

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

	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			