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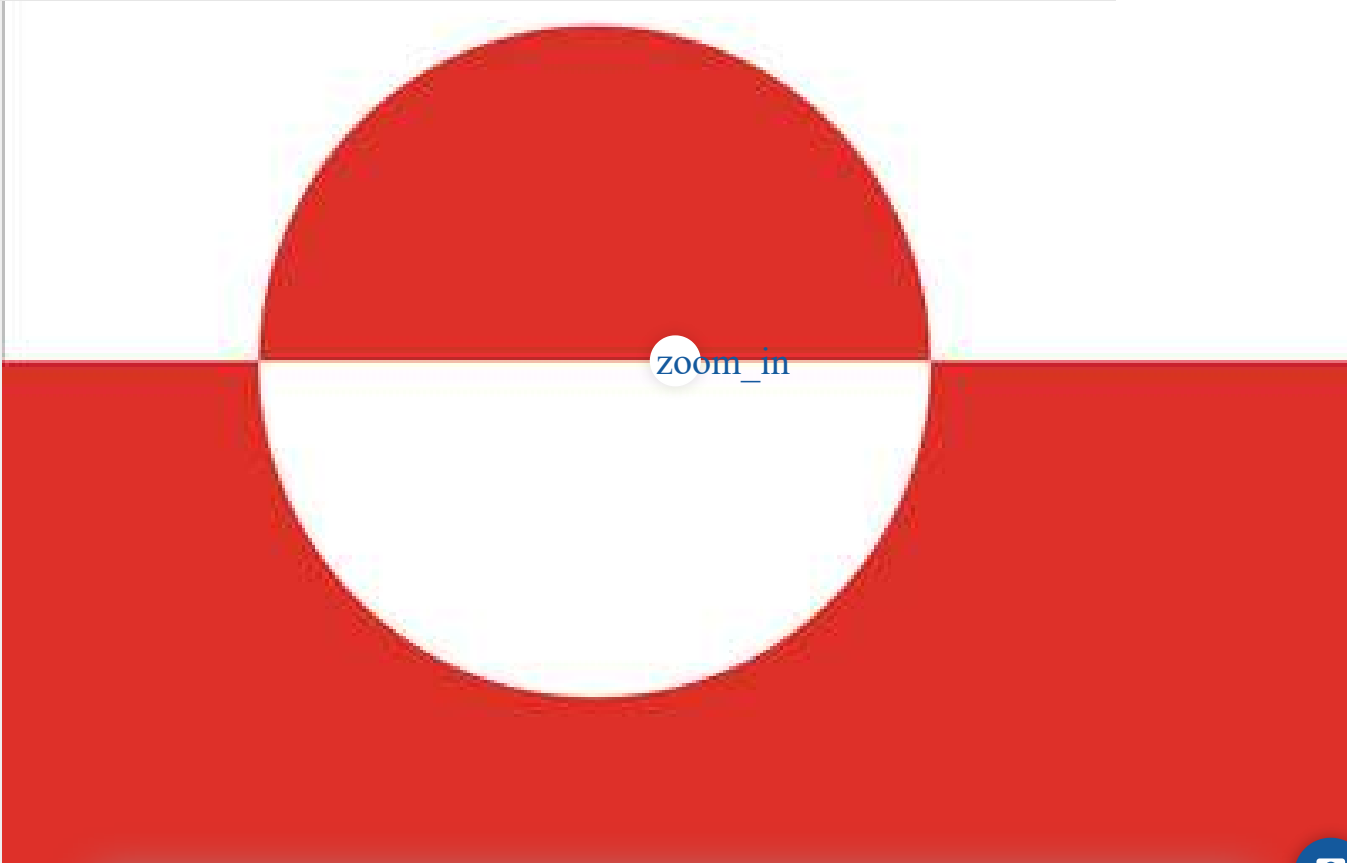
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Heads Of Government: High Commissioner (for Denmark): Mikaela Engell; Prime Minister (for Greenland): Kim Kielsen

Capital: [Nuuk](#)

Population: (2020 est.) 56,100

Head Of State: Danish Monarch: [Queen Margrethe II](#)

Official Language: Greenlandic

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Greenland, the world's largest [island](#), lying in the North [Atlantic Ocean](#). Greenland is noted for its vast [tundra](#) and immense glaciers.

