

The referendum in Norway (25 September 1972)

Caption: In the winter of 1972, the Norwegian agency Statistics Norway publishes figures on the turnout in the referendum on the country's accession to the European common market organised on 25 September 1972.

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Distribution of valid votes

| | Votes cast | | % | |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------|------|
| | Total No | Yes | Total No | Yes |
| The whole country | 2 089 968 1 118 281 | 971 687 | 100.0 53.5 | 46.5 |
| Urban areas | 974 660 427 106 | 547 554 | 100.0 43.8 | 56.2 |
| Rural areas | 1 115 308 691 175 | 424 133 | 100.0 62.0 | 38.0 |
| Provinces | | | | |
| Ostfold | 121 498 62 567 | 58 931 | 100.0 51.5 | 48.5 |
| Akershus | 180 503 77 982 | 102 521 | ; 100.0 43.2 | 56.8 |
| Oslo | 291 654 97 674 | 193 980 | 100.0 33.5 | 66.5 |
| Hedmark | 99 508 55 358 | 44 150 | 100.0 55.6 | 44.4 |
| Oppland | 94 114 56 564 | 37 550 | 100.0 60.1 | 39.9 |
| Buskerud | 110 387 50 855 | 59 532 | 100.0 46.1 | 53.9 |
| Vestfold | 94 355 40 840 | 53 515 | 100.0 43.3 | 56.7 |
| Telemark | 84 056 51 772 | 32 284 | 100.0 61.6 | 38.4 |
| Aust-Agder | ;40 909 22 250 | 18 659 | 100.0 54.4 | 45.6 |
| Vest-Agder | 64 100 36 590 | 27 510 | 100.0 57.1 | 42.9 |
| Rogaland | 138 601 76 505 | 62 096 | 100.0 55.2 | 44.8 |
| Hordaland | 198 095 101 099 | 96 996 | 100.0 51.0 | 49.0 |
| Sogn og Fjordane | 51 705 35 782 | 15 923 | 100.0 69.2 | 30.8 |
| More og Romsdal | 114 709 81 205 | 33 504 | 100.0 70.8 | 29.2 |
| Sor-Trondelag | 122 092 70 265 | 51 827 | 100.0 57.6 | 42.4 |
| Nord-Trondelag | 60 495 41 394 | 19 101 | 100.0 68.4 | 31.6 |
| Nordland | 120 979 | 33 228 | 100.0 | 27.5 |

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|----------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| | 87 751 | | 72.5 | |
| Troms | 66 499 | 19 820 | 100.0 | 29.8 |
| | 46 679 | | 70.2 | |
| Finnmark | 35 709 | 10 560 | 100.0 | 29.6 |
| | 25 149 | | 70.4 | |

Turnout and valid votes by area

| Area by sector | Total areas | Turnout | | Valid votes | |
|---|-------------|----------------|------|---------------|------|
| | | Total Women | Men | Total No | Yes |
| Whole country | 444 | 79.2 76.2 | 82.4 | 100.0 53.5 | 46.5 |
| Agricultural areas | 109 | 77.9 74.2 | 81.4 | 100.0 72.5 | 27.5 |
| Decentralised mixed agricultural and industrial areas | 61 | 77.6 73.7 | 81.4 | 100.0 69.7 | 30.3 |
| Centralised mixed agricultural and industrial areas | 40 | 79.7 76.5 | 82.7 | 100.0 59.4 | 40.6 |
| Fish-farming areas | 46 | 75.9 71.4 | 80.0 | 100.0 80.3 | 19.7 |
| Mixed fish-farming and industrial areas | 25 | 77.8 75.0 | 80.4 | 100.0 75.0 | 25.0 |
| Decentralised industrial areas | 25 | 78.0 73.8 | 82.0 | 100.0 61.6 | 38.4 |
| Centralised industrial areas | 44 | 78.9 75.5 | 82.3 | 100.0 50.8 | 49.2 |
| Mixed services and industrial areas | 51 | 80.3 78.0 | 83.0 | 100.0 42.6 | 57.4 |
| Other services areas | 43 | 77.7 73.2 | 82.1 | 100.0 66.7 | 33.3 |

Arguments in favour of Norway's accession

| Arguments in favour of Norway's accession | Yes | No | Total |
|--|-----|-----|-------|
| Economic advantages | 54 | 46 | 100 |
| Peace, cooperation, unity | 78 | 22 | 100 |
| Isolation in the event of non-accession, advantages of union, contacts with Western Europe | 92 | 8 | 100 |
| Security and national defence | 39 | 61 | 100 |
| In the event of satisfactory negotiations, confidence in the Government and in Parliament | 95 | 5 | 100 |
| Other arguments | 62 | 38 | 100 |
| Nothing | 0 | 100 | 100 |
| No response, unknown | 20 | 80 | 100 |
| Total | 47 | 53 | 100 |
| in percentages | | | |

Arguments against Norway's accession

| Arguments against Norway's accession | Yes | No | Total |
|--|-----|----|-------|
| Loss of autonomy, too little influence | 19 | 81 | 100 |
| Results of the negotiations, agriculture and fish-farming | 39 | 61 | 100 |
| Entry of foreign workers and of foreign interests into Norway | 64 | 36 | 100 |
| Domination of large enterprises and capital, centralisation, bureaucracy | 22 | 78 | 100 |
| No advantages in being part of the EEC | 14 | 86 | 100 |
| Other arguments | 33 | 67 | 100 |
| Nothing | 100 | 0 | 100 |
| No response, unknown | 59 | 41 | 100 |
| Total | 47 | 53 | 100 |
| in percentages | | | |