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

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Resolutions concerned: I/4 (National standardization), IX/5 (Promotion of the recording and use of indigenous, minority and regional language group geographical names).

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 (Working Paper No. 34 of the twenty-sixth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, Vienna, 2–6 May 2011).

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, in Danish (in Greenland), Faroese, Finnish (in Sweden), German, Greenlandic, Inari Saami, Kven, Lule Saami, Meänkieli, North Saami, Pite Saami, Skolt Saami, South Saami and Ume Saami, was roughly 128,000, an increase of 27 per cent.

The table provides the number of standardized geographical names by Nordic national mapping agency or names authority, and by language.

Standardized geographical names by language in the Nordic national mapping agencies' and names authorities' data sets in January 2021

Language	Language code	Names in NMA / NA datasets (number / description) by country or part of country							Total of names
		Denmark	Faroe Islands	Finland	Greenland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden	
	ISO 639-3								
Danish	dan	143 000			6 122				149 122
Faroese	fao		14 000						14 000
Finnish	fin			725 582				244	725 826
German	deu	100							100
Greenlandic	kal				28 000				28 000
Icelandic	isl					137 000			137 000
Inari Saami	smn			4 847					4 847
Kven	fkv						2 776		2 776
Lule Saami	smj						1 610	7 638	9 248
Meänkieli	fit							16 344	16 344
North Saami	sme			6 337			27 419	3 717	37 473
Norwegian	nor						1 040 601		1 040 601
Pite Saami	sje							1)	1)
Skolt Saami	sms			701			28		729
South Saami	sma						1 806	3 191	4 997
Swedish	swe			76 072				937 584	1 013 656
Ume Saami	sju							3 840	3 840
Total of names		143 100	14 000	813 539	34 122	137 000	1 074 240	972 558	3 188 559

1) Included in Lule Saami

Organizations: Denmark, *Styrelsen for Dataforsyning og Effektivisering*; Faroe Islands, *Umhvørvisstovan*; Greenland, *Oqaasileriffik*; Finland, *Maanmittauslaitos*; Iceland, *Landmælingar Íslands*; Norway, *Kartverket*; Sweden, *Lantmäteriet*

Points for discussion

The Divisions of the Group of Experts are invited to:

- Take note of the report, and the statistical study conducted by the Norden Division.
- Consider if a similar type of statistical or thematic study would be useful or feasible within their own division.