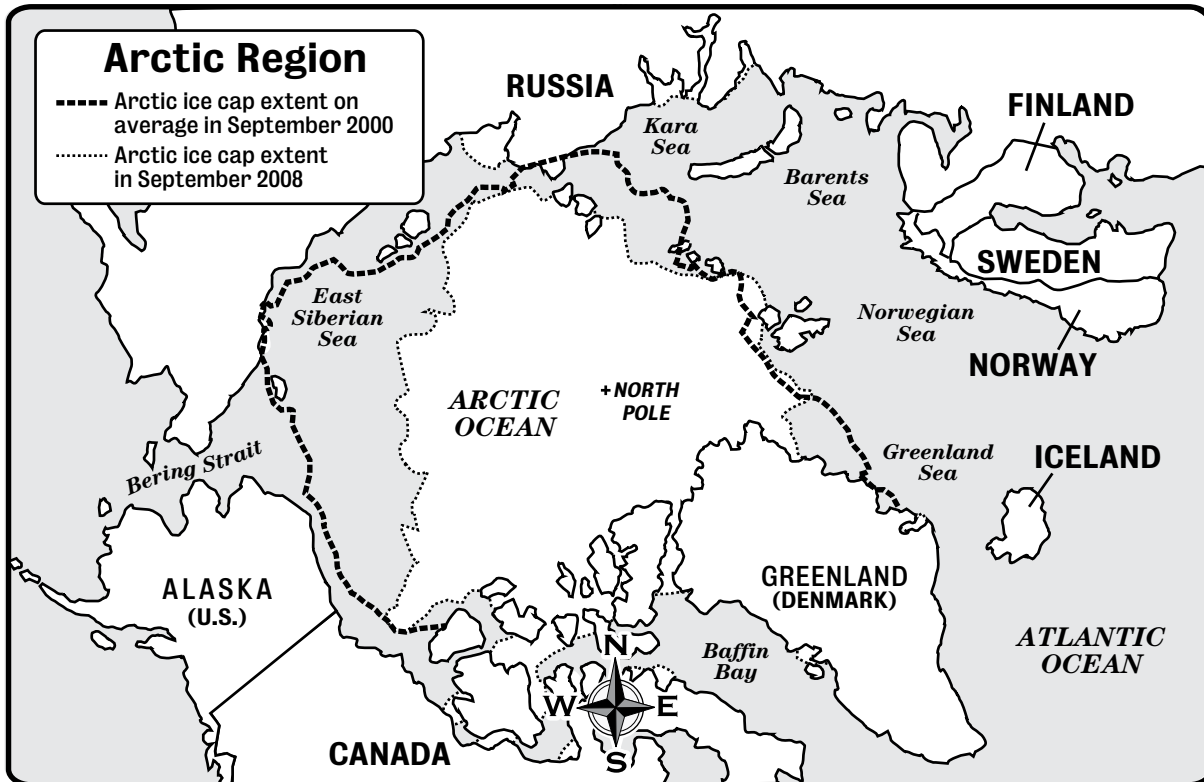


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# Northern Exposure

Polar bears and other Arctic animals live on the Arctic ice cap. The Arctic ice cap is the frozen Arctic Ocean and includes the North Pole. The area naturally shrinks and grows, but many scientists fear the sea ice on which Arctic animals depend is shrinking too rapidly. The place map shows sea-ice levels over the past eight years.



Source: National Snow and Ice Data Center

- How many countries are in the Arctic region?  
 (A) six (B) eight (C) ten (D) twelve
- According to the map, over the last eight years, the Arctic ice cap has \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) shrunk (B) grown (C) not changed (D) gotten colder
- In 2000, the frozen area of the Arctic Ocean, on average, was \_\_\_\_ U.S. shores.  
 (A) farther from (B) closer to (C) west of (D) none of the above
- From the map, you can tell that over the past eight years, the habitat of polar bears has \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) increased in size (B) gained more ice (C) decreased in size (D) seen more birds
- Based on the map, what can you state about the condition of the East Siberian Sea between 2000 and 2008?  
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