

Lots of room in dwellings

Danish craftsmen have been busy laying bricks and putting up the roof tree. Since 1970 the number of dwellings has increased by 50 per cent. During the same period, we have been provided with more space in our homes.

There is more and more room for activities in Danish dwellings. During the last 25 years, the average dwelling area per person has increased from 43.9 to 51.4 m² in 2005. This is especially due to the fact that Danish dwellings have become larger. The average dwelling area has increased from 106.4 in 1980 to 113.3 m² in 2005. Another reason is that more people live alone. The average household size has decreased from 2.7 persons in 1970 to 2.2 persons in 2005.

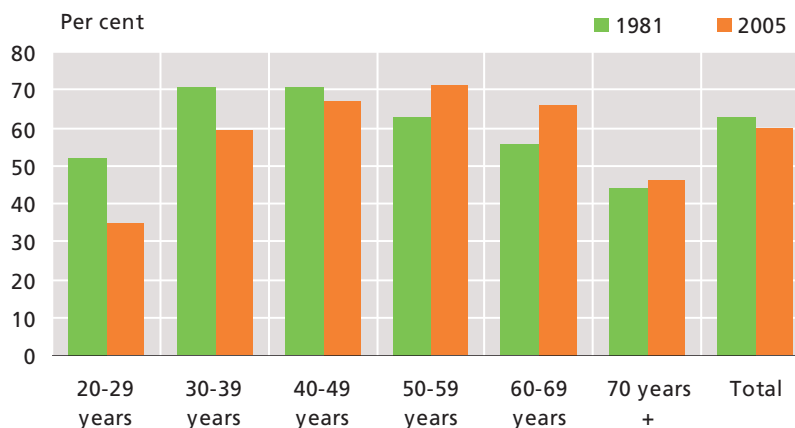
Today, there are more than 1 million one-family houses and 1 million flats (apartment houses) in Denmark. Consequently, they are the preferred type of ownership. The number of dwellings in two- and multi-family houses has witnessed the greatest increase. Today, Denmark has about 350,000 of these types of dwellings, which is a trebling since 1970.

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60 per cent of the Danish dwellings have district heating compared to 34 per cent in 1981. At that time, 53 per cent of the dwellings were oil-fired, which is true of only 17 per cent today. • • •

Considerably fewer young people live in a privately owned dwelling today than 25 years ago. In 1981, 52 per cent of the 20-29-year-olds lived in a privately owned dwelling, while the figure was 35 per cent in 2005. During the same period, more elderly live in their own dwelling.

PERSONS LIVING IN A PRIVATELY OWNED DWELLING



DWELLINGS

	Unit	1970	1980	1990	2000	2005
Dwellings, total	<i>1 000</i>	1 742	2 145	2 372	2 526	2 633
Detached one-family houses		560	878	959	1 019	1 054
Other one-family houses		64	154	266	314	353
Two- or multi-family houses		383	891	922	967	1 010
Farmhouses		140	165	156	133	128
Student hostels		...	24	29	34	35
Other dwellings		...	21	21	22	21
Residential institutions		...	9	13	21	13
Summer dwellings		4	3	6	16	15
Persons per dwelling	<i>average</i>	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.2
Average dwelling size	<i>m²</i>	...	106.4	107.0	108.8	113.3
Av. dwelling size per person	<i>m²</i>	...	43.9	47.4	49.7	51.4



A dwelling is characterized by having its own address and being intended for year-round use.