

Ultraflash – 2 out of 3 of Danish seafarers live outside of the big cities

66 percent of Danish seafarers doesn't live in the big cities. All ten municipalities with the highest number of seafarers per capita are located in rural or peripheral areas. Danish shipping is, therefore, a crucial driver of development throughout the country.

- A new analysis by the Danish Shipowners' Association examines the domicile of Danish seafarers. The numbers show that two out of three seafarers reside in the 46 Danish rural and peripheral municipalities*. Svendborg municipality has the highest total number of seafarers, but in relation to its population, Ærø municipality has the highest concentration. The study also reveals that the impact of the maritime industry is significant in Lolland, Falster, Bornholm, as well as in Northern Jutland and Southwest Jutland.
- When considering the five regions, the Region of Southern Denmark clearly has the highest number of seafarers. However, when comparing the number of seafarers to the population, the lead goes to the North Jutland Region. The likelihood of encountering seafarers is more than 3 times higher in the North Jutland Region than in the Capital Region.
- In terms of absolute figures, Denmark's largest municipalities such as Copenhagen, Odense, and Aalborg are among the top ten in the number of seafarers. However, in relation to the population, none of these municipalities make it to the top ten in terms of the highest number of seafarers.
- While seafarers predominantly live outside major cities, many shipping companies' headquarters are located in the Capital Region. As a result, the land-based employees at the shipping company offices are significantly more likely to reside in major cities across Denmark compared to seafarers.

Municipalities with most seafarers per capita	Municipalities with most seafarers in total
1 - Ærø	1 - Svendborg
2 - Fanø	2 - Guldborgsund
3 - Svendborg	3 - Bornholm
4 - Bornholm	4 - Aalborg
5 - Guldborgsund	5 - Esbjerg
6 - Lolland	6 - Frederikshavn
7 - Frederikshavn	7 - Lolland
8 - Faaborg-Midtfyn	8 - København
9 - Langeland	9 - Odense
10 - Hedensted	10 - Faaborg-Midtfyn

- Out of a total of 98 municipalities, the Danish government has identified 46 municipalities as rural and peripheral areas. The Danish Shipping's study is based on seafarers' postal codes, collected through reports to the Danish "Udligningskontoret for Dansk Søfart", that handles administrative tasks related to the DIS scheme, which is the Danish seafarers' tax scheme. The study conducted by Danish Shipping is based on approximately 3,036 seafarers in 2022. This corresponds to around 39% of the 7,818 seafarers we have in Denmark.