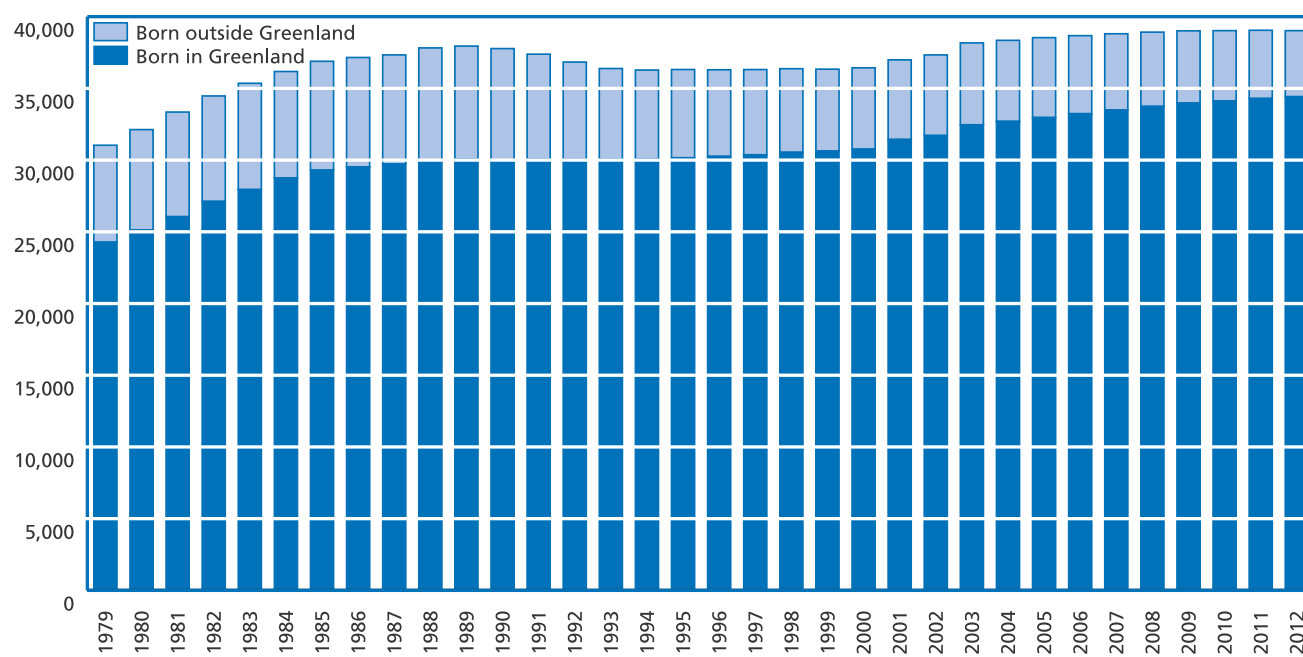


Figure 12.1 The potential labour force 1979-2012



Source: Statistics Greenland.

Key Table 12.1 Employment in 1974 and 1996 distributed by trades and industries

	1974			1996		
	Total	Born in Greenland	Born outside Greenland	Total	Born in Greenland	Born outside Greenland
Pillar 1 - Fisheries/fishing industry	6,970	6,430	540	6,380	6,120	260
Pillar 2 - Mineral resources	270	50	220	40	10	30
Pillar 3 - Tourism	40	30	10	210	140	70
Pillar 4 - Other land-based trades and industries	6,300	4,580	1,720	8,220	6,670	1,550
Public infrastructure	2,070	1,190	880	2,130	1,590	540
Public administration and services	5,320	3,800	1,520	7,950	5,640	2,310
The bases	1,460	40	1,420	240	50	190
Total employment	22,430	16,120	6,310	25,170	20,220	4,950
in percentages	100	71.9	28.1	100	80.3	19.7

Source: Statistics Greenland

old age group for the period 1979-2002 distributed by birthplace. For the years 2003-2012 the potential labour force is shown, computed on the basis of the most recent population prognosis 2002-2012.

The potential labour force per 1 January 2000 is based on the age group 15-59 years, as per 1 January 2001 the age group 15-60 years, as per 1 January 2002 15-61 years, and as per 1 January 2003 and the years following on the age group 15-62 years. The increase in the potential labour force in the years to come is thus primarily an expression of the changed age for old-age pensioners.

12.4 EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS

The total distribution of employment in 1996 is shown in Key Table 12.1, which also shows the corresponding figures for 1974. During these 22 years a shift in employment between the various trades and industries took place, so that in 1996 fewer were employed in the fisheries sector and more were employed in industries on land and in public administration and the service sector.

The figure also shows that the number of employed who were born in Greenland has increased considerably during this period, in actual numbers and in per cent. At the same time the number of em-