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**- STATISTICS ON THE NORDIC-WELFARE MODEL AND GENDER-
RELATIONS IN TRANSITION -**

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1. Introduction

This document contains statistical data in the Icelandic part of the research project “*Women leave, men remain...Issues of Gender, Welfare and Labour Markets in the Nordic Periphery*”. This research project seeks to gather Nordic researchers around a critical perspective on what is happening between women and men on the periphery, seen in relation to the Nordic welfare model and the changing local labour markets.

The purpose of this subproject is to contribute information to a database, which hopefully makes it possible to study statistical changes of the welfare regimes, in a gender perspective, in the specified research area during the last decade. The main research questions in this subproject are:

- A) How has the social structure, in a gender perspective, changed in the study area during the last decade, according to age structure, family structure and the structure of migration?
- B) How has the labour market, in a gender perspective, changed in the study area during the last decade?
- C) How has the political structure, in a gender perspective, changed in the study area during the last decade?

The database is meant to form a basis for studies on local, regional as well as inter-regional levels. A particular purpose will be to support the other subprojects with their need for statistical material so first and foremost the subproject has a descriptive research design. Statistics Iceland has been a main source of information but in other cases information has come from a wide range of other institutions. Frequently the requirements of the project have called for a special analysis of existing data.

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2. Data and methods

This research is based on analysis of quantitative data mainly from Statistics Iceland, The Ministry of Health and Social Security, State Social Security Institute, Directorate of Labour and Internal Revenue Directorate. The data is based on whole years during the last decade. The small size of the Icelandic society and its institutes inevitably limits the scope of official statistics in the country. This project reflects this, the chapter of this research vary in scope and detail which is mainly the result of the different status of the statistics in each field.

- *Population size:* Data mainly from Statistics Iceland and presents populations size and population change.
- *Age structure:* Data mainly from Statistics Iceland and presents changes in age structure in study area.
- *Family structure:* Data mainly from Statistics Iceland and presents family status, marital status and nuclear families.
- *Structure of migration:* Data mainly from Statistics Iceland and presents total migration, migration within municipalities, within region, between regions and external migration.
- *Size and composition of the work force:* Data mainly from Statistics Iceland and Directorate of Labour and presents unemployment rates, labour market participation, educational level, disabled “workers”, average hours of work and strike and lockouts.
- *Industry structure:* Data mainly from Internal Revenue Directorate and presents employed persons by economic activity.
- *Public services:* Data mainly from The Ministry of Health and Social Security and presents children in pre-primary institutions, beds in retirement home and recipients of social benefits and municipal support.
- *Political structure:* Data mainly from Statistics Iceland and presents elections to the Icelandic State Parliament and local government elections.

2.1 Study area and definitions

This study is focused on nine communities situated well outside the capital areas. Three of them are traditional fishing communities, three of them service communities and three in agricultural areas. Furthermore information is gathered for the whole country and also divided in capital area against other municipalities.

The communities situated outside the capital areas are from three constituencies, Vesturland, Norðurland vestra and Austurland.

Vesturland (West-Iceland):

Fishing community:

- Grundarfjarðarbær (municipality nr. 3709)

Service community:

- Borgarbyggð (municipality nr. 3609)

Agricultural areas:

- Skorradalshreppur (municipality nr. 3506)
- Borgarfjarðarsveit (municipality nr. 3510)
- Hvítársíðuhreppur (municipality nr. 3601)
- Kolbeinsstaðahreppur (municipality nr. 3701)
- Eyja- og Miklaholtshreppur (municipality nr. 3713)
- Saurbæjarhreppur (municipality nr. 3809)
- Dalabyggð (municipality nr. 3811)
- Þverárhlíðahreppur (mp. Nr. 3602) Borgarbyggð from 1998
- Borgarhreppur (mp. Nr. 3605) Borgarbyggð from 1998
- Álftaneshreppur (mp. Nr. 3607) Borgarbyggð from 1998

Norðurland vestra (North-West Iceland):

Fishing community:

- Skagaströnd (municipality nr. 5609)

Service community:

- Blönduósþær (municipality nr. 5604)

Agricultural areas:

- Húnaþing vestra (municipality nr. 5508)

Austurland (East Iceland):

Fishing community:

- Fjarðarbyggð (municipality nr. 7300)

Service community:

- Austur-Hérað (municipality nr. 7618)

Agricultural areas:

- Norður-Hérað (municipality nr. 7512)
- Fellahreppur (municipality nr. 7506)
- Fljótdalshreppur (municipality nr. 7505)
- Skriðdalshreppur (mp. Nr. 7601) Austur-Hérað from 1998
- Vallahreppur (mp. Nr. 7602) Austur-Hérað from 1998
- Eiðahreppur (mp. Nr. 7604) Austur-Hérað from 1998
- Hjaltastaðahreppur (mp. Nr. 7507) Austur-Hérað from 1998

3. The social structure

In this chapter we answer the first main research questions: How has the social structure, in a gender perspective, changed in the study area during the last decade. To do that we focus on describing changes in the following variables: population size, age structure, family structure and structure of migration.

3.1. Population size

This chapter presents tables and figures on population size and population change.

Table 1. Population - males, 1991-2001.

Region	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	130.166	131.507	132.884	133.784	134.224	135.184	136.281	137.880	139.515	141.593	143.302
Capital region	73.406	74.488	75.858	76.979	77.980	79.401	80.956	82.786	84.526	86.275	87.804
Other municipalities	56.760	57.019	57.026	56.805	56.244	55.783	55.325	55.094	54.989	55.318	55.498
Vesturland											
Fishing community	439	430	461	456	486	476	464	478	472	481	495
Service community	1120	1110	1107	1096	1085	1070	1.064	1.247	1.259	1.273	1.306
Agricultural areas	1250	1.241	1.236	1161	1185	1163	1.152	995	928	945	925
Norðurland vestra											
Fishing community	332	344	349	356	342	339	321	314	311	312	310
Service community	540	525	521	518	510	494	483	485	455	468	456
Agricultural areas	749	737	730	714	707	665	650	640	631	623	606
Austurland											
Fishing community	1.824	1.823	1.804	1.776	1.756	1.730	1.715	1.683	1.630	1.585	1.574
Service community	746	768	797	800	795	811	813	792	797	801	802
Agricultural areas	750	686	709	690	692	697	691	672	668	665	669

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 2. Population - females 1991-2001

Region	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	129.415	130.695	132.038	133.002	133.585	134.551	135.783	137.397	139.187	141.252	142.973
Capital region	76.080	77.319	78.410	79.563	80.617	81.875	83.419	85.170	86.988	88.725	90.226
Other municipalities	53.335	53.376	53.628	53.439	52.968	52.676	52.364	52.227	52.199	52.527	52.747
Vesturland											
Fishing community	407	425	440	445	465	467	456	465	471	471	464
Service community	1.069	1.074	1.084	1.042	1.039	1.026	1.019	1.169	1.167	1.195	1.217
Agricultural areas	1.138	1.125	1.128	1.049	1.056	1.059	1.049	894	872	888	878
Norðurland vestra											
Fishing community	318	328	336	334	326	318	309	286	308	302	311
Service community	539	538	531	514	521	498	498	491	468	461	443
Agricultural areas	722	717	724	704	686	673	667	641	618	606	603
Austurland											
Fishing community	1.727	1.704	1.677	1.635	1.600	1.615	1.618	1.617	1.560	1.507	1.489
Service community	730	736	765	800	785	831	821	781	803	794	806
Agricultural areas	648	609	638	639	641	618	599	593	602	616	604

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 3. Population change 1991-2001

Region	Total		Males				Females				
	1991/ 2001	Change %	1991/ 1996	1996/ 2001	1991/ 2001	Change %	1991/ 1996	1996/ 2001	1991/ 2001	Change %	
Total	26.694	10,3%	5.018	8.118	13.136	10,1%	5.136	8.422	13.558	10,5%	
Capital region	28.544	19,1%	5.995	8.403	14.398	19,6%	5.795	8.351	14.146	18,6%	
Other municipalities	-1.850	-1,7%	-977	-285	-1.262	-2,2%	-659	71	-588	-1,1%	
Vesturland											
Fishing community	113	13,4%	37	19	56	12,8%	60	-3	57	14,0%	
Service community	334	15,3%	-50	236	186	16,6%	-43	191	148	13,8%	
Agricultural areas	-585	-24,5%	-87	-238	-325	-26,0%	-79	-181	-260	-22,8%	
Norðurland vestra											
Fishing community	-29	-4,5%	7	-29	-22	-6,6%	0	-7	-7	-2,2%	
Service community	-180	-16,7%	-46	-38	-84	-15,6%	-41	-55	-96	-17,8%	
Agricultural areas	-262	-17,8%	-84	-59	-143	-19,1%	-49	-70	-119	-16,5%	
Austurland											
Fishing community	-488	-13,7%	-74	-156	-230	-12,7%	-112	-126	-238	-13,8%	
Service community	132	8,9%	65	-9	56	7,5%	101	-25	76	10,4%	
Agricultural areas	-125	-8,9%	-53	-28	-81	-10,8%	-30	-14	-44	-6,8%	

Source: Statistics Iceland

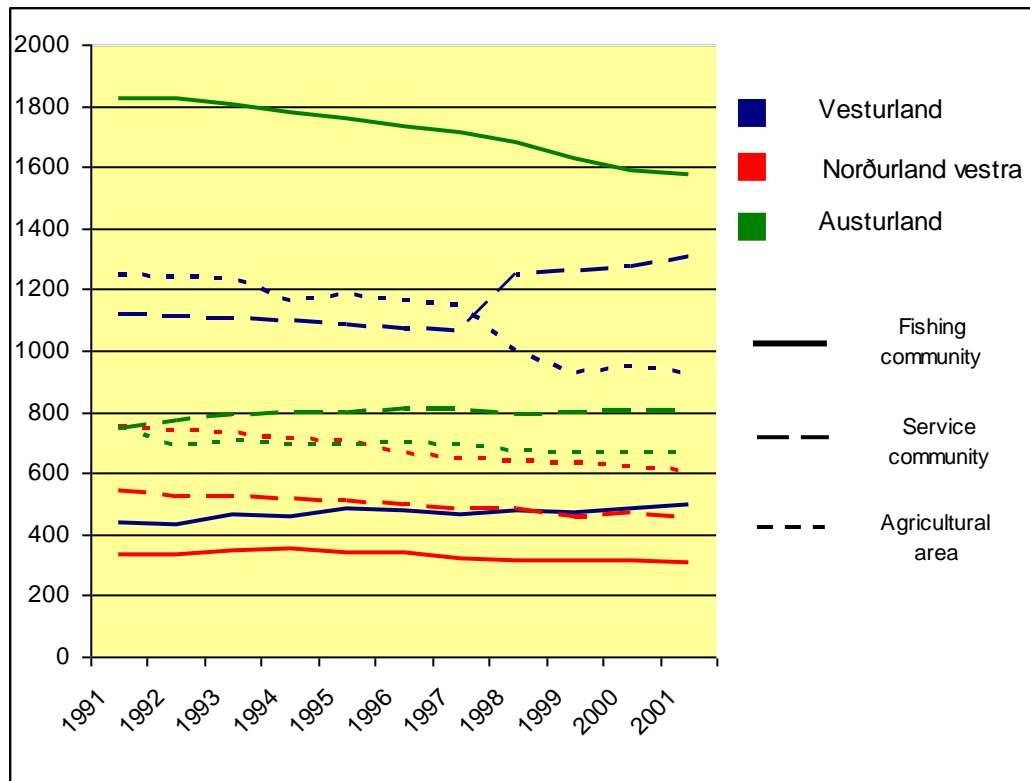


Figure 1. Total male in study area 1991-2001

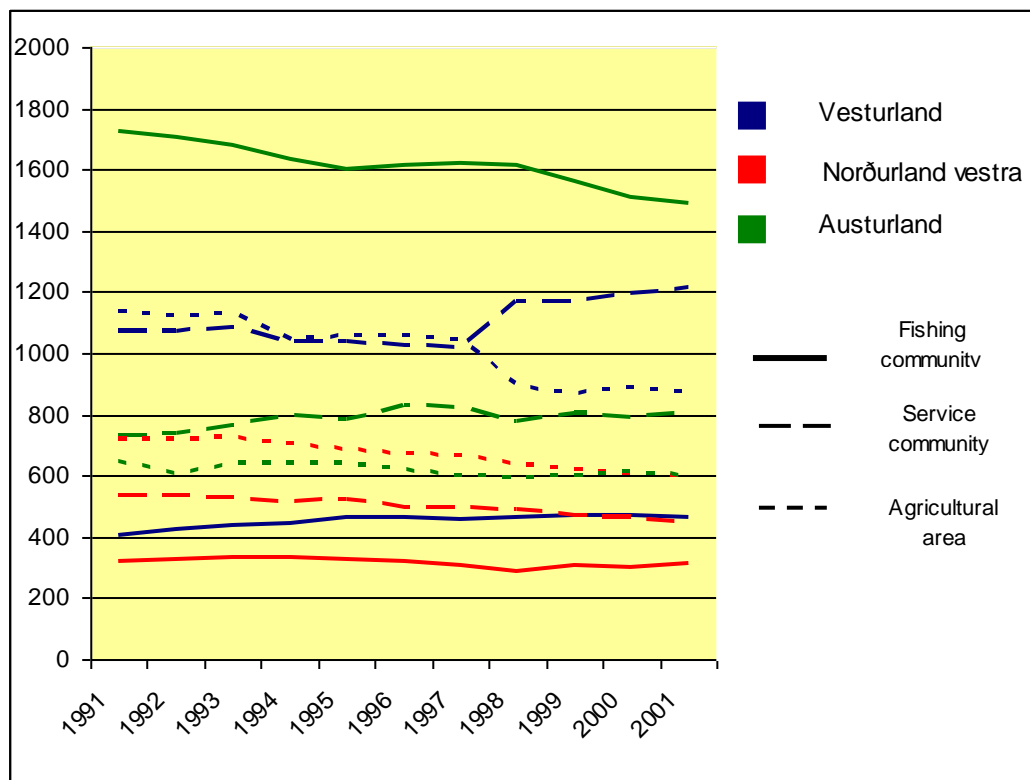


Figure 2. Total female in study area 1991-2001

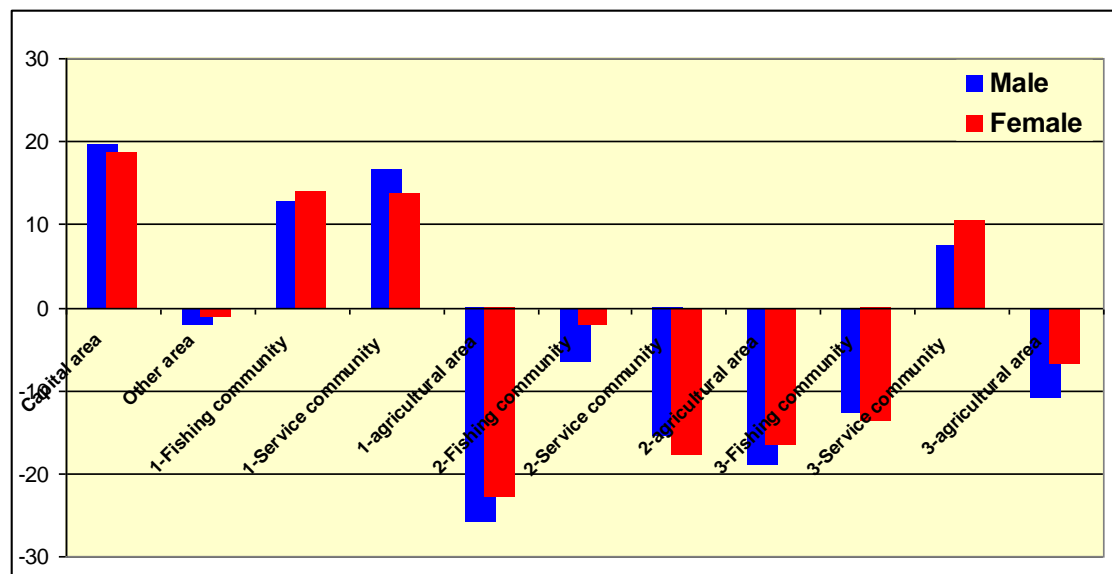


Figure 3. Populations changes by sex 1991-2001

3.2. Age structure

This chapter presents tables on age structure and changes in age structure.

Table 4. Population by sex and age 1991.

Region	Males				Females			
	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older
Total	13.437	21.392	84.651	24.373	12.699	20.608	82.421	13.687
Capital region	7.562	11.438	48.459	5.947	7.204	11.316	48.992	8.568
Other municipalities	5.875	9.954	36.192	4.739	5.495	9.292	33.429	5.119
Vesturland								
Fishing community	59	78	283	19	52	80	260	15
Service community	112	216	696	96	99	198	650	122
Agricultural areas	114	197	807	132	100	200	717	121
Norðurland vestra								
Fishing community	29	60	221	22	43	58	194	23
Service community	62	105	330	43	53	119	312	55
Agricultural areas	69	146	451	83	64	153	415	90
Austurland								
Fishing community	183	324	1.169	148	165	304	1.090	168
Service community	77	142	459	68	80	116	473	61
Agricultural areas	67	13	481	71	74	118	390	66

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 5. Population by sex and age 1992.

Region	Males				Females			
	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older
Total	13.909	21.298	85.339	10.961	13.024	20.537	83.241	13.893
Capital region	7.7874	11.412	49.030	6.172	7.765	11.326	49.815	8.713
Other municipalities	6.035	9.886	36.309	4.789	5.559	9.211	33.426	5.180
Vesturland								
Fishing community	64	72	275	19	59	89	262	15
Service community	109	211	696	94	107	194	650	123
Agricultural areas	115	193	801	132	97	197	705	126
Norðurland vestra								
Fishing community	34	60	230	20	41	64	196	27
Service community	50	103	324	48	49	117	310	62
Agricultural areas	73	129	449	86	64	150	421	82
Austurland								
Fishing community	179	318	1.175	151	167	294	1077	167
Service community	81	155	469	63	87	115	467	67
Agricultural areas	69	118	435	64	67	115	368	59

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 6. Population by sex and age 1993.

Region	Males				Females			
	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older
Total	14.046	21.574	86.033	11.231	13.353	20.574	83.952	14.159
Capital region	8.057	11.645	49.768	6.388	7.703	11.376	50.402	8.929
Other municipalities	5.989	9.929	36.265	4.843	5.650	9.198	33.550	5.230
Vesturland								
Fishing community	68	83	289	21	63	91	269	17
Service community	110	213	685	99	112	195	652	125
Agricultural areas	118	184	803	131	109	196	697	126
Norðurland vestra								
Fishing community	35	63	230	21	43	63	201	29
Service community	55	100	317	49	50	105	310	66
Agricultural areas	62	126	454	88	67	152	423	82
Austurland								
Fishing community	168	322	1.162	152	166	291	1.044	176
Service community	84	150	499	64	99	115	484	67
Agricultural areas	66	118	452	73	68	123	386	61

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 7. Population by sex and age 1994.

Region	Males				Females			
	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older
Total	13.896	21.868	86.548	11.472	13.288	20.695	84.572	14.447
Capital region	8.086	11.922	50.398	6.573	7.748	11.557	51.103	9.155
Other municipalities	5.810	9.946	36.150	4.899	5.540	9.138	33.469	5.292
Vesturland								
Fishing community	57	81	295	23	60	92	275	18
Service community	11	206	676	103	98	175	639	130
Agricultural areas	105	179	751	126	102	173	649	125
Norðurland vestra								
Fishing community	38	64	231	23	41	59	202	32
Service community	45	99	319	55	49	98	297	70
Agricultural areas	30	63	445	47	23	81	424	38
Austurland								
Fishing community	161	316	1.141	158	155	285	1.016	179
Service community	90	136	514	60	85	134	506	75
Agricultural areas	59	121	441	69	74	122	385	58

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 8. Population by sex and age 1995.

Region	Males				Females			
	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older
Total	13.761	21.748	87.003	11.712	13.062	20.625	85.228	14.670
Capital region	8.137	11.966	51.117	6.760	7.689	11.594	51.975	9.359
Other municipalities	5.624	9.782	35.886	4.952	5.373	9.031	33.253	5.311
Vesturland								
Fishing community	73	81	305	27	64	90	295	16
Service community	109	205	663	108	101	159	651	128
Agricultural areas	90	196	761	138	99	165	663	129
Norðurland vestra								
Fishing community	37	58	225	22	43	58	195	30
Service community	44	90	319	57	51	94	301	75
Agricultural areas	67	115	442	83	50	136	428	72
Austurland								
Fishing community	162	319	1.116	159	154	284	984	178
Service community	86	132	513	64	78	135	496	76
Agricultural areas	55	123	445	69	73	126	385	57

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 9. Population by sex and age 1996.

Region	Males				Females			
	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older
Total	13.550	21.759	87.924	11.951	12.764	20.721	86.120	14.946
Capital region	8.126	12.101	52.264	6.910	7.567	11.842	52.889	9.577
Other municipalities	5.424	9.658	35.660	5.041	5.197	8.879	33.231	5.369
Vesturland								
Fishing community	59	88	301	28	61	96	293	17
Service community	95	198	671	106	101	155	635	135
Agricultural areas	90	188	745	140	100	169	658	132
Norðurland vestra								
Fishing community	39	58	222	20	37	63	188	30
Service community	50	85	307	52	48	89	288	73
Agricultural areas	51	102	432	80	47	123	430	73
Austurland								
Fishing community	145	307	1.118	160	168	269	1.000	178
Service community	83	139	526	63	95	145	508	83
Agricultural areas	54	124	446	73	68	119	380	51

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 10. Population by sex and age 1997.

Region	Males				Females			
	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older
Total	13.321	21.841	88.893	12.226	12.611	20.806	87.000	15.366
Capital region	9.093	12.329	53.447	7.087	7.603	12.007	53.958	9.851
Other municipalities	5.228	9.512	35.445	5.139	5.008	8.799	33.042	5.515
Vesturland								
Fishing community	56	189	287	30	53	98	286	19
Service community	90	358	672	111	98	167	624	130
Agricultural areas	97	338	741	144	83	168	658	140
Norðurland vestra								
Fishing community	32	113	217	20	36	61	183	29
Service community	34	165	308	58	49	82	292	75
Agricultural areas	42	220	430	76	47	118	427	75
Austurland								
Fishing community	140	570	1.124	155	155	274	1.005	184
Service community	82	277	526	69	84	141	508	88
Agricultural areas	51	235	449	71	60	115	374	50

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 11. Population by sex and age 1998.

Region	Males				Females			
	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older
Total	13.160	21.914	90.274	12.532	12.584	20.918	88.251	15.644
Capital region	8.150	12.486	54.837	7.313	7.642	12.268	55.222	10.038
Other municipalities	5.010	9.428	35.437	5.219	4.942	8.650	33.029	5.606
Vesturland								
Fishing community	54	103	290	31	52	108	282	23
Service community	100	214	796	137	101	192	732	144
Agricultural areas	81	143	608	123	73	148	556	117
Norðurland vestra								
Fishing community	31	51	213	19	37	50	170	29
Service community	36	81	311	57	42	79	296	74
Agricultural areas	45	102	418	75	48	109	409	75
Austurland								
Fishing community	126	275	1.134	148	52	261	1.005	180
Service community	71	128	524	68	101	133	491	90
Agricultural areas	41	124	433	76	73	108	370	51

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 12. Population by sex and age 1999.

Region	Males				Females			
	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older
Total	12.993	22.136	91.614	12.772	12.443	21.228	89.645	15.871
Capital region	8.046	12.785	56.194	7.501	7.651	12.544	56.569	10.224
Other municipalities	4.947	9.351	35.420	5.271	4.792	8.684	33.076	5.647
Vesturland								
Fishing community	44	115	279	34	51	106	287	27
Service community	104	215	805	135	98	194	734	141
Agricultural areas	77	141	584	126	65	148	543	116
Norðurland vestra								
Fishing community	32	54	208	17	38	59	182	29
Service community	35	74	284	62	47	72	275	74
Agricultural areas	47	98	409	77	40	105	400	73
Austurland								
Fishing community	137	253	1.099	141	152	252	990	166
Service community	79	120	521	77	74	127	514	88
Agricultural areas	52	109	430	77	54	123	373	52

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 13. Population by sex and age 2000.

Region	Males				Females			
	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older
Total	12.976	22.425	93.180	13.013	12.478	21.486	91.203	16.085
Capital region	8.043	13.097	57.499	7.636	7.715	12.818	57.824	10.368
Other municipalities	4.933	9.328	35.681	5.376	4.763	8.668	33.379	5.717
Vesturland								
Fishing community	45	105	299	32	56	106	281	28
Service community	108	223	809	133	99	201	751	144
Agricultural areas	78	143	592	132	67	147	560	114
Norðurland vestra								
Fishing community	28	48	216	20	37	57	177	31
Service community	41	74	294	59	37	71	279	74
Agricultural areas	41	95	406	81	46	93	394	73
Austurland								
Fishing community	131	243	1.059	152	144	235	963	165
Service community	78	135	518	70	70	123	514	87
Agricultural areas	49	99	440	77	60	121	382	53

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 14. Population by sex and age 2001.

Region	Males				Females			
	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older
Total	12.898	22.819	94.343	13.242	12.451	21.675	92.442	16.405
Capital region	8.018	13.467	58.511	7.808	7.762	12.953	58.920	10.591
Other municipalities	4.880	9.352	35.832	5.434	4.689	8.722	33.522	5.814
Vesturland								
Fishing community	39	110	315	31	48	105	279	32
Service community	126	223	828	129	106	203	768	140
Agricultural areas	69	161	563	132	64	145	558	111
Norðurland vestra								
Fishing community	27	53	205	25	40	58	184	29
Service community	37	72	282	65	31	65	270	77
Agricultural areas	40	85	400	81	48	84	396	75
Austurland								
Fishing community	119	244	1.065	146	134	231	958	166
Service community	80	135	519	68	64	127	524	91
Agricultural areas	49	108	441	71	56	121	381	46

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 15. Population changes by age – males 1991 and 2001

Region	Percentage 1991				Percentage 2001				Change % 1991/01			
	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older
Total	10,3	16,4	65,1	8,2	9,0	15,9	65,9	9,2	-1,3	-0,5	+0,8	+1,0
Capital region	10,3	15,6	66,0	8,1	9,1	15,3	66,7	8,9	-1,2	-0,3	+0,7	+0,8
Other municipalities	10,4	17,5	63,8	8,3	8,8	16,8	64,6	9,8	-1,6	-0,7	+0,8	+1,5
Vesturland												
Fishing community	13,4	17,8	64,5	4,3	7,9	22,2	63,6	6,3	-5,5	+4,4	-0,9	+2,0
Service community	10,0	19,3	62,1	8,6	9,6	17,1	63,4	9,9	-0,4	-2,2	+1,3	+1,3
Agricultural areas	9,1	15,8	64,6	10,5	7,4	17,4	60,9	14,3	-1,7	+1,6	-3,7	+3,8
Norðurland vestra												
Fishing community	8,7	18,1	66,6	6,6	8,7	17,1	66,1	8,1	0	-1,0	-0,5	-1,5
Service community	11,5	19,4	61,1	8,0	8,1	15,8	61,8	14,3	-3,4	-3,6	+0,7	+6,3
Agricultural areas	9,2	19,5	60,2	11,1	6,6	14,0	66,0	13,4	-2,6	-6,1	+5,8	+2,3
Austurland												
Fishing community	10,0	17,8	64,1	8,1	7,5	15,5	67,7	9,3	-2,5	-2,3	+3,6	+1,2
Service community	10,3	19,0	61,6	9,1	10,0	16,8	64,7	8,5	-0,3	-2,2	+3,1	-0,6
Agricultural areas	8,9	17,5	64,1	9,5	7,3	16,2	65,9	10,6	-1,6	-1,3	+1,8	+1,1

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 16. Population changes by age – females 1991 and 2001.

Region	Percentage 1991				Percentage 2001				Change % 1991/01			
	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older	0-5 years	6-15 years	16-66 years	67 years and older
Total	9,8	15,9	63,7	10,6	8,7	15,2	64,6	11,5	-1,1	-0,7	+0,9	+0,9
Capital region	9,5	14,9	64,4	11,2	8,6	14,4	65,3	11,7	-0,9	-0,5	+0,9	+0,5
Other municipalities	10,3	17,4	62,7	9,6	8,9	16,5	63,6	11,0	-0,7	-0,9	+0,9	+1,4
Vesturland												
Fishing community	12,8	19,6	63,9	3,7	10,4	22,6	60,1	6,9	-2,4	+3,0	-3,8	+3,2
Service community	9,3	18,5	60,8	11,4	8,7	16,7	63,1	11,5	-0,6	-1,8	+2,3	+0,1
Agricultural areas	8,8	17,6	63,0	10,6	7,3	16,5	63,6	12,6	-1,5	-1,1	+0,6	+2,0
Norðurland vestra												
Fishing community	13,5	18,3	61,0	7,2	12,9	18,6	59,2	9,3	-0,6	+0,3	-1,8	+2,1
Service community	9,8	22,1	57,9	10,2	7,0	14,6	61,0	17,4	-2,8	-7,5	+3,1	+7,2
Agricultural areas	8,8	21,2	57,5	12,5	8,0	13,9	65,7	12,4	-0,8	-7,3	+8,2	-0,1
Austurland												
Fishing community	9,6	17,6	63,1	9,7	9,0	15,5	64,3	11,2	-0,6	-3,1	+1,2	+1,5
Service community	11,0	15,9	64,8	8,3	7,9	15,8	65,0	11,3	-3,1	-0,1	+0,2	+3,0
Agricultural areas	11,4	18,2	60,2	10,2	9,3	20,0	63,1	7,6	-2,1	+1,8	+3,1	-2,6

Source: Statistics Iceland

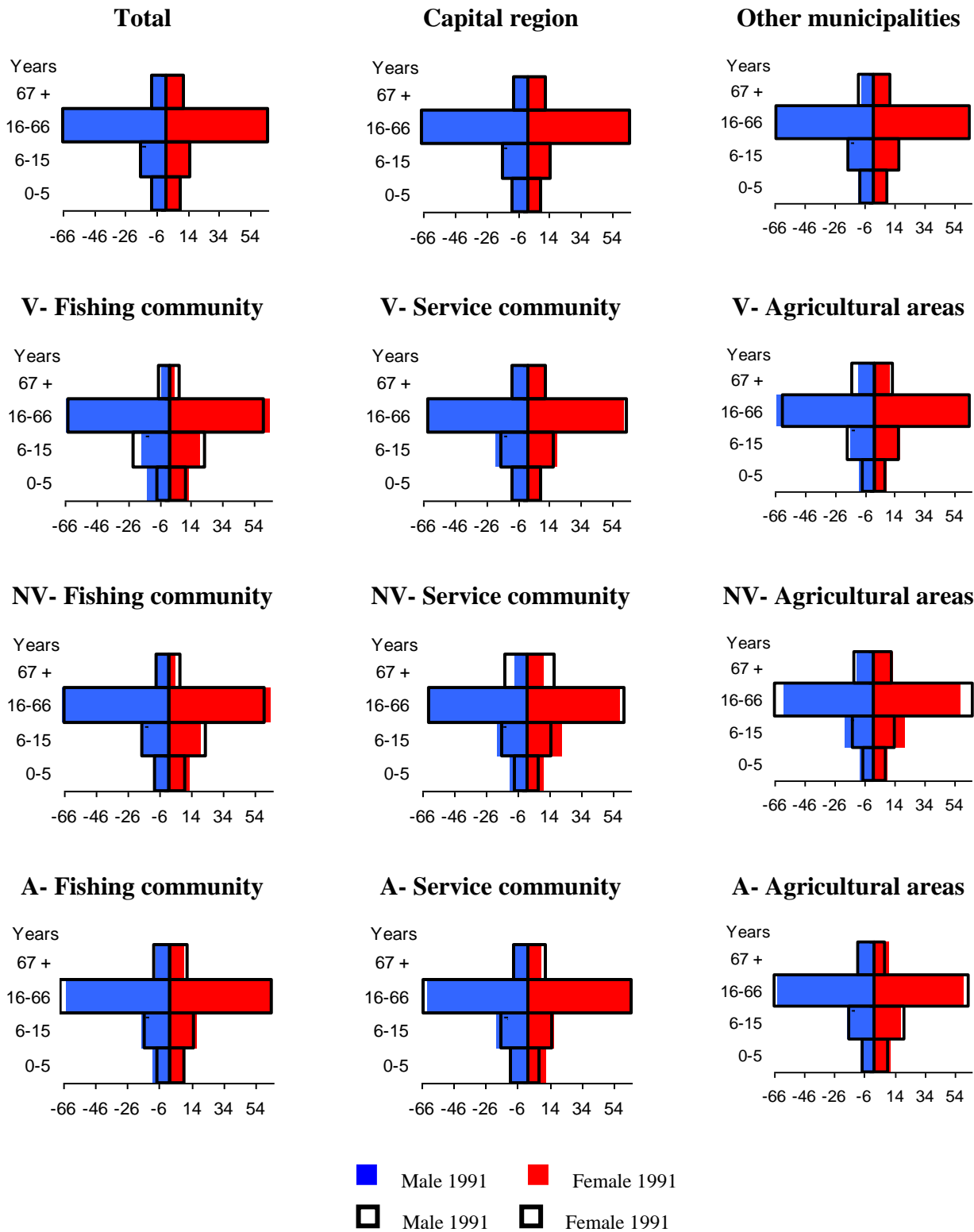


Figure 4. Age structure 1991 and 2001

3.3. Family structure

Family structure is focused on three basic, family status, marital status and nuclear family.

