

Facts about BERGEN 2015



CITY OF BERGEN

SCHOOLS

There are 58 elementary schools in Bergen at present.

There are 15 secondary schools, one special school, one center for learning and 11 combined elementary and secondary schools.

There are two schools for adult education.

There are eight private combined elementary and secondary schools, one private elementary school and one private secondary school.

EMPLOYEES

Department name	Number of employees
Head of City Government	329
Education	5.630
Urban Development, Climate and Environmental Affairs	393
Finance, Municipal Ownership and Ownership	795
Health and Care	5.010
Social Services, Housing and Local Development	1.073
Culture, Business Development, Sports and Church Affairs	444
City Parliament Administration	53
Total number of employees	13.727

THE ORIGINS OF BERGEN

Bergen was founded by King Olav Kyrre in 1070 and soon developed into an international trading centre. Bergen was the capital of Norway until Oslo took over in 1299. Still, Bergen remained a clerical and commercial centre. The German Hanseatic League had one of their main offices in the city and controlled most of the trade from the late Middle Ages until the middle of the 16th century. By 1600, Bergen was the largest city in Scandinavia with a population of around 15.000.

CITY OF EXPANSION

Bergen has expanded several times by incorporating neighbouring municipalities and districts. In 1877, the county parishes belonging to the Cathedral and Korskirken (Sandviken, Møhlenpris, Nygård, Lungegården and Kalfaret) were incorporated. Årstad was incorporated in 1915 and Gyldenpris was transferred to Bergen from Laksevåg in 1921. Fyllingsdalen was transferred to Bergen from Fana in 1955. In 1972 the following municipalities were merged to form a single large municipality called Bergen: Arna, Bergen, Fana, Laksevåg and Åsane. At the same time, Bergen ceased to be a separate county.

SIZE AND GEOGRAPHY

Bergen lies on latitude 60E 23' 36" and eastern longitude 5E 20' 6" (measured from the Cathedral spire). The city's total area is 465.3 km², and the land area is 445.1 km². The population density per km² (land) is 611. The municipality has four deaneries with 21 parishes.

MAIN BUSINESS

The leading business and industry clusters are: Energy (oil, gas and renewable energy) – Maritime industries – Tourism – Creative (media, design film and music) – Marine sector.

INSTITUTIONS

The city of Bergen has a total of 41 institutions for the elderly, with a total of 2.496 beds.

CHURCH

Bergen's churches held 1.803 sunday services and 725 other services in 2014. 315 marriage ceremonies, 1.623 child baptisms, and 1.943 youth confirmations were carried out in the city's churches.

CULTURE

The municipality of Bergen supports a broad range of cultural institutions, from amateurs to internationally active institutions, as well as running the libraries and a number of its own cultural institutions.

PARKS

The municipality is responsible for 17.300 da. parks and greens, of which approx. 1.750 da. are cultivated public parks. The municipality plants and maintains approx 13.000 sq meters of summer flowers and approx 13.000 sq meters of rose beds. 1.500 park benches, 131 playgrounds and 84 km. of recreational roads and walking paths are taken care of.

SPORT

There are approx. 580 sports facilities and 664 sports clubs in Bergen. There is a total of 124.803 registered members of sports clubs, 100.823 ordinary and 23.980 business members.

WATER

In 2014, the amount of water used in Bergen amounted to 34.8 million cubic metres. There are six water filtration facilities, 920 km. of water pipes and 90 pumping stations within the municipality.

POPULATION

The population on 1 January 2015 was 275.112.

District	2014	2015	Change
Arna	13.458	13.662	204
Bergenhus	40.606	41.329	723
Fana	40.871	41.584	713
Fyllingsdalen	29.195	29.267	72
Laksevåg	39.584	39.908	324
Ytrebygda	26.955	27.144	189
Årstad	39.906	40.364	458
Åsane	40.146	40.577	431
Unallocated	1.228	1.277	49

Source: SSB

POPULATION CHANGES

	2013	2014
Population (1 January)	267.950	271.949
Increase	1.395	1.404
Net migration	2.577	1.751
Population growth	3.999	3.163

Source: SSB

Age structure 1 January 2015

0 - 5 years	19.829
6 - 12 years	21.699
13 - 15 years	9.090
16 - 19 years	13.157
20 - 44 years	106.112
45 - 66 years	69.952
67 - 79 years	23.773
80 - 89 years	9.239
90 years and older	2.291

CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICITY

The consumption of electric power in Bergen was 3.552.218.088 kwh (approx 3.552 GWh.) in 2014.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

The municipality is responsible for maintaining 627 km. of roads, 262 km. of sidewalks, 19 km. cobblestone roads, 102 km. of pedestrian and cycling paths. More than 9.000 public steps, 9.000 traffic signs, 12.000 drain holes, more than 2.600 speed bumps, 172 bridges, 21 quays and 28.000 streetlights also falls under the municipality's care.

LIVESTOCK

The municipality of Bergen is the 10th largest agricultural municipality in the county of Hordaland.

Within the city limits, there are 210 dairy cows, 308 cattle, 1.817 sheep and 7.620 laying hens as of 1 January 2015.

CLIMATE

Average temperature in 2014	9.9°C
Maximum temperature in 2014 (9 July)	31.4°C
Minimum temperature in 2014 (28 December)	- 6.3°C
Average temperature between 1961 and 1990	7.6°C
Number of days with precipitation 2014 (< 0.1 mm)	235
Total precipitation in 2014	2428.6 mm
Greatest rainfall in one day (24 October)	76.6 mm
Average annual precipitation between 1961 and 1990	2250 mm

FOREIGNERS IN BERGEN

On 1 January 2015 there were 44.712 foreign citizens registered in Bergen, an increase of 2.549 from last year.

The largest groups of registered foreigners by continent

Europe excluding Turkey	21.168	North America	795
Asia including Turkey	5.508	South/Central America	2.338
Africa	12.182	Oseania	182

HOUSING

In 2013, 1.632 new flats/homes were constructed.

MARRIAGE

	2012	2013
Total number of marriages	2.401	2.378
Divorces	914	876

NURSERY SCHOOLS

Age	Number of children
0-1 year	194
1-2 years	5.501
3-5 years	9.585
6 years	33
Total number in nurseries	15.313
Capacity in open nurseries	601

EDUCATION

Grade	2013-14	2014-15
1st grade	2.959	3.103
2nd - 7th grade	17.233	17.457
8th - 10th grade	8.470	8.269
Total	28.662	28.829

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION 2011

Total electoral roll: 201.054.

Total amount votes cast: 130.229.

Turnout: 64.77 %.

Turnout in the 2007 local elections: 62.60 %.

The 2011-15 councillors represent the following political parties in the City Parliament called "Bystyre".

Party name	Number of councillors
Conservative Party	24 (18)
Labour Party	19 (16)
Progress Party	7 (14)
Liberal Party	5 (4)
Christian Democratic Party	4 (4)
Socialist Left Party	3 (5)
Red Electoral Party	2 (3)
Centre Party	1 (2)
City Air List	1
Green Party	1

Indicates the representation in the 2007 election.

Head of City Government: Martin Smith-Sivertsen (Conservative Party)

Mayor: Trude H. Drevland (Conservative Party)

Deputy Mayor: Tor Woldseth (Progress Party)

New in Bergen?

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