

Varde  
Kommune



**Live... where  
others vacation**





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# Welcome to community in Denmark's westernmost municipality

You may have already felt the roar of the North Sea, gone for a walk in the beautiful heath and forest landscape, and enjoyed some of our fantastic cultural experiences.

All this is something you and your family can experience every day as residents here in our municipality. You will have instant access to nature, while also becoming part of a strong community.

We know it's a big decision, and that it takes a lot to move to another country.

Naturally, there are many questions, such as:  
Where should we stay?  
Where can we work?

And where will our children go to school and kindergarten?

In any case, you are always welcome to contact our newcomer service. Just look for the contact information at the end of this brochure.

We hope that we can help you decide whether to make Varde Municipality your new home.



Mads Sørensen  
Mayor of Varde Municipality

# A Good Childhood

## **Day-care institutions**

It is important to have good and safe start in life. As a family living in Varde Municipality, you will feel the presence of the community in everything from daycare centers and schools to extracurricular activities. Moreover, a common feature of all our childcare services is that nature is used as a space to play and learn.

## **Daycare Centers**

In Varde Municipality, you may have your child in daycare, nursery, kindergarten, or an integrated daycare center in your local area. Daycare and nurseries are for children aged 6 months to 2 years and 11 months. Kindergarten is for children aged 2 years and 11 months until they start school. The integrated daycare centers have both a nursery and kindergarten section.

In Denmark, it is normal to have your children in daycare facilities. In fact, more than 90 percent of children aged 0-5 are enrolled in daycare facilities. However, if you prefer to look after your child at home, it is possible to apply for a subsidy.

## **Childcare Guarantee and Sibling Discount**

We offer childcare guarantee for all children between 26 weeks and 5 years old. This applies to both daycare, nurseries and kindergartens. If you have multiple children enrolled in an institution at the same time, you will receive a sibling discount. In this case, you will pay full price for the most expensive spot and half price for the other spots. You will automatically receive the sibling discount and do not need to apply for it. The price for a full-time spot in a daycare facility is between 1,730 and 3,250 DKK per month.

## **Language Assessment**

In Denmark, it is required that children from the age of 3 undergo a language assessment and receive language stimulation if needed. You will automatically be contacted by a bilingual consultant when your child turns 3 years old. The details of the language stimulation will be agreed upon individually with the bilingual consultant. Language stimulation may take place at home or at a daycare facility.











# Primary School

## **Class sizes**

In Denmark, most education is free, whether it is primary school, youth education, or higher education.

Primary school education is compulsory, and can be achieved by attending public school, private school, independent school, or through homeschooling. Primary school covers grades 0 to 9 and starts from the year your child turns six and continues for ten years.

There are 12 public schools and 5 independent schools in Varde Municipality, which gives you ample opportunity to find the right school for your child. As a special feature, Varde Municipality tries to actively incorporate nature into parts of the teaching. The concept of "Nature School" introduces children and young people to some of the most scenic areas of the municipality, and teaches them to take care of nature.

## **Class Size**

In Denmark, the average class size is 24 students. This creates room to take care of each student individually.

## **School Transportation**

Varde Municipality offers school transportation for children of school age. Your child may be driven to and from school if the distance between your home and the district school is greater than:

- Grades 0-3: 2.5 km
- Grades 4-10: 4.5 km

## **Mother Tongue Instruction**

Varde Municipality offers mother tongue instruction for bilingual students in grades 1-9 with a foreign mother tongue. Mother tongue instruction is free for students residing in Varde Municipality.

## **Textbooks, Notebooks, and Computers**

Students in Varde Municipality receive free textbooks, notebooks, and a computer for school.

## **After-School Care and Youth Clubs**

In Denmark, it is a tradition for children and young people to make use of after-school and club services. All schools in Varde Municipality have after-school care (SFO) for students in grades 0-3, which they can attend before and after school (from 2,000 DKK per month). For students in grades 4 to 6, there are youth clubs after school (from 460 DKK per month). These services play an important role in creating strong communities and connections between school and leisure time.



# Youth and higher Education

After completing primary school, it is possible to pursue youth or vocational education. Youth education prepares students for higher education, while vocational education prepares students for a career in a specific trade or industry.

## Youth Education

In Varde Municipality, you can pursue a youth education at Varde Gymnasium (STX) or Varde Business School and Business Gymnasium (HHX, EUD and EUX). Both institutions are located on the same campus in Varde.

If you are more interested in pursuing a vocational education at a technical school or gymnasium, both are available in Esbjerg, which is 20 kilometers from the city of Varde.

## Higher Education

You will also find a wide range of higher education programs in Esbjerg. Here, you can study subjects ranging from economics and engineering to nursing and teaching.

## State Education Support (SU)

If you are a Danish citizen over 18 years old and enrolled in a youth or higher education program, you are entitled to receive educational support. In some cases, foreign citizens may also be eligible for educational support.

The basic rate per month before tax in 2022 was 994 DKK for youth education and 6,397 DKK for higher education if you live away from home.



Read more about  
educational support at:  
[su.dk/english](https://su.dk/english)







# Community Associations and Leisure Activities

Denmark is known for its wide range of community associations. In Varde Municipality, people of all ages and backgrounds come together for sports, theater, and everything in between.

