

# Ultraflash – Two out of three Danish seafarers live in rural and peripheral municipalities

**64% of Danish seafarers live in a rural or peripheral municipality. All ten municipalities with the highest number of seafarers per capita are located in rural or peripheral areas. Danish shipping is therefore an important contributor to growth across the country.**

- A new analysis from Danish Shipping examines where Danish seafarers reside. The results show that two out of three seafarers live in one of Denmark's 46 rural and peripheral municipalities.<sup>1</sup> Svendborg has the highest total number of seafarers, while Ærø has the most per capita. The analysis also highlights the significant impact of the shipping industry on Lolland, Falster, Bornholm, as well as in North and Southwest Jutland.
- Among the five regions, Region Syddanmark has by far the highest number of seafarers. However, in relation to population size, Region Nordjylland ranks highest. Here, the likelihood of encountering a seafarer is more than three times higher than in Region Hovedstaden.
- In absolute numbers, some of Denmark's largest municipalities, such as Copenhagen, Odense, and Aalborg, are among the ten with the most seafarers. The rest of the list primarily consists of rural and peripheral municipalities. However, when looking at the number of seafarers relative to population size, none of the three major cities rank in the top ten.
- While seafarers primarily live outside the largest cities, many shipping companies' headquarters are located in the Capital Region. As a result, land-based employees in the shipping industry are much more likely than seafarers to live in Denmark's larger cities.

## Municipalities with the most seafarers per capita

1. Ærø
2. Fanø
3. Svendborg
4. Bornholm
5. Lolland
6. Guldborgsund
7. Frederikshavn
8. Hjørring
9. Faaborg-Midtfyn
10. Esbjerg

## Municipalities with the most seafarers in total

1. Svendborg
2. Guldborgsund
3. Bornholm
4. Aalborg
5. København
6. Lolland
7. Esbjerg
8. Frederikshavn
9. Hjørring
10. Odense

<sup>1</sup> Of Denmark's 98 municipalities, the Danish government has designated 46 as rural and peripheral municipalities. Danish Shipping's study is based on seafarers' postal codes, derived from reports to Udligningskontoret for Dansk Søfart. The study is based on approximately 3,470 seafarers who used Udligningskontoret for the 2023 tax year, corresponding to around 47.8% of Denmark's 7,261 seafarers.