



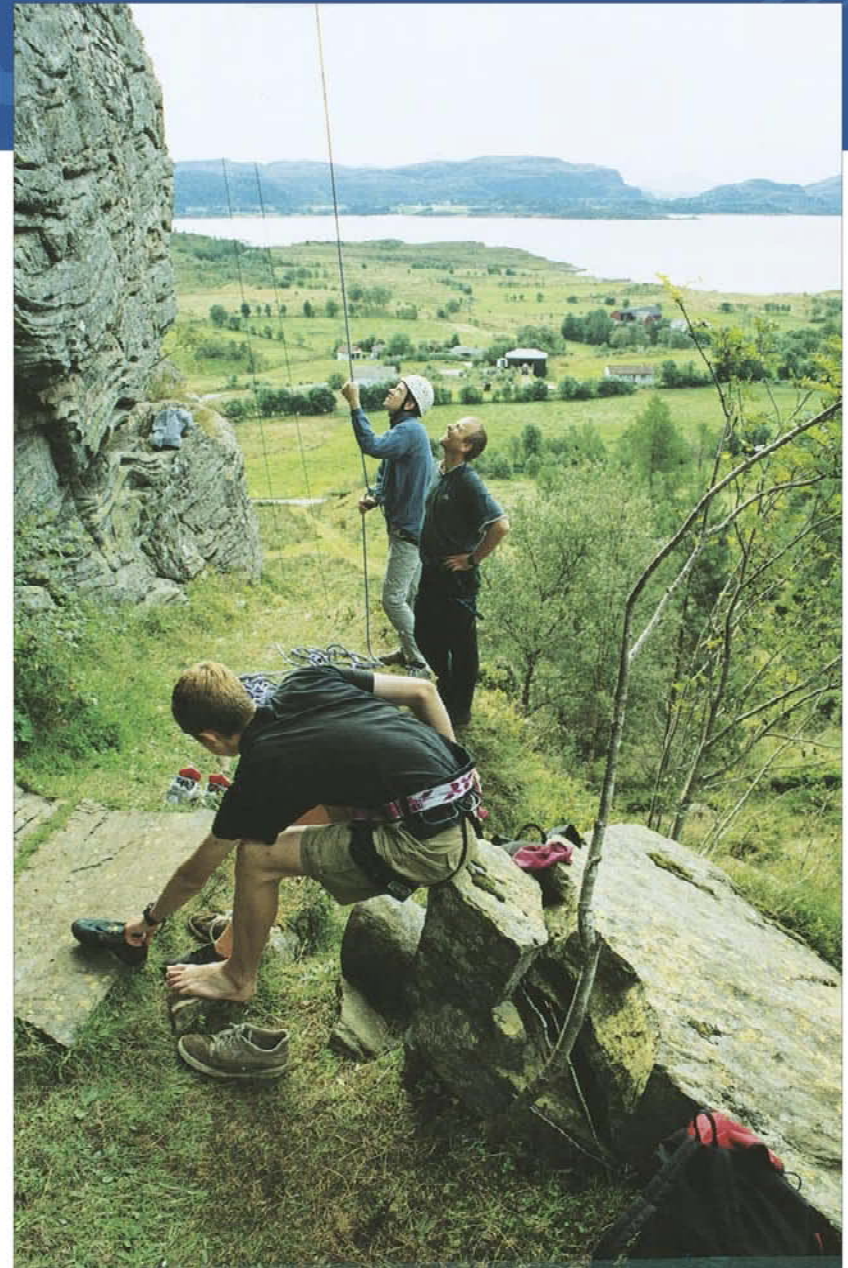
Welcome to Sogn og Fjordane –

a county rich in natural, human
and cultural resources.

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From Europe to Sogn og Fjordane

Population:

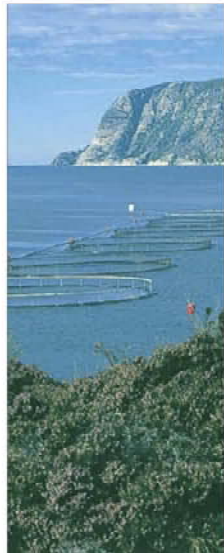
107 000 inhabitants – constituting 2,4% of the population of Norway.

Cities: None



Area:

18 634 sq km – covering 5,8% av the area of Norway





Key Figures on Political Administration

The county employs 1400 persons in all 26 municipalities in Sogn og Fjordane

Seat of County administration: Leikanger – 2200 inhabitants

Balance 2004: €150 million

Administration	95,7 mill.kr.
Education	514,9 mill.kr.
Dental health	48,5 mill.kr.
Regional development	327,0 mill.kr.
Culture	34,1 mill.kr.



Industrial Structure -

Is different from the rest of Norway:

- More people employed in agriculture
- More people employed in manufacturing
- Less people employed in finance, business, trade and service

Challenges:

- Reduced employment in agriculture and manufacturing
- Too few people employed in service industries

Means:

- to back traditional trade and industry
- to develop new services built on the natural and cultural resources of the county



Important differences from the rest of ”mountain”-Europe:

- Low population density
- Distance to markets
- Less dependent on agriculture
- Relatively higher representation of businesses within manufacturing and services

