

The Danish Municipal and Regional elections

Denmark's municipal and regional landscape has changed. The municipal and regional elections on 15th November 2005 resulted in a reduction of 4607 municipal politicians to 2520, a reduction of 45%. The election was part of a major public structural reform commencing in June 2004 due to an agreement between the Danish government and the Danish People's Party. The reform is expected to be completed on January 1st 2007.

The election 15 November 2005 defined Denmark's 5 new regions and has appointed 98 new municipal administrations down from 271.

The Social Democratic party won the municipal elections, becoming the biggest party in 51 of the 98 new municipals, and winning 45 mayor seats. The liberal party, Venstre, followed second by becoming the largest party in 33 municipalities and winning 36 mayor seats. The Conservative party won 11 mayor seats and became the biggest party in 9 of the municipalities.

So far no official overall result for the country has been published due to difficulties in the voting counts, but the separate results for the five new regions are as follows:

A = Social Democrat party, B = Social Left party, C = Conservative party, F = O Danish People's party, V = Liberal party, Ø = Union List, Rest = Others and local lists

RESULT**NORTHERN JUTLAND**Elig. votes.: **445836**pct.: **69,0%**

Party/list

	votes
	%
	+/-%
	Mand.
	+/-
A	
Socialdemokratern	135266
	45,6
	7,6
	20
	3
B	
Det Radikale Venstre	9692
	3,3
	1
C	
Det Konservative Folkeparti	17012
	5,7
	-2,2
	2
	-1
E	
Retsforbundet	339
	0,1
	0,1
F	
Socialistisk Folkeparti	14496
	4,9
	-1,9
	2
	-1
K	
Kristendemokraterne	6290
	2,1
	-0,2
	1
O	
Dansk Folkeparti	17571
	5,9
	0,4
	2

T		
Borgerlisten Nordjylland	8427	
	2,8	
	2,8	
	1	
	1	
V		
Venstre, Danmarks Liberale Parti	81445	
	27,4	
	-2,7	
	12	
	-1	
Z		
Fremskridtspartiet	726	
	0,2	
	-1,1	
Ø		
Enhedslisten - De Rød-Grønne	4776	
	1,6	
	0,5	
Å		
Storaalborglisten	697	
	0,2	
	0,2	

Source: Politiken online 29/12 05

RESULT**MIDT JUTLAND**Elig. votes: **930918**pct.: **72,2%**

Party/list	votes	%	+/-%	Mand.	+/-
A Socialdemokraterne	243942	37,8	2,0	16	
B Det Radikale Venstre	32227	5,0	0,8	2	1
C Det Konservative Folkeparti	37865	5,9	-0,8	3	
E Familie-Listen i Horsens	284				
F Socialistisk Folkeparti	37557	5,8	-0,4	2	
G Grønne Demokrater	523	0,1	0,1		
J Samfunds-Partiet	258				

K		
Kristendemokraterne	22506	
		3,5
		0,7
		1
M		
Minoritetspartiet	2142	
		0,3
		0,3
O		
Dansk Folkeparti	40469	
		6,3
		-0,3
		2
		-1
R		
Byrodet	318	
T		
Lykkelisten	290	
V		
Venstre, Danmarks Liberale Parti	207979	
		32,3
		-0,9
		14
		-1
Z		
Fremskridtspartiet	3080	
		0,5
Ø		
Enhedslisten - De Rød-Grønne	15059	
		2,3
		0,4
		1
		1

Source: Politiken online 29/12 05

RESULT**SOUTH DENMARK**Elig. votes: **910440**pct.: **71,3%**

Party/list	votes	%	+/-%	Mand.	+/-
A					
Socialdemokraterne	198159	32,2	2,5	14	1
B					
Det Radikale Venstre	27198	4,4	1,0	1	
C					
Det Konservative Folkeparti	79014	12,8	-0,1	5	-1
D					
Centrum-Demokraterne	823	0,1	-0,6		
E					
Grønne Demokrater	468	0,1	0,1		
F					
Socialistisk Folkeparti	37816	6,1	0,2	2	
G					
Galebevægelsen	653	0,1	0,1		

H		
Visionspartiet	609	0,1 0,1
I		
Frit Danmark - Folkebev. mod indiv.	1706	0,3 0,3
K		
Kristendemokraterne	8177	1,3 -0,3
L		
Lokallisten Region Syddanmark	13899	2,3 2,3 1 1
N		
Solidarisk Demokrati	210	
O		
Dansk Folkeparti	46563	7,6 0,1 3
V		
Venstre, Danmarks Liberale Parti	185087	30,1 -3,2 14 -1
Z		
Fremskridtspartiet	2274	0,4
Ø		
Enhedslisten - De Rød-Grønne	12916	2,1 0,8 1 1

