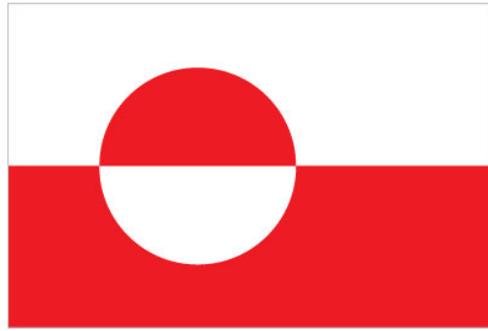




# GREENLAND



## INTRODUCTION

Greenland, the world's largest island, is about 80% ice-capped. Vikings reached the island in the 10th century from Iceland; Danish colonization began in the 18th century, and Greenland became an integral part of the Danish Realm in 1953.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

Queen MARGRETHE II of Denmark represented by High Commissioner Mikaela ENGELL

### Head of Government

Premier Mute B. EGEDE

### Government Type

parliamentary democracy (Parliament of Greenland or Inatsisartut)

### Capital

Nuuk (Godthaab)

### Legislature

unicameral Parliament or Inatsisartut (31 seats); Greenland elects 2 members to the Danish Parliament

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 2,166,086 sq km (approximately 1,710,000 sq km ice-covered)

### Climate

arctic to subarctic; cool summers, cold winters

### Natural Resources

coal, iron ore, lead, zinc, molybdenum, diamonds, gold, platinum, niobium, tantalite, uranium, fish, seals, whales, hydropower, possible oil and gas

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

large self-governing Danish territorial economy; preferential EU market access; high-income economy; dependent on Danish financial support, even for whaling and sealing industries; growing tourism; hydropower-fueled but environmentally fragile economy

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$2.413 billion (2015 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$41,800 (2015 est.)

**Industries** - fish processing (mainly shrimp and Greenland halibut), anorthosite and ruby mining, handicrafts, hides and skins, small shipyards

**Agricultural products** - sheep, cattle, reindeer, fish, shellfish

**Exports** \$407.1 million (2015 est.)

fish, crustaceans, fishing ships (2019)

**partners:** Denmark 55%, China 22%, Japan 6% (2019)

**Imports** \$783.5 million (2015 est.)

fishing ships, refined petroleum, construction vehicles, crustaceans, delivery trucks (2019)

**partners:** Denmark 51%, Spain 23%, Sweden 12%, Iceland 7% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

57,800 (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

-0.01% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Greenlandic 89.7%, Danish 7.8%, other Nordic 1.1%, and other 1.4% (2018 est.)

### Language

Greenlandic (West Greenlandic or Kalaallisut is the official language), Danish, English

### Religion

Evangelical Lutheran, traditional Inuit spiritual beliefs

### Urbanization

urban population: 87.5% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 0.41% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

### Literacy

100% (2015)

