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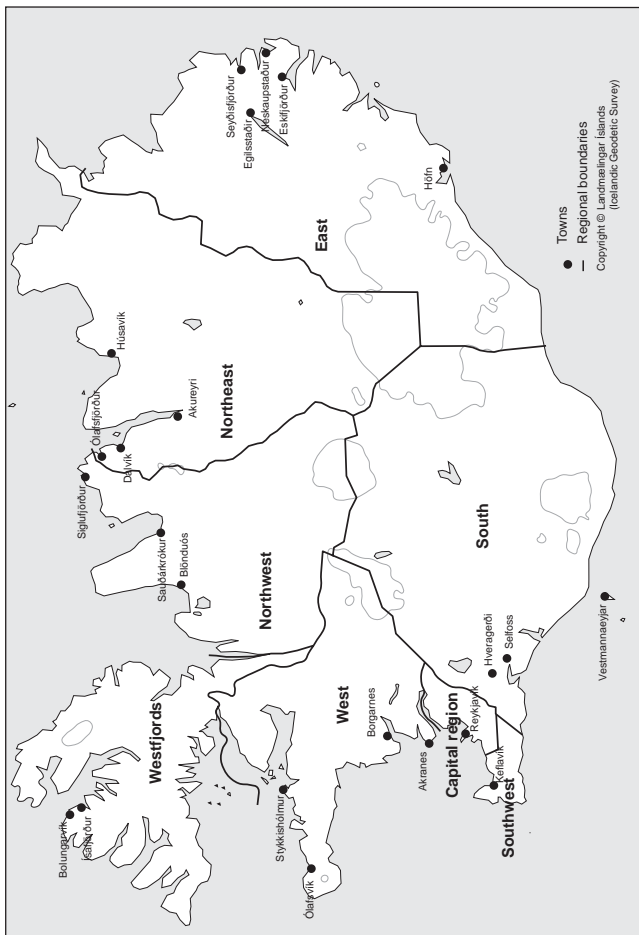
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“	sign of repetition
–	nil
0	less than half of the unit used
•	category not applicable
...	not available
*	preliminary or estimated data
,	thousand separator
.	decimal separator
ISK	Icelandic krónur



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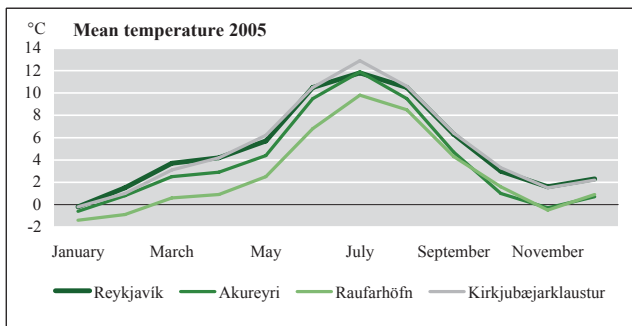
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Temperature and precipitation

	Reykjavík			Akureyri		
	Year	January	July	Year	January	July
Temperature (°C)						
Mean 2005	5.1	-0.2	11.8	3.9	-0.6	11.9
Mean 1961–1990	4.3	-0.5	10.6	3.2	-2.2	10.5
Precipitation (mm)						
2005	743	66	47	561	58	38
Mean 1961–1990	799	76	52	490	55	33



Population

Population

	Total	Males	Females
Censuses			
1703	50,358	22,867	27,491
1769	46,201	21,129	25,072
1801	47,240	21,550	25,690
1850	59,157	28,234	30,923
1901	78,470	37,583	40,887
1950	143,973	72,249	71,724
National Register of Persons, 1 December			
1960	177,292	89,578	87,714
1970	204,578	103,441	101,137
1980	229,187	115,529	113,658
1985	242,089	121,672	120,417
1990	255,708	128,317	127,391
1994	266,783	133,781	133,002
1995	267,806	134,222	133,584
1996	269,727	135,176	134,551
1997	272,069	136,284	135,785
1998	275,264	137,874	137,390
1999	278,717	139,518	139,199
National Register of Persons, 31 December			
2000	283,361	141,870	141,491
2001	286,575	143,450	143,125
2002	288,471	144,287	144,184
2003	290,570	145,401	145,169
2004	293,577	147,170	146,407
2005	299,891	151,202	148,689

Population by sex and age

31 December 2005	Total	%	Males	Females
Total	299,891	100.0	151,202	148,689
0–14 years	65,353	21.8	33,354	31,999
15–64 years	199,499	66.5	101,993	97,506
65 years and over	35,039	11.7	15,855	19,184

Population

Population changes

	Averages		2005
	1996–2000	2001–2005	
Live births	4,215	4,159	4,280
Deaths	1,854	1,807	1,838
Infant deaths (under 1 year)	15	10	10
Births in excess of deaths	2,360	2,352	2,442
Immigration	4,441	5,209	7,773
Emigration	3,773	4,219	3,913
Net immigration	668	990	3,860
Population increase	3,081	3,306	6,314
Marriages	1,539	1,558	1,607
Marriages dissolved	1,201	1,236	1,228
Death of spouse	693	688	668
Divorce	509	548	560
Registered partnerships	13	14	13
Per 1,000 population			
Population increase	11.2	11.3	21.3
Births in excess of deaths	8.6	8.1	8.3
Net immigration	2.4	3.4	13.0
Marriages	5.6	5.4	5.4
Marriages dissolved	4.4	4.3	4.2
Divorce	1.9	1.9	1.9
Live births	15.4	14.3	14.5
Deaths	6.8	6.2	6.2
Per 1,000 live births	3.5	2.5	2.3
Infant deaths (under 1 year)			
Fertility			
Total fertility rate	2.055	1.991	2.052

