



**Table 7. Prevalence and incidence of rheumatoid arthritis from individual studies across Europe**

Country North to South	Years	Sample Size (to nearest 10)	Sample Type	Age Group	Gender	Classification Criteria used	Prevalence %	Incidence /100,000	Age bands (yrs)
Iceland	1974-83	13 850	Random	39-67	Both	1958	0.238		0
Finland	1989	13 000	Insurance Register	≥16	Men	1987	0.6		7
	Women				1				
Finland	1974-5	1million	Population, Insurance Register	≥16	Both	1987		42	0
	1980-5							39	
	1990							<39	
Norway	1988-93	356 480	County Register	20-79	Men	1987		13.75	6
	Women				36.73				
Norway	1994	10 000	Population	20-79	Men	1987	0.19		6
	Women				0.67				
Sweden	1965-67	15 270	Population	31-74	Both	1987	0.27		0
Russia	1998	380	Population	≥20	Both	1987	1.42		6
Denmark	?	19 100	?	≥15	Men	?	0.3		
	Women				1.2				
UK	2000	6 590	GP Register	≥16	Men	1987	0.44		4
	Women				1.16				
UK	1991	2 800	Population	≥15	Men	1987		12.7	8
	Women				34.3				
Czech Republic	1965	1 420	Population	≥15	Men	1968	0.3		6
	Women				0.5				
Germany	1990	11 530	Population	≥20	Both	1987	0.83		0
France	1996	1 670	Population	≥18	Men	1987	0.32		0
	Women				0.86				
France	1986-9	529 510	Population	20-70	Men	1987		4.7	10
	Women				12.7				
Slovakia	1970's	951		≥35	Both	1958	1.3		
Italy	1991-2	4 460	Population	≥16	Men	1987	0.13		0
	Women				0.51				
Yugoslavia	1990-1	2 190	Cross-sectional	≥20	Men	1987	0.09		7
	Women				0.29				
Bulgaria	1965	4 320	1/10 Random Sample of population	≥15	Men	ROME	0.3		6
	Women				1.2				
Spain	2000	2 190	Poly-stage random sampling	≥20	Both	1987	0.5		7
Greece	1987-95	128 920	Population	≥16	Men	1987	0.21	15-36	7
	Women				0.48				

Source: Indicators for Monitoring Musculoskeletal Conditions Project, European Commission