

Hi,

Here are a couple of lists of the kommuner that are being merged. It may be of interest to each lag to see which of the ones in their area are affected. I have listed the source/URL to the information below each list. Also, since this information is coming from Norwegian sources, I have added a brief translation as I thought appropriate. If there are things you still need translated, let me know.

By the way, kommuner and local self-government as we know it now through kommuner, was introduced in 1837. From 1838 – 1929, there were 392 kommuner, then it jumped to 747, before a large reduction in the 1960s. See the list below.

The old kommune names will not go away as a place name, but the new kommuner will need to choose a new name, probably looking back in history to find something that is relevant to all the kommuner that are joining together.

Brit O. Eddy

Year – Kommuner as of Jan. 1st – Change in number of kommuner

År	Antall kommuner per 1.1.	Endring i antall kommuner
1838	392	
1930	747	355
1957	744	-3
1967	454	-290
1974	443	-11
1978	454	11
1994	435	-19
2014	428	-7

Source: <https://www.regjeringen.no/no/tema/kommuner-og-regioner/kommunereform/utviklingen-av-den-norske-kommunestruktu/id751352/>

Oversikt over kommunesammenslåinger i reformen. (*Overview of the merging of kommuner in the reform*).

1. Sandefjord, Andebu, Stokke (fra 01.01.2017)
2. Larvik, Lardal (fra 01.01.2018)
3. Hof, Holmestrand, Sande (Hof og Holmestrand slås sammen 1.1.2018. Sande kommer med 01.01.2020.)
4. Tjøme, Nøtterøy (fra 01.01.2018)
5. Rissa, Leksvik (fra 01.01.2018)
6. Rygge, Moss

7. Hobøl, Askim, Spydeberg, Eidsberg, Trøgstad
8. Rømskog, Aurskog-Høland
9. Oppegård, Ski
10. Skedsmo, Fet, Sørum
11. Røyken, Asker, Hurum
12. Svelvik, Drammen, Nedre Eiker
13. Tønsberg, Re
14. Bø, Sauherad
15. Audnedal, Lyngdal
16. Kristiansand, Søgne, Songdalen
17. Mandal, Marnardal, Lindesnes
18. Stavanger, Rennesøy, Finnøy
19. Forsand, Sandnes
20. Fjell, Sund, Øygarden
21. Radøy, Lindås, Meland
22. Os, Fusa
23. Ullensvang, Odda, Jondal
24. Voss, Granvin
25. Førde, Jølster, Gaular, Naustdal
26. Flora, Vågsøy
27. Eid, Selje
28. Sogndal, Balestrand, Leikanger
29. Volda, Hornindal
30. Ålesund, Sandøy, Skodje, Ørskog, Haram
31. Norddal, Stordal
32. Fræna, Eide
33. Molde, Midsund, Nesset
34. Hemne, Halså, Snillfjord (deles)
35. Hitra, Snillfjord (deles)
36. Orkdal, Agdenes, Snillfjord (deles), Meldal
37. Trondheim, Klæbu
38. Bjugn, Ørland
39. Roan, Åfjord
40. Steinkjer, Verran
41. Namdalseid, Namsos, Fosnes
42. Vikna, Nærøy, Leka, Bindal
43. Narvik, Ballangen, Tysfjord (deles)
44. Hamarøy, Tysfjord (deles)
45. Tjeldsund, Skånland
46. Tranøy, Lenvik, Torsken, Berg
47. Hammerfest, Kvalsund

Source: <https://www.regjeringen.no/no/tema/kommuner-og-regioner/kommunereform/Hvorfor-kommunereform/nye-kommuner/id2470015/>

And just for the fun of it, here is some information on the kommuner that are forced to merge. VG is a Norwegian daily paper. Again, you can check the fylke or fylkeskommune in your area to see if any part of your lag's area is affected. There are a lot of emotions and politics going on here.

Her er listen over kommunene som blir slått sammen (kommunene i fet skrift blir tvangssammenslått): {Here is the list of kommuner which will be merged (the kommuner in bold will be forced to merge):}

VEST-AGDER:

* **Søgne**, Songdalen og Kristiansand

* **Lindesnes**, Mandal og Marnardal

MØRE OG ROMSDAL:

* **Haram**, med Ålesund, Skodje, Sandøy og Ørskog

AKERSHUS:

* **Fet, Skedsmo** og Sørum

NORD-TRØNDELAG:

* **Bindal, Leka, Vikna** og Nærøy

ØSTFOLD:

* **Spydeberg**, Eidsberg, Askim og Hobøl

SOGN OG FJORDANE:

* **Leikanger, Balestrand** og Sogndal

SØR-TRØNDELAG:

* **Ørland** og **Bjugn** (Stortinget gjør vedtak om sammenslåing med forbehold om at Fosen-kommunene kommer med et forslag til en større kommune)

Source: VG Online: 21.02.2017 19:10

<http://www.vg.no/nyheter/innenriks/kommunesammenslaaing/disse-kommunene-tvangssammenslaas/a/23931140/>

Subject: Re: [Editors] Changing Map of Norway

Hello again –

I didn't envision so many versions of these files, and sorry to clog your email in-boxes, but Elaine Hasleton asked if I could do a version that included the new names of the merged fylker on the map itself. Those new versions are attached.

And Dorothy asked about why these merges were being done, so I'm forwarding the answer to that as well.

Sorry if this means you have to redo any newsletter pages.

Nancy Pickering

Subject: RE: [Editors] Changing Map of Norway

Yes. Here are the final two paragraphs of the article by Brit:

Currently there are 428 kommuner municipalities. The plan is to reduce this number through merging, either voluntarily or forced, to 354. Most are doing this on a voluntary basis. The entire reform will be completed as of 1/1/2020. Norway will then have 11 fylker, counting Oslo, compared to 19 before the reform.

The reason for this change: The Storting (the Norwegian Parliament) is looking to lay the foundation for stronger kommuner and fylker who can safeguard the welfare of their inhabitants and create good local communities now and in the future.

Nancy

From: Editors

Subject: Re: Changing Map of Norway

Thanks for all the feedback I received. I thought I'd forward additional information from a thread by Marilyn Sorensen and Elaine Hasleton, which mentions an updated list of the new names for the combined fylker, as well as indicating when their mergers will take place. I've rearranged the order of the new fylker listed below to correspond to the numbers on the map I sent earlier (which I'm re-sending because of a couple of small edits the new list makes necessary.)

Buskerud, Akershus and Østfold →the new name will be Viken or Vika (2020)

Oppland and Hedmark →Innlandet (2020)

Vestfold and Telemark →Skagerrak (2020)

Aust-Agder and Vest-Agder →Agder (2020)

Hordaland and Sogn og Fjordane →Vestlandet (2020)

Sør-Trøndelag and Nord-Trøndelag →Trøndelag (2018)

Nordland and S/Central Troms → Hålogaland (2020)

N. Troms and Finnmark →Finnmark (2020)

(The regions of Oslo, Rogaland, and Møre og Romsdal each stand alone and continue as before.)

Hope this helps,

Nancy Pickering