

most 81 per cent of the persons committing suicide were men, and of these 62 per cent was found in the age group 15 to 34, so as in previous years, the rate of suicide is found to be highest among young men.

Tuberculosis

The number of tuberculosis cases in Greenland remains high, and in the districts, much work is invested in the attempt to limit the infection. There were 44 cases of reported tuberculosis in 2000, in 2001 this number had increased to 104.

Venereal diseases

In 2000, 515 cases of gonorrhoea were reported, in 2001 the number had increased to 707. The number of reported cases of syphilis has been decreasing throughout the 1990s, from 37 in 1991 to one case in both 2000 and 2001.

As from 1 May 1994, it became possible to carry out screening for chlamydia in all districts by enlarging the test capacity of the central laboratory in

Nuuk. The health authorities also stated that chlamydia was an area to be given special attention by carrying out extraordinary screening with a view to reducing the existing pool of infection. It became compulsory to report chlamydia as from 1 July 1996. In 2000, about 2,094 cases of chlamydia were reported, and in 2001 the number was 1,942.

Hiv/aids

Hiv infections continue to spread in Greenland at a not insignificant rate. In 2000, seven new hiv cases were reported, while in 2001 there were six new hiv-positive cases.

Abortions

Since the law on free abortion came into force on 1 July 1975, the number of annual abortions has more than doubled. Table 17.4 shows the development in the number of provoked abortions since 1973. The table also shows the computation of the total quotient of abortions, which is an expression of the sum

Key Table 17.6 Standard number of staff in the dental districts. Number of positions as per 31 December 2001

	Dentists ²⁾	Other skilled staff	Unskilled staff	Total standard staff
Administration ¹⁾	1	0	0	1
Dronning Ingrid's Hospital	1	1	0	2
Nanortalik	1.5	5	0.4	6.9
Qaqortoq	2	7	0.3	9.3
Narsaq	1	4	0.3	5.3
Paamiut	1	5	0	6
Nuuk	9.5	28	0	37.5
Maniitsoq	2	6	0	8
Sisimiut	3	10	0	13
Kangaatsiaq	0.5	3	0.3	3.8
Aasiaat	2	7	0	9
Qasigiannguit	1	3	0.3	4.3
Ilulissat	2.5	9	0	11.5
Qeqertarsuaq	1	3	0.3	4.3
Uummannaq	1	5	0.3	6.3
Upernavik	1.5	5	0.3	6.8
Qaanaaq	0.5	1.75	0	2.25
Ammassalik	2	8	0.5	10.5
General	-	-	-	-
Total 2001	34.0	110.8	3.0	147.8
Total 2000	34.0	111.0	5.4	151.4
Total 1999	33.0	111.0	5.3	149.3
Total 1998	34.0	110.8	3.0	147.8
Total 1997	32.5	113.0	4.8	150.3
Total 1996	31.0	110.5	5.6	147.1
Total 1995	31.0	110.0	6.6	147.6
Total 1994	31.5	109.0	6.3	146.8
Total 1993	31.5	107.0	6.3	144.8
Total 1992	32.1	99.9	6.3	138.3

Notes: 1) Administration: Chief dentist. 2) Dentists: District dentist, assistant dentist, hospital odontologist.

Source: The Directorate of Health.