



Summary general questions

Faroe Islands

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Country description

The population in Faroe Islands is estimated at 50,000, with around 674 births each year. The average life expectancy is estimated at 80 for men and 84 for women (2015). The gross national income per capita (PPP int. \$) is 45,721 (2017).

General health and school systems

Almost 100% of children are born in the hospital. Prematurely born children can be treated from 26 weeks. The average stay in the hospital is 1-5 days. The birth registration coverage is 100%. The infant mortality under the age of 5 per 1000 live births per year is 1.6.

The primary school starts at age 7.

Existing prevention programs and coverage

General Preventive Child Health Care Services are nationally organized. The screening is performed by midwives, GPs and youth health care nurses. The care is funded by the government and health insurance and is free of charge for the parents.

Health care contact moments in the first weeks and at 4-6 year

	Vaccination or tests	Coverage
First weeks		
short after birth	General examination	around 100%
5 weeks	General examination (weight, height, head circumference)	around 100%
3 months	diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, haemophilus and pneumococcal	
4-6 year		
4 years	General examination (weight, height, motor skills, speech and language, cognitive development and psychosocial aspects)	around 100%
4 years	mumps, rubella, measles	
5 years	General examination (weight, height, motor skills, speech and language, cognitive development and psychosocial aspects)	around 100%
5 years	diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio	
6-7 years	General examination (weight, height, motor skills, speech and language, cognitive development and psychosocial aspects)	around 100%

All children are invited for screening and almost all children attend screening. Some children miss one screen moment at the GP, but they all receive screening at school. There is no information provided on quality control and collection of outcomes or cost-effectiveness.

Vaccinations are part of the general Preventive Child Health Care Services. The coverage is unknown.

The total costs of general screening are about 26 euros per child per year. The average salary costs for a screening professional are 13,000 euros per year (26 euros per consult).