

Country Information Guide



Iceland

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- United States
 - CIA: The World Fact-book: [Iceland](#)
 - Department of State: [Iceland](#)
- United Nations: Data: Country Profiles: [Iceland](#)
- Wikipedia: [Iceland](#)
- BBC News: Country Profile: [Iceland](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World Data: [Iceland](#)
- The Guardian: World News: [Iceland](#)
- Google: Search for Websites on [Iceland](#)
- NationMaster: Home: Country Info: Profiles: [Iceland](#)

Agricultural information

- Iceland: [Ministry of Industries and Innovation](#) (Atvinnuvega- og nýsköpunarráðuneytið)
- Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO): Specialised Country Profiles: [Iceland](#)
- OECD: Agriculture & Fisheries: [Iceland](#)
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in Europe: [Iceland](#)

Competition policy information

- Iceland: [Icelandic Competition Authority](#) (Samkeppniseftirlitið)
- OECD: Competition: [Iceland](#)
- CUTS International: Competition Regimes in the World: [Iceland](#)

Culture and language information

- Iceland: [Ministry of Education, Science and Culture](#) (Mennta- og Menningarmálaráðuneytið)
- European Commission: Programmes: Creative Europe: Tools: Creative Europe Desks: [Iceland](#)
- Council of Europe: Culture, Heritage and Nature: Country Profiles: [Iceland](#)
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: [Iceland](#)
- SIL International: Ethnologue: [Languages of Iceland](#)
- University of the Highlands and the Islands: European Minority Languages: [Icelandic](#)

Defence and security information

- Iceland:
 - [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) (Utanríkisráðuneytið)
 - [Defence and Security Affairs](#)
 - [Icelandic National Police](#)
 - [Icelandic Coast Guard](#)
- [Iceland and NATO](#)

Economic information

- ESO: Iceland: [Economic Situation](#)
- Iceland:
 - [Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs](#) (Fjármála- og efnahagsráðuneytið)
 - [Ministry of Industries and Innovation](#) (Atvinnuvega- og nýsköpunarráðuneytið)
 - [Central Bank of Iceland](#) (Seðlabanki Íslands)
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: [Taxes in Iceland Database](#)
- OECD:
 - [Iceland](#)
 - [Economic Survey](#) [Latest edition, 2015]
 - [Overview](#) [Latest edition, 2015]
- FAO: Economic Situation: [Iceland](#)
- International Monetary Fund: [Iceland](#)
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [Iceland](#)
- WTO: [Iceland](#)
- United States: Commercial Service: [Doing Business in Iceland](#)

Education information

- Iceland: [Ministry of Education, Science and Culture](#) (Mennta- og Menningarmálaráðuneytið)
- Council of Europe
 - Youth Partnership: Knowledge / EKCYP: [Background Information on Youth Policy in Iceland](#)
 - Cultural Cooperation: Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights: [Iceland](#)
- European Commission: Education & Training: European Higher Education in Iceland: [Study in Iceland](#)
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - The European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: [Iceland](#)
- ENIC-NARIC – Gateway to Recognition of Academic and Professional Qualifications: [Iceland](#)
- OECD: Education: [Iceland](#)
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics: [Education in Iceland](#)
- Nation Master: Education in Iceland: [Statistics](#)
- World Bank: World DataBank: Country Profile: [Iceland](#) [Select country, series, time]
- European Education Directory: EuroEducation: [Structure of Educational system in Iceland](#)
- Wikipedia: [Education in Iceland](#)

Employment information

- Iceland:
 - [Ministry of Welfare](#) (Velferðarráðuneytið):
 - [Employment](#)
 - [Icelandic Confederation of Labour](#) (ASÍ) (Alþýðusamband Íslands)
- European Commission: EURES: Living & Working: [Iceland](#)
- Federation of European Employers: Pay and working conditions across Europe: [Iceland](#)
- OECD:
 - Key Employment Statistics: [Iceland](#)
 - Employment: [Iceland](#)

- International Labour Organization: NATLEX: [Iceland](#)

Energy information

- Iceland:
 - [Ministry of Industries and Innovation](#) (Atvinnuvega- og nýsköpunarráðuneytið)
 - [National Energy Authority](#) (Orkustofnun)
- European Commission
 - DG Energy: ManagEnergy Map: [Iceland](#)
 - DG Energy: ManagEnergy: [Energy Agencies & Events Iceland](#)
- International Energy Agency
 - [Iceland](#)
 - Statistics and Balances: [Iceland](#)
- United States: Energy Information Administration: [Iceland](#)