In Varde Municipality, we offer a wide range of leisure activities for you and your family, and there is a little something for everyone. We have a strong community of associations, which helps create a sense of togetherness. For example, you can play football and handball, participate in badminton and tennis, swim and dance, play chess, practice gymnastics, join the scouts, or explore amateur theatre.

To become a member of these associations, you will need to pay a membership fee, which varies depending on the activity you wish to participate in.



## Price Examples

Association	Activity	Price
Varde Cycling Club	Cycling club for all ages in Varde.	500 DKK annually
Varde Gymnastics Association	Gymnastics training with classes for children (divided into different age groups), adults and parent/child teams.	Approximate price: 600 DKK per season
Nørre Nebel Tennis	You can play tennis with the whole family at the Nørre Nebels Tennis Club	Approximate price: 650 DKK per year for a family
Oksbøl Gymnastics Association	In Oxbøl Gymnastics Association you can participate in a variety of classes, such as Jiu-jitsu.	Approximate price: Jiu-jitsu for children, 630 DKK per season



# Work

In Varde Municipality, you will find a diverse business environment. With 21,900 jobs and high demand for labor among our local companies, there are lots of opportunities, whether you are an academic, skilled worker, or interested in working in production.

You can get help finding a job at Jobcenter Varde or ProVarde. For contact information, please see the back of this brochure.

## **Working Hours**

In Denmark, the standard working week is 37 hours.

## **Vacation and Illness**

As an employee in Denmark, you are entitled to a minimum of 5 weeks of vacation. In addition, you are entitled to sick pay at most workplaces.

## **Social Safety Net**

In Denmark, we have a strong social and economic safety net for the unemployed, including unemployment insurance funds, active labor market policies, and opportunities for lifelong education.

## **Language**

It is possible to learn Danish by taking language lessons. Danish language lessons are free and offered to all newly arrived foreigners 18 years or older. This education also includes knowledge

about Danish culture, society and the labor market. As a general rule, you are entitled to Danish language lessons during your first five years of living in Denmark.

## **Parental Leave**

In Denmark, parents are entitled to a total of 48 weeks of parental leave. These 48 weeks are typically divided equally between the two parents, but they can also be distributed differently. Two of the weeks must be used in connection with the birth itself. In addition, mothers are entitled to four weeks of leave before giving birth, including maternity allowance.

## **Recognition of Foreign Education**

If you have an education from a foreign country, it may be a good idea to apply for recognition of your educational qualifications. This recognition is a brief statement of how your foreign qualifications correspond to Danish standards. It is free to obtain, and you will normally receive your recognition one or two months after submitting your application.



*Available jobs  
in the area:  
[workindenmark.dk](http://workindenmark.dk)*

# Housing

In Varde Municipality, you can live in a beautiful, old townhouse or a typical Danish single-family home, in scenic surroundings in the countryside or in one of the smaller towns. There are many possibilities. In our community, local ambassadors are ready to welcome you and your family if you move here. The ambassadors themselves live in local areas, and can help you build your network and find exciting activities.



Explore the local communities here:  
[flyttilvarde.dk/lokalsamfund](https://flyttilvarde.dk/lokalsamfund)

## Personal Finances

You can choose to rent or buy a home. If you need to take out a loan, the requirements will be the same as for all Danes. You must have a Danish CPR number, a steady income, at least three months employment at your current job, and a Danish bank account.

## Rental Homes

There are plenty of opportunities to find a rental home in most cities in Varde Municipality. The rental homes are available in several price ranges, sizes, and types.

## Find Your Dream Home

Country estate in Nordenskov



Price	1,748.000 DKK
Living area	245 sqm
Land area	25,098 sqm
Year built	1960
Energy label	C

## Villa in Janderup



Price	2,298.000 DKK
Living area	153 sqm
Land area	1,060 sqm
Year built	2013
Energy label	A10



Find available homes and rentals here:  
[flyttilvarde.dk/bolig](https://flyttilvarde.dk/bolig)







# Healthcare

When you move to Denmark as a foreigner and obtain a residence permit, you will receive a Danish health insurance card. With it, you have access to the Danish healthcare system.

The public healthcare system in Denmark is free, and you do not pay for treatment from your doctor or at the hospital.

However, there are some healthcare expenses which are not free, regardless of whether you are Danish citizen or not. These includes dental visits, medicine and glasses.

# Further Assistance

Are you curious to learn more about life in Varde Municipality, or have questions that need to be clarified before you and your family can decide to move here?

Varde Municipality's newcomer service is ready to answer all your questions and help you settle in. They can provide information about things like:

- How do we obtain a residence permit, CPR-number or tax card?
- What are the local communities like?
- How do we find a place to live?
- Where can our children go to daycare and school?
- What recreational opportunities are there?



Find more information  
about practical matters here:  
[lifeindenmark.dk](mailto:lifeindenmark.dk)

## Contact

### Newcomer service, Varde Municipality

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## Assistance With Finding Employment

If you need help finding a job or starting a business, you can contact:

### Job Consultant, Jobcenter Varde

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