3.3.1. Family status

This chapter presents tables on family status

Table 17. Family status by sex and region 1991.

Region	Men 16 years and over				Females 16 years and over				Children 0-15 years	
	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	Living with two adults	Living with one adults
Total	25,0%	32,1%	0,6%	42,3%	24,8%	31,8%	7,9%	35,4%	83,2%	16,8%
Capital	25,5%	28,2%	0,7%	45,7%	23,5%	26,0%	9,8%	40,8%	76,3%	23,7%
Vesturland	23,6%	34,8%	0,6%	41,0%	25,3%	37,3%	5,1%	32,2%	90,4%	9,6%
Norðurland vestra	23,9%	33,8%	0,5%	41,8%	25,7%	36,4%	5,2%	32,7%	90,1%	9,9%
Austurland	22,2%	34,2%	0,5%	43,0%	24,4%	37,5%	4,9%	33,2%	90,9%	9,1%

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 18. Family status by sex and region 1992.

Region	Men 16 years and over				Females 16 years and over				Children 0-15 years	
	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	Living with two adults	Living with one adults
Total	25,4%	32,1%	0,6%	41,9%	25,2%	31,8%	7,8%	35,1%	83,3%	16,7%
Capital	25,6%	28,4%	0,6%	45,4%	23,6%	26,2%	9,7%	40,5%	76,5%	23,5%
Vesturland	24,6%	34,6%	0,5%	40,3%	26,3%	37,0%	5,4%	31,2%	89,6%	10,4%
Norðurland vestra	24,4%	33,6%	0,5%	41,5%	26,0%	35,9%	5,4%	32,7%	89,5%	10,5%
Austurland	22,6%	34,2%	0,4%	42,8%	25,1%	38,0%	4,8%	32,1%	91,2%	8,8%

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 19. Family status by sex and region 1993.

Region	Men 16 years and over				Females 16 years and over				Children 0-15 years	
	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	Living with two adults	Living with one adults
Total	25,7%	32,7%	0,5%	41,0%	25,5%	32,4%	7,2%	34,8%	84,8%	15,2%
Capital	25,9%	29,2%	0,6%	44,4%	24,0%	27,1%	8,8%	40,1%	78,6%	21,4%
Vesturland	24,8%	36,9%	0,5%	36,7%	26,8%	38,3%	7,4%	27,5%	86,0%	14,0%
Norðurland vestra	24,8%	33,9%	0,5%	40,8%	26,2%	35,8%	5,0%	33,0%	90,1%	9,9%
Austurland	23,1%	34,0%	0,6%	38,6%	27,0%	34,4%	5,5%	33,1%	88,5%	11,5%

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 20. Family status by sex and region 1994.

Region	Men 16 years and over				Females 16 years and over				Children 0-15 years	
	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	Living with two adults	Living with one adults
Total	26,1%	32,4%	0,5%	40,9%	25,9%	32,1%	7,3%	34,7%	84,5%	15,5%
Capital	26,1%	28,9%	0,6%	44,4%	24,2%	26,7%	9,0%	40,1%	78,0%	22,0%
Vesturland	25,7%	34,8%	0,7%	38,8%	27,2%	36,7%	4,7%	31,5%	90,6%	9,4%
Norðurland vestra	25,5%	32,7%	0,5%	41,3%	27,2%	34,9%	5,2%	32,7%	89,4%	10,6%
Austurland	23,7%	33,9%	0,5%	41,9%	26,4%	37,8%	4,5%	31,4%	91,3%	8,7%

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 21. Family status by sex and region 1995.

Region	Men 16 years and over				Females 16 years and over				Children 0-15 years	
	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	Living with two adults	Living with one adults
Total	26,5%	31,8%	0,5%	41,2%	26,2%	31,4%	7,4%	35,0%	83,8%	16,2%
Capital	26,2%	28,2%	0,6%	45,0%	24,2%	26,1%	9,1%	40,5%	77,1%	22,9%
Vesturland	26,1%	34,0%	0,6%	39,3%	27,3%	35,6%	4,7%	32,5%	90,3%	9,7%
Norðurland vestra	26,0%	32,7%	0,4%	40,9%	27,7%	34,8%	5,1%	32,4%	89,1%	10,9%
Austurland	24,6%	33,8%	0,5%	41,1%	27,2%	37,3%	4,5%	31,0%	90,6%	9,4%

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 22. Family status by sex and region 1996.

Region	Men 16 years and over				Females 16 years and over				Children 0-15 years	
	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	Living with two adults	Living with one adults
Total	26,8%	31,0%	0,5%	41,6%	26,5%	30,7%	7,5%	35,3%	83,2%	16,8%
Capital	26,3%	27,5%	0,5%	45,7%	24,4%	25,6%	9,3%	40,7%	76,2%	23,8%
Vesturland	26,9%	33,0%	0,5%	39,6%	28,1%	34,5%	4,9%	32,5%	89,6%	10,4%
Norðurland vestra	26,4%	31,9%	0,5%	41,2%	27,8%	33,6%	5,5%	33,2%	88,4%	11,6%
Austurland	24,9%	33,1%	0,5%	41,5%	27,4%	36,5%	4,5%	31,5%	90,6%	9,4%

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 23. Family status by sex and region 1997.

Percent Region	Men 16 years and over				Females 16 years and over				Children 0-15 years	
	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	Living with two adults	Living with one adults
Total	27,1%	30,1%	0,6%	42,2%	26,8%	29,8%	8,0%	35,4%	81,6%	18,4%
Capital	26,3%	26,4%	0,6%	46,7%	24,6%	24,6%	10,0%	40,8%	73,9%	26,1%
Vesturland	27,3%	32,2%	0,5%	40,0%	28,3%	33,4%	5,6%	32,7%	87,9%	12,1%
Fishing community	23,0%	39,9%	0,9%	36,2%	24,0%	41,8%	5,3%	28,9%	89,7%	10,3%
Service community	27,6%	31,4%	0,5%	40,6%	28,4%	32,4%	5,1%	34,1%	88,8%	11,2%
Agricultural areas	25,6%	24,0%	0,2%	50,2%	29,3%	27,5%	3,0%	40,2%	93,5%	6,5%
Norðurland vestra	27,0%	30,9%	0,6%	41,5%	28,9%	32,9%	5,1%	33,1%	88,7%	11,3%
Fishing community	20,0%	36,6%	0,4%	43,0%	22,4%	41,0%	4,8%	31,9%	89,6%	10,4%
Service community	28,0%	29,4%	1,4%	41,2%	28,1%	29,5%	7,7%	34,7%	81,0%	19,0%
Agricultural areas	22,3%	30,1%	0,0%	47,6%	25,0%	33,8%	4,2%	37,1%	91,3%	8,7%
Austurland	24,8%	32,7%	0,6%	41,9%	27,1%	35,9%	5,0%	32,0%	89,3%	10,7%
Fishing community	25,8%	33,4%	0,2%	40,7%	27,8%	35,9%	4,8%	31,5%	91,2%	8,8%
Service community	28,2%	34,9%	0,5%	36,4%	27,8%	34,8%	5,7%	31,7%	88,1%	11,9%
Agricultural areas	20,2%	31,2%	0,6%	48,0%	24,9%	38,4%	4,7%	32,0%	90,0%	10,0%

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 24. Family status by sex and region 1998.

Percent Region	Men 16 years and over				Females 16 years and over				Children 0-15 years	
	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	Living with two adults	Living with one adults
Total	27,1%	29,6%	0,6%	42,8%	26,8%	29,2%	8,2%	35,7%	80,9%	19,1%
Capital	26,1%	25,8%	0,6%	47,5%	24,5%	24,3%	10,3%	41,0%	73,0%	27,0%
Vesturland	27,4%	31,4%	0,6%	40,6%	28,7%	32,8%	5,8%	32,7%	87,2%	12,8%
Fishing community	22,3%	40,4%	0,9%	36,4%	23,5%	42,7%	7,0%	26,8%	87,9%	12,1%
Service community	29,2%	30,8%	0,5%	39,6%	29,9%	31,6%	5,0%	33,5%	89,7%	10,3%
Agricultural areas	26,1%	23,1%	0,4%	50,4%	29,6%	26,2%	3,7%	40,6%	90,6%	9,4%
Norðurland vestra	27,3%	30,2%	0,5%	42,0%	29,4%	32,5%	4,6%	33,5%	89,2%	10,8%
Fishing community	18,5%	36,2%	0,4%	44,8%	21,5%	42,0%	3,5%	33,0%	92,3%	7,7%
Service community	29,7%	28,6%	0,8%	40,9%	29,6%	28,5%	7,3%	34,5%	82,0%	18,0%
Agricultural areas	22,0%	31,1%	0,0%	47,0%	24,9%	35,2%	4,7%	35,2%	91,3%	8,8%
Austurland	25,5%	31,6%	0,6%	42,4%	28,1%	34,8%	5,0%	32,4%	89,2%	10,8%
Fishing community	25,8%	32,5%	0,2%	41,5%	28,0%	35,3%	4,2%	32,5%	91,8%	8,2%
Service community	29,4%	32,7%	0,7%	37,2%	29,4%	33,0%	5,7%	32,0%	87,3%	12,8%
Agricultural areas	21,7%	29,9%	4,0%	47,4%	26,5%	36,5%	6,0%	31,0%	86,6%	13,4%

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 25. Family status by sex and region 1999.

Region	Men 16 years and over				Females 16 years and over				Children 0-15 years	
	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	Living with two adults	Living with one adults
Total	26,6%	30,8%	0,7%	41,9%	26,3%	30,5%	8,9%	34,4%	80,1%	19,9%
Capital	25,6%	26,7%	0,7%	46,9%	24,1%	25,2%	11,0%	39,7%	72,3%	27,7%
Vesturland	26,9%	32,6%	0,8%	39,7%	28,3%	34,3%	6,6%	30,8%	86,2%	13,8%
Fishing community	22,5%	41,3%	1,6%	34,6%	23,3%	42,6%	7,5%	26,6%	85,8%	14,2%
Service community	29,0%	32,0%	0,8%	38,3%	29,4%	32,4%	6,1%	32,1%	86,4%	13,6%
Agricultural areas	24,6%	25,6%	0,9%	48,9%	28,9%	30,1%	4,1%	37,0%	90,4%	9,6%
Norðurland vestra	26,5%	31,4%	0,7%	41,4%	28,5%	33,6%	5,2%	32,8%	88,3%	11,7%
Fishing community	19,0%	40,7%	0,5%	39,8%	19,9%	42,7%	5,3%	32,0%	89,1%	10,9%
Service community	29,2%	28,1%	1,5%	41,2%	29,4%	28,2%	8,8%	33,5%	79,8%	20,2%
Agricultural areas	21,3%	32,7%	0,4%	45,6%	25,2%	38,7%	5,0%	31,1%	91,1%	8,9%
Austurland	25,1%	33,0%	0,7%	41,2%	27,4%	36,1%	5,5%	31,1%	88,0%	12,0%
Fishing community	26,0%	34,7%	0,2%	39,1%	27,7%	37,0%	4,6%	30,7%	90,9%	9,1%
Service community	28,1%	33,2%	1,2%	37,6%	28,1%	33,2%	7,3%	31,3%	83,3%	16,7%
Agricultural areas	21,3%	32,0%	0,8%	46,0%	25,0%	38,3%	6,1%	30,6%	87,6%	12,4%

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 26. Family status by sex and region 2000.

Region	Men 16 years and over				Females 16 years and over				Children 0-15 years	
	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	Living with two adults	Living with one adults
Total	26,0%	32,1%	0,8%	41,2%	25,7%	31,7%	9,6%	33,0%	79,3%	20,6%
Capital	24,9%	27,8%	0,8%	46,5%	23,5%	26,2%	11,7%	38,6%	71,7%	28,3%
Vesturland	26,1%	34,8%	1,0%	38,2%	27,4%	36,5%	6,8%	29,3%	86,2%	13,8%
Fishing community	22,0%	41,2%	2,2%	34,6%	23,8%	44,6%	7,8%	23,8%	85,5%	14,5%
Service community	27,7%	34,6%	0,8%	36,9%	28,2%	35,2%	5,8%	30,7%	88,1%	11,9%
Agricultural areas	24,7%	29,4%	0,4%	45,4%	27,0%	32,1%	5,4%	35,5%	88,3%	11,7%
Norðurland vestra	25,7%	32,3%	0,8%	41,2%	27,7%	34,6%	5,9%	31,8%	87,3%	12,7%
Fishing community	20,5%	40,0%	1,4%	38,2%	22,6%	44,2%	4,0%	29,1%	91,2%	8,8%
Service community	26,9%	28,4%	1,5%	43,1%	26,9%	28,4%	10,4%	34,3%	74,9%	25,1%
Agricultural areas	21,8%	34,9%	0,4%	42,9%	25,9%	41,5%	5,2%	27,4%	91,5%	8,5%
Austurland	24,7%	34,2%	0,9%	40,2%	27,0%	37,5%	5,6%	29,9%	88,5%	11,5%
Fishing community	25,7%	35,5%	0,6%	38,1%	27,7%	38,2%	4,9%	29,2%	90,8%	9,2%
Service community	28,1%	35,3%	1,2%	35,3%	27,85	34,9%	7,5%	29,9%	84,2%	15,8%
Agricultural areas	19,8%	35,0%	1,2%	44,0%	23,1%	41,4%	7,1%	28,5%	89,3%	10,7%

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 27. Family status by sex and region 2001.

Region	Men 16 years and over				Females 16 years and over				Children 0-15 years	
	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	With spouse only	With spouse and children	Single with children	Single without children	Living with two adults	Living with one adults
Total	26,0%	31,4%	0,8%	41,9%	25,6%	31,0%	9,9%	33,5%	78,3%	21,7%
Capital	24,8%	27,2%	0,8%	47,2%	23,3%	25,6%	12,0%	39,1%	70,9%	29,1%
Vesturland	26,1%	34,7%	0,9%	38,3%	27,4%	36,6%	7,1%	29,0%	85,5%	14,5%
Fishing community	20,3%	39,7%	2,5%	37,5%	22,2%	43,4%	7,7%	26,6%	84,35	15,7%
Service community	26,8%	34,8%	1,1%	37,3%	27,4%	35,6%	5,9%	31,0%	87,1%	12,9%
Agricultural areas	24,3%	29,0%	0,4%	46,3%	26,7%	31,9%	7,4%	34,1%	87,3%	12,7%
Norðurland vestra	26,2%	31,9%	0,7%	41,2%	28,1%	34,2%	5,7%	31,9%	87,5%	12,5%
Fishing community	21,3%	38,9%	0,9%	38,9%	23,5%	43,0%	5,0%	28,5%	90,4%	9,6%
Service community	27,5%	26,6%	2,1%	43,7%	28,0%	27,1%	9,8%	35,1%	76,6%	23,4%
Agricultural areas	22,2%	32,1%	1,2%	44,4%	26,9%	38,9%	2,4%	31,7%	94,3%	5,7%
Austurland	25,1%	32,8%	0,9%	41,1%	27,7%	36,2%	6,2%	30,0%	87,1%	12,9%
Fishing community	26,3%	34,3%	0,6%	38,8%	28,9%	37,7%	5,2%	28,2%	90,3%	9,7%
Service community	28,3%	36,3%	0,5%	34,9%	27,0%	34,6%	6,9%	31,5%	85,3%	14,7%
Agricultural areas	20,8%	31,3%	1,9%	46,0%	24,9%	38,3%	8,6%	28,2%	84,5%	15,5%

Source: Statistics Iceland

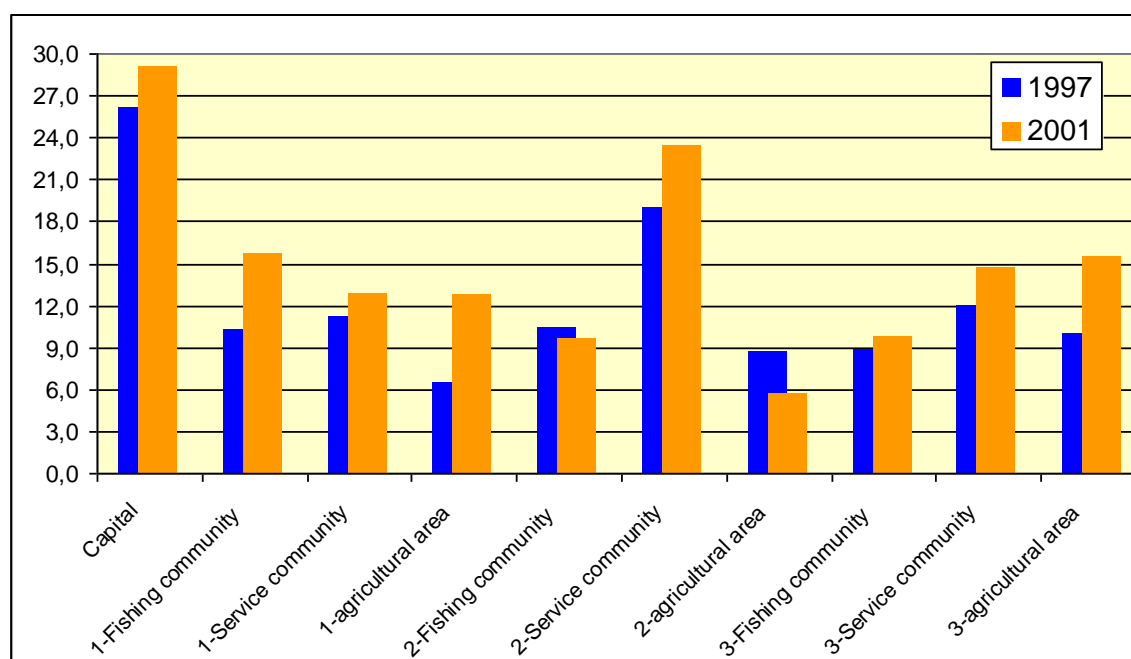


Figure 5. Children 15 years old and younger living with one adults 1997 and 2001.

3.3.2. Marital status

This chapter presents tables on marital status.

Table 28. Marital status by sex 1991-2001

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Males and females	173.400	175.000	177.800	179.000	179.800	180.700	182.400	184.900	188.100	191.700	194.600
Single	43.000	44.100	44.100	43.000	43.800	46.200	45.700	46.500	47.000	48.800	49.600
Married	88.900	88.300	89.800	89.400	87.900	87.700	87.800	88.300	90.200	91.000	93.600
Living with spouse	29.900	29.700	30.500	33.400	34.300	32.400	33.800	35.100	36.700	37.200	36.400
Previously married	11.600	12.900	13.400	13.200	13.900	14.300	15.100	15.000	14.200	14.700	15.000
Males	87.300	88.100	89.800	90.300	90.600	91.200	91.800	92.900	95.100	96.800	98.400
Single	24.900	25.100	24.500	24.300	24.000	25.700	25.500	26.400	26.600	27.400	27.200
Married	44.000	43.700	44.900	45.100	43.700	43.700	44.300	43.900	44.900	44.800	46.000
Living with spouse	14.600	14.800	15.700	17.000	18.600	17.100	17.000	17.700	19.000	19.000	20.000
Previously married	3.700	4.500	4.700	3.900	4.300	4.700	5.100	4.900	4.600	5.600	5.200
Females	86.100	86.900	88.000	88.700	89.300	89.500	90.600	91.900	93.000	94.900	96.200
Single	18.100	19.000	19.700	18.800	19.900	20.600	20.200	20.200	20.400	21.400	22.400
Married	44.900	44.600	44.900	44.300	44.200	44.000	43.500	44.400	45.300	46.300	47.600
Living with spouse	15.300	14.900	14.800	16.400	15.700	15.300	16.800	17.400	17.600	18.200	16.500
Previously married	7.900	8.400	8.700	9.200	9.600	9.600	10.000	10.000	9.600	9.000	9.800
Capital region	100.000	101.500	105.000	106.900	108.700	108.600	111.100	114.400	116.300	117.300	121.500
Single	26.700	26.400	26.600	26.200	28.000	29.100	29.900	32.100	32.100	32.600	33.200
Married	49.400	50.200	51.700	52.500	51.600	50.500	50.500	52.000	52.300	51.900	55.500
Living with spouse	15.800	15.900	16.800	18.600	19.900	19.500	20.300	20.500	22.000	22.700	22.500
Previously married	8.100	9.000	9.900	9.600	9.200	9.400	10.400	9.800	9.900	10.200	10.200
Other municipalities	73.400	73.500	72.900	72.100	71.100	72.100	71.300	70.500	71.800	74.300	73.100
Single	16.300	17.700	17.600	16.900	15.900	17.100	15.800	14.400	15.000	16.200	16.400
Married	39.500	38.000	38.000	36.900	36.300	37.200	37.300	36.300	37.900	39.100	38.100
Living with spouse	14.100	13.800	13.700	14.800	14.300	12.900	13.500	14.600	14.700	14.500	13.900
Previously married	3.500	3.900	3.500	3.600	4.600	4.900	4.700	5.200	4.300	4.500	4.800

Source: Statistics Iceland

3.3.3. Nuclear families

This chapter presents tables on nuclear families. A nuclear family refers to all couples (married and in a consensual union), their children 15 years and under, single men and women who live with their children 15 years and under as well as those children. Persons 16 years and over who live with their parents are not included in nuclear families and the same applies to single parents with children 16 years and over, until 1998. In the year 1999 a nuclear family includes children 16 years and from the year 2000 it includes children 16 and 17 years old.

Table 29. Nuclear families by region 1991.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	62.612	21.781	23.614	2.054	6.982	552	7.629
Capital region	36.211	12.939	13.157	1.052	3.406	332	5.325
Other municipalities	26.401	8.842	10.457	1.002	3.576	220	2.304
Vesturland	3.441	1.146	1.409	128	469	32	257
Norðurland vestra	2.446	841	942	88	370	19	186
Austurland	3.075	983	1.201	129	512	26	224

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 30. Nuclear families by region 1992.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	63.540	22.209	23.350	2.262	7.565	531	7.623
Capital region	36.897	13.156	13.101	1.216	3.779	307	5.338
Other municipalities	26.643	9.053	10.249	1.046	3.786	224	2.285
Vesturland	3.471	1.181	1.372	137	482	27	272
Norðurland vestra	2.461	855	919	90	382	19	196
Austurland	3.067	1.000	1.161	126	545	21	214

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 31. Nuclear families by region 1993.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	64.441	22.462	23.241	2.577	8.589	508	7.064
Capital region	37.619	13.312	13.171	1.445	4.473	280	4.938
Other municipalities	26.822	9.150	10.070	1.132	4.116	228	2.126
Vesturland	3.493	1.191	1.358	131	529	35	249
Norðurland vestra	2.487	859	903	105	418	19	183
Austurland	3.076	1.004	1.126	147	577	17	205

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 32. Nuclear families by region 1994.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	65.163	22.798	22.983	2.825	8.810	517	7.230
Capital region	38.285	13.517	13.163	1.615	4.603	295	5.092
Other municipalities	26.878	9.281	9.820	1.210	4.207	222	2.138
Vesturland	3.465	1.207	1.310	151	525	37	235
Norðurland vestra	2.476	875	874	117	400	19	119
Austurland	3.084	1.016	1.093	159	591	23	202

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 33. Nuclear families by region 1995.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	65.450	23.253	22.391	2.920	9.012	506	7.368
Capital region	38.729	13.806	12.933	1.696	4.740	294	5.260
Other municipalities	26.721	9.447	9.458	1.224	4.272	212	2.108
Vesturland	3.425	1.239	1.275	134	514	29	234
Norðurland vestra	2.468	874	843	131	420	16	184
Austurland	3.082	1.033	1.038	172	616	23	200

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 34. Nuclear families by region 1996.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	65.868	23.713	21.943	3.096	9.038	515	7.563
Capital region	39.286	14.134	12.808	1.830	4.794	303	5.417
Other municipalities	26.582	9.579	9.315	1.266	4.244	212	2.146
Vesturland	3.408	1.277	1.240	133	488	26	244
Norðurland vestra	2.419	882	783	116	424	18	196
Austurland	3.050	1.032	1.025	181	588	25	199

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 35. Nuclear families by region 1997.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	66.650	24.154	21.694	3.226	8.793	587	8.196
Capital region	40.128	14.481	12.763	1.928	4.671	359	5.926
Other municipalities	26.522	9.673	8.931	1.338	4.122	228	2.270
Vesturland	3.407	1.289	1.191	133	484	28	282
Norðurland vestra	2.384	903	774	117	389	22	179
Austurland	3.028	1.029	1.025	168	559	27	220

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 36. Nuclear families by region 1998.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	67.393	24.614	21.652	3.257	8.738	589	8.543
Capital region	40.975	14.796	12.936	2.024	4.679	351	6.189
Other municipalities	26.418	9.818	8.716	1.233	4.059	238	2.354
Vesturland	3.415	1.315	1.179	127	471	32	291
Fishing community	224	58	90	13	39	3	21
Service community	575	236	204	17	71	4	43
Agricultural areas	437	180	128	27	71	5	29
Norðurland vestra	2.325	915	746	104	382	19	159
Fishing community	135	36	51	7	33	1	7
Service community	244	93	69	16	36	3	27
Agricultural areas	307	116	88	16	61	1	25
Austurland	2.975	1.049	967	170	544	28	217
Fishing community	800	304	285	27	132	2	50
Service community	499	164	154	40	92	7	42
Agricultural areas	196	71	48	8	51	2	16

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 37. Nuclear families by region 1999.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	68.591	23.983	22.662	3.191	8.825	720	9.210
Capital region	42.118	14.542	13.593	2.070	4.837	440	6.636
Other municipalities	26.473	9.441	9.069	1.121	3.988	280	2.574
Vesturland	3.467	1.283	1.222	117	477	42	326
Fishing community	229	57	93	14	37	5	23
Service community	582	222	217	19	67	7	50
Agricultural areas	429	174	126	24	68	6	31
Norðurland vestra	2.280	852	757	102	370	26	173
Fishing community	141	34	51	7	37	1	11
Service community	231	87	64	13	32	5	30
Agricultural areas	301	109	87	16	62	2	25
Austurland	2.937	1.013	1.001	143	519	31	230
Fishing community	784	287	303	25	114	3	52
Service community	509	163	155	33	97	10	51
Agricultural areas	192	67	49	6	52	1	17

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 38. Nuclear families by region 2000.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	69.954	23.477	23.835	3.003	8.875	839	9.925
Capital region	43.191	14.320	14.398	1.952	4.915	496	7.110
Other municipalities	26.763	9.157	9.437	1.051	3.960	343	2.815
Vesturland	3.538	1.243	1.278	108	522	50	337
Fishing community	231	59	90	11	41	7	23
Service community	598	217	221	17	82	6	55
Agricultural areas	431	165	135	17	74	7	33
Norðurland vestra	2.268	817	762	92	377	27	193
Fishing community	144	35	48	10	40	3	8
Service community	225	78	70	12	25	5	35
Agricultural areas	308	115	92	14	56	2	29
Austurland	2.899	972	1.033	130	496	40	228
Fishing community	767	274	307	23	103	7	53
Service community	511	158	161	33	96	10	53
Agricultural areas	199	61	61	7	50	3	17

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 39. Nuclear families by region 2001.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	70.594	23.957	23.664	2.927	8.811	841	10.394
Capital region	43.806	14.699	14.352	1.911	4.902	493	7.449
Other municipalities	26.788	9.258	9.312	1.016	3.909	348	2.945
Vesturland	3.577	1.250	1.276	113	541	46	351
Fishing community	226	57	93	9	36	8	23
Service community	613	214	228	18	84	9	60
Agricultural areas	425	156	133	24	67	7	38
Norðurland vestra	2.240	823	749	92	364	26	186
Fishing community	145	35	50	12	36	2	10
Service community	220	82	66	10	23	7	32
Agricultural areas	295	109	90	16	51	3	26
Austurland	2.878	989	968	132	497	42	250
Fishing community	769	286	293	21	107	7	55
Service community	504	156	152	35	97	9	55
Agricultural areas	200	63	59	6	49	3	20

Source: Statistics Iceland

3.3.4. Average size of nuclear families

This chapter presents tables on average size of nuclear families.

Table 40. Average size of nuclear families by region 1991.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,7	2,2	2,4
Capital region	2,9	2,0	3,8	2,0	3,6	2,2	2,4
Other municipalities	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,3	2,4
Vesturland	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,3	2,4
Norðurland vestra	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,1	2,4
Austurland	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,1	2,3

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 41. Average size of nuclear families by region 1992.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,7	2,2	2,4
Capital region	2,9	2,0	3,8	2,0	3,6	2,2	2,4
Other municipalities	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,3	2,4
Vesturland	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,3	2,4
Norðurland vestra	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,2	2,4
Austurland	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,1	2,4

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 42. Average size of nuclear families by region 1993.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,7	2,2	2,4
Capital region	2,9	2,0	3,8	2,0	3,6	2,2	2,4
Other municipalities	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,2	2,4
Vesturland	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,3	2,4
Norðurland vestra	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,1	2,4
Austurland	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,1	2,4

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 43. Average size of nuclear families by region 1994.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,7	2,2	2,4
Capital region	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,6	2,2	2,4
Other municipalities	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,2	2,4
Vesturland	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,2	2,4
Norðurland vestra	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,2	2,4
Austurland	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,1	2,4

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 44. Average size of nuclear families by region 1995.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,7	2,2	2,4
Capital region	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,6	2,2	2,4
Other municipalities	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,2	2,5
Vesturland	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,2	2,5
Norðurland vestra	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,9	2,3	2,5
Austurland	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,1	2,5

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 45. Average size of nuclear families by region 1996.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,7	2,2	2,4
Capital region	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,6	2,2	2,4
Other municipalities	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,2	2,5
Vesturland	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,2	2,5
Norðurland vestra	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,9	2,2	2,4
Austurland	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,3	2,4

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 46. Average size of nuclear families by region 1997.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,7	2,2	2,5
Capital region	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,6	2,2	2,5
Other municipalities	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,2	2,5
Vesturland	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,2	2,5
Norðurland vestra	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,9	2,1	2,4
Austurland	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,8	2,2	2,5

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 47. Average size of nuclear families by region 1998.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,7	2,2	2,5
Capital region	2,8	2,0	3,8	2,0	3,6	2,2	2,5
Other municipalities	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,2	2,5
Vesturland	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,1	2,5
Fishing community	3,3	2,0	4,2	2,0	4,1	2,3	2,6
Service community	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,3	2,3
Agricultural areas	2,9	2,0	4,1	2,0	3,9	2,0	2,4
Norðurland vestra	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,9	2,2	2,5
Fishing community	3,2	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,8	3,0	2,6
Service community	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	2,5
Agricultural areas	2,9	2,0	3,7	2,0	4,1	2,0	2,2
Austurland	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,8	2,2	2,4
Fishing community	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,7	2,5	2,3
Service community	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,8	2,0	2,5
Agricultural areas	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	2,6

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 48. Average size of nuclear families by region 1999.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,7	2,2	2,5
Capital region	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,6	2,2	2,5
Other municipalities	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,3	2,5
Vesturland	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,2	2,5
Fishing community	3,3	2,0	4,3	2,0	4,0	2,4	2,7
Service community	3,0	2,0	4,1	2,0	4,0	2,4	2,5
Agricultural areas	3,0	2,0	4,2	2,0	4,1	2,0	2,3
Norðurland vestra	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	4,0	2,3	2,5
Fishing community	3,3	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	3,0	2,7
Service community	2,9	2,0	4,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	2,5
Agricultural areas	2,9	2,0	3,7	2,0	4,1	2,5	2,2
Austurland	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,4	2,5
Fishing community	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,7	2,3	2,4
Service community	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,9	2,1	2,5
Agricultural areas	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	4,1	2,0	2,5

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 49. Average size of nuclear families by region 2000.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,7	2,3	2,5
Capital region	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,6	2,3	2,5
Other municipalities	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,3	2,6
Vesturland	3,1	2,0	4,1	2,0	3,9	2,2	2,5
Fishing community	3,3	2,0	4,3	2,0	4,0	2,1	2,8
Service community	3,1	2,0	4,1	2,0	3,9	2,2	2,5
Agricultural areas	3,1	2,0	4,2	2,0	4,0	2,0	2,4
Norðurland vestra	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	4,0	2,4	2,6
Fishing community	3,3	2,0	3,9	2,0	4,1	2,3	2,6
Service community	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,8	2,6
Agricultural areas	2,9	2,0	3,8	2,0	4,0	2,5	2,3
Austurland	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,3	2,5
Fishing community	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,7	2,3	2,3
Service community	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,9	2,2	2,4
Agricultural areas	3,2	2,0	3,9	2,0	4,2	2,3	2,2

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 50. Average size of nuclear families by region 2001.