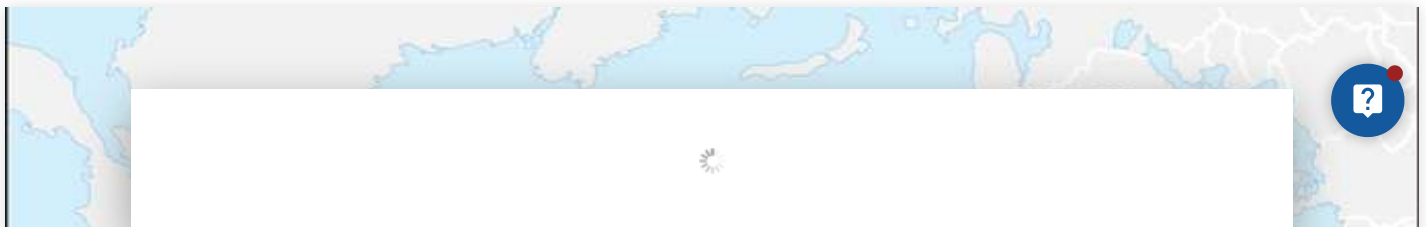


[Nuuk](#)

Nuuk, Greenland.

Image: Greenland Tourism

Although Greenland remains a part of the Kingdom of [Denmark](#), the island's home-rule government is responsible for most domestic affairs. The Greenlandic people are primarily Inuit ([Eskimo](#)). The capital of Greenland is [Nuuk](#) (Godthåb).





Greenland

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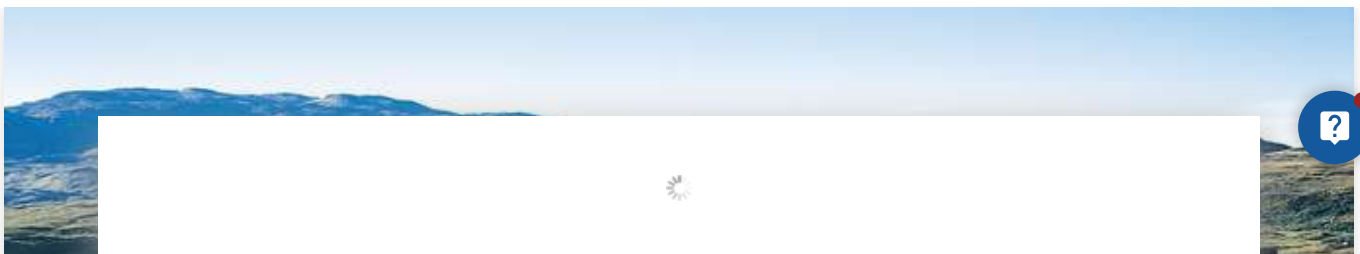


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More than three times the size of the U.S. state of [Texas](#), Greenland extends about 1,660 miles (2,670 km) from north to south and more than 650 miles (1,050 km) from east to west at its widest point. Two-thirds of the island lies within the [Arctic Circle](#), and the island's northern extremity extends to within less than 500 miles (800 km) of the [North Pole](#). Greenland is separated from [Canada's Ellesmere Island](#) to the north by only 16 miles (26 km). The nearest European country is [Iceland](#), lying about 200 miles (320 km) across the [Denmark Strait](#) to the southeast. Greenland's deeply indented coastline is 24,430 miles (39,330 km) long, a distance roughly equivalent to Earth's circumference at the Equator.





Tasiusaq

Tasiusaq, southern Greenland.

Image: Greenland Tourism

A submarine ridge no deeper than 600 feet (180 metres) connects the island physically with [North America](#). Structurally, Greenland is an extension of the [Canadian Shield](#), the rough plateau of the Canadian north that is made up of hard [Precambrian](#) rocks.

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