

Medical education in 2016

Unemployed 2016

	Medical faculties	Intake/ year	Number
Denmark	4	1 462	90
Finland	5	750	231
Iceland	1	48	0
Norway	4	600	73
Sweden	7	1 600	920

Length of education in years 2016

	Basic training	Internship	Specialist training
Denmark ¹⁾	6	1	5 - 6
Finland	6	0	5 - 6
Iceland	6	1	4 ½ - 6
Norway	6	1 ½	5 - 6 ½
Sweden	5 ½	min 1 ½	min 5

1) Ind. Introductory training

Number of specialties in 2016

	Main specialties	Sub specialties	Recognized within the EU
Denmark	38	-	29
Finland	50	-	42
Iceland	26	41	37
Norway	31	14	40
Sweden ¹⁾	44	9+10	39

1) Since 1 May 2015 there is a new specialist education system in Sweden with 9 subspecialties and 10 additional specialties

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Number of active physicians, 1 Jan. 2016

(active and/or under age of retirement, and living/working in the country)

	Males	Females	Total	% Females
Denmark	12 347	11 862	24 209	49
Finland	8 463	12 507	20 970	60
Iceland	722	418	1 140	37
Norway	12 600	12 400	25 000	50
Sweden ¹	20 173	20 606	40 780	51

1) Members of the Swedish Medical Association plus 20 % (80 % of physicians are members)

Population per active physician, 1 Jan. 2016

	Population mill.	Inhabitants/physician
Denmark	5,71	236
Finland	5,49	262
Iceland	0,33	292
Norway	5,21	208
Sweden ¹	9,85	242

1) Members of the Swedish Medical Association plus 20 %

Number of active physicians, 1970- 2016

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2016
Denmark	8 500	10 800	14 000	17 000	22 900	24 200
Finland	4 500	8 800	11 600	15 700	18 900	21 000
Iceland	290	490	810	960	1 067	1 140
Norway	5 200	8 100	10 800	15 300	20 700	25 000
Sweden ¹	10 600	18 000	24 000	28 000	30 200	34 000

1) Only Members of the Swedish Medical Association

Active approved specialists by speciality 1 Jan. 2016 (active and/or under age of retirement, and living/working in the country)

Only the 30 largest specialties are noted here. Please note that a physician may be approved in more than one specialty and may thus appear more than once in the table, except for Denmark (see footnote 1). But for the total number for all specialties, this is not so. This number includes all approved specialists, but counting each specialist only once.

Specialty	Denmark ¹⁾	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden ²⁾	Total
Family medicine (General Practice)	4 635	2 362	196	3 017	6 345	16 555
Internal Medicine ³⁾	162	1 158	151	1 656	3 590	6 717
Psychiatry	884	1 086	62	1 396	1 921	5 349
Anaesthesiology	1 121	865	52	903	1 781	4 722
General Surgery	571	767	53	916	1 751	4 058
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	593	685	49	621	1 373	3 321
Diagnostic Radiology ⁷⁾	596	633	36	717	1 290	3 272
Orthopaedic Surgery	793	514	40	568	1 348	3 263
Paediatrics	461	645	67	615	1 474	3 262
Cardiology	429	253	29	388	1 011	2 110
Ophthalmology	366	493	28	389	656	1 932
Occupational Health ⁴⁾	94	863	1	215	680	1 853
Oto-rhino-laryngology	382	345	22	331	654	1 734
Neurology	372	347	15	386	487	1 607
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry ⁵⁾	222	439	5	319	396	1 381
Geriatrics	107	295	19	118	682	1 221
Oncology	221	193	19	264	511	1 208
Dermatology and Venereology	182	206	19	179	389	975
Pulmonology (Respiratory Medicine)	169	224	22	203	337	955
Infectious Diseases	101	109	11	125	606	952
Clinical Pathology	221	155	16	227	284	903
Medical Gastroenterology	215	120	19	209	335	898
Urology	201	130	13	162	379	885
Rheumatology	240	111	16	188	293	848
Endocrinology	239	60	11	83	314	707
Community Medicine (Public Health) ⁶⁾	155	104	10	349	42	660
Nephrology	138	90	10	130	281	649
Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine	-	173	7	188	242	610
Plastic Surgery	116	110	10	144	165	545
Gastroenterological Surgery	-	261	-	231	-	492
Total numbers of specialists in all specialties	14 841	12 318	883	13 152	26 785	67 979

(physical persons and not only the 30 specialties shown in the table)

1) For Denmark, unlike the other countries, specialists with more than one specialist approval are included only once, which is on the last specialist approval. 2) Only Members of the Swedish Medical Association
3) Since 2004/2008, Internal Medicine is no longer a specialty in Denmark. 4) Denmark and Norway: Arbetsmedicin. Finland: Företagshälsovård. Iceland: Yrkesmedicin. Sweden: Företagshälsovård + Yrkesmedicin + Yrkes- och miljömedicin + Arbets- och miljömedicin. 5) Finland: Child Psychiatry + Adolescent Psychiatry. 6) Denmark and Norway: Samfundsmedicin. Finland: Hälsovård. Iceland and Sweden: Socialmedicin.
7) Sweden: Bild- och funktionsmedicin + Medicinsk radiologi