

Activity rate, unemployment, labour force and working hours - yearly, 1991-2021

		Activity rate	Unemployment	Labour force	Employed persons	Unemployed persons	Working hours
1991	Total	81,0	2,5	140500	136900	3600	43,8
	16-24	66,4	4,9	24000	22800	1200	39,7
	25-54	90,1	2,2	91100	89100	2000	45,7
	55-74	70,4	1,6	25500	25100	400	40,7
1992	Total	81,8	4,3	143000	136900	6200	43,0
	16-24	67,3	9,9	24000	21600	2400	37,9
	25-54	90,9	3,2	93300	90300	3000	45,0
	55-74	70,1	3,1	25700	24900	800	39,8
1993	Total	81,1	5,3	144200	136600	7600	42,8
	16-24	64,6	10,0	23200	20800	2300	36,4
	25-54	91,0	4,3	95600	91500	4200	45,1
	55-74	68,8	4,4	25400	24300	1100	39,3
1994	Total	81,3	5,3	145400	137700	7700	42,7
	16-24	65,4	11,5	23400	20700	2700	36,8
	25-54	91,3	4,2	97000	92900	4100	44,7
	55-74	67,8	4,0	25100	24100	1000	39,5
1995	Total	82,9	4,9	149000	141800	7200	42,9
	16-24	69,6	11,0	24600	21900	2700	37,1
	25-54	92,5	3,7	99100	95500	3600	45,2
	55-74	67,8	3,5	25300	24400	900	39,3
1996	Total	81,6	3,7	147500	142000	5500	43,7
	16-24	67,3	8,4	23800	21800	2000	35,4
	25-54	91,7	2,6	98800	96200	2600	46,2
	55-74	66,4	3,7	24900	24000	900	41,1
1997	Total	81,0	3,9	147800	142000	5700	43,3
	16-24	67,7	7,7	24200	22300	1900	33,3
	25-54	91,0	3,0	98900	95900	3000	46,0
	55-74	65,0	3,7	24700	23700	900	41,8
1998	Total	82,3	2,7	152100	147900	4200	43,0
	16-24	73,3	6,0	26600	25000	1600	34,0
	25-54	90,8	2,1	99900	97900	2100	45,5
	55-74	66,4	2,0	25600	25100	500	42,0
1999	Total	83,2	2,0	156500	153300	3100	43,5
	16-24	75,7	4,4	27800	26500	1200	35,0
	25-54	92,1	1,4	103500	102100	1400	46,1
	55-74	64,7	2,0	25200	24700	500	41,8
2000	Total	83,5	2,3	160100	156400	3700	43,8
	16-24	79,2	4,7	29400	28000	1400	35,6
	25-54	92,2	1,7	105600	103700	1800	46,1
	55-74	62,7	2,0	25100	24600	500	43,5
2001	Total	83,6	2,3	162700	159000	3700	43,3
	16-24	77,6	4,8	28800	27400	1400	33,9
	25-54	92,3	1,7	107400	105600	1900	45,8
	55-74	64,5	1,6	26500	26100	400	42,7
2002	Total	82,8	3,3	162000	156700	5300	43,0
	16-24	71,0	7,2	25900	24000	1900	32,0
	25-54	92,5	2,7	108400	105500	2900	45,4
	55-74	66,0	1,9	27700	27200	500	43,2
2003	Total	80,6	3,5	159000	153400	5600	41,8
	16-24	72,3	8,7	26500	24200	2300	35,1
	25-54	90,1	2,6	106000	103200	2800	43,7
	55-74	61,7	2,0	26500	26000	500	41,1
2004	Total	79,6	3,4	158800	153400	5400	42,3
	16-24	71,4	8,8	26200	23900	2300	36,5
	25-54	88,7	2,2	105400	103100	2300	44,2
	55-74	61,6	2,8	27200	26500	800	40,1
2005	Total	80,6	2,9	163300	158600	4700	42,4
	16-24	75,6	7,8	27800	25600	2200	35,9
	25-54	88,5	2,0	106500	104400	2100	44,3
	55-74	63,7	1,5	29000	28600	400	41,5
2006	Total	81,6	3,2	170900	165400	5500	42,3
	16-24	77,9	9,1	29300	26600	2700	35,1
	25-54	89,3	2,1	111500	109200	2300	44,2
	55-74	64,0	1,6	30100	29600	500	42,1
2007	Total	81,8	2,5	176800	172500	4400	41,9
	16-24	78,3	7,5	30300	28000	2300	35,6
	25-54	89,3	1,5	115200	113500	1800	43,5
	55-74	64,6	1,2	31300	31000	400	41,8
2008	Total	81,0	3,3	179600	173700	6000	41,6
	16-24	76,6	9,0	30500	27800	2700	34,2
	25-54	88,7	2,3	117000	114300	2600	43,7
	55-74	64,2	1,8	32100	31600	600	40,6

