

Over the last 10 years a decline in fertility for women under 25 years can be seen. The total fertility rate is now so low that the population barely can reproduce itself.

Mortality

In summary table 2 the main mortality indicators for 2008 – 2010 can be found. 504 persons died in 2010.

Life expectancy at 0-year equals how old a newborn child can expect to be with the death rates that exist in the different age groups in a given period. Life expectancy for persons born in Greenland have risen by 14.3 years for males and 15.4 years for women in the period from 1954-1958 to 2003 - 2007.

Summary table 2
Mortality indicators

	Total			Males			Females		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
Deaths	428	437	504	182	188	200	246	249	304
Non natural deaths ¹	68	73	89	47	52	55	21	21	34
Mortality rate	7,7	7,8	9,0	6,2	6,4	6,8	9,4	9,5	11,5
Life expectancy ²	...	...	...	67,1	67,9	67,9	72,1	72,2	72,9
Life expectancy ² (Born in Grl.)	...	...	...	66,0	66,7	66,7	71,7	71,8	72,5

Source: Statistics Greenland, The National Board of Health

1) Provisional figures 2009 og 2010

2) Calculated for 5-year periods. 2010=2006-2010

Summary table 3
Life expectancy newborn. Persons born in Greenland

	1977-1981	1982-1986	1987-1991	1992-1996	1997-2001	2002-2006	2007-2011
Males	58,4	58,3	58,9	62,0	62,6	64,9	67,1
Females	67,5	65,9	68,0	68,2	68,4	71,1	72,7

Source: Statistics Greenland, <http://bank.stat.gl/beedt>

Both men and women born in Greenland have shorter life span than those from countries in the Western world. There are two main reasons: Greenland still has a relatively high infant mortality and second high mortality due to accidents and suicides. Deaths due to accident or suicide typically occurs among young men aged 15-35 years. Like deaths among infants these contributes to a significant number of life years lost, far more than the rising number of deaths from cancer and heart disease, which typically occurs later in life.

In Summary table 4 the difference between men and women's age-specific mortality rates are shown.

Summary table 4
Death pr 1000. Persons born in Greenland

	Males						Females					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2006-2010	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2006-2010
0	17,0	12,2	9,5	2,3	13,4	10,8	17,2	5,0	10,6	5,1	0,0	7,6
1-4	1,8	0,6	0,0	1,3	1,3	1,0	0,0	1,3	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,6