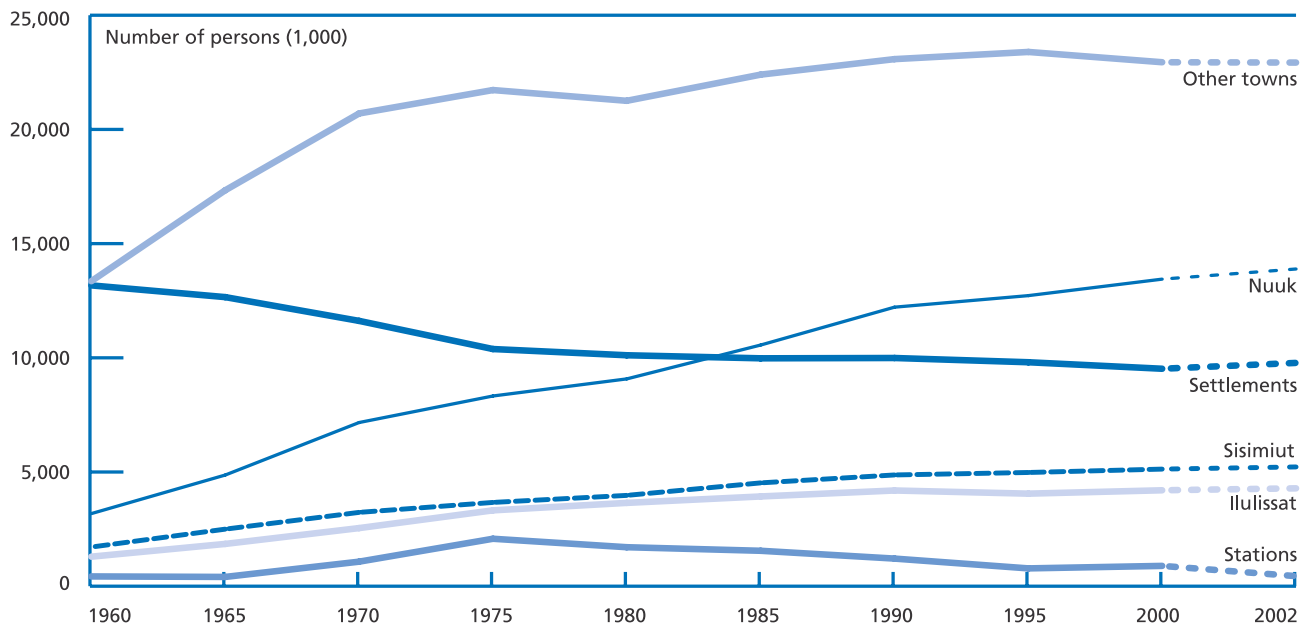


Figure 4.3 The whole population distributed by towns, settlements and stations 1 January 1960-2002



Source: Statistics Greenland.

Key Table 4.3 Population distributed by regions 1 January 1960-2002. Per cent

	1960	1970	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2002
Total in percentage	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
South Region	19.0	17.9	16.1	15.5	15.1	15.2	14.6	14.1
Mid Region	34.2	39.2	42.4	44.3	45.0	44.7	48.0	48.9
Disko Region	27.1	25.6	24.2	23.4	22.9	22.3	19.3	19.1
North and East Greenland	19.7	17.3	17.3	16.8	17.0	17.8	18.1	17.9

Note: The south region encompasses the municipalities of Nanortalik, Qaqortoq and Narsaq. The Mid region, or open waters region: Paamiut, Nuuk, Maniitsoq and Sisimiut. The Disko Region: Kangaatsiaq, Aasiaat, Qasigiannuit, Qeqertarsuaq and Ilulissat. North and East Greenland: Umannaq, Upernavik, Qaanaaq and East Greenland. Excluding stations and the municipality of Ivittuut.

Source: Statistics Greenland.

ment, on a sheep farm or at a hunting outpost, the figure now is less than every fifth person, but it is a slow development while the trend is obvious: people move from the settlements to the towns.

Removals, and possibly regional differences in the excess of births during the period from 1960 to 2002, have resulted in the major part of the population now living in the open waters-region on the west coast. The fall in population has been especially pronounced in the Disko-region and South Greenland.

As per 1 January 2002 there were 21,713 households in Greenland; the figure is based on information from the Statistical Population Register. The distribution of the households by municipality is shown in Key Table 4.4. In this survey a household is defined as being all the persons having an identical address registered in the National Register. Viewed in this way the average household numbered 2.6 persons. In the settlements the average household size was

somewhat higher, viz. 3.1 persons per household. The survey of the total number of households is not as reliable as other statistical population surveys as the information from the National Register is used here at a very detailed level. 700 persons did not belong to any household. The majority of this group live outside the municipalities.

#### 4.1.2 Population projection 2002-2012

It is not possible to predict with any certainty the exact size and composition of the future population. In the spring of 2002 Statistics Greenland published the results of a population projection for Greenland in *Grønlands Befolkning 1. januar 2002* (Population of Greenland as per 1 January 2002) in the series *Befolkning* (Population). Excerpts from this projection are also included in this yearbook.

Based on the survey of the population distributed by sex, age and place of birth as per 1 January 2002