2009	Total	79,4	8,0	177000	162800	14200	39,7
	16-24	71,7	17,9	29000	23800	5200	31,4
	25-54	88,1	6,8	115000	107200	7800	41,7
	55-74	63,7	3,6	33100	31900	1200	39,3
2010	Total	79,7	8,3	177000	162300	14700	39,6
	16-24	72,4	17,7	29300	24100	5200	31,0
	25-54	88,2	7,1	113200	105200	8000	41,5
	55-74	64,6	4,4	34500	33000	1500	40,1
2011	Total	79,0	7,7	176600	163000	13600	40,1
	16-24	72,6	15,6	29600	25000	4600	31,0
	25-54	87,7	6,3	111800	104800	7000	42,1
	55-74	63,7	5,6	35200	33300	2000	40,5
2012	Total	78,8	6,6	177000	165300	11700	39,8
	16-24	74,5	14,5	30500	26000	4400	30,7
	25-54	87,7	5,2	110800	105100	5700	42,1
	55-74	62,3	4,4	35700	34100	1600	39,7
2013	Total	79,8	5,8	181500	170900	10600	39,8
	16-24	77,2	11,5	31700	28000	3600	31,0
	25-54	88,1	5,1	111900	106200	5700	42,0
	55-74	63,8	3,4	37900	36600	1300	40,4
2014	Total	79,7	5,4	183400	173500	9900	39,9
	16-24	74,8	10,8	30700	27400	3300	31,0
	25-54	87,9	4,8	112200	106800	5400	42,2
	55-74	65,9	2,9	40500	39300	1200	40,1
2015	Total	81,0	4,5	188800	180300	8500	40,2
	16-24	77,8	9,8	31700	28600	3100	31,1
	25-54	89,2	3,7	114800	110600	4200	42,4
	55-74	66,5	2,8	42300	41200	1200	40,8
2016	Total	81,9	3,3	194300	187800	6500	40,2
	16-24	81,0	7,3	32900	30500	2400	31,5
	25-54	90,3	2,8	118200	114900	3300	42,4
	55-74	65,8	1,9	43200	42400	800	40,6
2017	Total	80,7	3,3	196100	189700	6400	39,9
	16-24	79,8	9,2	32500	29500	3000	31,7
	25-54	89,3	2,2	120400	117700	2700	42,0
	55-74	63,9	1,6	43200	42500	700	39,8
2018	Total	79,5	3,1	199300	193200	6200	39,6
	16-24	77,2	6,9	31500	29400	2200	32,1
	25-54	88,9	2,4	124700	121700	3000	41,3
	55-74	61,9	2,3	43100	42100	1000	40,1
2019	Total	79,0	3,9	202900	195000	8000	39,6
	16-24	76,1	9,3	30900	28100	2900	31,1
	25-54	89,0	3,3	128800	124600	4300	41,5
	55-74	60,4	1,9	43200	42300	800	40,1
2020	Total	77,4	6,4	202200	189200	13000	38,0
	16-24	70,6	11,9	28600	25200	3400	29,3
	25-54	88,0	6,2	130100	122100	8100	39,6
	55-74	59,5	3,5	43400	41900	1500	38,6
2021	Total	78,8	6,0	208400	195900	12500	36,7
	16-24	74,4	11,9	30100	26600	3600	28,4
	25-54	88,3	5,5	132200	124900	7200	38,4
	55-74	62,0	3,6	46100	44400	1700	36,9

Time series from the Icelandic Labour Force Survey from 2003 were updated on March 10th 2021 using new weights and a new estimate for the population. Activity rate is the ratio of the labour force to the total population. Unemployment is the ratio of the unemployed to all persons in the labour force. The Labour force is considered to consist of employed and unemployed persons. Working hours are the total hours the respondent worked in the main and second job during the reference week. Employed. Persons are classified as working if they worked one hour or more in the reference week or were absent from the work they usually carry out. Individuals on birth leave are considered absent from work if they went on leave from a paid job, even if they have no intentions of returning to the same job. Percentage of full-time position. A person is accounted as employed full-time if he or she usually works 35 or more hours per week, but as employed part-time if he or she usually works 1-34 hours per week. Unemployment. Persons are classified as unemployed who have no employment and satisfy one of the following criteria: 1. Have been seeking work for the previous four weeks and are ready to start working within two weeks from when the survey is conducted. 2. Have found a job which will begin within three months but could start working within two weeks. (Until 2002 the criterion was that it sufficed for the job to start within four weeks without it being investigated whether the person involved could begin within two weeks.). 3. Await being called to work and are able to start working within two weeks. 4. Have given up seeking work but wish to work and could start working within two weeks.

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Units: Number/percent

Reference period: 1991-2021