Average expected lifetime

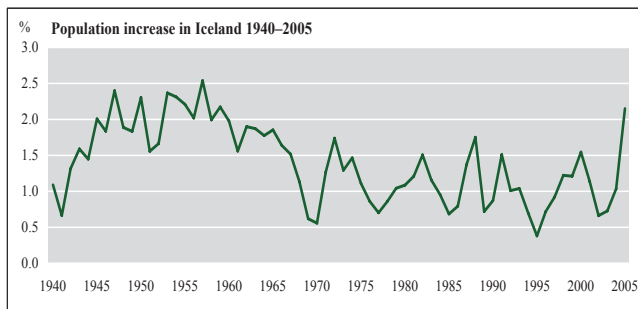
	At birth	15 years	50 year	80 year
1921–1930				
Males	56.2	47.6	23.0	6.2
Females	61.0	64.5	30.9	7.7
2005				
Males	79.2	64.5	30.9	7.7
Females	83.1	68.4	34.2	9.4

Population by region

1 December	1910	1950	2005 ¹
Whole country	85,183	143,973	299,891
Capital region	15,006	65,555	187,426
Reykjavík	11,600	56,251	114,968
Kópavogur	...	1,647	26,512
Hafnarfjörður	1,547	5,087	22,498
Southwest	2,589	5,093	17,915
West	10,268	9,975	14,877
Westfjords	13,386	11,166	7,551
Northwest	9,012	10,264	8,870
Northeast	11,959	18,368	27,017
Akureyri	2,239	7,711	16,756
East	9,713	9,705	13,822
South	13,250	13,847	22,413
Localities with 200 inhabitants or over	28,930	108,739	278,329
Minor localities and rural areas	56,253	35,234	21,562

See map p. 2.

¹ 31 December.



Population by citizenship

1 December	1980	1990	2005 ¹
Population, total	228,785	255,855	299,891
Icelanders	225,545	251,043	286,113
Other nationalities	3,240	4,812	13,778
Nordic	1,360	1,578	1,657
Other European ²	886	1,698	8,007
American	731	861	1,015
African	38	125	311
Asian	114	404	2,621
Oceanian	104	144	82
Stateless	–	–	53
Unspecified	7	2	32

¹ 31 December.

² Thereof 6,676 from EU countries.

Top 10 first names for men and women in the National Register

2005	Males	%	Females	%
1.	Jón	3.76	Guðrún	3.55
2.	Sigurður	3.06	Anna	2.89
3.	Guðmundur	2.87	Sigríður	2.63
4.	Gunnar	2.20	Kristín	2.51
5.	Ólafur	1.96	Margrét	2.07
6.	Einar	1.71	Helga	1.97
7.	Magnús	1.62	Sigrún	1.79
8.	Kristján	1.55	Ingibjörg	1.64
9.	Stefán	1.42	Jóhanna	1.39
10.	Jóhann	1.35	María	1.27

Deaths by sex and age

2005	Total	Males	Females
Deaths, total	1,837	945	893
In 1st year	10	6	4
1–44 years	65	46	19
45–64 years	260	159	101
65 years and over	1,502	733	769
Deaths per 1,000 population			
Deaths, total	6.2	6.4	6.1
In 1st year per 1,000 live births	2.3	2.7	1.9

Labour force participation and unemployment

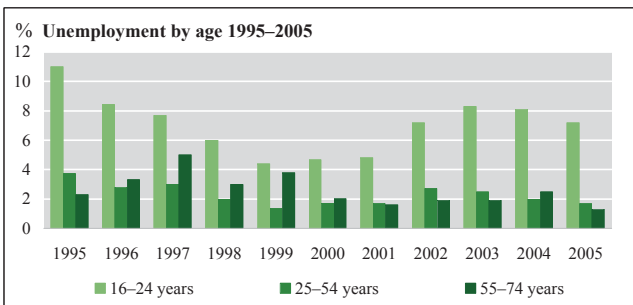
2005	Labour force	Participation rate, %	Unemployment rate, %
Total	165,600	81.9	2.6
16–24 years	28,300	77.1	7.2
25–54 years	107,500	89.7	1.7
55–74 years	29,700	65.2	1.3
Males total	87,900	86.0	2.6
16–24 years	14,300	75.2	8.5
25–54 years	57,200	94.3	1.6
55–74 years	16,500	72.9	0.9
Females total	77,600	77.8	2.6
16–24 years	14,100	79.2	6.0
25–54 years	50,400	85.1	1.8
55–74 years	13,200	57.7	1.8

Employed persons by industry

2005	Total	Males	Females
Employed persons, total	161,300	85,700	75,600
Percentage			
Agriculture	6.5	9.6	3.0
Agriculture	3.4	4.2	2.5
Fishing	3.1	5.4	0.5
Industry	21.7	31.4	10.6
Fish processing	3.0	3.0	2.9
Manufacturing except fish processing	10.1	13.5	6.2
Electricity & water supply	0.9	1.4	0.4
Construction	7.7	13.5	1.1
Services	71.8	59.0	86.3
Wholesale, retail trade, repairs	13.9	15.3	12.4
Hotels, restaurants	3.4	3.0	3.8
Transport, communication	7.2	8.9	5.4
Financial intermediation	4.1	2.4	6.0
Real estate & business activities	9.3	10.5	7.9
Public administration	4.6	4.2	5.1
Education	7.4	4.3	10.9
Health services, social work	15.2	4.2	27.6
Other services and n.s.	6.7	6.3	7.1

Average hours of work per week

	1995	2000	2005
Employed total	42.9	43.8	42.2
Males	50.0	50.9	47.8
Females	34.5	35.5	35.6
Full-time employed	50.2	50.6	47.3
Males	53.3	54.1	50.0
Females	44.0	44.1	42.5



