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Toponymic data files and gazetteers**Standardized geographical names by language in the Nordic
national mapping agencies' and names authorities' data sets
in January 2021****Summary****

In 2011, the Norden Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names conducted a divisional statistical study on geographical names stored and maintained in the Nordic national mapping agencies' data sets.¹

In 2021, the Division repeated the study. In January, the number of standardized geographical names, in 17 languages, in the Nordic national mapping agencies' and names authorities' data sets was almost 3,200,000, an increase of 9 per cent since 2011. The number of indigenous, minority or regional language group geographical names was roughly 128,000, an increase of 27 per cent.

The full report provides a table with the number of names by Nordic national mapping agency or names authority, and by language.

* [GEGN.2/2021/1](#).

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¹ Working Paper No. 34 of the twenty-sixth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, Vienna, 2–6 May 2011. Available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEKN/docs/26th-gegn-docs/WP/WP34_Nordic-NMAs-indigenous-minority-regional-names.pdf.