Region	Total	Married couple without children	Married couple with children	Consensual union without children	Consensual union with children	Father with children	Mother with children
Total	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,7	2,3	2,5
Capital region	2,9	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,6	2,3	2,5
Other municipalities	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,3	2,6
Vesturland	3,1	2,0	4,1	2,0	3,9	2,3	2,6
Fishing community	3,4	2,0	4,4	2,0	3,8	2,1	3,0
Service community	3,1	2,0	4,1	2,0	3,9	2,6	2,4
Agricultural areas	3,0	2,0	4,1	2,0	4,1	2,1	2,4
Norðurland vestra	3,1	2,0	4,0	2,0	4,0	2,2	2,6
Fishing community	3,3	2,0	4,0	2,0	4,1	2,0	2,7
Service community	2,9	2,0	4,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	2,5
Agricultural areas	2,9	2,0	3,7	2,0	4,1	2,0	2,4
Austurland	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,9	2,2	2,5
Fishing community	3,0	2,0	3,9	2,0	3,7	2,3	2,3
Service community	3,0	2,0	4,0	2,0	3,8	2,0	2,6
Agricultural areas	3,2	2,0	4,2	2,0	4,2	2,3	2,3

Source: Statistics Iceland

3.4. Structure of migration

This chapter presents tables on structure of migration.

Table 51. Migration by sex and region 1991.

	Migration total			Within municipalities	Within region		Between regions		External migration	
	Net in-migr.	In-migration	Out-migration		In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration
MEN:										
Total	440	10.226	9.786	13.325	4.162	4.162	4.232	4.232	1.832	1.392
Capital region	919	6.023	5.104	8.727	2.830	2.830	1.978	1.317	1.215	957
Other municipalities	-479	4.203	4.682	4.598	1.332	1.332	2.254	2.915	617	435
Vesturland										
Fishing community	-5	48	53	50	19	17	17	25	12	11
Service community	8	77	69	59	22	15	47	53	8	1
Agricultural areas	-48	64	112	14	23	36	31	75	10	1
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	-7	23	30	46	4	7	18	23	1	0
Service community	-17	51	68	75	12	11	35	56	4	1
Agricultural areas	-9	64	76	33	17	15	39	37	8	4
Austurland										
Fishing community	-36	135	171	149	29	32	84	127	22	12
Service community	6	76	70	38	42	29	23	34	11	7
Agricultural areas	-10	43	53	18	25	33	15	15	3	5
FEMALE:										
Total	567	10.509	9.942	13.343	4.174	4.174	4.178	4.178	2.157	1.590
Capital region	940	6.127	5.187	8.875	2.823	2.823	1.967	1.341	1.337	1.023
Other municipalities	-373	4.382	4.755	4.468	1.351	1.351	2.211	2.837	820	567
Vesturland										
Fishing community	7	47	40	46	9	12	14	24	24	4
Service community	18	87	69	73	30	15	44	51	13	3
Agricultural areas	-38	70	108	13	21	38	38	67	11	3
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	-14	19	33	55	3	7	15	26	1	0
Service community	3	60	57	79	14	5	39	52	7	0
Agricultural areas	-2	73	75	31	17	18	44	54	12	3
Austurland										
Fishing community	-46	131	177	150	21	28	79	134	31	15
Service community	-3	90	93	51	38	31	40	56	12	6
Agricultural areas	-7	50	57	14	31	30	13	22	6	5

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 52. Migration by sex and region 1992.

	Migration total			Within municipalities	Within region		Between regions		External migration	
	Net in-migr.	In-migration	Out-migration		In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration
MEN:										
Total	-141	10.337	10.478	13.706	4.434	4.434	4.535	4.535	1.368	1.509
Capital region	232	5.839	5.506	8.634	3.041	3.041	1.886	1.689	912	877
Other municipalities	-373	4.408	4.871	5.072	1.393	1.393	2.649	2.846	456	632
Vesturland										
Fishing community	-15	29	44	38	2	6	23	28	4	10
Service community	-14	68	82	49	25	18	34	60	9	4
Agricultural areas	-22	86	108	20	30	39	49	60	7	9
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	10	28	18	26	1	3	27	14	0	1
Service community	-11	45	56	34	9	2	33	51	3	3
Agricultural areas	-6	68	74	32	18	17	45	43	5	14
Austurland										
Fishing community	-12	149	161	173	38	34	99	108	12	19
Service community	18	83	65	79	50	29	24	25	9	11
Agricultural areas	-20	69	89	35	36	55	29	31	4	3
FEMALE:										
Total	-113	10.032	10.145	13.647	4.203	4.203	4.238	4.238	1.591	1.704
Capital region	412	5.742	5.320	8.741	2.854	2.854	1.861	1.482	1.027	994
Other municipalities	-525	4.290	4.815	4.906	1.349	1.349	2.377	2.756	564	710
Vesturland										
Fishing community	9	43	34	43	5	5	26	19	12	10
Service community	-9	75	84	63	26	26	40	54	9	4
Agricultural areas	-37	83	120	15	44	42	27	67	12	11
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	10	28	18	26	1	3	27	14	0	1
Service community	-11	45	56	34	9	2	33	51	3	3
Agricultural areas	-6	68	74	32	18	17	45	43	5	14
Austurland										
Fishing community	-30	139	169	173	42	23	80	117	17	29
Service community	-1	76	77	80	39	25	29	37	8	15
Agricultural areas	-3	65	68	28	37	34	23	30	5	4

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 53. Migration by sex and region 1993.

	Migration total			Within municipalities	Within region		Between regions		External migration	
	Net in-migr.	In-migration	Out-migration		In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration
MEN:										
Total	-117	10.017	10.134	14.034	4.416	4.416	4.353	4.353	1.248	1.365
Capital region	470	5.963	5.493	8.715	3.102	3.102	1.966	1.469	895	922
Other municipalities	-587	4.054	4.641	5.319	1.314	1.314	2.387	2.884	353	443
Vesturland										
Fishing community	24	60	36	64	9	10	47	22	4	4
Service community	-11	88	99	52	29	23	55	72	4	4
Agricultural areas	-20	69	89	32	23	30	42	53	4	6
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	2	27	25	40	6	10	19	12	2	3
Service community	-8	42	50	42	12	6	30	43	0	1
Agricultural areas	-11	48	59	34	14	13	30	43	4	3
Austurland										
Fishing community	-32	160	192	146	35	43	109	128	16	21
Service community	20	73	53	70	41	18	22	32	10	3
Agricultural areas	-34	40	74	38	20	37	17	27	3	10
FEMALE:										
Total	-86	9.670	9.756	13.779	4.147	4.147	4.073	4.073	1.450	1.536
Capital region	302	5.560	5.258	8.734	2.815	2.815	1.761	1.443	984	1.000
Other municipalities	-388	4.110	4.498	5.045	1.332	1.332	2.312	2.630	466	536
Vesturland										
Fishing community	8	47	39	64	4	9	39	24	4	6
Service community	-8	90	98	52	29	28	55	65	6	5
Agricultural areas	-17	74	91	30	30	32	42	52	2	7
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	2	32	30	43	7	11	21	19	4	0
Service community	-15	42	57	52	8	6	33	46	1	5
Agricultural areas	4	58	54	24	19	17	32	31	7	6
Austurland										
Fishing community	-46	126	172	155	16	27	97	129	13	16
Service community	15	74	59	83	38	18	28	36	8	5
Agricultural areas	-22	47	69	25	21	30	20	27	6	12

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 54. Migration by sex and region 1994.

	Migration total			Within municipalities	Within region		Between regions		External migration	
	Net in-migr.	In-migration	Out-migration		In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration
MEN:										
Total	-416	9.818	10.234	14.876	4.290	4.290	4.304	4.304	1.224	1.640
Capital region	284	5.921	5.637	9.325	3.098	3.098	1.954	1.447	869	1.092
Other municipalities	-700	3.897	4.597	5.551	1.192	1.192	2.350	2.857	355	548
Vesturland										
Fishing community	-8	47	55	61	8	11	36	36	3	8
Service community	-14	31	45	40	8	11	22	29	1	5
Agricultural areas	-11	47	58	25	16	27	27	26	4	5
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	0	27	27	23	10	4	14	20	3	3
Service community	-5	45	50	60	9	7	36	43	0	0
Agricultural areas	-17	49	66	25	13	19	35	41	1	6
Austurland										
Fishing community	-44	133	177	138	27	26	91	129	15	22
Service community	-4	73	77	88	38	24	30	44	5	9
Agricultural areas	-10	53	63	16	24	35	27	21	2	7
FEMALE:										
Total	-344	9.898	10.242	14.672	4.098	4.098	4.348	4.348	1.452	1.796
Capital region	413	5.858	5.445	9.273	2.889	2.889	1.992	1.395	977	1.161
Other municipalities	-757	4.040	4.797	5.399	1.209	1.209	2.356	2.953	475	635
Vesturland										
Fishing community	4	55	51	55	9	7	34	32	12	12
Service community	-32	27	59	38	11	9	16	45	0	5
Agricultural areas	-22	54	76	22	10	19	32	48	12	9
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	-7	26	33	23	8	6	15	24	3	3
Service community	-22	44	66	71	9	6	35	59	0	1
Agricultural areas	-18	51	69	26	12	18	35	43	4	8
Austurland										
Fishing community	-61	121	182	117	27	35	82	117	12	30
Service community	24	100	76	102	38	13	53	53	9	10
Agricultural areas	-9	61	70	15	24	34	32	30	5	6

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 55. Migration by sex and region 1995.

	Migration total			Within municipalities	Within region		Between regions		External migration	
	Net in-migr.	In-migration	Out-migration		In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration
MEN:										
Total	-852	10.288	11.140	15.077	4.353	4.353	4.606	4.606	1.329	2.181
Capital region	166	6.441	6.275	9.474	3.283	3.283	2.233	1.456	925	1.536
Other municipalities	-1.018	3.847	4.865	5.603	1.070	1.070	2.373	3.150	404	645
Vesturland										
Fishing community	14	52	38	58	7	2	41	34	4	2
Service community	-17	65	82	73	15	4	46	69	7	9
Agricultural areas	-55	62	117	28	11	22	46	86	5	9
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	-20	23	43	36	8	9	13	32	2	2
Service community	-7	52	59	55	21	6	30	52	1	1
Agricultural areas	-15	56	71	31	23	28	33	41	0	2
Austurland										
Fishing community	-40	116	156	126	25	30	80	102	11	24
Service community	-16	73	89	82	38	32	31	49	4	8
Agricultural areas	-4	57	61	15	35	31	22	27	0	3
FEMALE:										
Total	-566	10.339	10.905	15.157	4.214	4.214	4.587	4.587	1.538	2.104
Capital region	422	6.372	5.950	9.567	3.148	3.148	2.236	1.384	988	1.418
Other municipalities	-988	3.967	4.955	5.590	1.066	1.066	2.351	3.203	550	686
Vesturland										
Fishing community	3	51	48	52	9	4	32	34	10	10
Service community	-12	71	83	77	9	3	56	72	6	8
Agricultural areas	-54	59	113	33	9	23	46	75	4	15
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	-17	18	35	29	7	7	9	28	2	0
Service community	2	57	55	66	20	8	34	46	3	1
Agricultural areas	-24	62	86	34	22	28	35	56	5	2
Austurland										
Fishing community	-52	115	167	129	17	29	81	114	17	24
Service community	-21	79	100	80	37	35	41	54	1	11
Agricultural areas	-2	59	61	12	31	31	25	27	3	3

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 56. Migration by sex and region 1996.

	Migration total			Within municipalities	Within region		Between regions		External migration	
	Net in-migr.	In-migration	Out-migration		In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration
MEN:										
Total	-257	11.135	11.392	15.213	4.581	4.581	4.775	4.775	1.779	2.036
Capital region	652	6.915	6.263	9.792	3.379	3.379	2.350	1.448	1.186	1.436
Other municipalities	-909	4.220	5.129	5.421	1.202	1.202	2.425	3.327	593	600
Vesturland										
Fishing community	-7	37	44	51	8	4	21	34	8	6
Service community	-21	66	87	53	16	18	41	64	9	5
Agricultural areas	-22	102	124	48	17	25	77	85	8	14
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	-7	22	29	25	9	3	11	25	2	1
Service community	-17	73	90	67	22	23	47	58	4	9
Agricultural areas	-43	44	87	46	24	21	17	66	3	0
Austurland										
Fishing community	-43	142	185	147	43	37	80	124	19	24
Service community	12	87	75	71	30	25	49	43	8	7
Agricultural areas	0	48	48	14	18	23	29	23	1	2
FEMALE:										
Total	-187	11.139	11.326	15.255	4.502	4.502	4.752	4.752	1.885	2.072
Capital region	604	6.860	6.256	9.865	3.305	3.305	2.343	1.500	1.212	1.451
Other municipalities	-791	4.279	5.070	5.390	1.197	1.197	2.409	3.252	673	621
Vesturland										
Fishing community	-3	43	46	47	8	3	22	33	13	10
Service community	-25	82	107	54	15	22	61	78	6	7
Agricultural areas	4	112	108	45	20	19	80	70	12	19
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	-11	18	29	21	5	8	13	20	0	1
Service community	-18	65	83	62	20	17	44	60	1	6
Agricultural areas	-22	59	81	42	25	21	24	58	10	2
Austurland										
Fishing community	-12	135	147	130	33	26	82	103	20	18
Service community	28	111	83	79	49	31	53	48	9	4
Agricultural areas	-30	42	72	11	18	36	21	32	3	4

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 57. Migration by sex and region 1997.

	Migration total			Within municipalities	Within region		Between regions		External migration	
	Net in-migr.	In-migration	Out-migration		In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration
MEN:										
Total	-13	11.300	11.313	15.171	4.768	4.768	4.581	4.581	1.951	1.964
Capital region	853	7.314	6.461	9.687	3.685	3.685	2.305	1.402	1.324	1.374
Other municipalities	-866	3.986	4.852	5.484	1.083	1.083	2.276	3.179	627	590
Vesturland										
Fishing community	-18	34	52	44	3	3	26	44	5	5
Service community	-12	65	77	62	16	14	43	58	6	5
Agricultural areas	-24	79	103	21	24	30	42	67	13	6
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	-19	19	38	31	4	6	10	31	5	1
Service community	-16	54	70	52	14	12	37	54	3	4
Agricultural areas	-5	43	48	45	6	10	26	36	11	2
Austurland										
Fishing community	-13	138	151	151	18	24	90	115	30	12
Service community	-8	81	89	98	32	19	37	62	12	8
Agricultural areas	-6	65	71	4	39	36	23	27	3	8
FEMALE:										
Total	82	11.278	11.196	15.124	4.638	4.638	4.601	4.601	2.039	1.957
Capital region	867	7.127	6.260	9.714	3.545	3.545	2.267	1.430	1.315	1.285
Other municipalities	-785	4.151	4.936	5.413	1.093	1.093	2.334	3.171	724	672
Vesturland										
Fishing community	-18	25	43	42	4	3	18	32	3	8
Service community	-8	71	79	63	22	11	44	63	5	5
Agricultural areas	-14	84	98	21	11	24	51	63	22	11
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	-13	22	35	35	4	6	11	28	7	1
Service community	-1	60	61	66	23	7	34	51	3	3
Agricultural areas	-6	63	69	42	9	16	38	45	16	8
Austurland										
Fishing community	-3	146	149	168	14	12	103	119	29	18
Service community	-19	73	92	97	35	16	34	70	4	6
Agricultural areas	-26	63	89	7	37	35	24	42	2	12

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 58. Migration by sex and region 1998.

	Migration total			Within municipalities	Within region		Between regions		External migration	
	Net in-migr.	In-migration	Out-migration		In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration
MEN:										
Total	415	11.661	11.246	16.191	4.818	4.818	4.612	4.612	2.231	1.816
Capital region	1.095	7.617	6.522	10.689	3.812	3.812	2.326	1.452	1.479	1.258
Other municipalities	-680	4.044	4.724	5.502	1.006	1.006	2.286	3.160	752	558
Vesturland										
Fishing community	10	32	22	44	0	1	24	19	8	2
Service community	12	93	81	93	16	13	62	59	15	9
Agricultural areas	-28	86	114	31	18	28	53	75	15	11
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	-11	31	42	19	11	7	20	31	0	4
Service community	-1	61	62	55	13	8	29	50	19	4
Agricultural areas	-13	33	46	32	4	0	24	44	5	2
Austurland										
Fishing community	-40	110	150	142	21	15	67	108	22	27
Service community	-38	82	120	76	27	19	49	93	6	8
Agricultural areas	-2	34	36	14	16	18	12	13	6	5
FEMALE:										
Total	465	11.821	11.356	16.600	4.872	4.872	4.618	4.618	2.331	1.866
Capital region	1.088	7.531	6.443	11.079	3.757	3.757	2.309	1.423	1.465	1.263
Other municipalities	-623	4.290	4.913	5.521	1.115	1.115	2.309	3.195	866	603
Vesturland										
Fishing community	3	38	35	66	0	7	28	21	10	7
Service community	14	101	87	108	13	10	69	67	19	10
Agricultural areas	-23	92	115	32	12	25	63	72	17	18
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	-24	27	51	30	8	8	18	38	1	5
Service community	-6	55	61	73	14	9	24	50	17	2
Agricultural areas	-31	42	73	35	4	3	26	59	12	11
Austurland										
Fishing community	-27	121	148	142	23	15	74	113	24	20
Service community	-42	77	119	87	30	23	39	88	8	8
Agricultural areas	-8	29	37	15	17	14	12	17	0	6

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 59. Migration by sex and region 1999.

	Migration total			Within municipalities	Within region		Between regions		External migration	
	Net in-migr.	In-migration	Out-migration		In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration
MEN:										
Total	503	12.099	11.596	17.282	5.142	5.142	4.640	4.640	2.317	1.814
Capital region	1.012	7.848	6.836	11.248	4.058	4.058	2.217	1.517	1.573	1.261
Other municipalities	-509	4.251	4.760	6.034	1.084	1.084	2.423	3.123	744	553
Vesturland										
Fishing community	-7	25	32	61	3	6	16	22	6	4
Service community	3	104	101	106	27	24	65	69	12	8
Agricultural areas	-38	65	103	30	15	23	41	71	9	9
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	-7	33	40	33	3	10	26	29	4	1
Service community	-30	43	73	29	11	10	28	62	4	1
Agricultural areas	-13	44	57	37	1	0	35	49	8	8
Austurland										
Fishing community	-68	122	190	144	16	17	68	136	38	37
Service community	-5	125	130	89	49	28	65	90	11	12
Agricultural areas	-13	55	68	15	26	36	21	25	8	7
FEMALE:										
Total	619	12.092	11.473	17.104	4.955	4.955	4.669	4.669	2.468	1.849
Capital region	1.065	7.733	6.668	11.166	3.875	3.875	2.221	1.566	1.637	1.227
Other municipalities	-446	4.359	4.805	5.938	1.080	1.080	2.448	3.103	831	622
Vesturland										
Fishing community	4	38	34	50	7	5	22	22	9	7
Service community	2	114	112	92	25	22	72	79	17	11
Agricultural areas	-32	89	121	36	22	26	43	77	24	18
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	15	45	30	30	5	4	34	26	6	0
Service community	-25	56	81	31	13	23	38	56	5	2
Agricultural areas	-25	45	70	35	2	0	29	57	14	13
Austurland										
Fishing community	-55	117	172	133	13	17	69	127	35	28
Service community	15	131	116	105	50	31	75	71	6	14
Agricultural areas	1	54	53	15	23	35	23	14	8	4

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 60. Migration by sex and region 2000.

	Migration total			Within municipalities	Within region		Between regions		External migration	
	Net in-migr.	In-migration	Out-migration		In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration
MEN:										
Total	837	11.851	11.014	15.230	4.862	4.862	4.401	4.401	2.588	1.751
Capital region	945	7.386	6.479	9.506	3.697	3.697	1.920	1.586	1.769	1.196
Other municipalities	-108	4.465	4.535	5.724	1.165	1.165	2.481	2.815	819	555
Vesturland										
Fishing community	6	38	32	33	3	6	26	23	9	3
Service community	6	110	104	131	30	19	68	72	12	13
Agricultural areas	12	70	58	21	13	16	41	39	16	3
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	1	29	28	34	5	3	23	25	1	0
Service community	9	69	60	36	12	11	49	44	8	5
Agricultural areas	14	36	50	53	0	1	31	40	5	9
Austurland										
Fishing community	0	78	128	136	9	10	59	103	10	15
Service community	0	95	98	104	32	32	54	53	9	13
Agricultural areas	3	58	57	14	34	35	16	19	8	3
FEMALE:										
Total	877	11.772	10.895	14.968	4.696	4.696	4.461	4.461	2.615	1.738
Capital region	972	7.252	6.280	9.423	3.497	3.497	2.015	1.599	1.740	1.184
Other municipalities	-95	4.520	4.615	5.545	1.199	1.199	2.446	2.862	875	554
Vesturland										
Fishing community	-11	40	51	45	2	14	30	34	8	3
Service community	17	120	103	137	20	16	88	75	12	12
Agricultural areas	11	78	69	26	12	22	35	38	31	9
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	-12	20	32	34	3	6	16	26	1	0
Service community	-9	59	68	41	17	13	36	50	6	5
Agricultural areas	-14	53	67	46	1	4	40	49	12	14
Austurland										
Fishing community	0	74	149	111	7	12	49	117	18	20
Service community	0	91	109	102	32	26	52	70	7	13
Agricultural areas	6	50	48	24	32	22	17	26	1	0

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 61. Migration by sex and region 2001.

	Migration total			Within municipalities	Within region		Between regions		External migration	
	Net in-migr.	In-migration	Out-migration		In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration	In-migration	Out-migration
MEN:										
Total	489	11.707	11.218	15.400	4.901	4.901	4.371	4.371	2.435	1.946
Capital region	666	7.554	6.888	9.970	3.923	3.923	1.925	1.622	1.706	1.343
Other municipalities	-177	4.153	4.330	5.430	978	978	2.446	2.749	729	603
Vesturland										
Fishing community	18	62	44	29	3	8	46	35	13	1
Service community	23	98	75	123	15	10	70	57	13	8
Agricultural areas	-21	80	101	25	12	18	52	69	16	14
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	-2	25	27	28	7	2	17	22	1	3
Service community	-14	56	70	21	11	13	39	48	6	9
Agricultural areas	-15	50	65	47	8	5	36	55	6	5
Austurland										
Fishing community	-16	91	107	107	15	15	61	75	15	18
Service community	-7	68	75	90	29	12	29	46	10	17
Agricultural areas	-1	40	41	11	20	22	18	14	2	5
FEMALE:										
Total	335	10.716	9.733	7.338	3.142	2.926	3.837	3.099	2.414	1.926
Capital region	509	7.167	6.001	3.191	2.174	1.976	1.929	710	1.750	1.254
Other municipalities	-174	3.549	3.723	4.147	968	950	1.908	2.389	664	672
Vesturland										
Fishing community	-1	4	5	3	5	8	21	4	14	2
Service community	21	114	93	115	13	9	88	77	13	7
Agricultural areas	-8	98	97	16	11	17	61	49	17	22
Norðurland vestra										
Fishing community	3	25	22	31	7	4	17	14	1	4
Service community	-15	51	66	26	13	1	32	51	6	5
Agricultural areas	-6	75	81	6	4	7	53	6	18	14
Austurland										
Fishing community	-23	91	114	1	13	7	61	91	17	16
Service community	-5	69	74	19	25	14	32	44	12	16
Agricultural areas	-9	38	47	9	7	28	11	13	2	6

Source: Statistics Iceland

3.5. Regional policy and plan for Iceland 2002-2005

In its spring session the year 2002, Althing - the Parliament of Iceland, approved a parliamentary resolution on a strategic regional development policy and plan for the period 2002-2005. The parliamentary resolution is based on Article 7 in the Act on the Institute of Regional Development, which states that the Minister of Industry shall submit to the Althing a proposal for a parliamentary resolution regarding a strategic regional development plan for a period of four years. The Institute of Regional Development in Iceland shall supervise and monitor the implementation of the plan, which has the following main objectives:

- To alleviate the differences in living standards and economic opportunities between the inhabitants of different regions in the country and to generate for the people living in the peripheral regions as gainful living conditions as possible.
- To assist communities in the peripheral regions to adjust to rapid socio economic changes by strengthening the local authorities and supporting local economic development initiatives, education, reliable welfare services and the built-up of physical infrastructure.
- To improve living conditions in the peripheral regions by strengthening the largest communities that are most attractive for people to live in and have the greatest opportunities for the development of the local economy, schools, cultural activities and public services.
- To facilitate the development of local cultures, for the advancement of the Icelandic society and to create diverse options for the inhabitants with regard to lifestyle and residence. It entails e.g. to support the preservation of settlements with entrenched history and cultural historic values, as well as to respect the attachment of local residents to their small communities by enabling them to continue to live there.
- To support diversified industrial and economic structure, to alleviate differences in business conditions between regions and assist companies in the peripheral regions to make best use of their

business opportunities with due respect to objectives of sustainable development and responsible environmental policies.

It is proposed that the action taken to achieve the main objectives of the policy and plan will be achieved by pursuing the five following strategic objectives:

1. Growing and diversifying businesses
2. Strengthening communities
3. Enhanced knowledge base
4. Improved transportation
5. Emphasis on sustainable development

It is proposed that the 12 main strategic themes in the regional policy and plan for the period 2002-2005 will be the following:

- Developing new business and employment opportunities
- Competent local development work in all regions
- Well-organized financial support for local development
- Formulation of strategy in sectors where public policies limit production
- Strengthening local government
- Alleviating local and regional disparities in living conditions
- Reducing differences in local and regional business conditions
- Importance of culture
- Developing Akureyri as a growth centre for North and East Iceland
- Transport improvements
- Easy access to telecommunications and information technology
- Increased international co-operation

4. Labour market

In this chapter we answer the second main research questions: How has the labour market, in a gender perspective, changed in the study area during the last decade. To do that we focus on describing changes in the following variables: size and composition of the work force, industry structure and public services.

The principal source for labour force has for long time been information of working weeks derived from tax returns as well as the official registration of unemployment. These data, however, have many shortcomings, e.g. little possibility of analysis according to various socioeconomic groups, lack of important variables such as working hours and status in employment, and lack of international comparability. Statistics Iceland start its own labour force survey in 1991 based on international recommendations. The first survey was conducted in April 1991 and since then the survey has been conducted twice a year, in April and November.

4.1. Size and composition of the work force

To estimate size and composition of the work force and changes last decade we focus on describing changes in the following variables: unemployment rates, labour market participation, educational level, disabled “workers”, average hours of work per week and strike and lockouts.

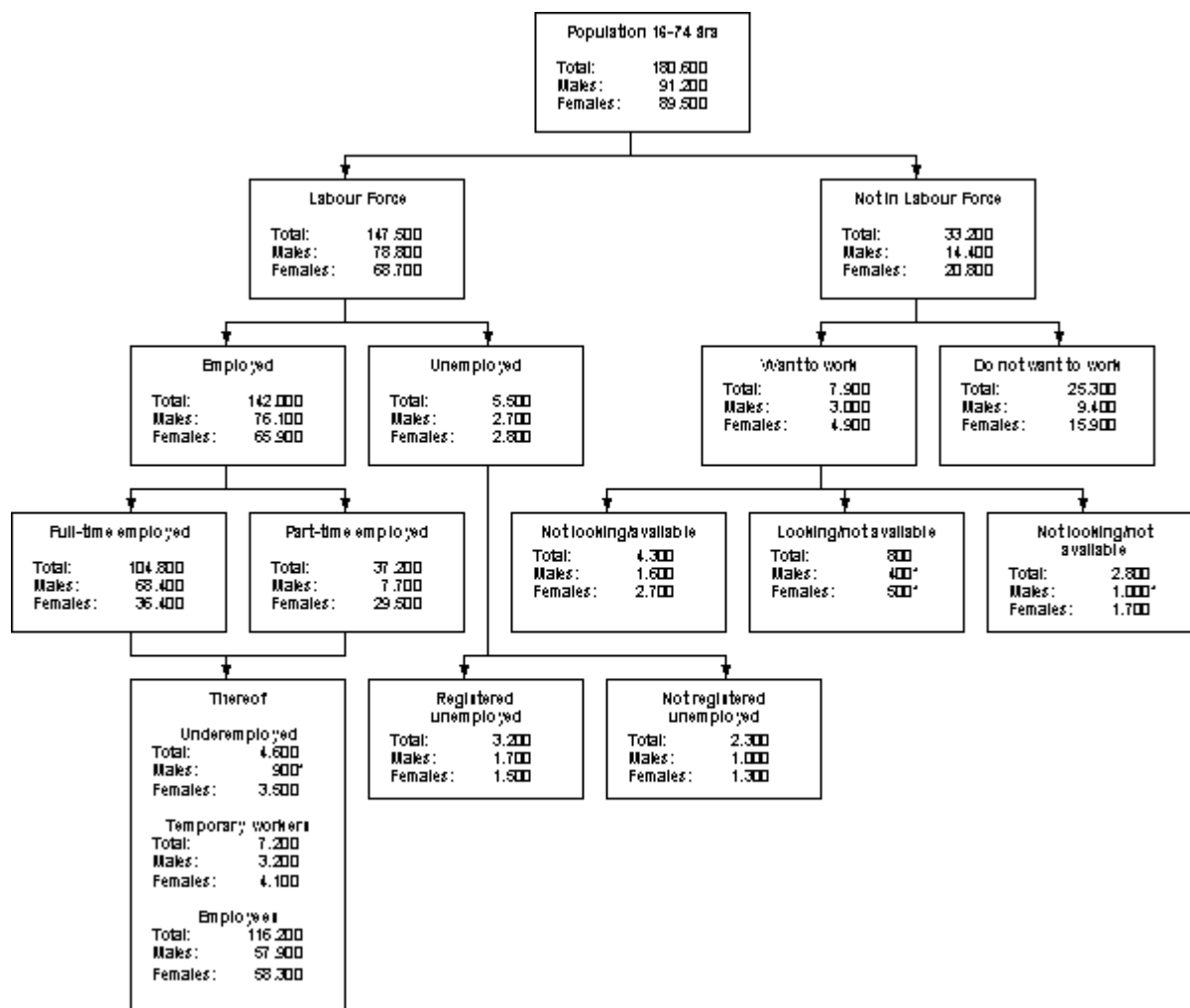


Figure 6. Labour market structure 1996.

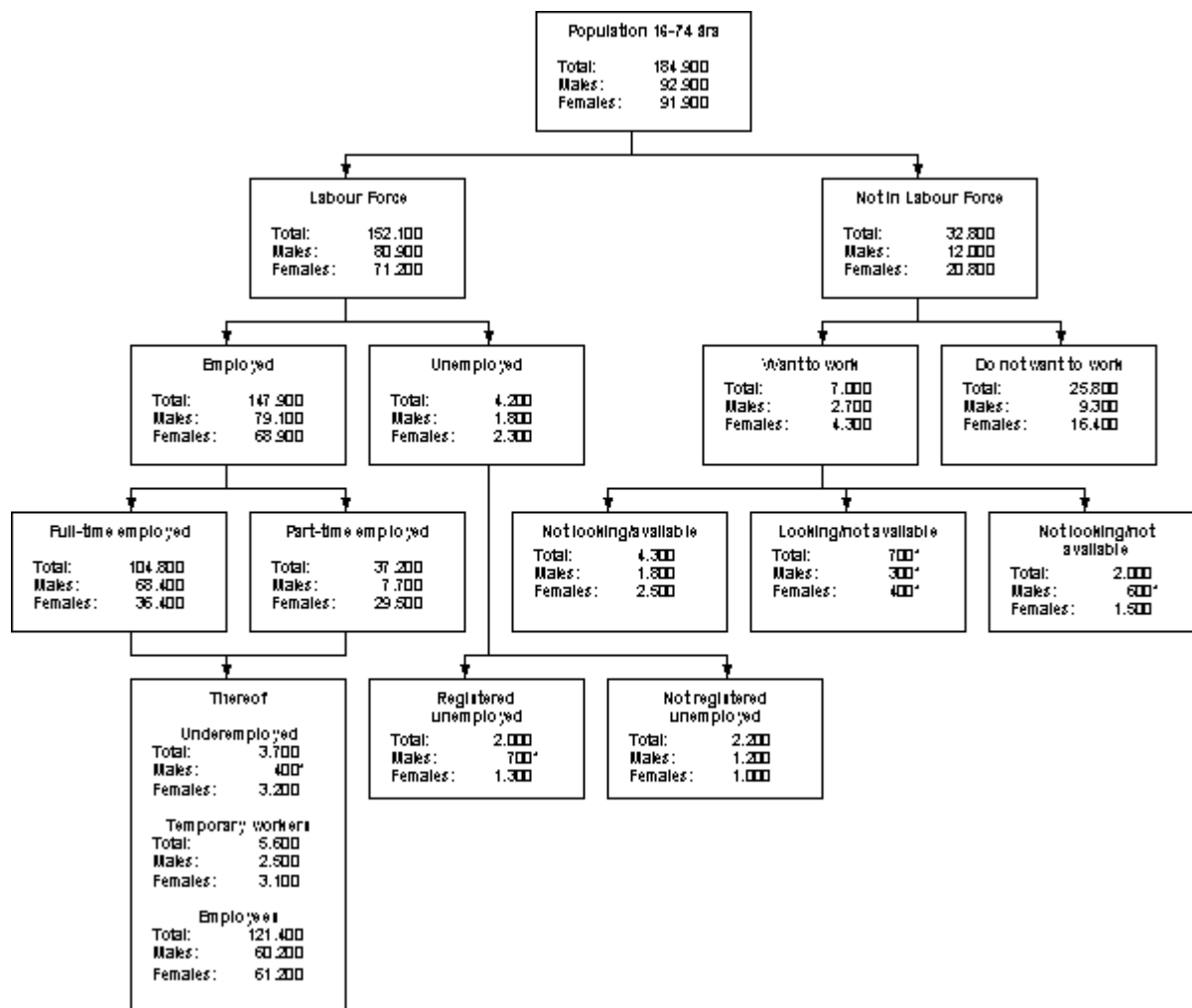


Figure 7. Labour market structure 1998.