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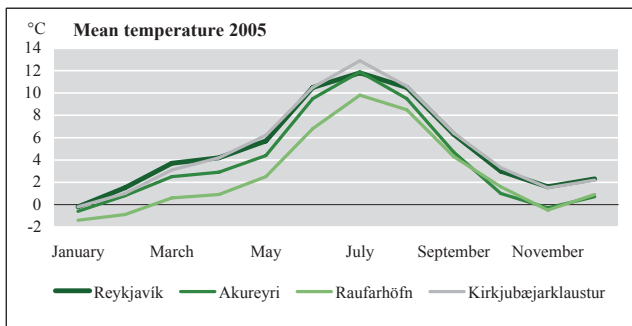
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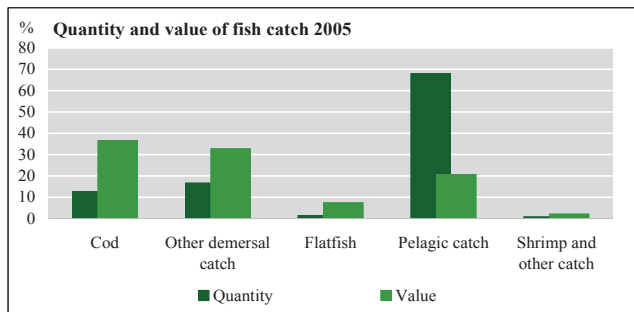
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Fish catch by species

	1995	2000	2005
Total catch, tonnes	1,605,127	1,980,163	1,669,578
Demersal fish catch	510,711	464,860	491,316
Cod	202,900	238,324	212,456
Haddock	60,125	41,698	96,580
Saithe	47,466	32,947	67,736
Redfish	118,750	116,297	61,535
Catfish	12,574	15,043	15,192
Other demersal catch	68,896	20,552	37,817
Flatfish	52,833	29,671	27,296
Herring	284,473	287,663	265,312
Capelin	715,551	892,405	605,060
Blue whiting	369	259,157	265,890
Shrimp	83,529	33,539	8,657
Other	10,494	12,869	6,047
Total value, million ISK	54,095	60,380	67,951
% of total			
Demersal fish catch	69.6	72.7	69.5
Cod	26.6	42.6	36.7
Flatfish	13.2	7.7	7.5
Pelagic catch	9.9	11.7	20.8
Shrimp	19.4	6.7	2.2
Other	1.1	1.2	0.0

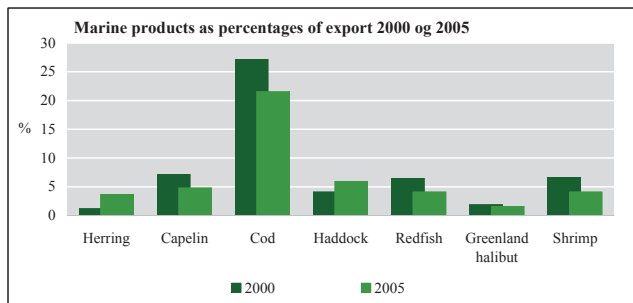


Exports of marine products

	2000	%	2005	%
Exports total, tonnes	1,335,069	100.0	1,485,802	100.0
Marine products	725,501	54.3	754,514	50.8
Fresh fish	110,648	8.3	89,993	6.1
Frozen fish	193,080	14.5	330,028	22.2
Dried and salted fish	74,531	5.6	64,667	4.4
Other marine products	347,242	26.0	269,827	18.2
Total fob-value, million ISK	149,273	100.0	194,355	100.0
Marine products	94,498	63.3	110,130	56.7
Fresh fish	11,344	7.6	19,939	10.3
Frozen fish	50,364	33.7	57,621	29.6
Dried and salted fish	21,402	14.3	20,977	10.8
Other marine products	11,388	7.6	11,595	6.0

Quantity of fish catch by type of fishing gear

2005	Total	Demersal catch	Flatfish catch	Pelagic catch	Other catch
Total catch, tonnes	1,669,578	491,316	27,296	1,136,624	14,342
Bottom longline	115,452	115,143	309	–	0
Bottom gillnet	40,583	38,713	1,795	0	75
Handline	10,230	10,227	4	0	–
Danish seine	38,801	28,340	10,456	–	5
Bottom trawl	293,491	279,089	14,374	17	11
Pelagic trawl	693,356	16,216	1	677,135	3
Nephrops trawl	5,305	2,937	338	–	2,031
Purse seine	459,489	17	–	459,472	0
Other	12,870	634	19	–	12,217

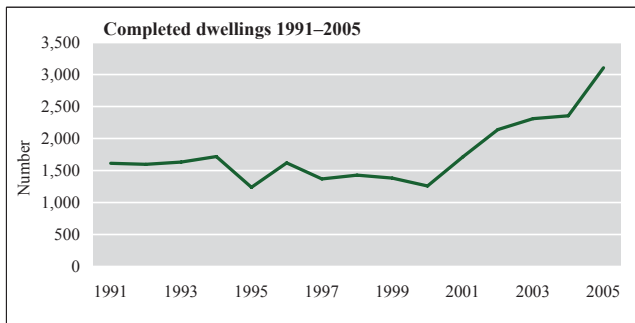


Production of some manufactured goods

Thous. tonnes	1995	2000	2005
Cement	81.0	143.7	132.5
Aluminium	100.1	224.4	273.3
Diatomite	28.1	24.0	23.0
Ferro-silicon	70.3	103.4	114.8

Dwellings by number of rooms and type of dwellings

2005	One and two			Other
	Total	family houses	Apartments	
Total	116,859	61,039	54,676	1,144
1 room with kitchen	2,183	466	1,596	121
2 rooms with kitchen	16,722	3,117	13,439	166
3 rooms with kitchen	26,730	7,354	19,205	171
4 rooms with kitchen	27,032	12,769	14,064	199
5+ rooms with kitchen	42,313	36,221	5,801	291
Not stated	1,879	1,112	571	196
Dwellings per 1,000 inhabitants	390	204	183	4
Percent increase per year	2.6	1.5	3.7	7.9



