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City	
Flag of Oslo	Coat of arms of Oslo
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Area ^[1]	
• City	480 km ² (190 sq mi)
• Land	454.20 km ² (175.37 sq mi)
• Water	26.64 km ² (10.29 sq mi)
Population (August 2023) ^{[2][3][4]}	
• City	709,037Increase
• Urban	1,064,235
• Metro ^{[5][6]}	1,588,457
Time zone	UTC+1 (CET)
• Summer (DST)	UTC+2 (CEST)

Oslo is the [capital](#) city of [Norway](#). It is Norway's largest city, with a [population](#) of 709,037 people in 2023.^{[2][3][4]} The area near the city has a total population of 1,588,457.^{[5][6]} The city [government](#) of Oslo and the [county](#) are the same thing.

Oslo today

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The city is a big place for [economy](#) and [culture](#). A lot of important [institutions](#) are in Oslo. Some of these are the [Norwegian government](#) and parliament, the [University of Oslo](#) and [Ullevål Stadion](#), which is the stadium of Norway's soccer team. The city also has many museums, theaters and concert [venues](#). Some good cultural places are [Frogner Park](#), the [Oslo Opera House](#), the National Museum and the National Theatre. Travelling inside the city is easy with [public transportation](#). Using [tram](#), [subway](#) and [bus](#) is easy.

Oslo is a very expensive city, with high prices in bars and restaurants, as well as high prices for houses and apartments.

Oslo has a [humid continental climate](#) (*Dfb* in the [Koeppen climate classification](#)).

History

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The [Saga of Norwegian Kings](#) (written by [Snorre Sturlason](#)) says that king [Harald III Sigurdsson founded](#) Oslo around 1048. Recent [excavations](#) have found Christian graves from before 1000. Because of these two facts, Oslo celebrated its 900-year [anniversary](#) in 1950 and its 1000-year anniversary in 2000.

One of the more famous landmarks in Oslo is [Akershus Fortress](#). It was first built around 1290. Oslo was destroyed in fire in 1624,^{[7][8]} and the fortress was rebuilt closer to Akershus Fortress by the order of King [Christian IV of Norway](#). The king gave the new city the name Christiania, which later also written as Kristiania.^{[9][10]} In 1925 the name of the city was changed back to Oslo.^{[8][9]}

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- [Oslo Kommune official website](#)

Urban areas of Norway with the largest population

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As of the first day of 2023, according to [Statistics Norway](#) ([link](#))

1.	Oslo (urban area) , including Oslo (city and municipality)	1,082,575	7.	Porsgrunn/Skien including Porsgrunn and Skien	95,763
2.	Bergen including city and municipality	269,548	8.	Kristiansand including city and municipality	66,576
3.	Stavanger/Sandnes including Stavanger and Sandnes	234,757	9.	Tønsberg including city and municipality	55,387
4.	Trondheim including city and municipality	196,948	10.	Ålesund including city and municipality	55,386
5.	Drammen including city and municipality	122,955	11.	Moss including city and municipality	49,428
6.	Fredrikstad/Sarpsborg including Fredrikstad and Sarpsborg	120,332	12.	Sandefjord	46 453
			13.	Haugesund	46,359
			14.	Arendal including city and municipality	44,856

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