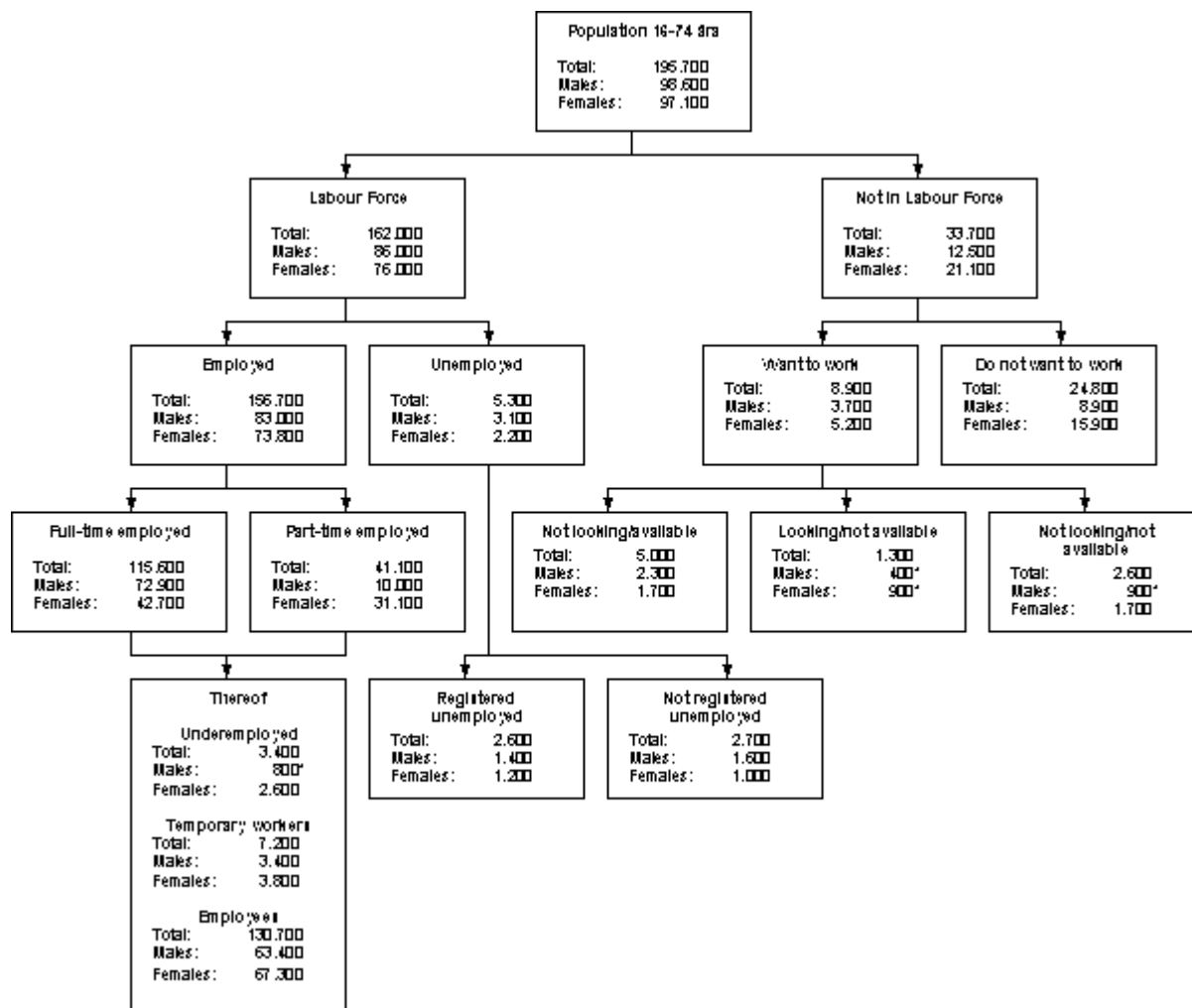


Figure 8. Labour market structure 2002.

Table 62. Population 16-74 years by labour force status, sex and age groups 1991-2001

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Males:											
Labour force total:											
Capital region	42.800	43.800	44.500	44.600	45.400	45.800	47.400	49.300	50.200	50.700	53.200
Other regions	33.500	33.400	32.600	32.800	34.000	33.000	31.700	31.600	33.200	34.400	33.600
Employed total:											
Capital region	41.700	42.100	42.000	42.200	43.100	44.000	45.600	47.900	49.400	49.700	52.200
Other regions	32.900	32.200	31.300	31.300	32.500	32.200	30.800	31.200	32.800	33.800	32.900
Unemployed total:											
Capital region	1.100	1.700	2.500	2.400	2.400	1.900	1.800	1.500	900	1.000	1.000
Other regions	600	1.200	1.300	1.600	1.500	800	900	400	400	600	800
Not in labour force total:											
Capital region	6.800	6.300	7.600	8.100	7.200	7.400	7.900	8.100	7.700	7.100	7.000
Other regions	4.200	4.500	5.100	4.800	3.900	5.000	4.900	3.900	3.900	4.600	4.600
KONUR:											
Labour force total:											
Capital region	37.400	38.300	40.400	41.500	43.600	42.500	42.100	43.500	46.100	47.100	48.400
Other regions	26.900	27.500	26.600	26.500	26.000	26.200	26.600	27.700	27.000	27.900	27.500
Employed total:											
Capital region	36.200	36.600	38.300	39.200	41.400	40.600	39.900	42.100	45.100	45.900	47.300
Other regions	26.200	26.100	25.000	25.000	24.800	25.300	25.700	26.800	26.100	26.900	26.700
Unemployed total:											
Capital region	1.200	1.700	2.100	2.300	2.200	1.900	2.100	1.500	1.000	1.100	1.100
Other regions	700	1.500	1.600	1.400	1.200	1.000	900	800	900	1.000	800
Not in labour force total:											
Capital region	13.000	13.100	12.500	12.700	12.500	12.900	13.800	13.400	12.200	12.400	12.900
Other regions	8.900	8.000	8.500	7.900	7.200	7.900	8.100	7.400	7.700	7.500	7.400

Source: Statistics Iceland

4.1.1. Unemployment rates

This chapter presents key facts on unemployment insurance following with tables and figures on unemployment rates, type of employment sought, reasons for leaving last job and length of job search.

Employees and self-employed persons resident in Iceland may be entitled to unemployment benefits when they are unemployed (non EU-citizens must have a permanent work permit). They must be registered at the unemployment office, be actively seeking work and available for the labour market.

Benefits are flat-rate per diem cash benefits. 10 weeks full time work during the last 12 months gives entitlement to minimum benefits and full time

work during the last 12 months gives entitlement to maximum benefits. Part time work reduces the benefits proportionally. In addition self-employed persons must have paid social security contribution during the last 12 months before ceasing employment and becoming unemployed to get full benefits. There is a daily supplement for children. Unemployment benefits shall be paid for every day, except Saturdays and Sundays, during each benefits period. As of January 2003, maximum unemployment benefits shall be ISK 3,574 per day. Minimum benefit shall be 1/4 of the same sum. All unemployed persons receive the same amount of benefits regardless of previous economic situation or former income.

Benefits are paid for a maximum of 5 years. When a person receiving unemployment benefits starts work the benefit period will be prolonged accordingly.

There is no waiting period when the unemployment is not caused by any fault of the employee, but in case of resignation from work or when the employment ceases due to a fault of the employee the waiting period is 40 workingdays for the first time. The benefit period will be reduced accordingly.

An unemployed person who meets the required conditions shall register with one of DL's offices (regional employment exchange offices) or another registration body, which has been approved by the Icelandic Directorate of Labour. Those who have not made an employment search schedule (see further details in a paragraph below) shall be obliged to register each week.

Mandatory employment search schedule: By agreement with each individual person seeking employment, DL's regional employment exchange office shall draw up an employment search schedule within ten weeks of the person's registration. The employment search schedule shall contain the ideas of the person seeking employment and the representatives of the employment exchange office regarding the person's employment potential and what offers and assistance the employment exchange is able to give. After the search schedule has been drawn up the unemployed can in some cases be permitted to register on a two or even four weeks interval (instead of every week).

Special provisions for fish processing employers/workers: The Unemployment Insurance Fund pays the amount of regular unemployment benefits to employers in the fish processing industry to cover basic salaries

of each worker who goes temporarily out of work due to a temporary processing shutdown caused by a lack of raw materials or other related circumstances. The UIF also pays the employer the equivalent of the employer's regular contribution to the workers' pension funds as well as the compulsory insurance levy that is payable to the UIF (mentioned in a previous section). It should be noted that the above is only applicable if the employer in question has a temporary shut-down for more than two days during a calendar year. Each employer can also only receive such payments for maximum 30 consecutive days and for maximum 60 days per calendar year.

Those who do not qualify for unemployment benefits: The following individuals do not qualify for unemployment benefits:

- Those who participate in a strike, or who are affected by a lock-out.
- Those who receive per diem accident or sick-leave payments under the Social Security Act.
- Those who are deprived of their liberty by judgement of a court.
- Those who have resigned their positions without valid reasons or lost jobs for reasons for which they are responsible.
- Those who discontinue their studies before the end of the study term.
- Those who engage in work in their own service which gives them income or the equivalent of income corresponding at least to the maximum amount of unemployment benefit at any given time.
- Those who have attempted to obtain benefit by fraud.

The Unemployment Insurance is financed by a social security contribution imposed on all remuneration paid for dependent personal services and presumptive employment income of the self-employed.

Table 63. Rate of unemployment by sex, residence and age groups 1991-2001

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	2,5%	4,3%	5,3%	5,3%	4,9%	3,7%	3,9%	2,7%	2,0%	2,3%	2,3%
16 – 24 years	4,9%	9,9%	4,0%	11,5%	11,0%	8,4%	7,7%	6,0%	4,4%	4,7%	4,8%
25 – 34 years	3,1%	4,8%	5,9%	5,3%	3,9%	2,9%	3,4%	3,1%	2,0%	2,1%	1,9%
35 – 44 years	2,1%	2,2%	3,1%	3,5%	3,6%	3,1%	3,4%	1,7%	1,0%	1,6%	1,4%
45 – 54 years	1,0%	2,2%	3,7%	3,4%	3,4%	1,6%	2,1%	1,5%	1,2%	1,5%	1,8%
55 – 64 years	2,1%	2,8%	4,4%	3,8%	4,1%	3,8%	3,1%	1,6%	1,4%	1,7%	2,0%
65 – 74 years	0,3%	3,7%	4,6%	4,4%	2,3%	3,3%	5,0%	3,0%	3,8%	2,9%	0,7%
Capital region	2,9%	4,2%	5,4%	5,5%	5,2%	4,2%	4,4%	3,2%	2,0%	2,2%	2,1%
16 – 24 years	5,5%	9,0%	9,6%	11,5%	11,3%	8,9%	7,7%	5,7%	4,1%	4,0%	4,0%
25 – 34 years	3,2%	5,0%	6,8%	6,0%	4,6%	3,4%	4,6%	3,8%	1,9%	2,3%	2,2%
35 – 44 years	2,1%	2,2%	3,0%	3,8%	4,0%	4,1%	4,1%	2,1%	1,0%	1,4%	1,3%
45 – 54 years	1,5%	2,2%	4,1%	3,4%	3,4%	2,0%	2,4%	1,8%	1,0%	1,5%	1,9%
55 – 64 years	2,9%	3,3%	4,1%	3,6%	4,2%	2,6%	2,1%	2,2%	1,5%	1,7%	1,4%
65 – 74 years	0,0%	4,0%	5,6%	4,9%	2,8%	4,4%	6,2%	3,3%	4,1%	1,4%	0,0%
Other regions	2,1%	4,4%	5,0%	5,1%	4,4%	3,0%	3,1%	2,1%	2,1%	2,5%	2,6%
16 – 24 years	3,9%	11,0%	10,4%	11,5%	10,7%	7,6%	7,7%	6,5%	4,9%	5,9%	6,2%
25 – 34 years	3,0%	4,6%	4,6%	4,4%	2,9%	1,9%	1,2%	1,6%	2,1%	1,6%	1,4%
35 – 44 years	2,2%	2,3%	3,2%	3,2%	3,2%	1,7%	2,6%	1,1%	1,0%	1,8%	1,6%
45 – 54 years	0,2%	2,1%	3,1%	3,4%	3,5%	1,1%	1,6%	1,0%	1,4%	1,6%	1,7%
55 – 64 years	1,1%	2,0%	4,7%	4,1%	3,9%	5,6%	4,7%	0,8%	1,1%	1,7%	2,8%
65 – 74 years	0,7%	3,3%	3,0%	3,7%	1,6%	1,6%	2,9%	2,6%	3,4%	5,1%	1,7%
MALES:	2,3%	3,8%	5,0%	5,1%	4,8%	3,4%	3,3%	2,3%	1,5%	1,8%	2,0%
16 – 24 years	5,8%	8,9%	10,2%	13,0%	13,1%	9,2%	8,3%	6,4%	4,4%	5,7%	5,4%
25 – 34 years	3,1%	4,5%	6,1%	4,6%	2,6%	2,1%	3,2%	2,0%	0,7%	1,0%	1,6%
35 – 44 years	1,3%	1,5%	2,5%	2,7%	3,1%	2,8%	2,1%	0,9%	0,4%	0,7%	1,3%
45 – 54 years	0,6%	1,7%	3,0%	2,9%	3,8%	1,1%	1,5%	1,1%	1,1%	1,5%	1,1%
55 – 64 years	1,0%	2,6%	4,3%	3,8%	4,1%	3,3%	2,8%	1,8%	0,9%	0,5%	2,0%
65 – 74 years	0,0%	4,4%	4,1%	6,6%	2,6%	3,2%	3,7%	2,5%	2,9%	1,1%	0,0%
FEMALES:	2,9%	4,9%	5,6%	5,5%	4,9%	4,1%	4,5%	3,3%	2,6%	2,9%	2,5%
16 – 24 years	3,9%	10,9%	9,7%	10,1%	8,6%	7,6%	7,1%	5,6%	4,4%	3,6%	4,3%
25 – 34 years	3,0%	5,3%	5,8%	6,2%	5,5%	3,7%	3,6%	4,3%	3,5%	3,2%	2,3%
35 – 44 years	3,1%	3,0%	3,8%	4,5%	4,3%	3,5%	5,0%	2,6%	1,7%	2,5%	1,6%
45 – 54 years	1,4%	2,7%	4,6%	3,9%	2,9%	2,2%	2,7%	1,9%	1,2%	1,5%	2,6%
55 – 64 years	3,4%	3,0%	4,4%	3,8%	4,0%	4,4%	3,5%	1,4%	1,9%	3,2%	1,9%
65 – 74 years	0,7%	2,6%	5,2%	1,6%	1,8%	3,4%	7,0%	4,0%	5,3%	6,3%	2,1%

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 64. Registered unemployment by region and sex 1991-2001.

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
MALES:											
Total	1,3%	2,6%	3,7%	3,9%	4,1%	3,3%	2,6%	1,8%	1,2%	0,9%	1,0%
Capital region	1,0%	2,5%	3,7%	4,0%	4,5%	4,0%	3,1%	2,1%	1,5%	1,0%	1,1%
Other regions	1,7%	2,8%	3,6%	3,8%	3,6%	2,4%	1,9%	1,4%	0,9%	0,7%	1,0%
Vesturland	1,2%	2,2%	3,0%	3,8%	3,1%	2,6%	1,6%	1,0%	0,6%	0,4%	0,5%
Fishing community				2,0%	0,7%	0,7%	1,7%	1,2%	0,4%	0,3%	0,6%
Service community				4,0%	3,3%	1,9%	1,0%	0,8%	0,2%	0,1%	0,2%
Agricultural areas				1,6%	0,8%	2,1%	1,4%	1,2%	0,5%	0,2%	0,5%
Norðurland vestra	2,7%	3,8%	4,0%	4,0%	3,9%	2,5%	2,8%	2,6%	1,7%	1,2%	1,2%
Fishing community				5,6%	6,2%	5,0%	4,6%	4,2%	3,4%	2,3%	2,0%
Service community				6,0%	4,4%	2,3%	3,9%	2,8%	1,8%	1,0%	1,8%
Agricultural areas				1,8%	1,8%	0,9%	0,7%	0,9%	1,2%	0,7%	0,3%
Austurland	2,1%	3,0%	4,3%	3,7%	3,8%	2,6%	1,6%	1,4%	1,2%	0,9%	1,1%
Fishing community				2,5%	2,4%	0,9%	0,6%	0,6%	0,8%	1,1%	1,1%
Service community				7,4%	8,8%	5,1%	2,9%	2,6%	2,3%	1,5%	1,3%
Agricultural areas				0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,3%	0,5%	0,0%	0,5%
FEMALE:											
Total	1,8%	3,6%	5,4%	6,1%	6,2%	5,8%	5,5%	4,0%	2,7%	1,9%	1,9%
Capital region	1,0%	2,9%	5,1%	5,8%	6,0%	6,1%	5,8%	4,1%	2,8%	1,9%	1,7%
Other region	3,0%	4,8%	5,8%	6,6%	6,5%	5,4%	5,2%	3,8%	2,5%	1,9%	2,3%
Vesturland	3,0%	4,3%	5,2%	6,4%	4,9%	5,3%	4,2%	2,4%	1,3%	1,3%	1,6%
Fishing community				3,3%	0,7%	1,0%	0,7%	0,9%	0,7%	1,1%	2,2%
Service community				3,1%	2,6%	3,8%	3,0%	2,0%	1,0%	0,3%	0,9%
Agricultural areas				4,6%	1,8%	4,6%	1,7%	1,4%	1,1%	1,1%	2,7%
Norðurland vestra	3,6%	4,4%	5,6%	7,2%	8,5%	6,9%	7,7%	6,8%	3,9%	2,3%	2,2%
Fishing community				10,4%	12,3%	10,0%	5,5%	3,8%	2,2%	2,8%	2,2%
Service community				8,4%	6,6%	4,9%	4,1%	3,2%	1,8%	1,2%	1,1%
Agricultural areas				0,7%	0,5%	0,7%	0,2%	0,8%	1,5%	1,3%	1,5%
Austurland	3,5%	4,2%	4,9%	5,6%	6,2%	4,9%	3,9%	3,2%	2,0%	1,7%	2,7%
Fishing community				5,3%	2,5%	1,9%	1,6%	1,4%	1,2%	1,7%	2,6%
Service community				11,2%	9,7%	8,9%	7,3%	5,6%	2,3%	1,4%	1,3%
Agricultural areas				0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,7%	1,5%	0,0%	0,5%

Sources: Directorate of Labour

Table 65. Unemployed persons by type of employment sought 1991-2001

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	3.600	6.200	7.600	7.700	7.200	5.500	5.700	4.200	3.100	3.700	3.700
Self-employment	100*	100*	200*	200*	200*	300*	0*	100*	100*	0*	100*
Full-time paid employment	1.700	3.200	4.300	4.700	4.200	3.300	3.200	2.100	1.700	1.900	2.300
Part-time paid employment	1.300	1.800	1.700	2.100	2.000	1.400	1.800	1.600	1.100	1.400	1.000
Not specified	500*	1.100	1.400	700*	800*	400*	600*	300*	300*	300*	300*
Capital region	2.300	3.500	4.600	4.700	4.600	3.700	3.900	2.900	1.900	2.100	2.100
Self-employment	100*	100*	100*	100*	200*	100*	-	0*	100*	-	100*
Full-time paid employment	1.100	1.900	2.700	3.100	2.800	2.400	2.200	1.600	1.100	1.200	1.500
Part-time paid employment	900*	1.100	1.100	1.200	1.300	1.000	1.300	1.100	600*	900*	600*
Not specified	300*	400*	700*	400*	400*	200*	400*	200*	100*	100*	0*
Other regions	1.300	2.700	3.000	3.000	2.600	1.800	1.800	1.200	1.300	1.600	1.600
Self-employment	-	0*	0*	100*	0*	200*	0*	100*	-	0*	0*
Full-time paid employment	700*	1.300	1.600	1.600	1.400	900*	1.000	500*	600*	700*	900*
Part-time paid employment	400*	600*	600*	1.000	700*	400*	600*	500*	500*	500*	500*
Not specified	200*	700*	700*	400*	400*	200*	200*	100*	100*	300*	200*
MALES:	1.700	2.900	3.800	4.000	3.800	2.700	2.600	1.800	1.200	1.500	1.800
Self-employment	100*	100*	100*	100*	100*	200*	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*
Full-time paid employment	1.200	2.000	2.900	3.000	2.800	2.100	1.90	1.200	800*	1.100	1.400
Part-time paid employment	200*	300*	200*	600*	500*	300*	600*	500*	300*	300*	300*
Not specified	200*	500*	600*	300*	400*	100*	100*	100*	100*	100*	100*
FEMALES:	1.900	3.200	3.800	3.800	3.400	2.800	3.100	2.300	1.900	2.200	1.900
Self-employment	-	0*	100*	100*	0*	100*	-	100*	0*	0*	100*
Full-time paid employment	500*	1.200	1.400	1.700	1.400	1.200	1.300	900*	900*	800	1.000
Part-time paid employment	1.100	1.500	1.500	1.600	1.500	1.100	1.200	1.100	800*	1.100	700*
Not specified	300*	600*	800*	400*	500*	300*	500*	200*	200*	200*	200*

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 66. Underemployed persons by age groups, regions and educations levels 199-2001.

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	2.100	4.400	4.700	5.200	6.200	4.600	4.000	3.700	3.200	3.200	3.400
16 – 24 years	200*	800*	800*	800*	1.000	700*	700*	500*	600*	400*	500*
25 – 54 years	1.300	2.300	3.000	3.500	4.100	3.200	2.500	2.400	1.800	2.200	2.200
55 – 74 years	600*	1.000	800*	900*	1.100	800*	800*	700*	800*	600*	800*
Capital region	800*	2.100	2.400	2.600	3.200	2.200	2.200	1.500	1.300	1.300	1.200
Other region	1.300	2.000	2.300	2.500	3.000	2.400	1.900	2.200	1.900	2.200	2.000
ISCED 1,	1.300	2.400	2.600	3.000	3.000	2.200	2.400	2.200	2.000	1.900	2.200
ISCED 3, 5	500*	1.400	1.900	1.900	2.600	2.100	1.400	1.200	1.000	900*	1.200
ISCED 6, 7	200*	200*	200*	300*	600*	300*	200*	200*	300*	300*	100*
MALES:	300*	1.000	1.100	1.000	1.300	900*	700*	400*	400*	800*	800*
16 – 24 years	0*	300*	300*	200*	300*	200*	200*	100*	200*	100*	200*
25 – 54 years	200*	600*	600*	600*	700*	600*	300*	200*	200*	600*	500*
55 – 74 years	0*	100*	200*	200*	200*	100*	200*	100*	100*	100*	200*
Capital region	100*	700*	600*	600*	700*	400*	400*	200*	300*	300*	300*
Other region	200	300*	400*	40*	600*	500*	200*	200*	200*	400*	500*
ISCED 1,	100*	400*	500*	400*	400*	200*	400*	200*	200*	400*	500*
ISCED 3, 5	100*	500*	500*	500*	700*	600*	200*	200*	100*	300*	300*
ISCED 6, 7	100*	100*	100*	100*	200*	100*	0*	100*	100*	100*	0*
FEMALES:	1.800	3.000	3.600	4.200	4.900	3.700	3.400	3.200	2.800	2.400	2.700
16 – 24 years	100*	500*	600*	600*	700*	500*	600*	400*	400*	300*	300*
25 – 54 years	1.100	1.800	2.400	2.900	3.400	2.600	2.200	2.200	1.600	1.600	1.700
55 – 74 years	600*	800*	700*	700*	800*	600*	500*	600*	700*	500*	600*
Capital region	600*	1.400	1.700	2.000	2.600	1.700	1.700	1.300	1.000	1.000	900
Other region	1.100	1.700	1.900	2.200	2.300	2.000	1.600	1.900	1.700	1.500	1.700
ISCED 1,	1.200	2.000	2.200	2.600	2.600	2.000	1.900	2.000	1.700	1.500	1.700
ISCED 3, 5	500*	900*	1.400	1.400	1.900	1.500	1.200	1.00	800*	700*	900*
ISCED 6, 7	100*	100*	100*	200*	400*	200*	200*	200*	200*	200*	100*

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 67. Underemployment rates by age group, regions and education levels 1991-2001.

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	1,5	3,0	3,4	3,7	4,4	3,2	2,8	2,5	2,1	2,0	2,2
16 – 24 years	0,7*	3,6*	4,0*	3,7*	4,7	3,1*	3,4*	2,0*	2,3*	1,3*	1,7*
25 – 54 years	1,4	2,6	3,3	3,8	4,3	3,3	2,6	2,5	1,8	2,1	2,1
55 – 74 years	2,5*	3,8	3,4*	3,6*	4,4	3,2*	3,3*	2,9*	3,3*	2,6*	3,1*
Capital region	1,0*	2,6	3,0	3,2	3,8	2,6	2,6	1,7	1,4	1,3	1,2
Other region	2,2	3,4	4,1	4,5	5,2	4,2	3,3	3,7	3,2	3,2	3,8
ISCED 1,	2,3	4,2	4,6	5,4	5,5	5,2	4,0	3,5	3,0	2,8	3,2
ISCED 3, 5	0,8*	2,2	2,9	2,8	3,8	2,6	2,3	1,9	1,5	1,5*	1,8
ISCED 6, 7	1,4*	1,5*	1,3*	2,0*	3,2*	1,5*	1,2*	1,2*	1,2*	1,3*	0,4*
MALES:	0,4*	1,3	1,4	1,3	1,7	1,2*	0,9*	0,6*	0,5*	0,9*	0,9*
16 – 24 years	0,4*	2,6*	2,4*	1,8*	2,9*	1,5*	1,4*	0,8*	1,1*	0,7*	1,2*
25 – 54 years	0,4*	1,1*	1,3*	1,3*	1,4*	1,1*	0,5*	0,4*	0,3*	1,0*	0,8*
55 – 74 years	0,3*	1,0*	1,2*	1,2*	1,8*	1,1*	1,8*	1,0*	0,8*	0,7*	1,1*
Capital region	0,3*	1,7*	1,5*	1,4*	1,5*	1,0*	1,0*	0,5*	0,5*	0,6*	0,5*
Other region	0,5*	0,9*	1,3*	1,2*	1,9*	1,4*	0,7*	0,7*	0,5*	1,3*	1,6*
ISCED 1,	0,6*	1,6*	1,8*	1,7*	1,6*	1,4*	1,6*	0,8*	0,8*	1,3*	1,6*
ISCED 3, 5	0,2*	1,2*	1,4*	1,2*	1,8*	1,2*	0,5*	0,4*	0,3*	0,7*	0,7*
ISCED 6, 7	0,8*	1,4*	0,7*	1,2*	1,6*	0,9*	0,3*	0,5*	0,6*	0,6*	0,2*
FEMALES:	2,8	4,9	5,8	6,5	7,4	5,6	5,1	4,7	3,9	3,3	3,6
16 – 24 years	1,0*	4,6*	5,6*	5,6*	6,5*	4,8*	5,3	3,2*	3,4*	1,9*	2,1*
25 – 54 years	2,6	4,3	5,7	6,8	7,5	5,8	5,1	4,9	3,4	3,3	3,5
55 – 74 years	5,3*	7,4*	6,1*	6,4*	7,5*	5,7*	5,0*	5,4*	6,6*	5,2*	5,7*
Capital region	1,8*	3,7	4,6	5,1	6,2	4,2	4,4	3,0	2,3	2,1	2,0*
Other region	4,3	6,5	7,6	8,6	9,4	7,8	6,3	7,2	6,7	5,5	6,4
ISCED 1,	3,6	6,2	6,9	8,3	8,6	7,0	6,2	5,7	4,9	4,2	4,8
ISCED 3, 5	1,8*	3,8*	5,3	5,3	6,7	5,2	4,7	4,1	3,3*	2,6*	3,3*
ISCED 6, 7	2,4*	1,6*	2,2*	3,1*	5,0*	2,3*	2,5*	2,1*	2,0	2,3	0,7

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 68. Unemployed persons by regions and reasons for leaving last job 1991-2001

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	3.600	6.200	7.600	7.700	7.200	5.500	5.700	4.200	3.100	3.700	3.700
New in labour force ¹	700*	1.200	1.300	1.900	1.800	1.300	1.300	1.300	700*	900*	600*
Dismissed	800*	1.700	2.400	2.100	1.300	1.100	1.200	400*	500*	300*	700*
Temporary job	500*	900*	1.600	1.200	1.600	1.400	1.200	900*	600*	500*	600*
Personal reasons or training	600*	800*	600*	600*	500*	400*	500*	400*	500*	800*	500*
Retirement or illness	200*	500*	300*	400*	300*	200*	200*	300*	300*	500*	300*
Other	700*	1.000	1.400	1.600	1.600	1.200	1.400	900*	600*	700*	1.000
Capital region	2.300	3.500	4.60	4.700	4.600	3.700	3.900	2.900	1.900	2.100	2.100
New in labour force	400*	700*	700*	1.000	1.200	900*	900*	1.000	400*	500*	400*
Dismissed	500*	1.100	1.700	1.500	900*	700*	800*	300*	300*	200*	400*
Temporary job	200*	300*	900*	700*	1.000	800*	800*	500*	300*	300*	300*
Personal reasons or training	400*	400*	300*	400*	400*	300*	300*	300*	300*	300*	300*
Retirement or illness	200*	300*	300*	300*	200*	100*	200*	300*	200*	200*	100*
Other	600*	700*	700*	800*	1.000	900*	1.000	500*	400*	500*	700*
Other regions	1.300	2.700	3.000	3.000	2.600	1.800	1.800	1.200	1.300	1.600	1.600
New in labour force	300*	500*	500*	900*	600*	400*	400*	300*	300*	400*	200*
Dismissed	300*	700*	700*	600*	500*	500*	400*	100*	200*	100*	300*
Temporary job	300*	600*	800*	500*	600*	500*	500*	300*	300*	200*	400*
Personal reasons or training	100*	500*	300*	200*	100*	100*	200*	100*	200*	400*	200*
Retirement or illness	0*	100*	0*	100*	200*	100*	0*	0*	100*	200*	200*
Other	200*	300*	700*	800*	700*	200*	400*	400*	200*	200*	300*
MALES:	1.700	2.900	3.800	4.000	3.800	2.700	2.600	1.800	1.200	1.500	1.800
New in labour force	100*	300*	500*	700*	700*	600*	500*	500*	200*	500*	300*
Dismissed	400*	1.200	1.400	1.200	800*	600*	700*	300*	200*	100*	500*
Temporary job	300*	500*	900*	500*	900*	600*	500*	300*	200*	200*	300*
Personal reasons or training	300*	200*	100*	100*	200*	100*	200*	200*	200*	300*	300*
Retirement or illness	100*	200*	100*	300*	200*	0*	0*	100*	100*	200*	100*
Other	500*	500*	800*	1.200	1.000	700*	700*	500*	300*	200*	400*
FEMALES:	1.900	3.200	3.800	3.800	3.400	2.800	3.100	2.300	1.900	2.200	1.900
New in labour force	600*	900*	800*	1.200	1.100	700*	700*	800*	500*	500*	300*
Dismissed	400*	600*	1.000	900*	500*	500*	500*	100*	300*	200*	200*
Temporary job	200*	400*	800*	700*	700*	700*	700*	600*	300*	400*	400*
Personal reasons or training	300*	600*	500*	500*	300*	300*	300*	200*	300*	500*	200*
Retirement or illness	100*	300*	200*	100*	200*	100*	200*	200*	200*	200*	200*
Other	300*	500*	500*	400*	700*	400*	700*	500*	400*	400*	600*

Source: Statistics Iceland

¹ Including those who last had a job more than 3 years ago.

