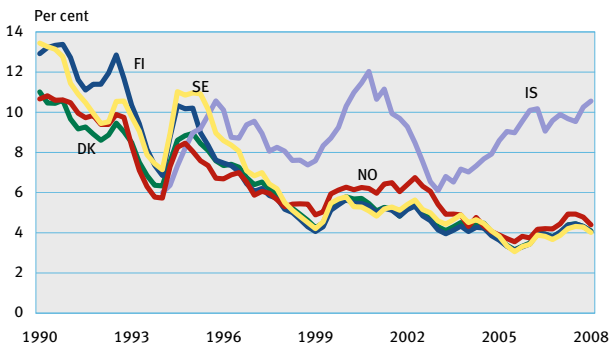


## Public finance and prices

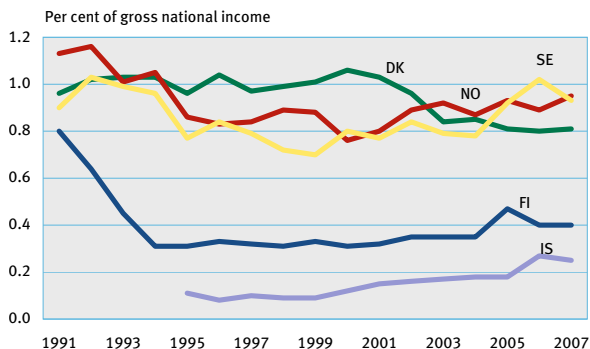
### Share prices



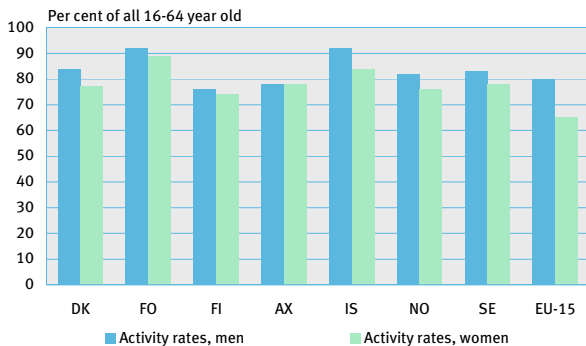
### Long-term interest rates



**Government aid to developing countries**

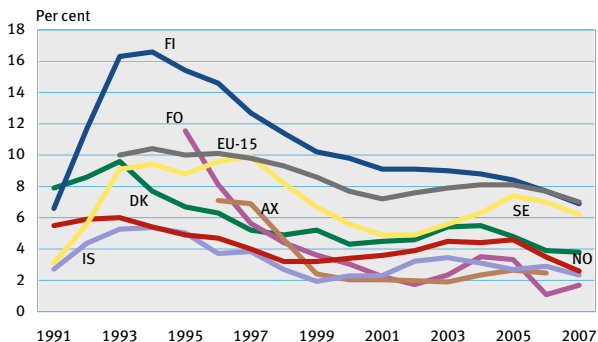


**Activity rates by sex. 2007**



## Labour market

### Unemployment



EU-harmonized unemployment figures except Faroe Islands and Åland.

### Unemployment by age. 2007

	DK	FO	GL	FI	AX	IS	NO	SE
1 000s								
<b>Total</b>	107.4	0.5	2.2	183.0	0.3	4.1	63.0	291.8
16-19	14.5	0.0	0.2	28.0	0.0	1.5	15.0	58.6
20-24	15.2	0.2	0.3	29.0	0.0	0.8	11.0	54.6
25-34	25.7	0.0	0.4	34.0	0.1	0.6	14.0	59.4
35-44	20.8	0.1	0.7	32.0	0.1	0.5	12.0	49.0
45-54	15.9	0.1	0.5	34.0	0.1	0.5	7.0	34.9
55-64	15.4	0.1	0.1	27.0	0.1	0.2	4.0	35.2