Environmental information

- Iceland:
 - [Ministry for the Environment and Natural Resources](#) (Umhverfis- og auðlindaráðuneytið)
 - [The Environment Agency of Iceland](#) (Umhverfisstofnun)
- European Environment Agency:
 - EIONET - European Environment Information and Observation Network: [Iceland](#)
 - SERIS - State of the Environment Reporting Information System: [Iceland](#)
 - EPANET - European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Agencies: [Iceland](#)
- Food & Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
 - Specialized Country Profiles: [Iceland](#)
 - Food Security and Safety: [Iceland](#)
 - Forestry Sector: [Iceland](#)
 - Water Management: [Iceland](#)
- Greenpeace International: [Iceland](#)

European policies and relations with the European Union

- Iceland: [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) (Utanríkisráðuneytið):
 - Policies: [Iceland in Europe](#)
 - Policies: [Iceland in NATO](#)
- Embassy of Iceland in Brussels: [Mission to the EU](#)
- European Commission
 - European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations: [Iceland](#)
 - Enterprise Europe Network: [Iceland](#)
- Council of Europe: Member States: [Iceland](#)
- European Union External Action: [EU Relations with Iceland](#)
- European Union: [Delegation in Iceland](#)
- OECD: [Iceland and the OECD](#)

Geographic information and maps

- European Union: DG Press and Communication: [Iceland](#)
- FAO: Country Profiles and Mapping Information System
- [Map of Iceland: Geography](#)
- [Map of Iceland: Forestry](#)
- Lonely Planet: Map of [Iceland](#)
- Maps of the World: [Iceland](#)

- University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection: [Iceland](#)

Health information

- Iceland: [Ministry of Welfare](#) (Velferðarráðuneytið)
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: [National contacts in Iceland](#)
- World Health Organization:
 - Statistics & Profile: [Iceland](#)
 - Regional Office for Europe: [Iceland](#)
 - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Health System Reviews: [Iceland HiT](#)
- OECD: Health: [Iceland](#)

Human rights information

- Iceland:
 - [Icelandic Human Rights Centre](#) (Mannréttindaskrifstofa Íslands)
 - [Office of the Ombudsman in Iceland](#) (Umboðsmaður Alþingis)
 - University of Iceland: [Institute of Human Rights](#)
- Council of Europe:
 - European Social Charter: National Reports: [Iceland](#)
 - European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: State documents and visits: [Iceland](#)
 - Human Rights & Rule of Law: Venice Commission: [Documents on Iceland](#)
 - Democracy: European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): [Reports on Iceland](#)
- European Court of Human Rights:
 - Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010: [Iceland](#)
 - Violation by Article and By State 1959-2012: [Iceland](#)
 - Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010: [Iceland](#)
- United Nations:
 - Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: [Iceland](#)
 - UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency: Information Collection: [Iceland](#)
- USA: Department of State
 - Country Reports on Human Rights Practices (2014): [Iceland](#)
 - Reports on International Religious Freedom (2014): [Iceland](#)
- Amnesty International: [Iceland](#)
- Reporters Without Borders: [Iceland](#)
- Wikipedia: [Human rights in Iceland](#)

Intellectual property information

- Iceland:
 - [Innovation Centre Iceland](#) (Nýsköpunarmiðstöð Íslands)
 - [Icelandic Patent Office](#) (Einkaleyfastofan)
- European Patent Office: Directory of Patent Information Centres: [Iceland](#)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: [Iceland](#)

Investment information

- Iceland: [Invest in Iceland](#)
- OECD:
 - Investment: [Iceland](#)
 - Industry and Entrepreneurship: [Iceland](#)
- United Kingdom: UK Trade & Investment: [Iceland](#)
- United States Commercial Service: [Doing Business in Iceland](#)
- World Bank: [Iceland](#)

Justice and home affairs information

- Iceland:
 - [Ministry of the Interior](#) (Innanríkisráðuneytið)
 - [Supreme Court of Iceland](#) (Hæstiréttur Íslands)
- Council of Europe:
 - Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO): Evaluation & Compliance Report 2015: [Iceland](#)
 - European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): [Documents on Iceland](#)
- EUDO Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship laws and policy: [Country](#)
- OECD: Bribery and Corruption: [Iceland](#)
- The Library of Congress: Law Online: Research & Reports: [Iceland](#)
- University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: Constitutional Documents: [Iceland](#)

Living and working information

- Iceland: [Ministry of Welfare](#) (Velferðarráðuneytið)
- The Official Gateway to Iceland: [Work and live in Iceland](#)
- European Commission: The European Job Mobility Portal: EURES: Living & Working: [Iceland](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel & Living Abroad: [Iceland](#)
- United States: Department of State: Bureau of European & Eurasian Affairs: Country reports: [Iceland](#)