Table 69. Unemployed persons by regions and type of employment sought 1991-2001

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	3.600	6.200	7.600	7.700	7.200	5.500	5.700	4.200	3.100	3.700	3.700
Self-employment	100*	100*	200*	200*	200*	300*	0*	100*	100*	0*	100*
Full-time paid employment	1.700	3.200	4.300	4.700	4.200	3.300	3.200	2.100	1.70	1.900	2.300
Part-time paid employment	1.300	1.800	1.700	2.100	2.000	1.400	1.800	1.600	1.100	1.400	1.000
Not specified	500*	1.100	1.400	700*	800*	400*	600*	300*	300*	300*	300*
Capital region	2.300	3.500	4.600	4.700	4.600	3.700	3.900	2.900	1.900	2.100	2.100
Self-employment	100*	100*	100*	100*	200*	100*	-	0*	100*	-	100*
Full-time paid employment	1.000	1.900	2.700	3.100	2.800	2.400	2.200	1.600	1.100	1.200	1.500
Part-time paid employment	900*	1.100	1.100	1.200	1.300	1.000	1.300	1.100	600*	900*	600*
Not specified	300*	400*	700*	400*	400*	200*	400*	200*	100*	100*	0*
Other regions	1.300	2.700	3.000	3.000	2.600	1.800	1.800	1.200	1.300	1.600	1.600
Self-employment	-	0*	0*	100*	0*	200*	0*	100*	-	0*	0*
Full-time paid employment	700*	1.300	1.600	1.600	1.400	900*	1.000	500*	600*	700*	900*
Part-time paid employment	400*	600*	600*	1.000	700*	400*	600*	500*	500*	500*	500*
Not specified	200*	700*	700*	400*	400*	200*	200*	100*	100*	300*	200*
MALES:	1.700	2.900	3.800	4.000	3.800	2.700	2.600	1.800	1.200	1.500	1.800
Self-employment	100*	100*	100*	100*	100*	200*	0*	0*	0*	-	0*
Full-time paid employment	1.200	2.000	2.900	3.000	2.800	2.100	1.900	1.200	800*	1.100	1.400
Part-time paid employment	200*	300*	200*	600*	500*	300*	600*	500*	300*	300*	300*
Not specified	200*	500*	600*	300*	400*	100*	100*	100*	100*	100*	100*
FEMALES:	1.900	3.200	3.800	3.800	3.400	2.800	3.100	2.300	1.900	2.200	1.900
Self-employment	-	0*	100*	100*	0*	100*	-	100*	0*	0*	100*
Full-time paid employment	500*	1.200	1.400	1.700	1.400	1.200	1.300	900*	900*	800*	1.000
Part-time paid employment	1.100	1.500	1.500	1.600	1.500	1.100	1.200	1.100	800*	1.100	700*
Not specified	300*	600*	800*	400*	500*	300*	500*	200*	200*	200*	200*

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 70. Unemployed persons by regions and length of job search 1991-2001.

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	3.600	6.200	7.600	7.700	7.200	5.500	5.700	4.200	3.100	3.700	3.700
Less than 1 month	1.200	1.800	1.200	1.900	1.500	1.300	1.800	1.200	1.400	1.500	1.200
1-5 months	1.800	3.100	3.800	3.400	3.400	2.500	2.200	1.700	1.100	1.400	1.700
6 months or more employment	500*	900*	1.700	2.200	1.900	1.400	1.400	1.000	500*	700*	600*
Discouraged	-	200*	700*	300*	300*	200*	300*	200*	100*	100*	100*
Not specified	100*	100*	200*	0*	100*	-	-	0*	0*	0*	100*
Capital region	2.300	3.500	4.600	4.700	4.600	3.700	3.900	2.900	1.900	2.100	3.600
Less than 1 month	800*	800*	600*	900*	800*	1.000	1.100	800*	900*	1.000	700*
1-5 months	1.100	1.900	2.500	2.200	2.300	1.700	1.600	1.300	500*	800*	1.100
6 months or more employment	300*	600*	1.100	1.500	1.300	1.000	1.00	700*	300*	400*	300*
Discouraged	-	100*	200*	100*	100*	100*	200*	200*	100*	-	-
Not specified	100*	100*	0*	0*	100*	-	-	-	0*	-	0*
Other regions	1.300	2.700	3.000	3.000	2.600	1.800	1.800	1.200	1.300	1.600	1.600
Less than 1 month	400*	1.000	500*	1.000	700*	400*	700*	400*	500*	600*	600*
1-5 months	700*	1.200	1.300	1.100	1.100	800*	500*	400*	500*	600*	600*
6 months or more employment	200*	200*	600*	700*	600*	500*	400*	300*	200*	300*	300*
Discouraged	-	200*	400*	200*	200*	200*	100*	100*	100*	100*	100*
Not specified	-	0*	100*	-	-	-	-	0*	-	0*	0*
MALES:	1.700	2.900	3.800	4.000	3.800	2.700	2.600	1.800	1.200	1.500	1.800
Less than 1 month	800*	900*	800*	1.000	800*	700*	1.000	600*	700*	700*	700*
1-5 months	800*	1.500	2.100	1.900	2.000	1.200	1.000	800*	400*	600*	800*
6 months or more employment	100*	300*	500*	1.000	900*	800*	600*	400*	100*	200*	300*
Discouraged	-	0*	200*	0*	100*	0*	100*	100*	0*	100*	-
Not specified	0*	100*	200*	0*	0*	-	-	0*	0	0*	100*
FEMALES:	1.900	3.200	3.800	3.800	3.400	2.800	3.100	2.300	1.900	2.200	1.900
Less than 1 month	500*	900*	400*	900*	700*	600*	900*	700*	700*	800*	500*
1-5 months	1.000	1.600	1.700	1.500	1.400	1.300	1.200	900*	700*	800*	900*
6 months or more employment	400*	500*	1.200	1.200	1.000	700*	800*	600*	400*	500*	300*
Discouraged	-	200*	400*	200*	300*	200*	200*	100*	100*	100*	100*
Not specified	0*	0*	0*	-	100*	-	-	-	0*	-	-

Source: Statistics Iceland

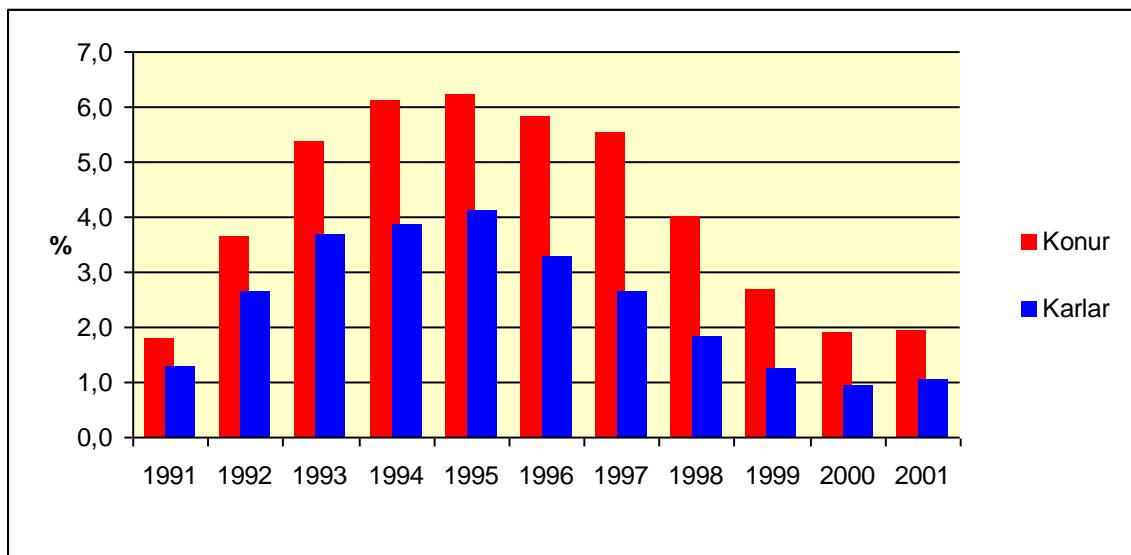


Figure 9. Registered unemployment by sex 1991-2001

4.1.2. Labour market participation

This chapter presents tables on labour market participation and reasons why employed persons are looking for another job.

Table 71. Labour force by sex, regions and age groups 1991-2001

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	140.500	143.000	144.200	145.400	149.000	147.500	147.800	152.100	156.500	160.100	162.700
16 – 24 years	24.000	24.000	23.200	23.400	24.600	23.800	24.200	26.600	27.800	29.400	28.800
25 – 34 years	35.100	35.800	36.600	36.200	35.900	34.500	33.000	32.700	34.300	34.800	35.100
35 – 44 years	33.200	33.800	34.700	35.300	36.600	36.300	36.600	37.000	38.100	38.600	39.300
45 – 54 years	22.800	23.700	24.300	25.400	26.700	28.000	29.300	30.200	31.200	32.100	33.000
55 – 64 years	17.900	17.600	17.800	17.800	17.800	17.400	17.400	18.200	18.300	18.700	19.900
65 – 74 years	7.600	8.100	7.600	7.300	7.500	7.500	7.300	7.400	6.900	6.400	6.600
Capital region	80.200	82.100	84.900	86.100	89.100	88.400	89.400	92.900	96.300	97.800	101.600
16 – 24 years	14.200	13.100	12.400	13.200	14.500	14.900	15.500	17.000	18.000	18.600	18.100
25 – 34 years	19.900	20.600	22.300	21.800	21.700	21.200	20.900	21.400	22.000	22.200	23.300
35 – 44 years	18.400	19.300	20.000	21.000	22.000	21.300	21.100	21.600	22.900	23.300	24.600
45 – 54 years	12.800	14.300	15.100	15.600	16.000	16.000	17.000	18.100	18.600	19.000	19.800
55 – 64 years	10.100	9.900	10.600	10.500	10.400	10.400	10.400	10.600	10.900	10.800	11.900
65 – 74 years	4.800	4.900	4.500	3.900	4.400	4.500	4.600	4.200	3.800	3.800	3.900
Other regions	60.300	60.900	59.300	59.300	60.000	59.200	58.300	59.200	60.200	62.300	61.100
16 – 24 years	9.700	10.900	10.700	10.100	10.100	8.900	8.700	9.600	9.800	10.800	10.700
25 – 34 years	15.200	15.200	14.300	14.400	14.200	13.400	12.000	11.300	12.200	12.700	11.800
35 – 44 years	14.800	14.500	14.700	14.300	14.600	15.100	15.500	15.400	15.200	15.300	14.700
45 – 54 years	9.900	9.400	9.200	9.900	10.700	12.000	12.300	12.100	12.600	13.000	13.300
55 – 64 years	7.900	7.700	7.200	7.300	7.400	7.000	7.000	7.700	7.400	7.900	8.000
65 – 74 years	2.800	3.300	3.100	3.400	3.100	3.000	2.700	3.100	3.000	2.600	2.700
MALES:	76.200	77.200	77.200	77.400	79.400	78.800	79.100	80.900	83.400	85.100	86.800
16 – 24 years	12.400	12.400	11.600	11.900	13.000	12.300	12.300	13.300	13.900	14.800	14.700
25 – 34 years	19.700	19.500	19.800	19.600	19.200	18.400	18.100	17.700	18.600	18.500	18.900
35 – 44 years	17.900	18.400	19.000	19.100	19.500	19.500	19.600	19.700	20.100	20.500	20.800
45 – 54 years	12.000	12.600	13.000	13.300	14.000	14.800	15.600	15.900	16.700	16.800	17.400
55 – 64 years	9.500	9.400	9.400	9.500	9.200	9.200	9.100	9.500	9.800	10.300	10.700
65 – 74 years	4.700	4.900	4.400	4.100	4.700	4.600	4.500	4.700	4.300	4.200	4.300
FEMALES:	64.300	65.900	67.000	68.000	69.600	68.700	68.700	71.200	73.100	75.000	75.900
16 – 24 years	11.500	11.600	11.600	11.500	11.600	11.500	11.900	13.200	13.900	14.700	14.000
25 – 34 years	15.400	16.200	16.800	16.600	16.700	16.100	14.900	15.100	15.700	16.400	16.200
35 – 44 years	15.300	15.400	15.700	16.200	17.100	16.800	17.000	17.300	17.900	18.100	18.500
45 – 54 years	10.800	11.200	11.300	11.200	12.700	13.100	13.800	14.300	14.500	15.200	15.600
55 – 64 years	8.400	8.200	8.300	8.300	8.600	8.200	8.300	8.700	8.600	8.400	9.300
65 – 74 years	2.900	3.200	3.300	3.200	2.900	2.900	2.800	2.600	2.500	2.100	2.200

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 72. Activity rate by sex, age group and region 1991-2001

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	81,0%	81,8%	81,1%	81,3%	82,9%	81,6%	81,0%	82,3%	83,2%	83,5%	83,6%
16 – 24 years	66,4%	67,3%	64,6%	65,4%	69,6%	67,3%	67,7%	73,3%	75,7%	79,2%	77,6%
25 – 34 years	85,5%	87,5%	88,4%	88,6%	89,8%	89,2%	86,9%	86,0%	89,0%	89,65	89,7%
35 – 44 years	92,0%	91,9%	92,1%	92,7%	94,5%	92,4%	91,9%	92,2%	93,3%	93,2%	93,3%
45 – 54 years	95,2%	95,2%	93,5%	93,3%	93,5%	93,9%	94,7%	94,7%	94,3%	93,9%	93,9%
55 – 64 years	87,2%	85,4%	87,0%	88,1%	88,7%	87,1%	86,4%	88,1%	87,1%	85,7%	87,35
65 – 74 years	48,3%	50,5%	46,3%	43,4%	43,6%	42,7%	40,8%	41,3%	38,3%	35,0%	35,9%
Capital region	80,2%	80,9%	80,95	80,5%	81,9%	81,4%	80,5%	81,2%	82,8%	83,3%	83,6%
16 – 24 years	66,2%	66,8%	62,5%	64,2%	66,8%	69,1%	69,9%	73,1%	75,3%	80,4%	78,0%
25 – 34 years	83,4%	85,4%	88,5%	88,1%	88,6%	87,8%	85,4%	84,5%	88,1%	88,4%	89,0%
35 – 44 years	92,5%	91,9%	91,7%	91,7%	93,8%	91,0%	91,3%	91,3%	93,3%	92,8%	92,9%
45 – 54 years	94,6%	94,7%	93,9%	93,5%	92,5%	92,4%	94,2%	94,7%	95,0%	93,7%	93,0%
55 – 64 years	85,9%	85,0%	87,6%	88,5%	87,8%	86,7%	87,3%	88,7%	88,1%	84,5%	88,9%
65 – 74 years	50,6%	49,1%	45,1%	39,0%	44,7%	44,7%	39,9%	38,0%	35,5%	35,1%	35,5%
Other regions	82,2%	82,9%	81,4%	82,3%	84,3%	82,1%	81,8%	84,05	83,8%	83,8%	83,6%
16 – 24 years	66,6%	68,0%	67,3%	67,1%	74,0%	64,5%	64,2%	73,6%	76,4%	77,2%	76,9%
25 – 34 years	88,3%	90,5%	88,2%	89,5%	91,6%	91,6%	89,7%	89,0%	90,6%	91,8%	91,1%
35 – 44 years	91,3%	91,8%	92,5%	94,2%	95,7%	94,3%	92,7%	93,6%	93,3%	93,8%	94,1%
45 – 54 years	95,9%	95,9%	92,9%	92,9%	95,2%	96,0%	95,4%	94,8%	93,4%	94,3%	95,2%
55 – 64 years	89,0%	85,9%	86,0%	87,5%	90,1%	87,7%	85,1%	87,4%	85,7%	87,3%	85,1%
65 – 74 years	44,9%	52,8%	48,2%	50,0%	42,1%	40,1%	42,5%	46,7%	42,4%	34,9%	36,5%
MALES:	87,4%	87,6%	85,9%	85,8%	87,7%	86,4%	86,1%	87,1%	87,7%	87,95	88,2%
16 – 24 years	67,1%	67,6%	62,9%	64,8%	71,9%	67,6%	66,6%	71,3%	73,3%	77,4%	77,6%
25 – 34 years	95,9%	95,4%	94,8%	94,9%	95,65	94,5%	95,1%	93,2%	94,6%	93,6%	94,6%
35 – 44 years	97,0%	97,7%	98,0%	97,4%	98,6%	97,4%	96,9%	97,6%	98,9%	98,6%	98,1%
45 – 54 years	99,05	99,2%	98,3%	92,9%	96,2%	97,3%	98,4%	97,5%	97,8%	96,0%	96,2%
55 – 64 years	93,5%	92,3%	93,3%	95,9%	92,7%	93,2%	91,7%	93,3%	94,1%	94,7%	92,8%
65 – 74 years	63,35	64,2%	55,7%	51,4%	56,4%	54,7%	53,1%	55,5%	50,1%	48,3%	49,7%
FEMALES:	74,6%	75,8%	76,1%	76,7%	77,9%	76,8%	75,8%	77,4%	78,6%	79,0%	78,9%
16 – 24 years	65,65	67,1%	66,5%	66,1%	67,2%	67,0%	68,9%	75,3%	78,1%	81,1%	77,6%
25 – 34 years	75,0%	79,5%	81,8%	82,2%	83,9%	83,9%	78,7%	78,8%	83,1%	85,4%	84,6%
35 – 44 years	86,7%	85,85	85,7%	87,7%	90,3%	87,1%	86,7%	86,7%	87,7%	87,7%	88,5%
45 – 54 years	91,3%	91,0%	88,7%	90,6%	90,85	90,4%	90,8%	91,8%	90,6%	91,8%	91,4%
55 – 64 years	81,1%	78,7%	80,8%	80,5%	84,8%	81,3%	81,2%	83,0%	80,3%	76,8%	81,7%
65 – 74 years	34,8%	38,2%	37,9%	36,2%	31,8%	31,8%	29,6%	28,3%	27,3%	22,6%	23,4%

Source: Statistics Iceland (Labour Force Survey)

Table 73. Employed persons by reasons for looking for another job 1991-1996

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total	136.900	136.900	136.600	137.700	141.800	142.000
Not seeking another job	124.700	126.400	125.300	125.600	128.200	129.500
Seeking another job	12.300	10.500	11.300	12.100	13.500	12.500
Seeking another job, total	12.300	10.500	11.300	12.100	13.500	12.500
Risk of losing present job	700*	1.200	1.000	800*	700*	600*
Present job temporary	2.200	1.700	1.600	1.600	1.300	1.100
Seeking better conditions	5.800	4.600	5.400	7.100	8.100	7.100
Other reasons	3.500	3.000	3.200	2.700	3.500	3.800
MALES:	74.500	74.300	73.300	73.500	75.600	76.100
Not seeking another job	67.100	68.100	67.100	66.600	67.700	69.200
Seeking another job	7.400	6.100	6.200	6.900	7.900	7.000
Seeking another job, total	7.400	6.100	6.200	6.900	7.900	7.000
Risk of losing present job	400*	900*	600*	600*	500*	400*
Present job temporary	1.400	1.100	900*	900*	800*	700*
Seeking better conditions	3.500	2.500	3.000	3.800	4.600	4.100
Other reasons	2.100	1.600	1.700	1.500	2.100	1.800
FEMALES:	62.400	62.600	63.300	64.200	66.200	65.900
Not seeking another job	57.500	58.300	58.200	59.000	60.500	60.300
Seeking another job	4.900	4.400	5.100	5.200	5.600	5.600
Seeking another job, total	4.900	4.400	5.100	5.200	5.600	5.600
Risk of losing present job	300*	300*	400*	100*	200*	200*
Present job temporary	900*	700*	700*	700*	500*	400*
Seeking better conditions	2.300	2.000	2.400	3.200	3.600	3.000
Other reasons	1.500	1.400	1.500	1.200	1.300	2.000

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 74. Employed persons by reasons for looking for another job 1991-1996 (%)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Not seeking another job	91,0%	92,3%	91,8%	91,2%	90,4%	91,2%
Seeking another job	9,0%	7,7%	8,2%	8,8%	9,6%	8,8%
Seeking another job, total	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Risk of losing present job	6,0%*	11,1%	9,1%	6,3%*	5,2%*	4,6%*
Present job temporary	18,1%	16,5%	14,2%	13,4%	9,3%	8,7%
Seeking better conditions	47,1%	43,7%	48,1%	58,3%	60,0%	56,6%
Other reasons	28,8%	28,6%	28,7%	22,0%	25,5%	30,1%
MALES:	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Not seeking another job	90,1%	91,8%	91,6%	90,6%	89,5%	90,9%
Seeking another job	9,9%	8,2%	8,4%	9,4%	10,5%	9,1%
Seeking another job, total	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Risk of losing present job	6,0%*	14,8%*	9,4%*	9,2%*	5,8%*	5,7%*
Present job temporary	18,4%	17,2%	14,6%*	13,4%*	9,6%*	9,4%*
Seeking better conditions	47,6%	41,6%	48,2%	58,3%	57,6%	59,2%
Other reasons	28,0%	26,4%	27,9%	21,5%	27,0%	25,6%
FEMALES:	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Not seeking another job	92,2%	93,0%	92,0%	91,8%	91,5%	91,5%
Seeking another job	7,8%	7,0%	8,0%	8,2%	8,5%	8,5%
Seeking another job, total	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Risk of losing present job	5,9%*	6,1%*	8,6%*	2,5%*	4,4%*	3,3%*
Present job temporary	17,8%*	15,5%*	13,7%*	13,3%*	8,9%*	7,8%*
Seeking better conditions	46,2%	46,7%	48,0%	61,4%	63,4%	53,3%
Other reasons	30,1%	31,7%	29,6%	22,8%	23,3%	35,6%

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 75. Employed persons by reasons for looking for another job 1997-2002

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total	12.400	11.700	12.800	14.900	15.700	12.000
Risk of losing present job	800*	400*	700*	700*	1.100	1.000
Present job temporary	800*	600*	900*	700*	900*	900*
Seeking a second job	600*	800*	800*	700*	1.100	600*
Seeking a job with more hours	1.000	700*	700*	600*	1.000	800*
Seeking better conditions	6.000	5.700	6.600	8.000	8.000	5.700
Other reasons	3.200	3.500	3.000	4.200	3.700	2.900
MALES:	6.400	6.000	6.000	7.700	8.000	6.600
Risk of losing present job	500*	200*	500*	400*	800*	600*
Present job temporary	500*	400*	400*	400*	500*	600*
Seeking a second job	300*	200*	300*	300*	300*	300*
Seeking a job with more hours	200*	300*	300*	400*	300*	300*
Seeking better conditions	3.300	2.900	3.100	4.000	4.100	3.300
Other reasons	1.700	2.000	1.500	2.300	1.900	1.600
FEMALES:	6.000	5.700	6.700	7.200	7.700	5.400
Risk of losing present job	300*	200*	300*	300*	300*	500*
Present job temporary	300*	300*	600*	300*	400*	300*
Seeking a second job	300*	600*	500*	400*	700*	300*
Seeking a job with more hours	700*	400*	400*	300*	600*	500*
Seeking better conditions	2.700	2.800	3.500	4.000	3.900	2.400
Other reasons	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.900	1.800	1.400

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 76. Employed persons by reasons for looking for another job 1997-2002 (%)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total	8,7%	7,9%	8,3%	9,5%	9,9%	7,7%
Risk of losing present job	0,6%*	0,3%*	0,5%*	0,5%*	0,7%	0,6%
Present job temporary	0,6%*	0,4%*	0,6%*	0,4%*	0,6%*	0,6%*
Seeking a second job	0,5%*	0,5%*	0,5%*	0,4%*	0,7%	0,4%*
Seeking a job with more hours	0,7%	0,5%*	0,5%*	0,4%*	0,6%	0,5%*
Seeking better conditions	4,2%	3,8%	4,3%	5,1%	5,0%	3,7%
Other reasons	2,2%	2,3%	2,0%	2,7%	2,3%	1,9%
MALES:	8,4%	7,6%	7,3%	9,2%	9,4%	8,0%
Risk of losing present job	0,6%*	0,3%*	0,6%*	0,5%*	0,9%*	0,7%*
Present job temporary	0,6%*	0,5%*	0,5%*	0,4%*	0,6%*	0,7%*
Seeking a second job	0,4%*	0,3%*	0,3%*	0,4%*	0,4%*	0,4%*
Seeking a job with more hours	0,3%*	0,4%*	0,4%*	0,4%*	0,4%*	0,4%*
Seeking better conditions	4,3%	3,7%	3,7%	4,7%	4,8%	4,0%
Other reasons	2,2%	2,5%	1,8%	2,7%	2,3%	1,9%
FEMALES:	9,1%	8,3%	9,5%	9,9%	10,5%	7,3%
Risk of losing present job	0,5%*	0,3%*	0,4%*	0,5%*	0,5%*	0,6%*
Present job temporary	0,5%*	0,4%*	0,8%*	0,4%*	0,6%*	0,4%*
Seeking a second job	0,5%*	0,9%*	0,7%*	0,5%*	1,0%*	0,4%*
Seeking a job with more hours	1,1%*	0,6%*	0,5%*	0,4%*	0,9%*	0,7%*
Seeking better conditions	4,1%	4,0%	5,0%	5,5%	5,2%	3,3%
Other reasons	2,3%	2,2%	2,1%	2,6%	2,4%*	1,9%

Source: Statistics Iceland

4.1.3. Educational level

This chapter presents tables on educational level. Primary education is classified according to ISCED group 1 and 2. Vocational education, such as apprenticeship in crafts, secondary school education and higher vocational training, is classified in ISCED groups 3 and 5. University education and equivalent education is classified in ISCED groups 6 and 7.

Table 77. Labour market. Classification of education

International Standard Classification of education	
ISCED 1,2	Compulsory education (primary and lower secondary)
ISCED 3	Upper secondary education
ISCED 5	Tertiary education, non-university
ISCED 6,7	Tertiary education, leading to a university degree

Table 78. Employed persons by education levels 1991-2001

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total											
ISCED 1,2	57.300	57.900	56.500	54.600	53.900	33.700	35.400	39.500	41.900	44.500	42.700
ISCED 1,2+						22.000	23.800	23.400	23.700	23.500	23.700
ISCED 3	55.600	54.100	54.600	55.500	58.200	44.400	42.000	42.700	43.900	43.900	44.700
ISCED 5	9.000	9.400	9.700	10.600	10.900	22.100	21.000	21.700	20.900	20.600	22.200
ISCED 6,7	15.200	15.500	15.800	17.000	18.800	19.700	19.800	20.500	23.000	23.900	25.700
Capital region											
ISCED 1,2	26.500	28.100	27.800	27.200	27.100	17.200	18.500	21.200	22.600	23.500	22.900
ISCED 1,2+						10.600	11.400	11.100	11.600	12.200	12.500
ISCED 3	32.300	31.400	32.700	33.500	34.900	27.200	25.500	26.000	27.800	27.800	29.200
ISCED 5	6.700	6.600	6.800	7.300	7.500	13.600	13.700	14.400	13.800	13.700	15.100
ISCED 6,7	12.400	12.600	12.900	13.500	15.000	16.000	16.400	17.200	18.500	18.500	19.800
Other regions											
ISCED 1,2	30.800	29.800	28.700	27.400	26.800	16.500	16.900	18.300	19.300	21.000	19.800
ISCED 1,2+						11.400	12.400	12.300	12.100	11.300	11.300
ISCED 3	23.200	22.700	21.900	22.100	23.300	17.300	16.500	16.700	16.000	16.100	15.500
ISCED 5	2.300	2.800	2.800	3.300	3.400	8.500	7.300	7.300	7.100	6.900	7.100
ISCED 6,7	2.800	2.900	2.900	3.600	3.800	3.700	3.400	3.400	4.500	5.400	5.900
MALES:											
ISCED 1,2	74.500	74.300	73.300	73.500	75.600	74.100	76.400	79.100	82.200	83.600	85.000
ISCED 1,2+	25.100	24.900	25.100	23.900	23.800	13.200	13.800	15.300	16.800	18.500	17.400
ISCED 3						13.000	14.300	13.300	13.100	13.8000	14.200
ISCED 5	4.300	4.100	3.800	4.500	4.300	16.200	15.100	16.000	15.500	14.600	16.200
ISCED 6,7	9.600	9.700	9.00	9.900	10.200	11.000	11.400	11.400	13.000	13.500	13.900
FEMALES:											
ISCED 1,2	32.200	33.000	31.500	30.700	30.100	20.500	21.600	24.200	25.100	25.900	25.400
ISCED 1,2+						9.000	9.500	10.100	10.500	9.700	9.500
ISCED 3	20.000	18.600	19.700	20.300	20.900	21.700	20.200	19.600	20.100	20.800	21.300
ISCED 5	4.700	5.300	5.900	6.100	6.600	5.900	5.9000	5.700	5.500	6.000	6.000
ISCED 6,7	5.600	5.800	6.200	7.200	8.600	8.700	8.400	9.200	10.000	10.400	11.700

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 79. Employed persons by education levels 1991-2001, %

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total											
ISCED 1,2	41,8%	42,3%	41,4%	39,7%	38,0%	23,7%	24,9%	26,7%	27,3%	28,5%	26,9%
ISCED 1,2+						15,5%	16,8%	15,8%	15,4%	15,0%	14,9%
ISCED 3	40,6%	39,5%	40,0%	40,3%	41,0%	31,3%	29,6%	28,9%	28,6%	28,1%	28,1%
ISCED 5	6,6%	6,9%	7,1%	7,7%	7,7%	15,6%	14,8%	14,7%	13,6%	13,2%	14,0%
ISCED 6,7	11,1%	11,3%	11,6%	12,3%	13,3%	13,9%	13,9%	13,9%	15,0%	15,3%	16,2%
Capital region											
ISCED 1,2	34,0%	35,7%	34,7%	33,4%	32,1%	20,3%	21,6%	23,6%	24,0%	24,6%	23,0%
ISCED 1,2+						12,5%	13,3%	12,3%	12,3%	12,7%	12,6%
ISCED 3	41,5%	39,9%	40,8%	41,1%	41,3%	32,2%	29,8%	28,9%	29,5%	29,0%	29,3%
ISCED 5	8,6%	8,4%	8,5%	9,0%	8,9%	16,1%	16,0%	16,0%	14,6%	14,3%	15,2%
ISCED 6,7	15,9%	16,0%	16,1%	16,6%	17,8%	18,9%	19,2%	19,1%	19,6%	19,3%	19,9%
Other regions											
ISCED 1,2	52,1%	51,2%	51,0%	48,6%	46,8%	28,7%	29,9%	31,6%	32,7%	34,6%	33,2%
ISCED 1,2+						19,9%	21,9%	21,2%	20,5%	18,6%	19,0
ISCED 3	39,3%	39,0%	38,9%	39,2%	40,7%	30,1%	29,2%	28,8%	27,1%	26,5%	26,0%
ISCED 5	3,9%	4,8%	5,0%	5,9%	5,9%	14,8%	12,9%	12,6%	12,0%	11,4%	11,9%
ISCED 6,7	4,7%	5,0%	5,2%	6,4%	6,6%	6,4%	6,0%	5,9%	7,6%	8,9%	9,9%
MALES:											
ISCED 1,2	33,6%	33,6%	34,2%	32,5%	31,5%	17,3%	18,0%	19,3%	20,4%	22,2%	20,4%
ISCED 1,2+						17,1%	18,7%	16,8%	15,9%	16,5%	16,7%
ISCED 3	47,7%	47,8%	47,5%	48,0%	49,3%	29,9%	28,6%	29,2%	29,0%	27,7%	27,5%
ISCED 5	5,8%	5,5%	5,2%	6,1%	5,7%	21,3%	19,7%	20,2%	18,9%	17,5%	19,0%
ISCED 6,7	12,9%	13,1%	13,1%	13,5%	13,5%	14,4%	14,9%	14,4%	15,8%	16,2%	16,3%
FEMALES:											
ISCED 1,2	51,5%	52,6%	49,8%	47,7%	45,5%	31,2%	32,9%	35,2%	35,3%	35,6%	34,4%
ISCED 1,2+						13,7%	14,5%	14,7%	14,7%	13,3%	12,9%
ISCED 3	32,0%	29,7%	31,1%	31,6%	31,6%	33,0%	30,8%	28,5%	28,2%	28,6%	28,8%
ISCED 5	7,5%	8,5%	9,3%	9,5%	10,0%	9,0%	9,0%	8,3%	7,7%	8,2%	8,1%
ISCED 6,7	9,0%	9,3%	9,8%	11,2%	13,0%	13,2%	12,8%	13,4%	14,0%	14,3%	15,8%

Source: Directorate of Labour

4.1.4. Disabled “workers”

This chapter presents table on disabled “workers”.

