

Tunnels, Childcare and Trust: How the Faroe Islands Reversed a Decade of Youth Outmigration

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Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Facing over a decade of youth outmigration (2004-2013), the Faroe Islands combined two new undersea tunnels linking outlying islands to the capital with paid parental leave and subsidised childcare; official statistics show population and net migration turning positive by 2022-20

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

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Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

[Government of the Faroe Islands \(Landsstýrið\) / Statistics Faroe Islands](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

[Statistics Faroe Islands: population at start of 2023](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

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