Gross energy consumption by source

2005	PJ	%
Gross energy consumption, total	154.6	100.0
Domestic energy	110.2	71.3
Hydro energy	25.2	16.3
Geothermal energy	85.0	55.0
Imported energy	44.4	28.7
Oil	40.1	25.9
Coal	4.3	2.8

Notes: 1,000 tonnes of oil equivalent = 11.63 GWh. PJ petajoule= 10 J equals 23.800 tonnes of oil

Annual generation of electricity in public power plants

GWh	1995	2000	2005
Annual generation of electricity	4,977	7,680	8,680
Hydro energy	4,678	6,352	7,014
Geothermal energy	290	1,323	1,658
Oil	8	5	8
kWh per capita	18,613	27,314	29,337

Gross consumption of electricity

GWh	Total consumption	Ordinary consumption	Power-intensive industries	Thereof Aluminium plants
1960	536	397	139	–
1970	1,460	705	755	642
1980	3,143	1,445	1,698	1,280
1985	3,837	1,834	2,003	1,287
1990	4,447	2,218	2,229	1,509
1995	4,977	2,480	2,497	1,702
2000	7,676	2,783	4,893	3,767
2005	8,680	3,255	5,425	4,399

Passengers through Icelandic airports

	1995	2000	2005
Keflavík airport			
Passengers, total	930,486	1,455,705	1,816,905
From Iceland	345,066	536,506	752,774
To Iceland	342,921	539,639	756,193
Transit	242,499	379,560	307,938
Other airports			
Passengers, total ¹	766,535	917,129	842,343
Scheduled flights	691,000	860,209	771,964
Non-scheduled flights	73,618	55,631	67,886
Ambulance flights	1,917	1,289	2,493

¹ Passengers are counted both on departure and arrival.

Overnight stays in hotels and guesthouses

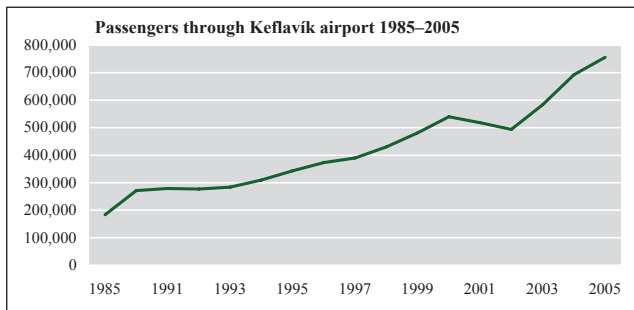
	1995	2000	2005
Number of overnight stays	844,070	1,186,455	1,569,009
Foreigners, % of total	70.9	75.4	77.0
From:			
Denmark	5.1	5.2	5.2
Germany	19.3	12.7	12.2
Sweden	6.6	7.0	5.5
U.S.A.	5.1	9.6	8.8
United Kingdom	6.4	10.6	11.1

Available accommodation in hotels and guesthouses

Seasons 2005	Total	1–59 beds	≥ 60 beds
Number of establishments			
January–April	167	112	55
May–August	319	235	84
September–December	213	152	61
Number of rooms			
January–April	4,792	1,493	3,299
May–August	8,005	2,997	5,008
September–December	5,845	2,049	3,796

Passengers from abroad on luxury liners

	2000		2005	
	Number	%	Number	%
Ship arrivals	48		77	
Passengers, total	25,576	100.0	54,795	100.0
Australia	71	0.3	203	0.4
Austria	289	1.1	513	0.9
Belgium	66	0.3	586	1.1
Canada	377	1.5	828	1.5
France	1,892	7.4	1,742	3.2
Germany	10,345	40.4	21,817	39.8
Italy	48	0.2	1,689	3.1
Netherlands	186	0.7	452	0.8
Norway	13	0.1	27	0.0
Spain	25	0.1	486	0.9
Sweden	64	0.3	35	0.1
Switzerland and Liechtenstein	247	1.0	777	1.4
United Kingdom	5,678	22.2	13,582	24.8
United States	5,844	22.8	8,095	14.8
Other foreigners	431	1.6	3,963	7.2



Registered vessels

1 January 2006	Number	Gross tonnages	
Vessels, total	1,128	221,892	
Stern trawlers	65	80,936	
Other fishing vessels	866	98,446	
Merchant fleet	36	7,625	
Other vessels	161	34,885	

Registered motor vehicles

31 December	1995	2000	2005
Passenger cars	119,232	158,936	187,442
Buses	1,295	1,673	1,899
Lorries and vans	14,757	19,432	25,544
Motorcycles	1,881	2,278	4,183
Passenger cars per 1,000 inhabitants	445	562	625

Individuals' use of a computer and the Internet

2006	Use of a computer, %	Use of the Internet, %	
Males	90	89	
Females	89	87	
Capital region	92	91	
Other regions	86	84	
Primary education	82	80	
Secondary education	92	91	
Tertiary education	99	98	

Post and telecommunications

	1995	2000	2005
Post offices	110	94	93
Postal deliveries, thous.	71,243	101,659	120,940
Telecommunications			
Access channels (wired lines)	148,675	196,336	193,852
NMT subscriptions	21,181	27,268	284,521
GSM subscriptions	9,702	187,628	19,480
Per 1,000 population, Access channels	556	693	646
Per 1,000 population, GSM	36	662	949
Per 1,000 population, NMT	79	96	65

Consumer price index

	Average change from previous year, %		Average change from previous year, %
1986	21.3	1997	1.8
1987	18.8	1998	1.7
1988	25.2	1999	3.4
1989	21.1	2000	5.1
1990	14.8	2001	6.6
1991	6.8	2002	4.8
1992	3.7	2003	2.1
1993	4.1	2004	3.2
1994	1.5	2005	4.0
1995	1.7		

Breakdown of household consumption

%	March 2005	March 2006
Total	100.0	100.0
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	14.4	13.3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	3.7	3.2
Clothing and footwear	5.3	4.7
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	25.5	26.4
Furnishing and household equipment	5.6	5.5
Health	4.1	3.8
Transport	13.2	16.9
Communications	3.1	3.0
Recreation and culture	12.8	11.7
Educational services	0.5	0.5
Hotels, cafés and restaurants	5.4	5.0
Other goods and services	6.4	6.0