Media information

- Iceland: [Post and Telecom Administration](#)
- European Broadcasting Union (EBU): [Broadcasting Organisations](#) [Select Country]
- European Journalism Centre (EJC): Media Landscape: [Iceland](#)
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and Newsmedia: [Iceland](#)
- Newslink: European Newspapers: [Iceland](#)
- Online Newspapers: [Iceland](#)
- Radiomap: Radio Stations: [Iceland](#)

Political information (including Elections)

- ESO: Political Situation: [Iceland](#)
- Iceland:
 - [Government portal](#)
 - [Constitution](#)
 - [Government system](#)
 - [Ministries](#)
 - [President](#)
 - [Prime Minister](#)
 - [Parliament](#) (Althingi)
 - [National Electoral Commission](#)
- Political Resources: [Iceland](#)
- Wikipedia:
 - [Politics of Iceland](#)
 - [Elections in Iceland](#)
- OECD:
 - Public governance: [Iceland](#)
 - Regulatory reform: [Iceland](#)
- Parties and Elections in Europe: [Iceland](#)

- Democracy Barometer: [Iceland](#)
- United States: Library of Congress: Law online: [Iceland](#)
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems: Election Guide: [Iceland](#)

Public management information

- Iceland: Governance Iceland: [How Iceland is governed](#)
- European Commission: Share & Collaborate: Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administrations (ISA): Joinup: e-Government Factsheets: [Iceland](#)
- European Public Sector Information Platform (ePSI): National reports: [Iceland](#)
- OECD: Public Governance: [Iceland](#)

R&D information

- Iceland: [Ministry of Education, Science and Culture](#) (Mennta-og Menningarmálaráðuneytið)
- European Commission:
 - DG Enterprise: Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS): National & Regional: [Iceland](#)
 - DG Research & Innovation: European Research Area (ERA): [Progress Report \(2014\): Iceland](#)
- OECD:
 - Innovation: [Iceland](#)
 - Science and technology: [Iceland](#)
 - Green Growth & Sustainable Development: [Iceland](#)

Regional and local information

- Ministry of the Interior: [Iceland](#)
- Wikipedia: [Regions of Iceland](#)
- Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: [Iceland](#)
- OECD: Regional, Rural and Urban Development: [Iceland](#)

Social information

- Ministry of Welfare (Velferðarráðuneytið): [Iceland](#)
- European Commission: DG Employment: Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your Rights: [Iceland](#)
- Mutual Information System on Social Protection/Security (MISSOC):
 - [Organisation of Social Protection](#) [Select country & year]
 - [Social Protection of the Self-Employed](#) [Select country & year]
- Council of Europe: Human Rights & the Rule of Law: [European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: Iceland](#)
- OECD:
 - Social and Welfare Issues: [Iceland](#)
 - Insurance and Pensions: [Iceland](#)
- World Bank: Gender Equality Data & Statistics: [Iceland](#)
- UNICEF: [Iceland](#)
- United States: Social Security Online: Administration: Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis:
 - Research & Program Descriptions: Country Index to International Information: [Iceland](#)
 - Social Security Programs Throughout the World (2012): Europe: [Iceland](#)

Statistical information

- Iceland:
 - [National Central Bank](#) (Seðlabanki Íslands)
 - [National Statistical Institute](#) (Hagstofa Íslands)
- Eurostat: Country Profiles: [Iceland](#)
- OECD: Country Statistical Profile: [Iceland](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: [Iceland](#)
- United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: [Iceland](#)
- World Bank: Data: [Iceland](#)
- NationMaster: Statistics: [Iceland](#)

Tourism information

- Iceland
 - [Ministry of Industries and Innovation](#) (Atvinnuvega- og nýsköpunarráðuneytið)
 - [Icelandic Tourist Board](#)
 - [The Gateway to Iceland](#)
- Guardian News & Media Ltd.: Travel: [Iceland](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Introducing Iceland](#)
- Rough Guides: [Iceland](#)
- Trip-Advisor: [Iceland](#)

Transport information

- Iceland
 - [Ministry of the Interior](#) (Innanríkisráðuneytið)
 - [Icelandair](#)
- Wikipedia: [Transport in Iceland](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: EU Transport in Figures: [Statistical Pocketbook 2014](#) [Select Country]
- NationMaster.com: Transportation: Country Profile: [Iceland](#)

Weather information

- Iceland: [Icelandic Meteorological Office](#) (Veðurstofa Íslands)
- BBC: Weather Centre:
 - Information: [Iceland](#)
 - Climate Guide and 5-Day Weather Forecast: [Iceland](#)
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: [Iceland](#)

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