Table 80. Inactive persons by reasons for not seeking a job 1991-2001

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	32.900	31.900	33.700	33.500	30.800	33.200	34.700	32.800.	31.600	31.600	.31900
Illness or disability	5.600	5.400	5.600	5.700	5.500	6.200	6.900	6.800	7.100	7.200	7.200
Personal reasons	6.900	6.200	6.700	5.000	4.800	4.500	4.600	4.200	3.500	2.700	3.100
Education or training	11.600	12.000	13.000	11.900	10.900	11.100	11.400	10.300	9.200	7.200	9.000
Retired	5.500	5.300	6.300	7.000	6.800	7.000	7.700	7.700	8.100	8.800	9.400
Other	2.600	1.600	800	1.800	1.500	2.800	2.300	2.300	2.300	3.800	1.400
Not specified	1.700	1.400	1.300	2.200	1.300	1.600	1.800	1.600	1.300	1.700	1.700
Capital region	19.800	19.400	20.100	20.800	19.700	20.200	21.700	21.500	20.000	19.500	19.900
Illness or disability	3.300	2.800	3.500	3.200	3.700	3.400	3.600	4.100	4.100	4.100	4.200
Personal reasons	3.900	3.600	4.000	2.900	2.900	3.000	2.900	2.500	1.800	1.700	2.000
Education or training	7.100	7.300	7.800	7.500	7.600	6.700	7.200	7.200	6.500	4.800	5.800
Retired	3.300	3.400	3.800	4.600	3.900	4.000	5.000	5.200	5.300	5.500	5.600
Other	1.500	900	300	900	1.000	1.700	1.300	1.300	1.400	2.200	1.100
Not specified	1.100	900	900	1.300	800	1.200	1.200	1.200	900	1.300	1.200
Other regions	13.100	12.600	13.600	12.700	11.100	12.900	13.000	11.300	11.600	12.100	12.000
Illness or disability	1.800	2.000	2.400	2.000	2.000	2.600	2.800	2.700	3.100	3.100	3.100
Personal reasons	3.000	2.700	2.800	2.100	1.900	1.500	1.700	1.700	1.700	1.000	1.100
Education or training	4.500	4.700	5.200	4.400	3.200	4.300	4.200	3.000	2.700	2.500	3.200
Retired	2.200	2.000	2.500	2.400	2.900	3.000	2.700	2.500	2.800	3.400	3.800
Other	1.100	700	500	900	500	1.100	1.000	1.000	900	1.600	400
Not specified	500	500	400	1.000	600	400	600	400	400	400	500
MALES:	11.000	10.900	12.700	12.900	11.100	12.400	12.800	12.000	11.600	11.700	11.600
Illness or disability	1.800	1.800	1.900	2.100	1.800	2.300	2.200	2.100	2.100	2.500	2.600
Personal reasons	100	100	100	100	100	0	0	100	100	100	100
Education or training	5.300	5.800	7.200	6.600	5.300	5.900	5.900	5.400	5.000	4.000	4.100
Retired	2.000	2.100	2.700	2.900	2.800	2.800	3.200	3.000	3.400	3.200	3.500
Other	1.100	500	400	400	600	800	800	800	600	1.400	500
Not specified	600	700	400	700	600	500	600	700	400	600	800
FEMALES:	21.900	21.000	21.000	20.700	19.700	20.800	21.900	20.800	19.900	19.900	20.300
Illness or disability	2.800	3.700	3.700	3.600	3.700	4.000	4.600	4.700	5.000	4.700	4.600
Personal reasons	6.800	6.100	6.700	4.800	4.700	4.400	4.600	4.100	3.400	2.700	3.000
Education or training	6.400	6.200	5.800	5.300	5.600	5.200	5.500	4.900	4.200	3.300	4.900
Retired	3.500	3.200	3.600	4.000	4.100	4.200	4.600	4.700	4.700	5.600	5.900
Other	1.500	1.100	400	1.400	900	1.900	1.500	1.500	1.700	2.500	900
Not specified	1.000	7000	900	1.500	800	1.100	1.200	900	900	1.200	1.000

Source: Statistics Iceland

4.1.5. Average hours of work per week

This chapter presents tables on average hours of work per week.

Table 81. Average actual hours worked during the reference week 1991-2001

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	43,8	43,0	42,8	42,7	42,9	43,7	43,3	43,0	43,5	43,8	43,3
In main job	42,2	41,5	41,3	41,1	41,3	42,0	41,5	41,2	41,7	42,0	41,4
In second job	1,6	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,6	1,7	1,8	1,8	1,9	1,8	1,8
<i>Full-time total</i>	51,2	50,3	49,9	49,6	50,2	50,6	50,6	50,5	50,6	50,6	49,9
In main job	49,6	48,9	48,7	48,4	48,9	49,1	49,2	49,1	48,9	49,1	48,3
In second job	1,6	1,4	1,2	1,2	1,3	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,7	1,5	1,6
<i>Part-time total</i>	22,6	23,1	23,2	23,2	23,7	23,5	23,4	23,3	23,7	24,1	23,8
In main job	20,9	21,4	21,1	20,9	21,1	21,3	20,7	20,5	21,2	21,5	21,2
In second job	1,7	1,7	2,2	2,3	2,6	2,2	2,7	2,8	2,5	2,6	2,6
Capital region	42,4	42,0	41,8	41,7	41,6	42,7	42,5	42,4	42,7	43,0	42,5
In main job	40,9	40,6	40,3	40,3	40,2	41,2	40,9	40,9	41,1	41,5	40,9
In second job	1,5	1,4	1,5	1,4	1,4	1,5	1,6	1,5	1,6	1,4	1,6
<i>Full-time total</i>	49,8	48,7	48,6	48,5	48,9	49,4	49,7	49,7	49,5	49,5	48,8
In main job	48,2	47,4	47,4	47,4	47,8	48,0	48,4	48,6	48,1	48,2	47,5
In second job	1,6	1,3	1,2	1,1	1,1	1,4	1,3	1,2	1,4	1,3	1,3
<i>Part-time total</i>	22,1	23,2	23,2	23,0	23,1	22,9	22,9	22,8	23,4	23,0	23,2
In main job	20,7	21,8	21,0	20,9	20,8	21,1	20,4	20,3	21,2	21,1	20,6
In second job	1,4	1,5	2,2	2,2	2,2	1,8	2,5	2,4	2,2	1,9	2,6
Other regions	45,7	44,4	44,2	44,0	44,9	45,2	44,6	44,1	44,8	45,2	44,5
In main job	43,9	42,7	42,6	42,3	42,9	43,2	42,5	41,7	42,5	42,9	42,3
In second job	1,8	1,6	1,5	1,7	2,0	2,0	2,0	2,3	2,3	2,4	2,2
<i>Full-time total</i>	53,1	52,4	51,7	51,3	52,0	52,5	52,0	51,8	52,3	52,5	51,8
In main job	51,4	50,9	50,5	49,9	50,5	50,7	50,4	49,9	50,2	50,6	49,8
In second job	1,7	1,5	1,3	1,4	1,5	1,7	1,7	1,9	2,1	1,9	2,0
<i>Part-time total</i>	23,4	22,9	23,3	23,6	24,6	24,4	24,2	24,2	24,2	25,6	24,7
In main job	21,3	21,0	21,1	21,0	21,4	21,6	21,1	20,8	21,3	22,0	22,0
In second job	2,1	1,9	2,2	2,6	3,2	2,8	3,1	3,4	2,9	3,6	2,7

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 82. Average actual hours worked during the reference week by sex 1991-2001

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
MALES:	51,3	50,5	50,0	49,6	50,0	50,6	50,1	49,9	50,4	50,9	49,6
In main job	49,6	48,9	48,5	48,0	48,5	48,8	48,3	48,2	48,5	49,1	47,6
In second job	1,8	1,6	1,4	1,6	1,5	1,7	1,8	1,7	1,9	1,8	2,0
Full-time total	53,9	53,2	52,7	52,5	53,3	53,7	53,7	53,6	53,7	54,1	52,9
In main job	52,2	51,6	51,5	51,1	52,1	51,2	52,1	52,0	52,0	52,5	51,3
In second job	1,7	1,6	1,2	1,3	1,2	1,6	1,6	1,6	1,7	1,6	1,6
Part-time total	22,9	21,9	23,0	23,4	23,4	21,6	21,3	20,9	22,4	24,0	23,0
In main job	20,0	19,4	19,5	19,5	19,5	18,7	17,3	17,9	19,1	20,6	18,5
In second job	2,9	2,4	3,5	4,0	3,9	2,9	4,0	3,1	3,3	3,4	4,5
FEMALES:	34,5	33,7	34,1	34,4	34,5	35,6	35,2	34,8	35,4	35,5	35,7
In main job	33,0	32,5	32,6	33,0	32,7	34,0	33,4	32,9	33,5	33,7	34,0
In second job	1,5	1,3	1,5	1,5	1,8	1,6	1,8	1,9	1,9	1,8	1,7
Full-time total	45,4	43,8	44,1	44,0	44,0	44,8	44,6	44,4	44,6	44,1	44,3
In main job	43,9	42,7	42,8	43,0	42,6	43,5	43,3	43,2	43,0	42,7	42,9
In second job	1,5	1,0	1,3	1,1	1,4	1,3	1,3	1,2	1,6	1,4	1,5
Part-time total	22,6	23,4	23,3	23,2	23,8	24,0	24,0	24,0	24,1	24,1	24,0
In main job	21,1	21,9	21,4	21,3	21,5	22,0	21,7	21,3	21,8	21,7	22,0
In second job	1,5	1,5	1,9	1,9	2,2	2,0	2,4	2,7	2,2	2,4	2,0

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 83. Average actual hours worked during the reference week by economic activity 1991-2001

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total	43,8	43,0	42,8	42,7	42,9	43,7	43,3	43,0	43,5	43,8	43,3
Agriculture	52,7	49,8	48,2	47,7	48,2	49,1	49,3	49,8	52,9	52,9	54,6
Fishing	63,0	63,2	63,2	61,3	62,2	60,6	59,7	59,5	58,9	63,9	60,7
Industry	45,0	45,0	44,9	44,9	45,5	46,5	46,5	45,8	46,6	47,5	46,6
Fish processing	41,6	44,7	46,1	42,2	45,4	44,8	44,4	42,8	44,7	44,4	44,8
Services	41,3	40,2	40,2	40,2	40,2	41,2	40,8	40,7	40,9	41,0	40,6
Capital region	42,4	42,0	41,8	41,7	41,6	42,7	42,5	42,4	42,7	43,0	42,5
Agriculture	55,7	55,5	36,8	40,5	38,5	46,3	44,3	43,8	43,3	36,9	49,9
Fishing	65,6	70,3	68,6	70,0	66,1	65,2	59,6	60,9	60,6	74,1	61,1
Industry	45,6	44,8	44,3	44,8	44,6	46,9	46,5	46,1	46,9	47,7	46,0
Fish processing	51,3	49,3	48,7	40,0	48,3	49,3	41,0	46,9	48,7	43,4	39,7
Services	51,1	40,5	40,7	40,5	40,4	41,1	41,1	41,0	41,3	41,4	41,2
Other regions	45,7	44,4	44,2	44,0	44,9	45,2	44,6	44,1	44,8	45,2	44,5
Agriculture	52,5	49,4	48,9	48,2	49,0	49,4	49,7	50,2	53,4	53,8	54,8
Fishing	62,7	61,7	62,2	59,8	61,4	59,3	59,8	59,1	58,5	62,1	60,6
Industry	44,4	45,3	45,5	44,9	46,5	46,1	46,5	45,5	46,2	47,2	47,4
Fish processing	39,6	44,2	45,8	42,5	45,0	44,3	44,9	42,3	44,3	44,4	45,4
Services	41,6	39,3	38,9	37,4	39,6	41,4	39,9	39,8	40,1	40,1	39,2

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 84. Average actual hours worked during the reference week by economic activity and sex 1991-2001

Klukkustundir	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
MALES:	51,3	50,5	50,0	49,6	50,0	50,6	50,1	49,9	50,4	50,9	49,6
Agriculture	56,6	55,7	52,4	53,6	52,7	52,3	56,4	54,2	56,7	58,5	58,0
Fishing	64,8	65,2	64,1	62,6	64,7	63,5	61,1	62,0	63,0	68,5	63,3
Industry	49,3	49,0	48,5	48,6	49,5	50,1	50,3	50,2	50,0	50,6	49,0
Fish processing	53,8	54,8	55,5	51,0	53,6	52,4	53,6	53,6	51,2	49,8	49,7
Services	50,1	48,5	48,5	47,9	47,9	48,9	48,1	48,1	48,5	48,6	47,7
FEMALES:	34,5	33,7	34,1	34,4	34,5	35,6	35,2	34,8	35,4	35,5	35,7
Agriculture	45,5	35,6	38,9	37,1	40,0	44,0	38,9	42,9	46,0	41,8	47,4
Fishing	38,2	32,0	37,8	45,0	30,9	30,4	41,0	36,8	34,3	36,1	26,8
Industry	34,7	34,6	35,3	34,3	34,4	36,4	35,7	33,8	35,3	35,8	37,3
Fish processing	32,4	35,4	37,2	33,7	36,2	35,9	35,1	32,1	36,6	37,1	38,9
Services	33,8	33,5	33,7	34,2	34,3	35,1	34,9	34,6	35,0	35,2	35,2

Source: Statistics Iceland

4.1.6. Strikes and lockouts

This chapter presents table on strikes and lockouts.

Table 85. Strikes and lockouts 1991-2001

Year:	Strikes and lockouts	Days of strikes or lockouts	Employees directly affected	Working days lost			
				Total	Landbased workers	Fishermen and other seamen	Other
1991	7	27	751	3.413	1.873	1.540	-
1992	4	6	611	385	32	-	353
1993	2	51	13	90	22	68	-
1994	11	154	7.375	97.343	-	63.893	33.450
1995	16	168	10.404	217.186	2.406	91.370	123.410
1996	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1997	16	110	11.632	34.093	30.507	-	3.586
1998	3	60	3.382	67.640	-	67.640	-
1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000	7	162	1.713	47.093	4.375	444	42.274
2001	14	284	8.948	207.663	3.193	173.103	31.367

Source: Institute of Labour Market Research

4.2. Industry structure

This chapter presents tables on industry structure.

Table 86. Employed persons by economic activity, sex and region 1997.

	Agriculture	Fishing	Fish processing	Industry	Construction	Trading	Transport, communication	Financial intermediation and insurance	Services	Public services	All:
MALES:											
Total	1,8%	6,7%	9,3%	13,2%	9,0%	12,0%	5,1%	2,05	13,3%	27,6%	100,0%
Capital region	0,9%	2,8%	4,0%	15,2%	8,8%	13,7%	5,5%	2,5%	17,4%	29,2%	100,0%
Other municipalities	3,0%	11,6%	16,0%	10,7%	9,3%	9,9%	4,5%	1,3%	8,1%	25,7%	100,0%
Vesturland											100,0%
Fishing community	0,7%	32,3%	24,0%	6,1%	4,5%	2,9%	2,7%	0,4%	2,0%	24,4%	100,0%
Service community	3,3%	1,1%	3,9%	20,5%	8,8%	14,45	3,2%	2,8%	9,1%	32,9%	100,0%
Agricultural areas	10,4%	1,7%	1,9%	11,4%	8,9%	5,7%	2,7%	1,9%	9,7%	45,7%	100,0%
Norðurland vestra											
Fishing community	0,0%	38,5%	5,6%	11,3%	2,6%	13,3%	1,5%	0,3%	1,3%	25,6%	100,0%
Service community	1,7%	2,8%	11,3%	12,8%	12,0%	13,0%	3,2%	1,1%	6,2%	35,9%	100,0%
Agricultural areas	5,1%	5,5%	9,3%	11,2%	3,45	25,8%	2,4%	2,7%	13,8%	20,7%	100,0%
Austurland											
Fishing community	0,1%	5,8%	45,9%	7,7%	6,6%	8,1%	4,2%	1,5%	5,6%	14,3%	100,0%
Service community	2,9%	1,4%	4,5%	13,9%	7,8%	14,3%	4,6%	0,8%	14,5%	35,4%	100,0%
Agricultural areas	6,5%	3,3%	7,9%	12,6%	4,2%	17,1%	1,2%	0,3%	12,4%	36,4%	100,0%
FEMALES:											
Total	1,2%	1,5%	6,4%	6,9%	1,2%	12,6%	2,7%	3,4%	18,7%	45,5%	100,0%
Capital region	0,4%	0,3%	1,9%	7,8%	1,1%	11,2%	3,0%	3,7%	21,0%	49,6%	100,0%
Other municipalities	2,4%	3,4%	13,4%	5,5%	1,5%	14,6%	2,2%	2,9%	15,0%	39,2%	100,0%
Vesturland											
Fishing community	0,7%	20,1%	25,6%	2,2%	0,5%	5,4%	0,7%	4,2%	7,4%	33,2%	100,0%
Service community	2,1%	0,1%	4,4%	6,4%	0,8%	22,0%	0,4%	5,1%	15,3%	43,4%	100,0%
Agricultural areas	9,2%	0,4%	1,3%	5,5%	1,8%	9,5%	0,7%	2,4%	18,4%	50,7%	100,0%
Norðurland vestra											
Fishing community	0,3%	25,4%	7,4%	11,6%	0,0%	8,0%	0,3%	2,6%	5,1%	39,2%	100,0%
Service community	0,3%	0,6%	10,3%	9,2%	2,8%	22,6%	0,6%	3,9%	11,7%	38,0%	100,0%
Agricultural areas	2,8%	7,0%	10,9%	10,9%	0,9%	19,2%	0,4%	2,4%	13,6%	31,9%	100,0%
Austurland											
Fishing community	0,4%	0,8%	32,2%	5,1%	0,8%	18,8%	0,5%	3,8%	18,1%	19,7%	100,0%
Service community	2,3%	0,7%	1,7%	4,3%	0,7%	15,7%	0,9%	4,9%	21,7%	47,1%	100,0%
Agricultural areas	2,2%	0,8%	17,2%	4,4%	0,8%	17,6%	0,6%	3,7%	19,1%	33,7%	100,0%

Source: Internal Revenue Directorate

Table 87. Employed persons by economic activity, sex and region 2001.

	Agriculture	Fishing	Fish processing	Industry	Construction	Trading	Transport, communication	Financial intermediation and Services	Public services	All:	
MALES:											
Total	1,4%	6,8%	6,8%	13,4%	10,1%	12,8%	4,2%	2,3%	16,9%	25,3%	100,0%
Capital region	0,7%	2,5%	2,2%	14,0%	9,8%	15,8%	4,6%	3,1%	22,1%	25,3%	100,0%
Other municipalities	2,3%	12,6%	13,0%	12,6%	10,6%	8,8%	3,7%	1,2%	9,9%	25,3%	100,0%
Vesturland											100,0%
Fishing community	1,2%	23,1%	29,9%	5,2%	8,1%	2,4%	2,4%	0,3%	3,9%	23,5%	100,0%
Service community	2,3%	1,4%	2,7%	21,9%	9,3%	12,5%	3,1%	2,8%	15,0%	29,1%	100,0%
Agricultural areas	10,1%	1,0%	2,9%	14,0%	8,9%	5,3%	2,8%	1,3%	12,7%	40,9%	100,0%
Norðurland vestra											
Fishing community	0,5%	28,9%	13,4%	11,3%	3,5%	11,1%	1,8%	0,5%	3,2%	25,9%	100,0%
Service community	0,8%	3,3%	13,9%	14,1%	10,5%	12,9%	2,5%	1,4%	8,8%	31,8%	100,0%
Agricultural areas	2,7%	2,0%	5,8%	17,0%	6,1%	19,5%	1,3%	1,7%	13,4%	30,5%	100,0%
Austurland											
Fishing community	0,1%	7,0%	35,7%	6,5%	5,5%	6,9%	5,4%	1,6%	6,0%	25,2%	100,0%
Service community	3,0%	1,7%	3,2%	16,2%	9,0%	14,0%	3,3%	1,1%	14,1%	34,5%	100,0%
Agricultural areas	4,6%	4,4%	4,2%	18,1%	11,5%	11,5%	2,7%	0,4%	10,4%	32,3%	100,0%
FEMALES:											
Total	0,9%	1,6%	3,7%	6,5%	1,2%	14,4%	2,5%	3,9%	21,5%	43,8%	100,0%
Capital region	0,3%	0,3%	0,8%	7,0%	1,0%	15,4%	2,6%	4,5%	24,5%	43,6%	100,0%
Other municipalities	1,8%	3,8%	8,4%	5,8%	1,6%	12,7%	2,3%	3,0%	16,6%	44,0%	100,0%
Vesturland											
Fishing community	0,4%	9,9%	21,5%	2,2%	1,1%	8,8%	1,3%	3,7%	12,1%	38,9%	100,0%
Service community	2,1%	0,4%	2,0%	8,6%	0,4%	17,5%	0,5%	5,2%	17,7%	45,4%	100,0%
Agricultural areas	8,1%	0,2%	0,8%	10,1%	1,4%	10,1%	0,8%	1,4%	18,3%	48,6%	100,0%
Norðurland vestra											
Fishing community	0,0%	12,7%	6,3%	5,1%	0,3%	15,2%	0,0%	3,5%	14,6%	42,2%	100,0%
Service community	0,4%	0,0%	5,2%	10,5%	1,8%	16,5%	0,8%	4,2%	13,9%	46,7%	100,0%
Agricultural areas	3,7%	0,2%	4,9%	12,6%	0,3%	15,6%	0,2%	1,7%	17,2%	43,7%	100,0%
Austurland											
Fishing community	0,3%	0,6%	17,9%	4,8%	0,6%	12,4%	1,1%	3,5%	14,2%	44,6%	100,0%
Service community	1,8%	0,3%	1,0%	5,1%	0,5%	13,8%	0,7%	3,1%	21,4%	52,2%	100,0%
Agricultural areas	5,0%	0,5%	1,0%	9,2%	1,7%	14,9%	0,2%	1,2%	14,1%	52,1%	100,0%

Source: Internal Revenue Directorate

4.3. Public services

To describe changes in public services last decade we focus on following variables: children in pre-primary institutions as percentage of age groups, beds in retirement home and nursing homes, benefits and allowances for carers of sick and disabled children, recipients of social security benefits, recipients of social assistance benefits and municipal income support and home-help expenditure.

4.3.1. Children in pre-primary institutions

This chapter presents tables on children in pre-primary institutions.

Pre-Primary institutions are run by municipalities but there are not pre-primary institutions in every municipalities, mostly the larger one. In many municipalities are daycare in private homes but the Statistics Iceland is not gathering informations about them. Usu

Table 88. Children in pre-primary institutions af percentage of age groups 1991-1993

	Year 1991			Year 1992			Year 1993		
	Children in pre-primary institutions	Children 0-5 years	Persent age of children	Children in pre-primary institutions	Children 0-5 years	Persent age of children	Children in pre-primary institutions	Children 0-5 years	Persent age of children
Total	5.934	26.136	22,7	10.894	26.933	40,4	12.176	27.399	44,4
Capital region	2.879	14.766	19,5	6.175	15.339	40,3	7.244	15.760	46,0
Other municipalities	3.055	11.370	26,9	4.719	11.594	40,7	4.932	11.639	42,4
Vesturland									
Fishing community	52	111	46,8	61	123	49,6	70	131	53,4
Service community	86	211	40,8	93	216	43,1	72	222	32,4
Agricultural areas	41	214	19,2	63	212	29,7	42	227	18,5
Norðurland vestra									
Fishing community	16	72	22,2	30	75	40,0	35	78	44,96
Service community	56	115	48,7	62	99	62,6	72	105	68,6
Agricultural areas	32	133	24,1	35	137	25,5	38	129	29,5
Austurland									
Fishing community	179	348	51,4	181	346	52,3	194	334	58,1
Service community	76	157	48,4	83	168	49,4	97	183	53,0
Agricultural areas	22	141	15,6	30	136	22,1	31	134	23,1

Table 89. Children in pre-primary institutions af percentage of age groups 1994-1996

	Year 1994			Year 1995			Year 1996		
	Children in pre-primary institutions	Children 0-5 years	Persent age of children	Children in pre-primary institutions	Children 0-5 years	Persent age of children	Children in pre-primary institutions	Children 0-5 years	Persent age of children
Total	12.936	27.184	47,6	13.174	26.823	49,1	13.423	26.314	51,0
Capital region	7.725	15.834	48,8	7.933	15.826	50,1	8.012	15.693	51,1
Other municipalities	5.211	11.350	45,9	5.241	10.997	47,7	5.411	10.621	50,9
Vesturland									
Fishing community	71	117	60,7	85	137	60,2	81	120	67,5
Service community	118	209	56,5	127	210	60,5	123	196	62,8
Agricultural areas	30	207	14,5	38	189	20,1	34	190	17,9
Norðurland vestra									
Fishing community	40	79	50,6	48	80	60,0	47	76	61,8
Service community	59	94	62,8	67	95	70,5	66	98	67,3
Agricultural areas	31	110	28,2	41	117	35	31	98	31,6
Austurland									
Fishing community	201	316	63,6	183	316	57,9	185	313	59,1
Service community	116	175	66,3	97	164	59,1	105	178	59,0
Agricultural areas	47	133	35,3	42	128	32,8	50	122	41

Table 90. Children in pre-primary institutions af percentage of age groups 1997-1999

	Year 1997			Year 1998			Year 1999		
	Children in pre-primary institutions	Children 0-5 years	Persent age of children	Children in pre-primary institutions	Children 0-5 years	Persent age of children	Children in pre-primary institutions	Children 0-5 years	Persent age of children
Total	13.738	25.932	53,0	14.290	25.744	55,5	13.937	25.436	54,8
Capital region	8.204	15.696	52,3	8.454	15.792	53,5	8.351	15.697	53,2
Other municipalities	5.534	10.236	54,1	5.836	9.952	58,6	5.586	9.739	57,4
Vesturland									
Fishing community	73	109	67,0	69	106	67,3	70	95	73,7
Service community	131	188	69,7	137	201	67,6	135	202	66,8
Agricultural areas	64	180	35,6	81	154	31,0	68	142	47,9
Norðurland vestra									
Fishing community	41	68	60,3	44	68	64,7	43	78	55,1
Service community	62	83	74,7	55	78	70,5	52	82	63,4
Agricultural areas	36	89	40,4	28	93	30,1	30	87	34,5
Austurland									
Fishing community	199	295	67,5	200	297	67,3	217	289	75,1
Service community	98	166	59,0	94	139	67,6	103	153	67,3
Agricultural areas	66	111	59,5	64	105	61,0	49	106	46,2

Table 91. Children in pre-primary institutions of percentage of age groups 2000-2001

	Year 2000			Year 2001			Change 1991-2001		
	Children in pre-primary institutions	Children 0-5 years	Persent age of children	Children in pre-primary institutions	Children 0-5 years	Persent age of children	Children in pre-primary institutions	Children 0-5 years	Persent age of children
Total	13.838	25.454	54,4	14.334	25.349	56,5	+8400	-787	+33,8
Capital region	8.199	15.758	52,0	8.580	15.780	54,4	+5701	+1014	+34,9
Other municipalities	5.639	9.696	58,2	5.754	9.569	60,1	+2699	-1801	+33,3
Vesturland									
Fishing community	69	101	68,3	60	87	69,0	+8	-24	+22,1
Service community	126	207	60,9	164	232	70,7	+78	+21	+29,9
Agricultural areas	85	145	58,6	81	133	60,9	+40	-81	+41,7
Norðurland vestra									
Fishing community	44	65	67,7	40	67	59,7	+24	-5	+37,5
Service community	43	78	55,1	59	68	86,8	+3	-47	+38,1
Agricultural areas	31	80	35,6	38	88	43,2	+6	-45	+19,1
Austurland									
Fishing community	195	275	70,9	180	253	71,1	+1	-95	+19,7
Service community	110	148	74,3	85	144	59,0	+9	-13	+10,6
Agricultural areas	59	109	54,1	54	105	51,4	+32	-36	+35,8

4.3.2. Students in upper secondary level

Pupils are in compulsory school up to 16 year or for 10 years. Then they can go to upper secondary level or participate in labour market. Secondary school are not in every community and many children in other municipalities than capital region must leave home.

Program of study in secondary schools are:

- General programmes
- Languages
- Fine and applied arts
- Pedagogical and physical programmes
- Social science programmes
- Crafts and technical trades
- Agriculture, food and service trades
- Health-related programmes

4.3.3. Beds in retirement home and nursing homes

This chapter presents tables on beds in retirement- and nursing home.

Table 92. Beds in retirement- and nursing home 1993 og 2001.

	Year 1993			Year 2001			Change 1993-2001		
	Total beds	Retirement homes	Nursing beds	Total beds	Retirement homes	Nursing beds	Total beds	Retirement homes	Nursing beds
Total	3.311	1.280	2.031	3.358	1.170	2.188	+47	-110	+157
Capital region	1.552	495	1.057	1.603	542	1.061	+51	+47	-951
Other municipalities	1.759	785	974	1.755	628	1.127	-4	-157	+153
Vesturland									
Fishing community	17	7	10	17	7	10	0	0	0
Service community	57	45	12	54	34	20	-3	-11	-8
Agricultural areas	15	0	15	22	5	17	7	5	2
Norðurland vestra									
Fishing community	15	15	0	11	11	0	-4	-4	0
Service community	42	12	30	40	8	32	-2	-4	2
Agricultural areas	30	0	30	23	0	23	-7	0	-7
Austurland									
Fishing community	50	14	36	33	8	25	-17	-6	-11
Service community	30	8	22	48	19	13	18	11	-9
Agricultural areas	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	11	-9

Source: The Ministry of Health and Social Security

Table 93. Beds in retirement- and nursing homes as percentage of age group 67+, 1993 og 2001

	Year 1993			Year 2001			Change % 1993-2001		
	Total beds %	Retirement homes %	Nursing beds %	Total beds %	Retirement homes %	Nursing beds %	Total beds %	Retirement homes %	Nursing beds %
Total	13,0%	5,0%	8,0%	13,2%	4,6%	8,6%	+0,2%	-0,4%	+0,6%
Capital region	10,1%	3,2%	6,9%	10,5%	3,5%	7,0%	+0,4%	+0,3%	+0,1%
Other municipalities	17,5%	7,8%	9,7%	17,4%	6,2%	11,2%	-0,1%	-1,6%	+1,5%
Vesturland									
Fishing community	44,7%	18,4%	26,3%	44,7%	18,4%	26,3%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%
Service community	25,4%	20,1%	5,4%	24,1%	15,2%	8,9%	-0,3%	-4,9%	+3,5%
Agricultural areas	5,8%	0,0%	5,8%	8,6%	1,9%	6,6%	+2,8%	+1,9%	-0,8%
Norðurland vestra									
Fishing community	30,0%	30,0%	0,0%	22,0%	22,0%	0,0%	-8,0%	-8,0%	0,0%
Service community	36,5%	10,4%	26,1%	34,8%	7,0%	27,8%			
Agricultural areas	17,6%	0,0	17,6%	13,5%	0,0%	13,5%			
Austurland									
Fishing community	15,2%	4,3%	11,0%	10,1%	2,4%	7,6%			
Service community	22,9%	6,1%	16,8%	36,6%	14,5%	9,9%			
Agricultural areas	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%			

Source: The Ministry of Health and Social Security

4.3.3. *Maternity/Paternity Leave and Parental Leave*

This chapter presents tables on maternity and paternity leave and parental leave.

Maternity/Paternity Leave is a leave from salaried employment that ensures that parents can spend time with their child in the first months after the child is born. Salaried employees in the service of others have a right to such a leave as well as self-employed individuals as long as they pay a monthly insurance levy and have been employed on the domestic labour market for six consecutive months prior to the first day of the leave. A parent has the right to a maternity/paternity leave due to a birth, primary adoption or permanent foster care of a child younger than eight years old.

In the year 2000 a new act on maternity/paternity leave was implemented that strengthens the rights of parents. Before that time only mothers had the right to a leave of up to six months. Today mothers have a guaranteed independent right to a leave of up to three months, parents have a joint right to a three months leave that may either be taken entirely by one of the parents or else divided between them, and now fathers also have a independent non-assignable right to a leave of up to three months. The new addition on the rights of fathers was implemented in steps. From January 01, 2002 independent rights of fathers to a paternity leave, due to the birth, adoption or a permanent foster care of a child, was two months, but was increased to three months on January 01 2003. On January 01, 2003 the arrangement of the leave was, furthermore, made more flexible. The right to a maternity/paternity leave lapses when the child reaches the age of 18 months with the exception of when child is adopted or taken into a permanent foster care. A non-custodial parent has the right to a maternity/paternity leave providing that the custodial parent has agreed that the non-custodial parent is to have access to the child during the period of the leave. In special circumstances parents will get different or increased rights to a maternity/paternity leave, or as follows:

- Multiple births: parents will have a joint right to the extension of the leave by three months for each child after the first.
- Stillbirth or a miscarriage: up to three months, a joint right of both parents.

