



Greenland

World's largest island is autonomous territory in Kingdom of Denmark

Also known as: **Kalaallit Nunaat** (Greenlandic) **Grønland** (Danish)

Area: **2,166,086 sq km**
(1,710,000 sq km is ice-covered)

Population: **57,000 (2024)**
Population aged 0-14 years: **20%**

Life expectancy: **71.8 years (men)**,
77.3 years (women)

Background: Former Danish colony was incorporated into Denmark in 1953, gaining home rule in 1979 and self-governance in 2009. Denmark retains defence, foreign policy and currency control

Economy (2023)

GDP: **\$3.33 billion**
GDP per capita: **\$58,499**
Inflation: **2.2% (est.)**
Labour force: **28,000 (est.)**
Jobless rate: **2.9% (est.)**
Poverty rate: **17.4% (households)**
GDP by sector Agriculture **16.6%**,
industry **18.4%**, services **61%**

Recent events: Greenland's political parties have rejected U.S. President Donald Trump's repeated threats to take control of mineral-rich island, saying that its future must be decided by its people



Greenland's Prime Minister
Jens-Frederik Nielsen

Jan 2026: Trump suggests using force to seize Greenland to prevent Russia or China from “taking over,” raising concerns worldwide