RESULT**ZEALAND**Elig. Votes: **624574**pct.: **70,4%**

Party/list	votes	%	+/-%	Mand.	+/-
A					
Socialdemokraterne	133327	31,9	-0,2	14	
B					
Det Radikale Venstre	24737	5,9	1,4	2	
C					
Det Konservative Folkeparti	31168	7,4	-2,7	3	-1
D					
CentrumDemokraterne	737	0,2	-0,6		
E					
Retsforbundet	411	0,1	0,1		
F					
Socialistisk Folkeparti	30779	7,4	-0,2	3	
G					
Demokratisk Fremskridt	206				

H		
Blaklisten	9616	
		2,3
		2,3
		1
		1
K		
Kristendemokraterne	2365	
		0,6
		-0,5
L		
Lokallisterne i Region Sjælland	1981	
		0,5
		0,5
O		
Dansk Folkeparti	40709	
		9,7
		0,8
		4
T		
Borger Centrum	299	
		0,1
		0,1
V		
Venstre Danmarks Liberale Parti	127813	
		30,5
		-1,0
		13
		-1
Z		
Fremskridtspartiet	1581	
		0,4
Ø		
Enhedslisten - De Rød-Grønne	12129	
		2,9
		1,0
		1
		1
Å		
Danmarks Nationalsocialistiske Bev	603	
		0,1
		0,1

RESULT**GREATER COPENHAGEN**Elig. votes: **1280644**pct.: **65,5%**

Party/list	votes	%	+/-%	Mand.	+/-
A					
Socialdemokraterne	250023	31,0	2,4	13	1
B					
Det Radikale Venstre	81779	10,1	3,8	5	3
C					
Det Konservative Folkeparti	119093	14,8	1,4	6	
D					
Centrum-Demokraterne	3425	0,4	-0,7		
E					
Retsforbundet	1044	0,1	0,1		
F					
Socialistisk Folkeparti	67027	8,3	-1,5	3	-1
G					
Mobilmast	303				

H Det Humanistiske Parti	317
I Grønne Demokrater	894 0,1 0,1
J Visionspartiet	996 0,1 0,1
K Kristendemokraterne	8369 1,0 -0,2
L Lavere skatter og afgifter	1699 0,2 0,2
M Minoritetspartiet	2669 0,3 0,3
N Kronborglisten	241
O Dansk Folkeparti	60959 7,6 0,3 3
P Furesø-Listen	1868 0,2 0,2

R		
Kommunistisk Parti i Danmark	1075	
	0,1	
	0,1	
T		
Lokallisterne i Region Hovedstaden	4203	
	0,5	
	0,5	
U		
Velfærdspartiet	2893	
	0,4	
	0,4	
V		
Venstre, Danmarks Liberale Parti	142476	
	17,7	
	-7,6	
	8	
	-3	
Y		
Familiepartiet	895	
	0,1	
	0,1	
Z		
Fremskridtspartiet	2468	
	0,3	
Ø		
Enhedslisten - De Rød-Grønne	51616	
	6,4	
	2,0	
	3	
	1	

Source: Politiken online 29/12 05

Adding these results gives us the following distribution of mandates:

A	Social Democratic party	77
B	Social Left party	11
C	Conservative party	19
F	Social People's party	12
O	Danish People's party	14
V	Liberal party	61
Ø	Union List	6
	Others	5
Total		207

The previous municipal elections in 2001 distinguished itself by being held at the same time as the general elections, and therefore ensured an unusual high voting percentage of 85%, compared to 69,4% at the municipal elections 2005.

The results of the municipal election 2001, counting 13 regions and 271 municipalities, distributed in mandates were:

Party	Mandates	
A	Social Democratic party	129
B	Social Left party	15
C	Conservative party	35
F	Social People's party	23
O	Danish People's party	24
K	Christian Democrats	4
V	Liberal party	139
Ø	Union List	3
	Others	3
Total		374

Source: www.kl.dk

The municipal reform

As from the first of January 2006 the new administrations will start working in the 32 unchanged municipalities. In the 66 new municipalities the existing city councils will continue the administration of the old municipality but will in larger cases consult the newly elected committees. The chairman of those committees will become mayor as from 2007.

The existing regional councils will be extended with one year, continuing their function as steering organ for the existing regions. The new elected regional councils will prepare the new regions. A committee will elect the regional chairman for each of the 5 offices before January 2007.

On January 1st 2007 the municipal reform is completed. Denmark will consist of 98 functioning grand municipalities and five new regions.

On the practical level of the reform various fields of administrative responsibility will be distributed as the following:

Municipal responsibilities:

- Establishment of citizen advise bureaus
- Special training for children and adults
- Most environmental tasks
- Public transport
- Treatment of alcohol- and drug abuse
- Job centres
- Responsibility for prevention and rehabilitation

Regional responsibilities:

- Hospitals
- Psychiatry
- General practitioners and specialists
- Social security
- Specialized social institutions
- Regional development plans

State responsibilities:

- Colleges
- Taxes
- Supervision of large companies
- Water supply

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