Income from employment according to tax returns

Average income, thous. ISK	1995	2000	2005
Total	1,272	1,968	2,845
Married males	2,218	3,290	4,584
Married females	937	1,526	2,426
Couples, married or cohabiting	2,899	4,462	6,497
Single persons	921	1,491	2,090
Males, total	1,682	2,546	3,527
Females, total	875	1,407	2,154

Consumption

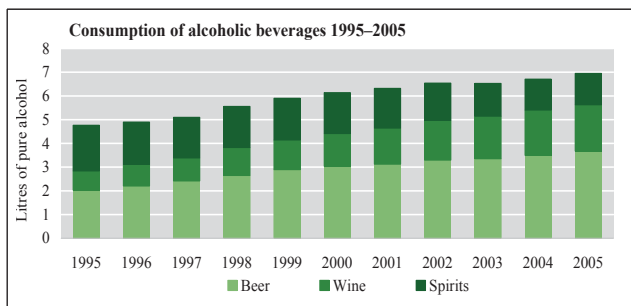
Consumption of some food articles

Kilos	1995	2000	2005 ¹
Butter	5.9	4.9	4.8
Meat	68.2	77.7	82.9
Potatoes	47.0	39.2	42.3
Coffee	6.9	7.4	8.6
Sugar	54.6	51.2	46.0
Fish	46.7	46.9	47.8
Milk, litres	194.9	183.4	192.5
Soft drinks, litres	125.7	160.2	175.5

¹ Preliminary data.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages per inhabitant 15 years and over

Litres	1995	2000	2005
Beer	40.48	60.51	73.95
Wine	6.79	11.67	15.46
Spirits	4.98	4.54	3.50
Consumption of pure alcohol	4.76	6.14	7.05



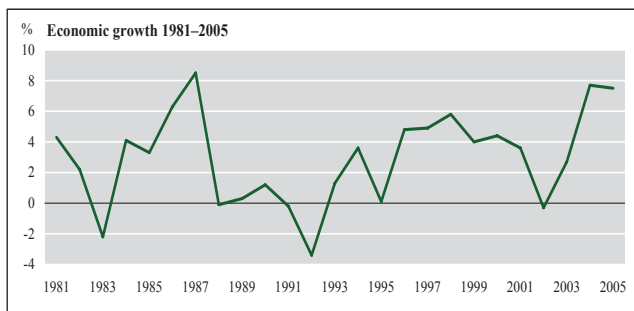
Economic growth

Volume changes, %	Average growth of GDP	Average population increase	Annual growth of GDP per capita
1955–1965	5.0	2.0	2.9
1965–1975	4.0	1.3	2.7
1975–1980	6.1	0.9	5.1
1980–1985	1.9	1.1	0.7
1985–1990	3.1	1.1	2.0
1990–1995	0.5	1.0	-0.5
1995–2000	5.1	1.0	4.1
2005	7.5	2.2	5.2
1955–2005	4.0	1.3	2.6

Gross domestic product and gross national product

Current prices, million ISK	1995	2000	2005 ¹
National expenditure, total	437,806	718,315	1,137,984
Private final consumption exp.	263,493	399,966	603,786
Government final cons. exp.	100,119	157,934	247,105
Gross fixed capital formation	71,143	157,921	287,955
Increase in stocks	3,052	2,494	-862
Export of goods and services	161,297	229,520	324,324
Less: Import of goods and services	144,890	278,637	450,108
Gross domestic product	454,213	669,198	1,012,201
Net factor income from the rest of the world	-12,711	-19,153	-35,275
Gross national product	441,502	650,045	976,925

¹ Preliminary data



Gross domestic factor income by industries

%	1995	2000	2005 ¹
Agriculture	2.3	1.8	1.4
Fishing	9.5	6.8	4.8
Mining and quarrying	0.1	0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	16.1	13.7	11.9
Fish processing	4.7	2.6	2.0
Electricity and water supply	3.9	3.4	3.6
Construction	7.1	8.4	9.1
Wholesale and retail trade	12.0	12.2	11.1
Hotels and restaurants	2.0	1.8	1.8
Transport, storage and communication	8.4	8.1	7.6
Financial, real-estate, renting and business activities	17.1	20.0	23.5
Other service activities	21.5	23.8	25.0

¹Preliminary data.

Balance on current account

Million ISK	1995	2000	2005
Merchandise exports, fob	116,607	149,272	194,934
Merchandise imports, fob	103,251	186,752	288,034
Balance of goods	13,356	-37,480	-93,100
Service receipts	44,643	80,248	128,655
Service expenditures	41,474	91,885	159,952
Balance of services	3,169	-11,637	-31,297
Balance of goods and services	16,525	-49,117	-124,397
Interest and other factor income	-12,829	-19,409	-29,100
Current transfers, net	-306	-762	-1,714
Balance on current account	3,390	-69,288	-155,211
Percentage of GDP			
Balance on current account	0.7	-10.4	-15.3