- Illness of the child: up to three months, a joint right of both parents.
- Illness of the mother: Extension of the mother's right, up to two months.

Prior to the year 2001, all mothers received equal payments as a maternity grant. The exception from this rule was the case of governmental employees (both at the State level and the municipal level). These employees received full basic salaries during the leave. Since January 01, 2001 grants are linked to individual income and monthly payments equal 80% of average full salaries of the last 12 months prior to birth, adoption or the start date of a permanent foster care.

A maternity/paternity grant is paid to a parent, who is not active in the labour market, who is employed in less than 25% of a full employment position, or who is attending a full-time educational programme, if the parent is permanently domiciled in Iceland and has been domiciled in Iceland for the 12 months preceding the birth, adoption or the start of permanent foster care.

Conditions concerning a permanent domicile are in accordance to the general conditions for domicile presented in the Social Security Act (no. 117/1993).

The amount of maternity/paternity grants is presented in governmental regulation no. 909/2000. The regulation states that parents who are not active on the labour market, or who are employed in less than 25% of a full employment position, shall receive [38,015.- Icelandic kr.] per month. Those who are attending full time educational programmes shall receive [85,798.- Icelandic. kr.] per month. Prior to the implementation of the new act in 2001 these groups had no rights to maternity/paternity grants.

Parental leave is a new concept in Iceland that was initiated for the purpose of fulfilling Iceland's commitment to a European Economic Area (EEA) agreement. A parent is entitled to a parental leave of 13 weeks to care for their children. The right to a parental leave will lapse when a child reaches the age of eight years. According to the act parental leave is not accompanied by payment from the Maternity/Paternity Leave Fund.

The total rights of parents (assignable and non-assignable) to a maternity/paternity leave and parental leave is therefore 15 months,

compared to six months in the previous act. However, only during nine of those 15 months the parents are entitled to payments.

Table 94. Period of Maternity/Paternity Leave

	Mother	Father	Joint right
Year 1991	6 months	None	None
Year 1992	6 months	None	None
Year 1993	6 months	None	None
Year 1994	6 months	None	None
Year 1995	6 months	None	None
Year 1996	6 months	None	None
Year 1997	6 months	None	None
Year 1998	6 months	2 weeks	None
Year 1999	6 months	2 weeks	None
Year 2000	3 months	2 weeks	3 months
Year 2001	3 months	1 months	3 months
Year 2002	3 months	2 months	3 months
Year 2003	3 months	3 months	3 months

Table 95. Recipients of maternity/paternity benefits 1991-2000

	Recipients			Benefits in million ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1991						
Maternity/paternity allowance	-	5.402	5.402	-	557	557
Per-diem parent benefits full	73	4.401	4.574	5	586	591
Per-diem parent benefits reduced	2	242	244	1	15	16
1992						
Maternity/paternity allowance	-	5.381	5.381	-	575	575
Per-diem parent benefits full	60	4.477	4.537	5	607	612
Per-diem parent benefits reduced	4	250	254	0	16	16
1993						
Maternity/paternity allowance	-	5.495	5.495	-	594	594
Per-diem parent benefits full	17	4.493	4.510	2	611	613
Per-diem parent benefits reduced	-	325	325	-	22	22
1994						
Maternity/paternity allowance	-	5.273	5.273	-	566	566
Per-diem parent benefits full	14	4.298	4.312	2	583	585
Per-diem parent benefits reduced	1	318	319	0	21	21
1995						
Maternity/paternity allowance	-	5.066	5.066	-	565	565
Per-diem parent benefits full	10	4.177	4.187	1	588	589
Per-diem parent benefits reduced	-	252	252	-	18	18
1996						
Maternity/paternity allowance	-	4.973	4.973	-	582	582
Per-diem parent benefits full	15	4.179	4.194	1	622	623
Per-diem parent benefits reduced	-	266	266	-	19	19
1997						
Maternity/paternity allowance	-	4.943	4.943	-	612	612
Per-diem parent benefits full	13	4.170	4.183	1	653	654
Per-diem parent benefits reduced	-	257	257	-	19	19
1998						
Maternity/paternity allowance	1.108	5.004	6.112	18	663	681
Per-diem parent benefits full	1.102	4.273	5.375	20	714	734
Per-diem parent benefits reduced	5	249	254	0	19	19
1999						
Maternity/paternity allowance	1.255	4.900	6.155	21	674	695
Per-diem parent benefits full	1.246	4.265	5.511	24	473	767
Per-diem parent benefits reduced	12	197	209	0	16	16
2000						
Maternity/paternity allowance	1.421	5.097	6.518	24	745	769
Per-diem parent benefits full	1.413	4.442	5.855	29	823	852
Per-diem parent benefits reduced	6	184	190	0	17	17

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 96. Recipients of maternity/parternity benefits by sex and region 2001.

	Recipients				Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Fathers	Mothers	Total	Fathers as % of mothers	Males	Females	Total
Total	16.026	26.578	42.604	60%	1.635.500	3.506.127	5.141.627
Capital region	8.932	16.287	25.219	55%	929.691	2.231.932	3.161.623
Other municipalities	7.094	10.291	17.385	69%	705.809	1.274.195	1.908.004
Vesturland							
Fishing community	42	60	102	70%	4.071	8.137	12.208
Service community	114	176	290	65%	10.530	21.241	31.771
Agricultural areas	143	156	299	92%	13.476	19.799	33.275
Norðurland vestra							
Fishing community	44	43	87	102%	5.658	7.294	12.952
Service community	79	110	189	72%	9.067	13.360	22.427
Agricultural areas	115	104	219	1115	10.998	9.627	20.625
Austurland							
Fishing community	159	235	394	68%	13.847	31.406	45.253
Service community	89	136	225	65%	10.734	18.924	29.658
Agricultural areas	82	93	175	88%	8.598	11.147	19.745

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 97. Recipients of maternity/parternity benefits by sex and region 2002.

Búseta	Recipients				Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Fathers	Mothers	Total	Fathers as % of mothers	Males	Females	Total
Total	3.825	6.261	10.086	61%	887.335	2.374.923	3.262.258
Capital region	2.335	3.947	6.282	59%	506.539	1.587.626	2.094.165
Other municipalities	1.490	2.314	3.804	64%	380.796	787.297	1.168.093
Vesturland							
Fishing community	18	21	39	86%	3.872	7.842	11.714
Service community	21	39	60	54%	3.917	11.887	15.804
Agricultural areas	15	23	38	65%	2.613	8.353	10.966
Norðurland vestra							
Fishing community	15	18	33	83%	6.485	6.217	12.702
Service community	10	13	23	77%	2.395	4.401	6.796
Agricultural areas	17	30	47	57%	1.932	10.677	12.609
Austurland							
Fishing community	38	50	88	76%	14.166	18.706	32.872
Service community	20	36	56	56%	4.348	9.159	13.507
Agricultural areas	16	25	41	64%	3.330	7.294	10.624

Source: State Social Security Institute

4.3.4. Attendance Benefits

This chapter presents tables on attendance benefits.

Those who have custody over a handicapped child, or a child with a long term illness, are entitled to support from The State Social Security Institute (SSI), if a illness, mental handicap, or physical disability causes considerable verifiable costs and/or calls for a special attendance or care. Those who have custody over a child with a serious development disorder or a behavioral problem are also in some instances entitled to support. This support can take two forms:

- a) Certificate used for receiving discounts on medical costs and on the costs of drugs.
- b) Monthly payments to cover special care.

The support is provided for a predetermined time period of up to five years. A decision can be made to provide support for up to two years back in time, if a diagnosis has been completed before the time period in question started and the child's problem has caused considerable costs, and/or called for a special care.

Definitions:

The term *handicapped child* refers to a child, who due to a mental disability (or disturbance), or physical disability, needs a special training, support or care in its childhood life.

A child with a long term illness is a child, who needs a medical treatment in relation to a serious and/or long term illness.

A serious development disorder refers to a state that is the equivalent to a disability.

A behavior problem is a state that is the equivalent to a mental illness.

One of either parents has the right to be absent from work for up to ten working days (80 hours of work for a full time employment) for the purpose of caring for her/his children under the age of 13, given that other caring options are not suitable or available. In such cases an employee is entitled to a full basic salary and a premium and/or bonuses (if applicable) in accordance to general agreements associated with the employment. This right does not influence parents' rights to other regular sick leaves.

Table 98. Benefits and allowance for carers of sick and disabled children by sex 1991-2001

Year	Recipients			Benefits in million ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1991	105	449	554	26	121	148
1992	130	641	771	26	157	186
1993	183	1.048	1.231	37	233	270
1994	175	1.116	1.291	38	227	265
1995	278	2.058	2.336	42	304	346
1996	174	1.712	1.886	35	340	375
1997	203	1.777	1.980	39	361	400
1998	193	1.572	1.765	59	482	541
1999	183	1.513	1.696	70	542	612
2000	243	1.663	1.906	88	622	710
2001	259	1.823	2.082	103	698	801

Source: State Social Security Institute

4.3.5. Recipients of social security benefits

This chapter presents tables on recipients of social security benefits such as pension insurance. Pension insurance includes old age pension, invalidity pension, pension supplement, pension supplement increase, invalidity allowance, and child pension.

Old age pension: Persons 67 years of age or older who have been resident in Iceland, for at least 3 calendar years between the ages of 16 and 67, are entitled to an old age pension. A full annual old age pension is paid to individuals who have been resident in Iceland for at least 40 calendar years. In cases of shorter periods, the old age pension is paid in proportion to the period of residence. Persons who have worked as seamen for 25 years or longer are entitled to an old age pension from the age of 60.

Invalidity pension: Persons resident in Iceland are entitled to an invalidity pension if they are between the ages of 16 and 67 and:

- (a) have been resident in Iceland for at least the three years immediately prior to application or for six months if their working capacity was unimpaired when they took up residence in Iceland

(b) have had their permanent invalidity assessed at 75% as a result of a medically recognized disease or disability.

Pension supplement and pension supplement increase: A pension supplement is paid to those who are entitled to an old age pension, an invalidity pension or an occupational injury insurance by the State Social Security Institute (SSI). A pension supplement is also paid to those who are entitled to rehabilitation pension according to the Act on social support (no. 188/1993). If the income of a single person receiving old age pension does not exceed ISK 241,344 per annum he/she shall in addition to his/her pension be paid a pension supplement increase in the amount of ISK 347,244 per annum. If, on the other hand, the pensioner has an income greater than ISK 241,344 per annum the supplement shall be reduced by the equivalent of 45% of the surplus income.

Invalidity allowance: The SSI shall pay an invalidity allowance of ISK 14,992 per month, to persons who have lost at least one half of their working capacity, fulfil the conditions set for residency, and are between the ages of 18 and 62. Those who receive invalidity allowance, and have children under the age of 18 to provide for, shall receive an additional supplement on top of their allowance.

Child Pension: A child pension shall be paid in respect of children under 18 years of age either of whose parents is deceased or is an invalidity pensioner, provided that the child itself or either of its parents has been resident in Iceland for at least three years immediately prior to application. If both parents are deceased or are invalidity pensioners the child pension shall be double.

Table 99. Retirement pension by sex and residence 2001.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	11.842	15.455	27.297	5.118.753	6.964.388	12.083.141
Capital region	6.673	9.760	16.433	2.778.509	4.276.043	7.054.552
Other municipalities	5.169	5.695	10.864	2.340.244	2.688.346	5.028.590
Vesturland						
Fishing community	29	27	56	12.765	14.071	26.836
Service community	84	114	198	39.574	56.975	96.549
Agricultural areas	136	101	237	63.095	50.035	113.130
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	27	30	57	14.111	16.763	30.874
Service community	63	75	138	28.868	37.853	66.721
Agricultural areas	125	106	231	59.144	52.610	111.754
Austurland						
Fishing community	133	153	286	61.116	73.868	134.984
Service community	63	91	154	31.123	45.607	76.730
Agricultural areas	66	46	112	32.939	25.044	57.983

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 100. Retirement pension by sex and residence 2002.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	12.041	15.720	27.761	5.637.316	7.645.358	13.282.673
Capital region	6.788	9.925	16.713	3.067.469	4.675.500	7.745.969
Other municipalities	5.253	5.795	11.048	2.569.847	2.969.857	5.539.704
Vesturland						
Fishing community	30	27	57	14.127	15.862	29.989
Service community	82	114	196	43.163	61.040	104.203
Agricultural areas	135	104	239	67.800	54.708	122.508
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	25	29	54	14.095	17.158	31.253
Service community	59	76	135	29.880	37.593	67.473
Agricultural areas	123	105	228	62.876	56.138	119.014
Austurland						
Fishing community	134	153	287	65.613	77.758	143.371
Service community	61	94	155	32.569	51.687	84.256
Agricultural areas	71	46	117	37.444	26.602	64.046

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 101. Disability pension by sex and residence 2001.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	4.391	6.624	11.015	2.032.351	3.036.946	5.069.297
Capital region	2.652	3.909	6.561	1.243.411	1.819.312	3.062.723
Other municipalities	1.739	2.715	4.454	788.940	1.217.634	2.006.574
Vesturland						
Fishing community	13	11	24	5.965	5.007	10.972
Service community	28	45	73	13.282	20.330	33.612
Agricultural areas	17	29	46	8.395	14.759	23.154
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	14	7	21	5.973	3.171	9.144
Service community	21	17	38	10.007	7.847	17.854
Agricultural areas	29	36	65	13.675	18.134	31.809
Austurland						
Fishing community	33	56	89	15.731	22.331	38.062
Service community	21	29	50	11.810	15.203	27.013
Agricultural areas	14	20	34	8.140	9.791	17.931

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 102. Disability pension by sex and residence 2002.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	4.576	6.962	11.538	2.276.160	3.410.056	5.686.216
Capital region	2.752	4.058	6.810	1.394.934	2.022.836	3.417.770
Other municipalities	1.824	2.904	4.728	881.226	1.387.220	2.268.446
Vesturland						
Fishing community	15	13	28	6.599	6.147	12.746
Service community	30	47	77	15.321	22.523	37.844
Agricultural areas	15	30	45	7.635	16.877	24.512
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	15	9	24	7.222	4.356	11.578
Service community	21	18	39	10.807	8.947	19.754
Agricultural areas	28	39	67	14.911	20.492	35.403
Austurland						
Fishing community	34	55	89	16.929	26.192	43.121
Service community	25	28	53	13.151	15.822	28.973
Agricultural areas	17	22	39	9.157	11.574	20.731

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 103. Disability allowance by sex and residence 1995.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	700	1.439	2.139	59.572	136.006	195.578
Capital region	389	792	1.181	32.132	72.002	104.134
Other municipalities	311	647	958	27.440	64.004	91.444
Vesturland						
Fishing community	2	5	7	122	412	534
Service community	6	8	14	528	818	1.346
Agricultural areas	4	10	14	226	1.068	1.294
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	1	1	2	19	226	245
Service community	2	6	8	192	470	662
Agricultural areas	11	14	25	1.153	1.528	2.681
Austurland						
Fishing community	7	12	19	511	1.013	1.524
Service community	4	3	7	434	284	718
Agricultural areas	6	8	14	359	738	1.097

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 104. Disability allowance by sex and residence 1996.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	664	1.331	1.995	57.186	128.149	185.335
Capital region	373	712	1.085	31.163	67.976	99.139
Other municipalities	291	619	910	26.023	60.173	86.196
Vesturland						
Fishing community	2	4	6	223	334	557
Service community	7	9	16	628	776	1.404
Agricultural areas	2	7	9	241	692	933
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	1	1	2	15	80	95
Service community	1	5	6	120	351	471
Agricultural areas	10	11	21	1.136	1.310	2.446
Austurland						
Fishing community	6	9	15	624	944	1.568
Service community	5	1	6	485	120	605
Agricultural areas	4	8	12	255	1.002	1.257

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 105. Disability allowance by sex and residence 1997.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	662	1.369	2.031	59.808	136.968	196.776
Capital region	363	742	1.105	32.789	71.999	104.788
Other municipalities	299	627	926	27.019	64.969	91.988
Vesturland						
Fishing community	2	2	4	226	299	525
Service community	8	6	14	524	582	1.106
Agricultural areas	3	6	9	215	567	782
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	2	1	3	45	97	142
Service community	3	6	9	205	660	865
Agricultural areas	9	11	20	969	1.298	2.267
Austurland						
Fishing community	5	11	16	608	1.137	1.745
Service community	5	3	8	477	248	725
Agricultural areas	4	10	14	371	1.251	1.622

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 106. Disability allowance by sex and residence 1998.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	654	1.375	2.029	68.439	153.232	221.671
Capital region	358	747	1.105	37.704	81.123	118.827
Other municipalities	296	628	924	30.735	72.109	102.844
Vesturland						
Fishing community	2	3	5	272	340	612
Service community	4	6	10	370	612	982
Agricultural areas	5	4	9	601	629	1.230
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	3	2	5	134	227	361
Service community	5	5	10	327	590	917
Agricultural areas	9	12	21	923	1.264	2.187
Austurland						
Fishing community	4	13	17	544	1.501	2.045
Service community	5	3	8	540	299	839
Agricultural areas	4	10	14	375	1.406	1.781

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 107. Disability allowance by sex and residence 1999.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	592	1.278	1.870	61.322	144.639	205.961
Capital region	336	670	1.006	34.987	75.751	110.738
Other municipalities	256	608	864	26.335	68.888	95.223
Vesturland						
Fishing community	2	4	6	279	350	629
Service community	3	5	8	250	694	944
Agricultural areas	4	4	8	596	645	1.241
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	2	3	5	148	336	484
Service community	2	4	6	212	464	666
Agricultural areas	8	11	19	903	1.505	2.408
Austurland						
Fishing community	3	13	16	470	1.616	2.086
Service community	6	1	7	407	149	556
Agricultural areas	2	11	13	247	1.295	1.542

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 108. Disability allowance by sex and residence 2000.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	366	795	1.161	42.577	104.139	146.716
Capital region	211	411	622	23.202	53.136	76.338
Other municipalities	155	384	539	19.375	51.003	70.378
Vesturland						
Fishing community	2	1	3	225	158	383
Service community	1	5	6	66	580	646
Agricultural areas	4	3	7	633	369	1.002
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	0	2	2	0	277	277
Service community	1	4	5	158	494	652
Agricultural areas	6	8	14	933	1.173	2.106
Austurland						
Fishing community	2	8	10	315	1.037	1.352
Service community	3	1	4	308	158	466
Agricultural areas	1	5	6	158	633	791

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 109. Disability allowance by sex and residence 2001.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	317	730	1.047	37.962	100.527	138.489
Capital region	179	382	561	20.574	51.218	71.792
Other municipalities	138	348	486	17.388	49.309	66.697
Vesturland						
Fishing community	2	1	4	178	166	344
Service community	0	4	4	0	608	608
Agricultural areas	4	2	6	622	350	972
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	0	2	2	0	207	207
Service community	2	3	5	241	295	536
Agricultural areas	6	6	12	1.041	1.019	2.060
Austurland						
Fishing community	2	10	12	149	1.303	1.452
Service community	3	1	4	369	166	535
Agricultural areas	1	3	4	166	497	663

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 110. Disability allowance by sex and residence 2002.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	281	677	958	35.488	98.971	134.459
Capital region	160	363	523	19.084	51.385	70.469
Other municipalities	121	314	435	16.404	47.586	63.990
Vesturland						
Fishing community	3	1	4	216	180	396
Service community	0	5	5	0	735	735
Agricultural areas	4	2	6	555	420	975
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	0	2	2	0	360	360
Service community	2	3	5	195	297	492
Agricultural areas	6	6	12	1.109	1.019	2.128
Austurland						
Fishing community	1	8	9	103	1.159	1.262
Service community	2	1	3	249	180	429
Agricultural areas	1	3	4	180	522	702

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 111. Child pension by sex and residence 1995.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	896	2.795	3.691	155.900	548.271	704.171
Capital region	489	1.643	2.132	82.324	314.828	397.152
Other municipalities	407	1.152	1.559	73.576	233.443	307.019
Vesturland						
Fishing community	6	7	13	1.349	1.233	2.582
Service community	6	18	24	1.008	4.804	5.812
Agricultural areas	6	12	18	1.384	2.435	3.819
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	2	5	7	262	1.028	1.290
Service community	6	5	11	888	671	1.559
Agricultural areas	5	21	26	600	4.735	5.335
Austurland						
Fishing community	9	29	38	1.027	6.484	7.511
Service community	2	10	12	132	1.722	1.854
Agricultural areas	2	6	8	383	1.477	1.860

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 112. Child pension by sex and residence 1996.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	976	2.979	3.955	165.472	576.775	742.247
Capital region	510	1.731	2.241	85.045	326.877	411.922
Other municipalities	466	1.248	1.714	80.427	249.898	330.325
Vesturland						
Fishing community	7	9	16	1.085	1.295	2.380
Service community	7	20	27	925	4.512	5.440
Agricultural areas	7	12	19	1.392	2.072	3.464
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	2	6	8	259	810	1.069
Service community	6	7	13	1.252	1.025	2.277
Agricultural areas	5	21	26	518	4.571	5.089
Austurland						
Fishing community	8	28	36	1.047	6.727	7.774
Service community	1	10	11	43	1.565	1.608
Agricultural areas	2	6	8	335	1.392	1.727

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 113. Child pension by sex and residence 1997.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	1.011	3.170	4.181	179.672	658.734	838.406
Capital region	522	1.836	2.358	90.310	367.791	458.101
Other municipalities	489	1.334	1.823	89.362	290.943	380.305
Vesturland						
Fishing community	6	7	13	1.455	1.313	2.768
Service community	7	24	31	914	5.225	6.139
Agricultural areas	10	13	23	1.811	1.829	3.640
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	5	6	11	375	981	1.356
Service community	7	8	6	914	1.816	1.583
Agricultural areas	4	25	29	704	6.184	6.888
Austurland						
Fishing community	7	29	36	1.183	6.933	8.116
Service community	2	9	11	318	1.678	1.996
Agricultural areas	1	9	10	171	1.640	1.811

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 114. Child pension by sex and residence 1998.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	1.008	3.213	4.221	195.185	724.066	919.251
Capital region	532	1.858	2.390	97.542	405.063	502.605
Other municipalities	476	1.355	1.831	97.643	319.003	416.646
Vesturland						
Fishing community	6	7	13	1.535	1.806	3.341
Service community	5	28	33	1.025	6.725	7.750
Agricultural areas	9	17	26	2.508	3.210	5.718
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	5	7	12	870	1.330	2.200
Service community	5	10	15	1.047	2.136	3.183
Agricultural areas	6	23	29	1.129	7.085	8.214
Austurland						
Fishing community	6	27	33	1.391	7.042	8.433
Service community	0	9	9	0	1.538	1.538
Agricultural areas	1	7	8	12	1.822	1.834

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 115. Child pension by sex and residence 1999.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	1.078	3.416	4.494	216.364	791.256	1.007.620
Capital region	573	1.962	2.535	109.810	440.505	550.315
Other municipalities	505	1.454	1.959	106.554	350.751	457.305
Vesturland						
Fishing community	7	8	15	1.660	2.589	4.249
Service community	6	30	36	990	7.895	8.885
Agricultural areas	8	18	26	2.082	4.036	6.118
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	6	6	12	1.104	1.434	2.538
Service community	3	9	12	762	2.475	3.237
Agricultural areas	9	29	38	2.069	8.104	10.173
Austurland						
Fishing community	9	33	42	2.082	7.771	9.853
Service community	2	9	11	254	1.752	2.006
Agricultural areas	1	14	15	152	3.135	3.287

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 116. Child pension by sex and residence 2000.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	1.075	3.704	4.779	239.423	892.742	1.132.165
Capital region	567	2.120	2.687	122.397	491.381	613.778
Other municipalities	508	1.584	2.092	117.026	401.361	518.387
Vesturland						
Fishing community	7	7	14	2.043	2.468	4.511
Service community	6	26	32	955	7.521	8.476
Agricultural areas	8	20	28	1.817	6.024	7.841
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	5	6	11	1.779	1.715	3.494
Service community	3	13	16	729	2.517	3.246
Agricultural areas	11	26	37	2.641	9.087	11.728
Austurland						
Fishing community	7	32	39	2.243	8.149	10.392
Service community	2	11	13	318	2.403	2.721
Agricultural areas	2	18	20	173	4.513	4.686

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 117. Child pension by sex and residence 2001.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	1.057	3.871	4.928	248.364	989.386	1.237.750
Capital region	540	2.227	2.767	122.909	551.453	674.362
Other municipalities	517	1.644	2.161	125.455	437.933	563.388
Vesturland						
Fishing community	7	9	16	1.768	2.737	4.505
Service community	8	25	33	1.153	7.073	8.226
Agricultural areas	5	19	24	1.737	6.336	8.073
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	5	7	12	2.056	1.973	4.029
Service community	4	12	16	1.094	2.824	3.918
Agricultural areas	12	27	39	2.852	8.716	11.568
Austurland						
Fishing community	8	34	42	2.446	8.455	10.901
Service community	2	13	15	181	2.765	2.946
Agricultural areas	2	16	18	333	3.891	4.224

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 118. Child pension by sex and residence 2002.

	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	1.095	4.045	5.140	267.371	1.101.389	1.368.760
Capital region	569	2.360	2.929	132.751	620.627	753.378
Other municipalities	526	1.685	2.211	134.620	480.762	615.382
Vesturland						
Fishing community	7	11	18	2.092	3.784	5.876
Service community	8	23	31	1.342	7.930	9.272
Agricultural areas	6	16	22	2.156	6.272	8.428
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	5	6	11	2.141	1.794	3.935
Service community	5	11	16	1.131	2.578	3.709
Agricultural areas	11	26	37	2.699	8.886	11.585
Austurland						
Fishing community	9	34	43	2.880	9.995	12.875
Service community	2	13	15	75	2.895	2.970
Agricultural areas	3	17	20	332	4.236	4.568

Source: State Social Security Institute

4.3.6. Recipients of social assistance benefits

This chapter presents tables on recipients of social assistance benefits. Social assistance benefits comprise motherhood and fatherhood allowance, child pension with respect to the education or vocational training of youths aged 18-20, home care benefits, rehabilitation pension, spouse's benefits, widows' and widowers' benefits, household supplement, further household supplement, supplement for the operating costs of an automobile, grants for the purchase of an automobile, and reimbursement for substantial expenses on medical assistance and medicine. Social assistance benefits are only paid to persons permanently domiciled in Iceland.

Motherhood and fatherhood allowance: A motherhood and fatherhood allowance is paid to single parents who provide for at least two children who are less than 18 years of age.

Rehabilitation pension: When the extent of invalidity following sickness or accidents cannot be determined, a rehabilitation pension may be paid for a period up to twelve months after payments of per diem sickness or occupational injury benefits under the Social Security Act have ceased or until the degree of permanent invalidity can be assessed, however, in no case shall the period exceed 18 months.

Household supplements: A single person who receives a full income supplement under the Social Security Act and who runs his/her household alone without the economy of living with others or sharing housing or the cost of board may be granted a household supplement in the amount of ISK 7,711 per month.

Further household supplements: A further supplement may be paid to pensioners if it is clear that the pensioner cannot support himself without it.

Motor Vehicle Costs: An old-age or invalidity pensioner, recipient of an invalidity allowance or home-care payments may be granted a supplement to purchase and to cover operational costs of a motor vehicle which is necessary for the pensioner due to ambulatory incapacity provided the pensioner clearly cannot do without the supplement.

Reimbursement of substantial medical and medicinal costs: If the expenses of an insured person due to medical assistance or medicinal costs are substantial the SSI may reimburse the insured party for the expenses in part or in full subject to income and in accordance with rules issued by the Ministry of Health and Social Security.

Table 119. Recipients of social assistance benefits by sex and residence 2001.

Búseta	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	16.026	26.578	42.604	1.635.500	3.506.127	5.141.627
Capital region	8.932	16.287	25.219	929.691	2.231.932	3.161.623
Other municipalities	7.094	10.291	17.385	705.809	1.274.195	1.980.004
Vesturland						
Fishing community	42	60	102	4.071	8.137	12.208
Service community	114	176	290	10.530	21.241	31.771
Agricultural areas	158	173	331	14.860	21.281	36.141
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	44	43	87	5.658	7.294	12.952
Service community	79	110	189	9.067	13.360	22.427
Agricultural areas	162	175	337	15.681	19.765	35.446
Austurland						
Fishing community	159	235	394	13.847	31.406	45.253
Service community	89	136	225	10.734	18.924	29.658
Agricultural areas	82	93	175	8.598	11.147	19.745

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 120. Recipients of social assistance benefits by sex and residence 2002.

Búseta	Recipients			Benefits in thousand ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	17.428	28.712	46.140	1.742.864	3.755.275	5.498.139
Capital region	9.979	17.886	27.865	993.969	2.393.497	3.387.466
Other municipalities	7.449	10.826	18.275	748.895	1.361.778	2.110.673
Vesturland						
Fishing community	48	62	110	4.510	8.592	13.102
Service community	121	186	307	11.861	24.675	36.536
Agricultural areas	157	178	335	15.871	23.342	39.213
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	43	45	88	5.758	7.236	12.994
Service community	85	117	202	10.504	13.773	24.277
Agricultural areas	165	180	345	15.681	19.326	35.007
Austurland						
Fishing community	171	249	420	15.957	32.893	48.850
Service community	88	149	237	10.786	21.249	32.035
Agricultural areas	89	89	178	9.206	10.863	20.069

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 121. Male and female recipients of social assistance benefits 1996.

	Recipients			Benefits in million ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Single parent's allowances	102	2.689	2.791	5	148	153
Benefits and allowance for carers of sick and disabled children	174	1.712	1.886	35	340	375
Spouse's benefits	5	79	84	3	27	30
Widow's/widower's benefit	34	548	582	7	65	72
Rehabilitation pension	104	153	257	46	57	103
Child pension	107	147	254	19	24	43
Household supplement	2.886	6.429	9.315	291	631	922
Additional household supplement	625	1.602	2.227	44	101	145
Additional pension supplement	4.133	6.784	10.917	551	777	1.328
Money support	2.884	2.252	5.136	154	119	273
Petrol allowance	743	1.226	1.969	74	112	186
Car-purchasing grants	144	155	299	50	47	98

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 122. Male and female recipients of social assistance benefits 1997.

	Recipients			Benefits in million ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Single parent's allowances	104	2.837	2.941	5	163	168
Benefits and allowance for carers of sick and disabled children	203	1.777	1.980	39	361	400
Spouse's benefits	11	62	73	4	25	29
Widow's/widower's benefit	43	567	610	10	61	71
Rehabilitation pension	108	154	262	60	74	134
Child pension	125	164	289	20	26	46
Household supplement	2.966	6.626	9.592	374	820	1.194
Additional household supplement	616	1.507	2.123	42	93	135
Additional pension supplement	4.074	6.703	10.777	524	745	1.269
Money support	741	1.241	1.982	71	116	187
Petrol allowance	2.891	2.288	5.179	165	128	293
Car-purchasing grants	123	152	275	43	48	91

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 123. Male and female recipients of social assistance benefits 1998.

	Recipients			Benefits in million ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Single parent's allowances	105	2.959	3.064	6	187	193
Benefits and allowance for carers of sick and disabled children	193	1.572	1.765	59	482	541
Spouse's benefits	8	59	67	5	24	29
Widow's/widower's benefit	33	444	477	8	62	70
Rehabilitation pension	89	170	259	58	87	145
Child pension	144	169	313	24	30	54
Household supplement	3.032	6.724	9.756	452	997	1.449
Additional household supplement	589	1.381	1.970	43	96	139
Additional pension supplement	3.803	6.224	10.027	548	773	1.321
Money support	711	1.200	1.911	75	120	195
Petrol allowance	2.888	2.356	5.244	174	142	316
Car-purchasing grants	159	175	334	49	51	100

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 124. Male and female recipients of social assistance benefits 1999.

	Recipients			Benefits in million ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Single parent's allowances	111	2.937	3.048	7	197	204
Benefits and allowance for carers of sick and disabled children	183	1.513	1.696	70	542	612
Spouse's benefits	12	57	69	6	24	30
Widow's/widower's benefit	34	361	395	9	53	62
Rehabilitation pension	127	152	279	80	99	179
Child pension	138	166	304	28	29	57
Household supplement	3.084	7.064	10.148	475	1.082	1.557
Additional household supplement	583	1.362	1.945	42	97	139
Additional pension supplement	3.670	6.069	9.739	557	799	1.356
Money support	890	1.327	2.136	104	164	268
Petrol allowance	2.925	2.396	5.321	181	152	334
Car-purchasing grants	164	227	391	47	64	111

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 125. Male and female recipients of social assistance benefits 2000.

