

1. Geography

The Öresund region consist of Skåne on the Swedish side of Öresund and of Sjælland (Zealand), Lolland, Falster, Møn and Bornholm on the Danish side. The region has a total area of 21 203 km², of which 11 369 km² is on the Swedish side and 9 834 km² is on the Danish side. There are 3.7 million people living in the region, most of them on the Danish side. The average population density is 176 inhabitants per km², but the population density is greater on the Danish side of Öresund with 254 inhabitants per km² compared to 108 inhabitants per km² on the Swedish side of Öresund. Geographic variation is considerable, from relatively sparsely populated rural communities in Lolland and in eastern Skåne to dense urban areas such as Copenhagen and Malmö. The largest municipalities on the Danish side are

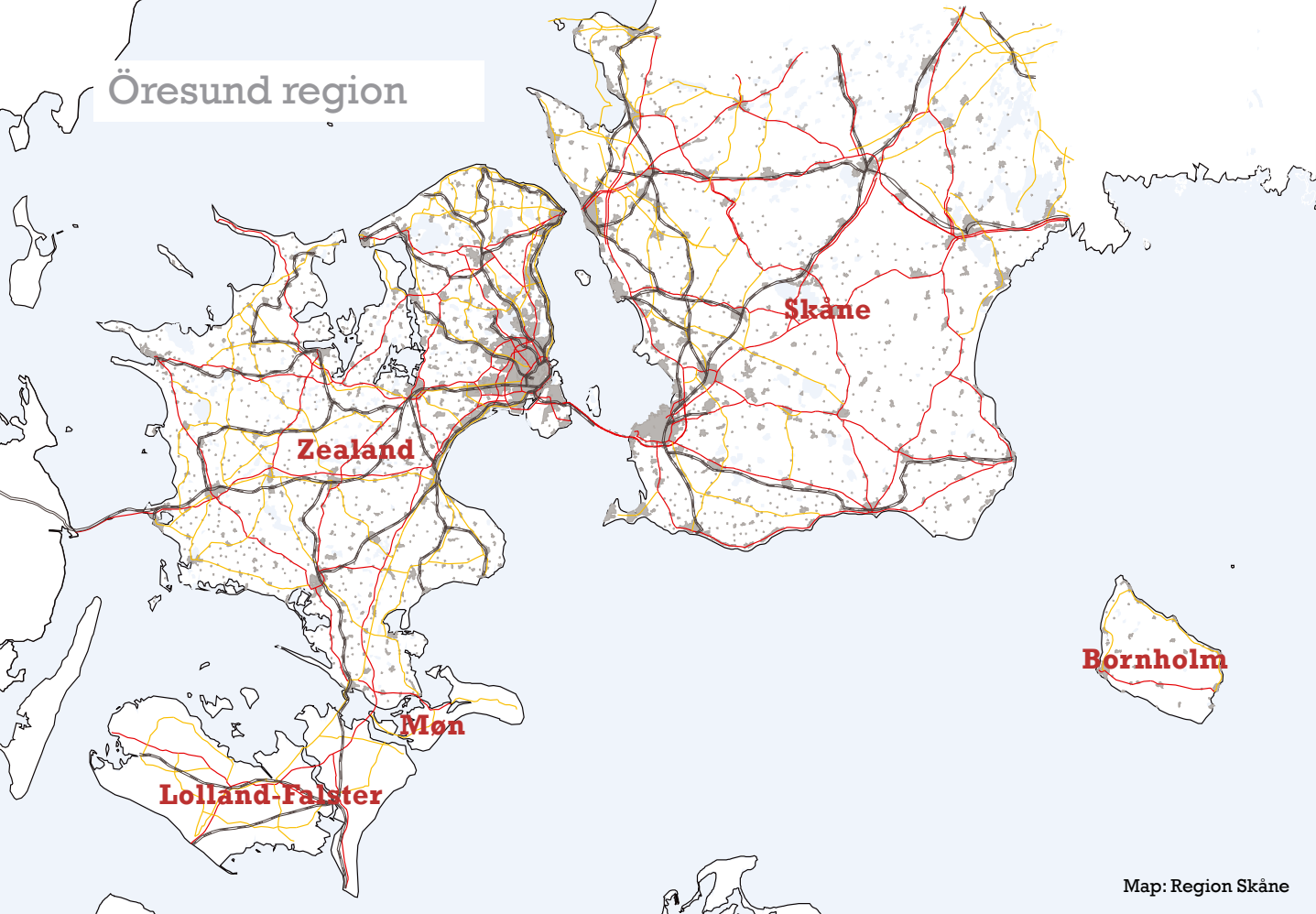
Copenhagen (528 000 inhabitants), Frederiksberg (97 000 inhabitants), and Roskilde (82 000 inhabitants). The largest municipalities on the Swedish side are Malmö (294 000 inhabitants), Helsingborg (128 000 inhabitants) and Lund (109 000 inhabitants).

The Danish and Swedish parts of the Öresund region are linked together by the 16 km long Öresund Bridge in the south, between Copenhagen and the Greater Malmö area, as well as ferry lines that run in northern Öresund between Helsingør and Helsingborg.

Regional administration is made up on the Swedish side by Region Skåne (Skåne County) and 33 municipalities. On the Danish side the regional administration is made

up of the Capital Region of Denmark, Region Zealand and 46 municipalities. On January 1, 2007 a new Danish municipal reform was enacted and a number of municipalities were combined to larger and smaller units. The number of municipalities has decreased from an earlier 99 to a present 46 municipalities. At the same time as the municipal reform, the earlier counties were annulled and replaced by two larger regions, the Capital Region of Denmark and Region Zealand. The Capital Region of Denmark consists of 29 municipalities and Region Zealand consists of 17 municipalities.

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Zeeland

Skåne

Bornholm

Lolland-Falster

Møn