Foreign trade by market area

2005	Exports fob		Imports cif	
	million ISK	%	million ISK	%
Total	194,355	100.0	313,855	100.0
EEA	150,117	77.2	215,975	68.8
Austria	523	0.3	2,023	0.6
Belgium	4,095	2.1	4,952	1.6
Cyprus	59	0.0	26	0.0
Czech Republic	62	0.0	2,514	0.8
Denmark	8,083	4.2	22,321	7.1
Estonia	25	0.0	2,786	0.9
Finland	770	0.4	4,158	1.3
France	7,236	3.7	10,663	3.4
Germany	30,801	15.8	43,446	13.9
Greece	1,353	0.7	233	0.1
Hungary	132	0.1	2,532	0.8
Ireland	2,173	1.1	7,887	2.5
Italy	1,887	1.0	11,350	3.6
Latvia	280	0.1	2,353	0.8
Liechtenstein	–	–	620	0.2
Lithuania	2,505	1.3	4,730	1.5
Luxembourg	60	0.0	724	0.2
Malta	242	0.1	254	0.1
Netherlands	24,297	12.5	15,080	4.8
Norway	5,202	2.7	21,904	7.0
Poland	3,984	2.0	4,800	1.5
Portugal	5,152	2.7	1,195	0.4
Slovakia	18	0.0	329	0.1
Slovenia	30	0.0	453	0.1
Spain	14,442	7.4	4,122	1.3
Sweden	2,094	1.1	26,459	8.4
United Kingdom	34,615	17.8	18,063	5.8
Other European countries	9,038	4.7	12,241	3.9
United States	16,299	8.4	29,281	9.3
Japan	6,262	3.2	16,525	5.3
Other countries	12,639	6.5	39,832	12.7

Exports (fob) by commodities

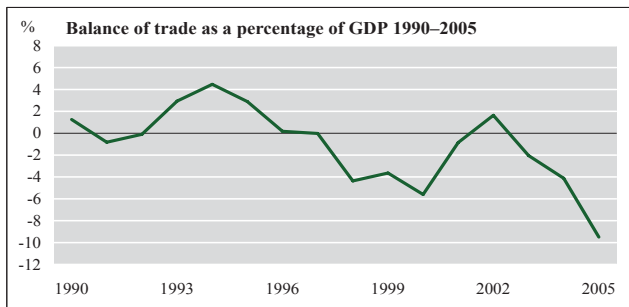
%	1995	2000	2005
Marine products	71.9	63.3	56.7
Agricultural products	1.8	1.7	1.9
Manufacturing products	21.4	31.3	34.4
Other	4.9	3.7	7.0

Imports (cif) by broad economic categories

%	1995	2000	2005
Food and beverages	10.3	8.3	7.1
Industrial supplies	28.7	24.0	24.7
Fuels and lubricants	7.1	9.1	9.2
Capital goods (except transp. equipm.)	20.6	23.1	22.8
Transport equipment	12.2	16.6	19.7
Consumer goods	21.1	18.9	16.5

Balance of trade

Million ISK	Exports fob	Imports fob	Balance of trade	% of GDP
1990	92,625	88,085	4,540	1.3
1995	116,607	103,539	13,068	2.9
2000	149,273	187,276	-38,003	-5.7
2005	194,355	288,895	-94,540	-9.5



Public sector finances

Million ISK	1995	2000	2005 ¹
Current revenue	179,720	301,125	493,024
Property income	12,112	15,080	21,938
Tax revenue	151,133	259,780	355,620
Other nontax revenue	318	881	173
Sales of goods and services	16,158	25,385	38,982
Current expenditure	179,987	263,901	417,042
Operating expenditure	116,277	184,645	289,969
Interest payments	18,769	21,251	22,267
Subsidies	8,700	10,843	13,881
Current transfers	36,241	47,161	90,925
Government final consumption	100,119	159,260	247,105
Current Balance	-267	37,224	75,982
Capital balance	13,130	20,670	20,375
Gross capital formation	15,951	25,806	30,288
Consumption of fixed capital (-)	9,887	13,487	18,681
Capital transfers, net	7,066	8,351	8,768
Financial Balance	-13,396	16,554	55,607
Gross domestic product (GDP)	452,139	679,326	1,012,201
Revenue % of GDP	39.7	44.3	48.7
Revenue at 2005 prices	258,169	365,397	493,024
Revenue per capita at 2005 prices, ISK	965,550	1,299,633	1,666,387
Revenue index per capita	126.5	170.2	218.3
Expenditure % of GDP	42.7	41.9	43.2
Expenditure at 2005 prices	277,413	345,310	437,417
Expenditure per capita at 2005 prices, ISK	1,037,523	1,228,189	1,478,438
Expenditure index per capita	141.3	167.2	201.3

¹ Preliminary data

Public sector expenditure by function

% of GDP	1998	2000	2003
General Public service	6.5	6.0	6.5
Public order and safety	1.4	1.5	1.6
Economic affairs	6.6	6.9	7.2
Environmental protection	0.7	0.8	1.0
Housing and community amenities	0.4	0.3	0.3
Health	7.7	8.2	9.1
Recreation, culture and religion	3.0	3.3	3.5
Education	7.1	7.2	8.5
Social protection	8.5	8.5	10.4
Consumption of fixed capital	2.1	2.0	1.5
General government's total expenditures	44.0	44.6	49.5

Summary of the accounts of the banking system

Position at year end, million ISK	1995	2000	2005 ¹
Foreign assets, net	-7,862	-275,515	-703,643
Foreign credit and equities	•	5,323	716,237
Foreign assets short-term, net	24,483	39,194	828,189
External liabilities	•	-93,012	-1,781,258
Foreign assets unacc. for elsewhere	-32,345	-227,020	-466,811
Total lending	222,161	693,136	1,891,054
Money supply (M4)	195,755	370,239	805,729
M1 (notes, coins plus demand deposits)	38,321	72,543	172,790
M2 (M1 + gen. savings deposits.)	111,121	313,672	305,346
M3 (M2 + time deposits)	171,663	298,536	659,284

Long-term foreign debt

Position at year end, million ISK	1995	2000	2005 ¹
Long-term foreign debt, total	233,025	585,783	2,301,575
General government	113,922	131,270	125,455
Financial institutions	55,866	320,576	1,965,640
Industries	63,237	133,937	210,480
Total debt as percentage of GDP	51.9	82.6	252.4
Export revenue	140.4	226.9	608.8
Debt service burden as percentage of export revenue	28.2	37.5	80.3
Amortization	19.4	27.7	68.6
Interest	8.8	9.8	11.7