	Recipients			Benefits in million ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Single parent's allowances	118	3.068	3.186	7	212	219
Benefits and allowance for carers of sick and disabled children	243	1.663	1.906	88	622	710
Spouse's benefits	11	60	71	5	26	31
Widow's/widower's benefit	35	290	325	10	48	58
Rehabilitation pension	152	206	358	100	119	219
Child pension	141	154	295	27	31	58
Household supplement	3.165	7.297	10.462	505	1.173	1.678
Additional household supplement	561	1.325	1.886	44	101	145
Additional pension supplement	3.506	5.498	9.04	603	828	1.431
Money support	763	1.325	2.088	115	192	307
Petrol allowance	3.062	2.647	5.709	209	180	389
Car-purchasing grants	222	252	474	69	72	141

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 126. Male and female recipients of social assistance benefits 2001

	Recipients			Benefits in million ISK		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Single parent's allowances	111	3.239	3.350	8	233	241
Benefits and allowance for carers of sick and disabled children	259	1.823	2.082	103	698	801
Spouse's benefits	11	48	59	6	23	29
Widow's/widower's benefit	31	274	305	9	49	57
Rehabilitation pension	180	317	497	127	206	334
Child pension	143	149	292	28	31	59
Household supplement	3.246	7.563	10.809	540	1.261	1.801
Additional household supplement	555	1.336	1.891	22	50	72
Additional pension supplement	3.168	4.847	8.015	635	825	1.461
Money support	723	1.345	2.068	112	197	309
Petrol allowance	3.071	2.807	5.878	265	236	501
Car-purchasing grants	245	190	435	81	78	159

Source: State Social Security Institute

4.3.7. Municipal income support and home-help expenditure

This chapter presents tables on municipal income support and home-help expenditure. Data on number of persons receiving social assistance only obtained from municipalities with more than 400 inhabitants till the year 1995 and 1998 from municipalities with 300 or more inhabitants. In 1999 data was obtained from municipalities with 250 or more inhabitants.

Table 127. Municipal income support and home-help expenditure 1992

1992	Capital region					
	Total	Total	Reykjavík	Other municipalities	Other municipalities with 400 or more inhabitants	All other municipalities
Income support						
Number of municipalities	197	8	1	7	54	135
Percent distribution of inhabitants	100,0	57,8	38,5	19,4	34,3	7,8
Income support expenditure, thous.ISK	402.821	331.520	268.582	62.938	67.244	4.057
Refunding of loans ²	22.704	19.512	10.483	9.029	3.192	-
Refunding, percentage of total	5,6	5,9	3,9	14,3	4,7	-
Percent distribution of expenditure	100,0	82,3	66,7	15,6	16,7	1,0
Average per household in ISK	104.874	110.950	117.182	90.428	78.832	-
Home-help expenditure						
Total expendit., thous. ISK	576.876	413.596	337.940	75.656	147.024	16.256
Homes of elderly	461.098	334.694	278.152	56.542	126.404	-
Handicapped in household	59.702	47.611	33.028	14.583	12.091	-
Other household	39.820	31.291	26.760	4.531	8.529	-
Refunding of exp., thous. ISK	41.826	28.173	18.789	9.384	12.779	874
Refunding, percentage of total	7,3	6,8	5,6	12,4	8,7	5,4
Percent distribution of expendit	100,0	71,7	58,6	13,1	25,5	2,8
Average per household in ISK	126.323	126.637	132.214	106.558	125.447	-

Source: State Social Security Institute

² Expenditure includes direct financial support and assistance in the form of loans. On repayment loans are credited to reeveue account.

Table 128. Municipal income support and home-help expenditure 1993

1993	Capital region					
	Total	Alls	Reykjavík	Önnur sveitarfélög	Other municipalities with 400 or more inhabitants	All other municipalities
Income support						
Number of municipalities	196	8	1	7	52	136
Percent distribution of inhabitants	100,0	58,2	38,4	19,7	33,8	8,0
Income support expenditure, thous.ISK	615.995	519.927	441.978	77.949	91.966	4.102
Refunding of loans	34.511	29.064	18.670	10.394	5.356	131
Refunding, percentage of total	5,6	5,6	4,2	13,3	5,8	-
Percent distribution of expenditure	100,0	84,4	71,8	12,7	14,9	0,7
Average per household in ISK	129.221	138.022	153.411	87.979	91.966	-
Home-help expenditure						
Total expendit., thous. ISK	644.819	469.472	391.849	77.623	155.280	20.067
Homes of elderly	501.155	369.321	313.280	56.041	131.834	-
Handicapped in household	26.584	66.526	52.190	14.336	-39.942	-
Other household	97.013	33.625	26.379	7.246	63.388	-
Refunding of exp., thous. ISK	49.465	32.990	20.904	12.086	15.339	1.136
Refunding, percentage of total	7,7	7,0	5,3	15,6	9,9	5,7
Percent distribution of expendit	100,0	72,8	60,8	12,0	24,1	3,1
Average per household in ISK	116.711	120.193	125.472	99.135	107.312	-

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 129. Municipal income support and home-help expenditure 1994

1994	Capital region					
	Total	Alls	Reykjavík	Önnur sveitarfélög	Other municipalities with 400 or more inhabitants	All other municipalities
Income support						
Number of municipalities	171	8	1	7	50	113
Percent distribution of inhabitants	100,0	58,6	38,6	20,0	34,4	7,0
Income support expenditure, thous.ISK	775.630	665.398	559.925	105.473	103.296	6.936
Refunding of loans	31.031	28.439	17.836	10.603	2.539	53
Refunding, percentage of total	4,0	4,3	3,2	10,1	2,5	0,8
Percent distribution of expenditure	100,0	85,8	72,2	13,6	13,3	0,9
Average per household in ISK	143.715	157.119	170.035	111.967	88.895	-
Home-help expenditure						
Total expendit., thous. ISK	668.624	484.972	407.835	77.137	159.517	24.135
Homes of elderly	507.477	375.732	321.424	54.308	131.745	-
Handicapped in household	95.966	78.192	61.886	16.306	17.774	-
Other household	41.046	31.048	24.525	6.523	9.998	-
Refunding of exp., thous. ISK	47.867	33.079	21.376	11.703	13.502	1.286
Refunding, percentage of total	7,2	6,8	5,2	15,2	8,5	5,3
Percent distribution of expendit	100,0	72,5	61,0	11,5	23,9	3,6
Average per household in ISK	113.327	119.451	129.103	85.613	98.044	-

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 130. Municipal income support and home-help expenditure 1995

1995	Capital region					
	Total	Alls	Reykjavík	Önnur sveitarfélög	Other municipalities with 250 or more inhabitants	All other municipalities
Income support						
Number of municipalities	170	8	1	7	50	112
Percent distribution of inhabitants	100,0	59,2	38,9	20,2	34,2	6,7
Income support expenditure, thous.ISK	890.981	779.193	674.237	104.956	106.208	5.580
Refunding of loans	16.930	11.067	-	11.067	5.742	121
Refunding, percentage of total	1,9	1,4	0,0	10,5	5,4	2,2
Percent distribution of expenditure	100,0	87,5	75,7	11,8	11,9	0,6
Average per household in ISK	148.102	162.095	177.431	104.226	87.848	-
Home-help expenditure						
Total expendit., thous. ISK	751.222	552.950	463.654	89.296	172.696	25.576
Homes of elderly	563.429	423.674	358.269	65.405	139.755	-
Handicapped in household	108.054	86.010	69.810	16.200	22.044	-
Other household	54.163	43.266	35.575	7.691	10.897	-
Refunding of exp., thous. ISK	52.700	37.175	25.011	12.164	14.115	1.410
Refunding, percentage of total	7,0	6,7	5,4	13,6	8,2	5,5
Percent distribution of expendit	100,0	73,6	61,7	11,9	23,0	3,4
Average per household in ISK	121.528	129.588	138.198	97.912	101.347	-

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 131. Municipal income support and home-help expenditure 1996

1996	Capital region					
	Total	Alls	Reykjavík	Önnur sveitarfélög	Other municipalities with 300 or more inhabitants	All other municipalities
Income support						
Number of municipalities	165	8	1	7	62	95
Percent distribution of inhabitants	100,0	59,7	39,1	20,6	35,5	4,7
Income support expenditure, thous.ISK	950.304	830.667	729.575	101.092	117.329	2.308
Refunding of loans	19.910	11.300	-	11.300	8.610	-
Refunding, percentage of total	2,1	1,4	0,0	11,2	7,3	0,0
Percent distribution of expenditure	100,0	87,4	76,8	10,6	12,3	0,2
Average per household in ISK	163.535	183.330	198.308	118.653	91.663	-
Home-help expenditure						
Total expendit., thous. ISK	795.129	587.068	496.093	90.975	194.749	13.312
Homes of elderly	598.217	444.997	379.212	65.785	153.220	-
Handicapped in household	124.177	94.459	77.522	16.937	29.718	-
Other household	59.422	47.611	39.358	8.253	11.811	-
Refunding of exp., thous. ISK	56.707	40.881	27.220	13.661	15.172	654
Refunding, percentage of total	7,1	7,0	5,5	15,0	7,8	4,9
Percent distribution of expendit	100,0	73,8	62,4	11,4	24,5	1,7
Average per household in ISK	124.632	133.273	145.269	91.894	104.255	-

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 132. Municipal income support and home-help expenditure 1997

1997	Capital region					
	Total	Alls	Reykjavík	Önnur sveitarfélög	Other municipalities with 300 or more inhabitants	All other municipalities
Income support						
Number of municipalities	165	8	1	7	62	95
Percent distribution of inhabitants	100,0	60,4	39,2	21,2	35,0	4,6
Income support expenditure, thous.ISK	950.597	822.232	726.996	95.236	125.855	2.510
Refunding of loans	13.201	7.486	-	7.486	5.715	-
Refunding, percentage of total	1,4	0,9	0,0	7,9	4,5	0,0
Percent distribution of expenditure	100,0	86,5	76,5	10,0	13,2	0,3
Average per household in ISK	168.366	190.773	206.065	121.785	94.203	-
Home-help expenditure						
Total expendit., thous. ISK	791.843	566.488	476.183	90.305	208.750	16.605
Homes of elderly	623.739	455.739	388.617	67.122	168.000	-
Handicapped in household	113.400	89.152	70.213	18.939	24.248	-
Other household	38.099	21.597	17.353	4.244	16.502	-
Refunding of exp., thous. ISK	61.824	42.205	28.546	13.659	18.996	623
Refunding, percentage of total	7,8	7,5	6,0	15,1	9,1	3,8
Percent distribution of expendit	100,0	71,5	60,1	11,4	26,4	2,1
Average per household in ISK	127.590	135.783	143.213	106.617	109.638	-

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 133. Municipal income support and home-help expenditure 1998

1998	Capital region					
	Total	Alls	Reykjavík	Önnur sveitarfélög	Other municipalities with 300 or more inhabitants	All other municipalities
Income support						
Number of municipalities	124	7	1	6	58	59
Percent distribution of inhabitants	100,0	61,0	39,4	21,6	36,1	2,9
Income support expenditure, thous.ISK	828.106	709.920	614.472	94.448	115.525	2.661
Refunding of loans	12.287	7.422	906	6.516	4.690	175
Refunding, percentage of total	1,5	1,0	0,1	6,9	4,1	6,6
Percent distribution of expenditure	100,0	85,7	74,3	11,4	14,0	0,3
Average per household in ISK	176.189	191.301	202.391	140.967	118.609	-
Home-help expenditure						
Total expendit., thous. ISK	790.902	538.671	446.062	92.610	236.247	15.174
Homes of elderly	593.845	404.013	339.617	64.396	189.833	-
Handicapped in household	125.638	93.121	73.614	19.507	32.516	-
Other household	55.435	41.537	32.830	8.707	13.898	-
Refunding of exp., thous. ISK	63.922	41.743	29.353	12.389	21.891	288
Refunding, percentage of total	8,1	7,7	6,6	13,4	9,3	1,9
Percent distribution of expendit	100,0	68,2	56,5	11,7	29,9	1,9
Average per household in ISK	122.111	125.243	135.047	92.795	115.524	-

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 134. Municipal income support and home-help expenditure 1999

1999	Capital region					
	Total	Alls	Reykjavík	Önnur sveitarfélög	Other municipalities with 250 or more inhabitants	All other municipalities
Income support						
Number of municipalities	124	7	1	6	62	55
Percent distribution of inhabitants	100,0	61,5	39,4	22,1	36,1	2,5
Income support expenditure, thous.ISK	780.761	661.221	584.963	76.258	115.837	3.703
Refunding of loans	22.248	18.283	10.000	8.283	3.965	-
Refunding, percentage of total	2,8	2,8	1,7	10,9	3,4	-
Percent distribution of expenditure	100,0	84,7	74,9	9,8	14,8	0,5
Average per household in ISK	177.006	200.796	209.439	137.650	105.594	-
Home-help expenditure						
Total expendit., thous. ISK	838.674	559.338	463.391	95.947	266.387	12.948
Homes of elderly	621.115	414.896	345.076	69.819	206.219	-
Handicapped in household	158.053	117.107	98.236	18.871	40.946	-
Other household	46.558	27.336	20.079	7.257	19.223	-
Refunding of exp., thous. ISK	74.720	51.241	39.584	11.658	23.128	351
Refunding, percentage of total	8,9	9,2	8,5	12,1	8,7	2,7
Percent distribution of expendit	100,0	66,7	55,3	11,4	31,8	1,5
Average per household in ISK	124.394	127.849	132.549	109.155	117.714	-

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 135. Municipal income support and home-help expenditure 2000

2000	Capital region					
	Total	Alls	Reykjavík	Önnur sveitarfélög	Other municipalities with 250 or more inhabitants	All other municipalities
Income support						
Number of municipalities	124	7	1	6	63	54
Percent distribution of inhabitants	100,0	61,8	39,4	22,5	35,9	2,3
Income support expenditure, thous.ISK	775.914	610.464	521.026	89.438	161.876	3.574
Refunding of loans	8.739	5.976	-	5.976	2.763	-
Refunding, percentage of total	1,1	1,0	-	6,7	1,7	-
Percent distribution of expenditure	100,0	78,7	67,1	11,5	20,9	0,5
Average per household in ISK	180.075	204.854	223.042	138.879	123.644	-
Home-help expenditure						
Total expendit., thous. ISK	866.401	556.865	452.231	104.634	296.269	13.267
Homes of elderly	629.575	405.611	330.676	74.935	223.963	-
Handicapped in household	98.580	52.176	30.316	21.860	46.404	-
Other household	124.979	99.078	91.239	7.839	25.901	-
Refunding of exp., thous. ISK	68.636	42.400	31.835	10.565	25.922	314
Refunding, percentage of total	7,9	7,6	7,0	10,1	8,7	2,4
Percent distribution of expendit	100,0	64,3	52,2	12,1	34,2	1,5
Average per household in ISK	133.157	134.769	136.255	128.701	130.228	-

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 136. Families receiving municipal income support 1991

1991	Capital region					Other municip. With 400 or more inhab.	Number of families/ households
	Total	Total	Reykjavík	Other municip.			
Families/households, total	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Single men with children	2,0%	2,0%	1,9%	2,5%	1,8%	(73)	
Single men without children	32,8%	34,8%	36,6%	27,6%	22,7%	(1.204)	
Single women with children	29,7%	27,8%	25,6%	36,4%	39,6%	(1.089)	
Single women without children	18,2%	19,2%	20,1%	15,5%	13,2%	(667)	
Married/hohabiting couples with children	10,3%	8,7%	7,7%	12,6%	18,4%	(377)	
Married/hohabiting couples without children	7,0%	7,5%	8,1%	5,5%	4,3%	(257)	
Number of families/households	(3.667)	(3.063)	(2.458)	(605)	(604)	(3.667)	

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 137. Families receiving municipal income support 1992

1992	Capital region					Other municip. With 400 or more inhab.	Number of families/ households
	Total	Total	Reykjavík	Other municip.			
Families/households, total	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Single men with children	1,8%	1,7%	1,7%	1,7%	1,9%	(68)	
Single men without children	32,8%	35,5%	38,4%	26,0%	23,3%	(1.261)	
Single women with children	31,5%	28,3%	26,2%	35,5%	42,6%	(1.210)	
Single women without children	16,6%	18,2%	19,5%	13,8%	11,0%	(637)	
Married/hohabiting couples with children	12,1%	10,5%	8,6%	16,8%	17,5%	(463)	
Married/hohabiting couples without children	5,3%	5,7%	5,5%	6,2%	3,8%	(202)	
Number of families/households	(3.841)	(2.988)	(2.292)	(696)	(853)	(3.841)	

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 138. Families receiving municipal income support 1993

1993	Capital region					Other municip. With 400 or more inhab.	Number of families/ households
	Total	Total	Reykjavík	Other municip.			
Families/households, total	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Single men with children	2,0%	2,0%	2,2%	1,1%	2,0%	(94)	
Single men without children	34,9%	38,4%	41,6%	27,9%	22,0%	(1.665)	
Single women with children	29,0%	26,8%	24,6%	34,1%	37,3%	(1.383)	
Single women without children	17,0%	17,6%	18,8%	13,8%	14,7%	(811)	
Married/hohabiting couples with children	12,8%	11,2%	9,1%	18,2%	19,0%	(612)	
Married/hohabiting couples without children	4,2%	4,0%	3,7%	5,0%	5,0%	(202)	
Number of families/households	(4.767)	(3.767)	(2.881)	(886)	(1.000)	(4.767)	

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 139. Families receiving municipal income support 1994

1994	Capital region					Other municip. With 400 or more inhab.	Number of families/ households
	Total	Total	Reykjavík	Other municip.			
Families/households, total	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Single men with children	2,0%	1,8%	1,9%	1,5%	2,5%	(106)	
Single men without children	36,0%	39,1%	42,0%	29,1%	24,6%	(1.943)	
Single women with children	26,5%	24,4%	21,8%	33,8%	34,1%	(1.431)	
Single women without children	17,6%	19,0%	20,2%	14,9%	12,7%	(951)	
Married/hohabiting couples with children	13,0%	10,7%	9,2%	16,0%	21,1%	(700)	
Married/hohabiting couples without children	4,9%	4,9%	4,9%	4,8%	5,1%	(266)	
Number of families/households	(5.397)	(4.235)	(3.293)	(942)	(1.162)	(5.397)	

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 140. Families receiving municipal income support 1995

1995	Capital region				Other municip. With 300 or more inhab.	Number of families/ households
	Total	Total	Reykjavík	Other municip.		
Families/households, total	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Single men with children	1,5%	1,4%	1,4%	1,1%	1,8%	(88)
Single men without children	38,6%	41,3%	43,5%	33,0%	28,0%	(2.324)
Single women with children	27,2%	25,3%	23,3%	32,9%	35,0%	(1.638)
Single women without children	17,2%	18,5%	19,4%	15,2%	12,1%	(1.035)
Married/hohabiting couples with children	10,8%	8,8%	7,7%	13,3%	18,6%	(650)
Married/hohabiting couples without children	4,7%	4,7%	4,7%	4,6%	4,5%	(281)
Number of families/households	(6.016)	(4.807)	(3.800)	(1.007)	(1.209)	(6.016)

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 141. Families receiving municipal income support 1996

1996	Capital region				Other municip. With 300 or more inhab.	Number of families/ households
	Total	Total	Reykjavík	Other municip.		
Families/households, total	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Single men with children	2,1%	2,2%	1,2%	6,5%	1,9%	(122)
Single men without children	37,8%	41,1%	43,6%	30,3%	26,2%	(2.197)
Single women with children	25,2%	22,7%	22,1%	25,6%	34,0%	(1.465)
Single women without children	20,4%	22,2%	21,7%	24,3%	14,2%	(1.187)
Married/hohabiting couples with children	9,0%	6,5%	5,9%	9,0%	17,9%	(524)
Married/hohabiting couples without children	5,4%	5,3%	5,5%	4,3%	5,9%	(316)
Number of families/households	(5.811)	(4.531)	(3.679)	(852)	(1.280)	(5.811)

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 142. Families receiving municipal income support 1997

1997	Capital region				Other municip. With 300 or more inhab.	Number of families/ households
	Total	Total	Reykjavík	Other municip.		
Families/households, total	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Single men with children	1,7%	1,7%	1,6%	2,2%	1,6%	(96)
Single men without children	36,9%	40,4%	42,5%	31,1%	25,4%	(2.082)
Single women with children	29,8%	27,9%	27,5%	29,7%	36,0%	(1.684)
Single women without children	17,7%	18,6%	18,87%	17,5%	14,9%	(1.000)
Married/hohabiting couples with children	8,8%	6,5%	5,1%	13,2%	15,9%	(495)
Married/hohabiting couples without children	5,1%	4,8%	4,5%	6,4%	6,1%	(289)
Number of families/households	(5.646)	(4.310)	(3.528)	(782)	(1.336)	(5.646)

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 143. Families receiving municipal income support 1998

1998	Capital region				Other municip. With 300 or more inhab.	Number of families/ households
	Total	Total	Reykjavík	Other municip.		
Families/households, total	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Single men with children	1,6%	1,3%	1,3%	1,5%	2,6%	(74)
Single men without children	36,8%	40,0%	41,8%	31,5%	24,9%	(1.726)
Single women with children	31,9%	30,4%	29,1%	36,4%	37,4%	(1.493)
Single women without children	18,5%	19,0%	19,1%	18,7%	16,4%	(865)
Married/hohabiting couples with children	6,9%	5,2%	4,5%	8,5%	13,4%	(325)
Married/hohabiting couples without children	4,3%	4,1%	4,2%	3,4%	5,2%	(202)
Number of families/households	(4.685)	(3.711)	(3.041)	(670)	(974)	(4.685)

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 144. Families receiving municipal income support 1999

1999	Capital region				Other municip. With 250 or more inhab.	Number of families/ households
	Total	Total	Reykjavík	Other municip.		
Families/households, total	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Single men with children	1,6%	1,5%	1,6%	1,3%	1,7%	(69)
Single men without children	35,2%	38,8%	39,4%	35,7%	24,4%	(1.545)
Single women with children	33,4%	31,3%	30,9%	33,8%	39,6%	(1.466)
Single women without children	17,3%	17,2%	16,7%	19,9%	17,5%	(759)
Married/hohabiting couples with children	8,0%	6,5%	6,7%	5,6%	12,7%	(353)
Married/hohabiting couples without children	4,5%	4,6%	4,8%	3,8%	4,1%	(198)
Number of families/households	(4.390)	(3.293)	(2.739)	(554)	(1.097)	(4.390)

Source: State Social Security Institute

Table 145. Families receiving municipal income support 2000

2000	Capital region					Other municip. With 250 or more inhab.	Number of families/ households
	Total	Total	Reykjavík	Other municip.			
Families/households, total	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Single men with children	1,5	1,1	1,1	1,1	2,4	(65)	
Single men without children	35,2	39,4	41,1	32,9	25,7	(1.509)	
Single women with children	32,5	31,3	29,5	37,9	35,4	(1.396)	
Single women without children	17,1	16,9	17,3	15,5	17,4	(733)	
Married/hohabiting couples with children	8,7	6,5	5,8	9,2	13,7	(374)	
Married/hohabiting couples without children	4,9	4,7	5,1	3,4	5,4	(212)	
Number of families/households	(4.289)	(2.980)	(2.336)	(644)	(1.309)	(4.289)	

Source: State Social Security Institute

4.3.8. Family benefit

Family benefit are paid for children up to the age of 16 who are resident in Iceland and supported by those who are subject to unlimited tax liability in Iceland according to the tax law. Child benefits are assessed and paid on the basis of income and capital as declared for the previous year. Advance payments are made on the 1st of February and the 1st of May each year. The annual amount depends on the age of the children and whether or not the parents are married, cohabiting parents or single. The benefits are reduced according to certain rules when taxable income exceeds a certain limit.

4.3.10. Law of gender quotas

The current legislation on Gender Equality is the Act on Equal Status and Equal Rights of Women and Men no. 96/2000. The aim of this Act is to establish and maintain equal status and equal opportunities for women and men, and thus promote gender equality in all spheres of society.

Government and municipal authorities:

Gender Equality coordinators are appointed in each ministry. Their role shall be to coordinate the gender equality work in every ministry's field, with special emphasis on gender mainstreaming. A close cooperation is between the Centre for Gender Equality and the coordinators. Every four years (after each national) the Minister of Social Affairs shall present to the Parliament a resolution on a four-year program aiming at gender equality. Each ministry proposes and is responsible for implementing a detailed plan of action in this regard. The program shall be reviewed every second year.

Municipal authorities shall actively work towards gender equality in the communities as well as in the public administration. They shall appoint Gender Equality committees and set up a gender equality program for each four-eyar period.

5. Political structure

In this chapter elections to the Icelandic State Parliament as well as municipal elections will be discussed.

5.1. Elections to the Icelandic State Parliament

Elections to Althingi (the Icelandic State Parliament) take place every four years. In the last decade elections were held in the year 1991, 1995, and 1999. Since 1959 the country has been divided into eight constituencies based on an article of the Constitution.

The Parliament consists of 63 Members. The Constitution guarantees each constituency a minimum number of members/seats and a total of 54 seats are allocated in that way. The nine remaining seats are assigned to the constituencies according to the Act on Elections to Althingi (no. 24/2000).

The right to vote in elections to Althingi extends to all Icelandic citizens aged 18 years or over at the time of the election.

Women in Iceland received a partial right to vote in elections to Althingi in 1915, and received full rights in 1920.

At the time of the 1995 election, the official register of voters contained fewer men than women, with a difference of 131. On average each member of the Parliament needed 3,047 votes to ensure a seat, compared to 2,901 in 1991. In 1995 the electorate numbered 167,751 voters. This accounts for 87.4% of the officially registered voters, which is the lowest participation rate since 1946.

Table 146. Constituencies for elections to Althingi

Constituencies	Seats according to the Constitution	Total number of seats
Reykjavík	14	19
Reykjanes	8	12
Vesturland	5	5
Vestfirðir	5	5
Norðurland vestra	5	5
Norðurland eystra	6	6
Austurland	5	5
Suðurland	6	6
Total:	54	63

Table 147. Participation in elections to the Icelandic State Parliament by sex and residence

	Participation, % 1991		Participation, % 1995		Participation, % 1999	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Total	87,9%	87,3%	87,3%	87,5%	83,8%	84,4%
Capital region	86,9%	86,7%	86,4%	86,8%	82,1%	83,4%
Other municipalities	89,2%	88,3%	88,6%	88,6%	86,5%	86,3%
Vesturland						
Fishing community	93,6%	93,9%	91,0%	92,4%	88,3%	93,5%
Service community	89,6%	87,2%	89,7%	89,6%	87,7%	88,2%
Agricultural areas	91,2%	91,4%	89,9%	87,9%	92,0%	85,6%
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	87,8%	92,5%	87,9%	88,6%	90,6%	91,0%
Service community	88,3%	92,8%	89,3%	90,7%	87,4%	91,1%
Agricultural areas	89,5%	87,4%	89,1%	85,7%	85,3%	84,0%
Austurland						
Fishing community	87,1%	89,6%	87,1%	86,2%	82,7%	84,4%
Service community	91,0%	91,3%	89,1%	89,9%	84,5%	87,9%
Agricultural areas	89,4%	86,8%	90,1%	89,2%	85,8%	85,1%

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 148. Elected members by sex and constituency, %

	Elected members 1991		Elected members 1995		Elected members 1999	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Reykjavíkurborg	61,1%	38,9%	63,2%	36,8%	52,6%	47,4%
Reykjaneskjördæmi	63,6%	36,4%	66,7%	33,3%	50,0%	50,0%
Vesturlandskjördæmi	80,0%	20,0%	80,0%	20,0%	80,0%	20,0%
Vestfjarðarkjördæmi	83,3%	16,7%	100,0%	0,0%	100,0%	0,0%
Norðurlandskjördæmi vestra	100,0%	0,0%	100,0%	0,0%	100,0%	0,0%
Norðurlandskjördæmi eystra	85,7%	14,3%	66,7%	33,3%	66,7%	33,3%
Austurlandskjördæmi	100,0%	0,0%	80,0%	20,0%	60,0%	40,0%
Suðurlandskjördæmi	83,3%	16,7%	83,3%	16,7%	66,7%	33,3%
Total:	76,2%	23,8%	74,6%	25,4%	65,1%	34,9%

Source: Statistics Iceland

5.2. Local government elections

According to the Local Government Elections Act³, municipal councils are elected for a period of four years. The last municipal elections were held in the spring of 2002. The total number of municipal councilors, for each municipality, shall be an uneven number and in accordance with a certain limits that are associated with the population number of the municipality (see Table 138). In spite of these conditions there are no mandatory requirements to decrease or increase the number of municipal councilors until the population number of a municipality has been higher or lower than a given limit in eight consecutive years. The number of municipal councilors shall be officially stated in a resolution made by each municipal council⁴.

Municipal councilors shall be selected through general anonymous elections. The elections can be arranged in either of the two following ways:

- a) *Constrained proportional elections*: Elections that are constrained to predetermined lists of candidates and the proportion of total votes that each list receives will determine how many candidates on each list will obtain a councillorship.
- b) *Non-constrained elections*: Elections where candidates do not have to declare candidacy and all residents of each municipality, who have the right to vote, are considered candidates, unless they are legally exempted or have declared that they do not wish to be seen as candidates prior to the election⁵.

Every Icelandic citizen, who has reached the age of 18 years when an election takes place, and who is legally domiciled in the municipality, is entitled to vote in municipal elections. Furthermore, Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish citizens, who have been legally domiciled in Iceland for consecutive three years, preceding the electionday, are entitled to vote.

³ Local Government Elections Act, No. 5, 6 March 1998.

⁴ See Act no. 45/1998, article no. 12.

⁵ See Act no 5/1998, article no. 19.

In the last decade municipal elections were held in 1990, 1994 and 1998. The participation rate in municipal election has always been lower than in elections to Althingi, especially where election is arranged through the non-constrained approach.

Table 149. Total representatives of municipality

Inhabitants	Total representatives
Municipalities of less than 200 inhabitants	3 - 5
Municipalities of 200 - 999 inhabitants	5 - 7
Municipalities of 1.000 – 9.999 inhabitants	7 - 11
Municipalities of 10.000 – 50.000 inhabitants	11 - 15
Municipalities of over 50.000 inhabitants	15 - 27

Table 150. Participation in local government elections by sex and residence

	Participation, % 1990		Participation, % 1994		Participation, % 1998	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Total	81,6%	81,25	85,9%	86,9%	81,5%	82,9%
Capital region	81,9%	81,3%	86,7%	88,1%	80,6%	82,5%
Other municipalities	81,2%	81,1%	84,8%	85,2%	82,9%	83,7%
Vesturland						
Fishing community	98,3%	90,7%	90,9%	95,6%	93,4%	91,9%
Service community	85,1%	82,0%	86,2%	83,4%	85,5%	83,3%
Agricultural areas	73,6%	72,8%	82,3%	84,2%	81,9%	80,6%
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	90,6%	92,2%	94,5%	90,2%	92,0%	91,8%
Service community	98,3%	92,4%	92,6%	92,8%	87,1%	88,4%
Agricultural areas	79,0%	73,9%	80,5%	81,1%	89,1%	85,3%
Austurland						
Fishing community	86,9%	89,1%	90,6%	88,6%	84,2%	87,1%
Service community	81,7%	78,3%	85,0%	85,5%	81,2%	83,6%
Agricultural areas	74,2%	70,1%	77,6%	78,9%	87,6%	87,0%

Source: Statistics Iceland

Table 151. Percent distribution by sex and region

	Representatives elected 1990		Representatives elected 1994		Representatives elected 1998	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Total	78,2%	21,8%	75,3%	24,7%	71,8%	28,2%
Capital region	58,9%	41,1%	61,6%	38,4%	59,2%	40,8%
Other municipalities	79,8%	20,2%	76,4%	23,6%	73,1%	26,9%
Vesturland						
Fishing community	100,0%	0,0%	85,7%	14,3%	71,4%	28,6%
Service community	86,4%	13,6%	77,8%	22,2%	77,8%	22,2%
Agricultural areas	81,8%	18,2%	75,5%	25,0%	84,0%	16,0%
Norðurland vestra						
Fishing community	80,0%	20,0%	100,0%	0,0%	60,0%	40,0%
Service community	71,4%	28,6%	85,7%	14,3%	57,1%	42,9%
Agricultural areas	85,7%	14,3%	83,9%	16,1%	71,4%	28,6%
Austurland						
Fishing community	78,6%	21,4%	82,6%	17,4%	88,9%	11,1%
Service community	71,4%	28,6%	57,1%	42,9%	57,1%	42,9%
Agricultural areas	86,7%	13,3%	75,0%	25,0%	80,0%	20,0%

Source: Statistics Iceland

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