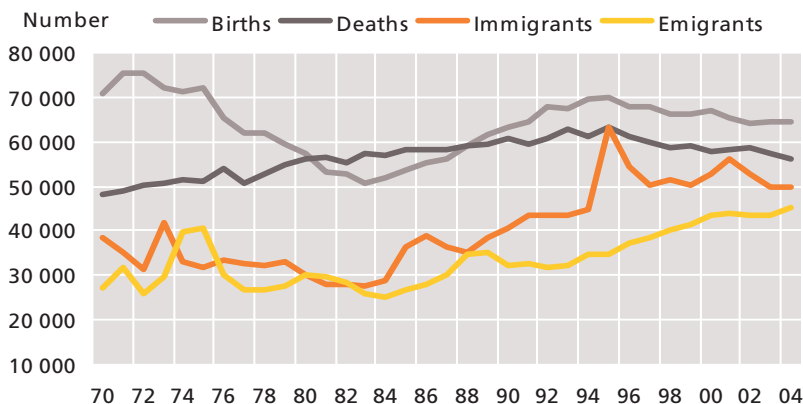


Growing migration proves globalisation

In one hundred years the Danish population has doubled. The population grows when a child is born or an immigrant comes to the country. We become fewer when somebody dies or emigrates to another country.

POPULATION TRENDS



KEY INDICATORS ON THE DANISH POPULATION

	Unit	1970	1980	1990	2000	2006
Population on 1 January	<i>mio.</i>	4.91	5.12	5.14	5.33	5.43
0-19-year-olds	<i>per</i>	31.0	28.7	24.3	23.7	24.5
20-59-year-olds	<i>cent</i>	51.5	51.9	55.3	56.6	54.1
60 years +		17.5	19.3	20.4	19.7	21.4
Immigrants and descendants, total		-	3.0	4.2	7.1	8.5
Of whom: non-western countries		-	1.0	2.2	4.8	6.0

URBAN AREAS WITH OVER 50 000 INHABITANTS ON 1 JANUARY

	Unit	1970	1981	1990	2000	2004
Copenhagen, incl. suburbs	1 000	1 380	1 382	1 337	1 076*	1 087*
Copenhagen and Frederiksberg		725	582	552	586	593
Århus		199	182	200	217	229
Odense		137	137	139	145	146
Aalborg		100	114	114	120	122
Esbjerg		68	70	72	73	73
Kolding		42	57	57	62	63
Randers		58	56	55	56	56

* In 1999, 15 municipalities were separated from the metropolitan area.

The Danish population has grown by 500,000 persons in the last 35 years. Half of this increase – exactly 51 per cent – is due to more births than deaths. The other half is due to more immigrants than emigrants.

In the first half of the 1980s extraordinarily few children were born in Denmark. The expression the “small youth generations” refers to children born during this period. Until 1984 the low birthrate led to negative population growth. In 1985 the picture changed due to increased immigration. Since then the number of people has increased. In 1995 the population grew particularly much due to immigration from former Yugoslavia.

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The 5.43 million Danes make up only about 0.8 per thousand of the earth’s population of 6.5 billion people. In the early 1900s the Danes made up 1.5 per thousand so, in relative terms, the Danes have become fewer. • • •

Immigration to Denmark is far from a new phenomenon. Today immigrants and their descendants constitute about 8.5 per cent of the population, corresponding to 463,000 persons. Immigrants and their descendants from non-western countries constitute 6.0 per cent of the Danish population. In recent years emigration has also grown. This shows that we live in a globalised world.