¹ Preliminary data

Payment intermediation

	1995	2000	2005
Turnover in million ISK	966,402	961,601	896,387
Cheques	791,834	551,460	266,300
Credit cards	62,929	123,595	205,981
Domestically	55,862	104,522	173,561
Abroad	7,067	19,072	32,420
Debit cards	111,639	286,546	424,106
Domestically	111,079	283,062	415,069
Abroad	560	3,483	9,038
Number of transactions in thous.	43,535	74,851	98,405
Cheques	11,935	4,548	1,079
Credit cards	18,837	31,289	39,265
Domestically	17,684	29,086	35,720
Abroad	1,153	2,204	3,545
Debit cards	12,763	39,014	58,061
Domestically	12,699	38,635	56,937
Abroad	64	376	1,124
Number of credit cards at end of period	132,424	192,492	277,533
Number of debit cards at end of period	154,927	298,646	400,481

Central Bank average selling rates of foreign currencies

ISK	2000	2005	2006 ¹
U.S. dollar	79.09	63.01	69.96
Pound sterling	119.46	114.54	128.04
Canadian dollar	53.23	52.07	61.86
Danish krone	9.77	10.52	11.73
Norwegian krone	8.98	9.78	10.90
Swedish krone	8.62	8.45	9.43
Swiss franc	46.77	50.61	55.69
Japanese yen	0.73	0.57	0.60
Euro	72.84	78.36	87.46

Social protection expenditure

2004	Million ISK	%
Total expenditure	210,353	100.0
Families and children	28,953	13.8
Unemployment insurance and unemployment agencies	5,072	2.4
Health insurance	72,059	34.3
Old age	58,064	27.6
Disability	30,368	14.4
Survivors	5,362	2.5
Housing	1,983	0.9
Other social benefits	5,363	2.5
Administration costs	3,129	1.5

Deaths by main cause of death

2004	Total	Per 100,000 population
Deaths, total	1,824	623.4
Neoplasms	522	178.4
Diseases of the nervous system and the sense organs	109	37.3
Diseases of the circulatory system	732	250.2
Diseases of the respiratory system	141	48.2
Diseases of the digestive system	52	17.2
External causes of injury and poisoning	104	35.5
Other	164	55.9

Recipients of social security benefits

Type of benefits 2005	Total	Males	Females
Retirement pension	26,692	11,603	15,089
Disability pension	12,755	4,986	7,769
Income supplement	22,336	9,650	12,686
Income supplement for disability pensioners	11,679	4,598	7,081
Extra income supplement for ord. pens.	7,686	2,901	4,785
Disability pension	797	235	562

Average length of maternity/paternity leave by birthyear of child

	Males	Females
2002	67	187
2003	95	183
2004	96	182
2005	91	181

Note: The independent right of fathers to paternity leave was two months in 2002 and three months as of 2003. The independent right of mothers is 3 months and parents can share another 3 months.

Pupils/students by education level

2005	Number of pupils
Compulsory education, 1st–7th grade (age 6–12 years)	30,421
Thereof 6 year-olds	4,123
Compulsory education, 8th–10th grade (age 13–15 years)	13,915
Secondary education	23,345
Higher education	16,626
Studying abroad (Applicants to the Students Loan Fund)	2,237

Children in pre-primary schools

% of age groups	1995	2000	2005
Children in pre-primary schools, total			
0–5 years	53.4	56.4	66.4
0–2 years	22.7	21.6	39.4
3–5 years	83.1	90.9	93.9
In pre-primary schools 4–6 hours			
0–5 years	37.4	25.9	13.5
0–2 years	14.6	10.5	8.9
3–5 years	60.3	41.3	18.3
In pre-primary schools 7–9 hours			
0–5 years	16.0	30.6	52.9
0–2 years	8.1	11.2	30.6
3–5 years	21.5	49.6	75.7

Books, newspapers and periodicals

	1995	2000	2004
Books published, total	1,601	1,967	...
Books	1,046	1,192	...
Booklets	555	775	...
Thereof literary works	427	415	...
Periodicals, total	958	1,004	958
General-interest newspapers, total	118	59	108
Dailies	5	3	3
Non-dailies	113	56	105

Radio and television

	1995	2000	2005
Radio programme services	18	26	23
Broadcasting time in hours	88,547	148,564	140,465 ¹
Television stations	6	9	12
Broadcasting time in hours	16,994	49,880	60,391

¹ Data for 2004

Cinemas in Capital region

	1995	2000	2005
Cinemas	6	7	7
Cinema halls	23	26	27
Seat capacity	5,841	6,210	5,471
Showings per week	665	727	658
Attendance (in thous.)	1,209	1,390	1,251
Attendance per capita	7.6	7.9	6.7
Premiers of feature films	189	164	163
Icelandic	7	6	2

Professional theatres

	1995/1996	2000/2001	2004/2005
Theatres, total	7	8	6
Stages	11	13	11
Works performed	53	85	76
Plays	37	63	49
Performances	871	1,524	908
Audience	233,555	276,155	215,624

Results of elections to the Althingi

Elections 10 May 2003	Valid votes	%	Members elected
Total	183,172	100.0	63
Independence Party	61,701	33.7	22
The Alliance	56,700	31.0	20
Progressive Party	32,484	17.7	12
The Left-Green Movement	16,129	8.8	5
The Liberal Party	13,523	7.4	4
Others and outside parties	2,635	1.4	–

Elected members to the Althingi

Elections 10 May 2003	Total	Males	Females
Elected members, total	63	44	19
Constituencies			
Reykjavík South	11	7	4
Reykjavík North	11	8	3
Southwest	11	5	6
Northeast	10	7	3
Northwest	10	9	1
South	10	8	2

Results of presidential elections

Elections 26 June 2004	Valid votes	%
Total	105,913	100.0
Ástþór Magnússon Wium	2,001	1.9
Baldur Ágústsson	13,250	12.5
Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson	90,662	85.6

