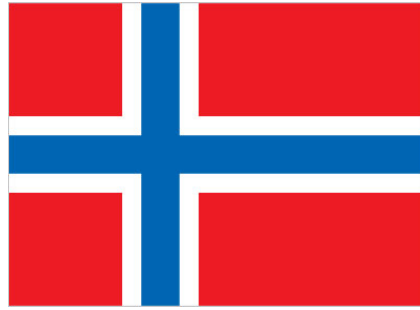




SVVALBARD



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King HARALD V of Norway

Head of Government

Governor Kjerstin ASKHOLT

Government Type

non-self-governing territory of Norway

Capital

Longyearbyen

Legislature

unicameral Longyearbyen Community Council
(15 seats)

Judiciary

Svalbard is subordinate to Norway's Nord-Troms District Court and Halogaland Court of Appeal

Ambassador to US

none (territory of Norway)

US Ambassador

none (territory of Norway)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 62,045 sq km

Land: 62,045 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

arctic, tempered by warm North Atlantic Current; cool summers, cold winters; North Atlantic Current flows along west and north coasts of Spitsbergen, keeping water open and navigable most of the year

Natural Resources

coal, iron ore, copper, zinc, phosphate, wildlife, fish

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

coal mining, tourism, and international research are major industries; coal industry in decline due to global coal price fluctuations; tourism and hospitality industry has grown rapidly

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

NA

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

NA

Exports

NA

Imports

NA

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

2,900 (July 2019 est.)

Population Growth

-0.03% (2014 est.)

Ethnicity

Norwegian 58%, foreign population 42% (consists primarily of Russians, Thais, Swedes, Filipinos, and Ukrainians) (2019 est.)

Language

Norwegian, Russian

Religion

NA

Urbanization

NA

Literacy

NA