Population in Europe

2003	Population, thousand	Population growth rage	Population of foreign citizenship	Average expected lifetime	
				Females	Males
EEA					
Iceland	294	0.75	3.50	82.6	78.8
Liechtenstein	34	1.26	34.26	82.1	78.7
Norway	4,578	0.55	4.47	81.5	76.4
EU					
Austria	8,140	0.44	9.41	81.7	75.8
Begium	10,356	0.45	...	81.1	75.1
Cyprus	818	1.96	10.20	81.4	77.0
Czech Republic	10,212	0.08	1.90	78.5	72.0
Denmark	5,398	0.25	5.00	79.2	74.7
Estonia	1,351	-0.38	...	77.1	65.3
Finland	5,220	0.26	2.05	81.5	74.9
France	59,901	0.44	...	83.0	75.8
Germany	82,532	-0.01	8.90	81.3	75.5
Greece	11,006	0.34	...	81.1	76.4
Hungary	10,117	-0.25	1.30	76.5	68.3
Ireland	4,028	1.62	5.40	75.2	80.3
Italy	57,888	0.98	2.34	82.9	76.8
Latvia	2,319	-0.53	1.40	76.9	65.9
Lithuania	3,446	-0.48	...	77.9	66.5
Luxembourg	452	0.73	38.60	81.5	74.9
Matla	400	0.64	2.70	81.2	76.1
Netherlands	16,258	0.40	4.32	80.7	76.0
Poland	38,191	-0.07	0.10	78.7	70.4
Portugal	10,475	0.64	2.40	80.5	74.0
Slovakia	5,380	0.02	...	77.6	69.8
Slovenia	1,996	0.07	2.27	80.7	73.2
Spain	42,198	1.55	6.60	83.6	76.9
Sweden	8,976	0.39	5.30	82.4	77.9
United Kingdom	59,380	0.48	4.78	80.5	75.9

Source: Council of Europe and the United Nations.

Economics in OECD

2004	GDP per capita in USD	GDP growth	Inflation	Imports in USD	Exports in USD
OECD total	28,486	3.3	2.8	6,590.4	6,078.8
Australia	31,231	3.0	2.6	103.8	86.4
Austria	31,944	2.4	2.9	111.2	110.8
Belgium	30,851	2.6	2.3	285.5	306.5
Canada	31,395	2.9	2.1	273.4	316.9
Czech Republic	18,467	4.7	2.8	68.1	67.2
Denmark	31,932	2.1	1.2	66.9	74.8
Finland	30,594	3.6	0.4	50.1	60.8
France	29,554	2.3	2.1	434.4	413.9
Germany	28,605	1.6	2.1	718.2	911.8
Greece	21,689	4.7	3.1	52.8	15.2
Hungary	15,946	4.6	5.5	60.2	55.5
Iceland	32,590	6.2	3.9	3.6	2.8
Ireland	35,767	4.5	2.6	62.3	104.3
Italy	27,699	1.2	2.0	351.1	349.1
Japan	29,664	2.7	0.2	455.2	565.7
Korea	20,907	4.6	3.0	224.5	253.8
Luxembourg	57,704	4.5	2.1	16.8	12.2
Mexico	10,059	4.4	5.2	196.8	188.0
Netherlands	31,191	1.7	1.2	257.7	290.5
New Zealand	24,498	4.4	2.7	23.3	21.1
Norway	38,765	2.8	1.1	48.5	82.2
Poland	12,647	5.3	4.2	88.2	73.8
Portugal	19,388	1.0	2.5	54.9	35.7
Slovakia	14,309	5.5	6.0	29.1	27.6
Spain	25,582	3.1	3.2	259.3	182.7
Sweden	30,361	3.7	0.3	100.5	123.2
Switzerland	33,678	2.1	1.3	110.0	116.8
Turkey	7,687	8.9	9.3	97.5	63.1
United Kingdom	31,436	3.2	3.5	461.3	348.2
United States	39,732	4.2	3.3	1,525.3	817.9

Source: OECD.

A Selection of Useful Web Sites in Iceland

Government

Ministry for Foreign Affairs - www.mfa.is
MFA Overseas Business Service - www.vur.is
Government Offices of Iceland - www.government.is
Parliament of Iceland - www.althingi.is
Statistics Iceland - www.statice.is
Directorate of Customs - www.tollur.is
Directorate of Immigration - www.utl.is
Supreme Court - www.haestirettur.is
A Gateway to Iceland - www.iceland.is

Business-Industry-Labour

Central Bank of Iceland - www.sedlabanki.is
Trade Council of Iceland - www.icetrade.is
Invest in Iceland Agency - www.invest.is
Iceland Chamber of Commerce - www.chamber.is
Iceland Stock Exchange - www.vi.is
Federation of Icelandic Industries - www.si.is
Information Centre of the Ministry of Fisheries - www.fisheries.is
National Energy Authority - www.os.is
Icelandic Federation of Labour - www.asi.is
Confederation of Icelandic Employers - www.vsi.is

Culture-Education-Science

CultureNet Iceland - www.culture.is
Icelandic Literature - www.bokmenntir.is
SagaNet - www.sagnanet.is
Reykjavík Arts Festival - www.artfest.is
National Museum of Iceland - www.natmus.is
Icelandic National Gallery - www.listasafn.is
Reykjavík Art Museum - www.reykjavik.is/listasafn
Nordic House - www.nordice.is
National and University Library of Iceland - www.bok.hi.is
Iceland Symphony Orchestra - www.sinfonia.is
Icelandic Film Centre - www.icelandicfilmcentre.is
University of Iceland - www.hi.is
University of Akureyri - www.unak.is
Reykjavík University - www.ru.is
Iceland Academy of the Arts - www.lhi.is
Marine Research Institute - www.hafro.is
Icelandic Research Council - www.rannis.is
Icelandic Fisheries Laboratories - www.rfisk.is

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Icelandic Tourist Board - www.icetourist.is
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