

**Number of students by programme of studies and sex 1975-2006**

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Total</b>																																
Total	313	355	3,477	4,204	4,836	4,901	5,546	6,155	6,446	6,905	7,069	7,232	7,256	7,745	8,161	7,874	8,641	8,595	8,711	8,986	9,171	9,564	10,142	10,454	11,687	12,174	13,695	15,766	17,574	18,271	18,863	19,046
Males	163	172	2,118	2,543	2,937	2,838	3,206	3,431	3,535	3,685	3,691	3,654	3,602	3,746	3,919	3,720	3,911	3,879	3,900	4,065	4,049	4,211	4,459	4,345	4,872	4,906	5,421	6,091	6,771	6,993	7,319	7,393
Females	150	183	1,359	1,661	1,899	2,063	2,340	2,724	2,911	3,220	3,378	3,578	3,654	3,999	4,242	4,154	4,730	4,716	4,811	4,921	5,122	5,353	5,683	6,109	6,815	7,268	8,274	9,675	10,803	11,278	11,544	11,653
<b>General programmes</b>																																
Total	0	0	7	5	5	6	7	42	70	359	42	76	77	78	62	1	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	0	1	4	1	0	1	2	0	2
Males	0	0	5	2	3	4	1	22	37	189	19	38	41	33	30	0	2	0	2	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Females	0	0	2	3	2	2	6	20	33	170	23	38	36	45	32	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	2	0	2
<b>Languages</b>																																
Total	0	0	626	763	1,036	1,042	1,186	1,249	1,263	1,147	1,252	1,189	1,140	1,285	1,444	1,377	1,636	1,378	1,439	1,517	1,579	1,558	1,518	1,448	1,608	1,581	1,692	1,977	2,381	2,387	2,447	2,447
Males	0	0	316	358	495	458	539	517	513	458	489	427	409	458	523	499	580	497	519	547	526	541	516	469	543	514	543	637	834	813	831	842
Females	0	0	310	405	541	584	647	732	750	689	763	762	731	827	921	878	1,056	881	920	970	1,053	1,017	1,002	979	1,065	1,067	1,149	1,340	1,547	1,574	1,616	1,605
<b>Fine and applied arts</b>																																
Total	0	0	207	260	288	243	289	358	401	356	428	448	474	519	564	592	589	666	627	588	541	559	560	552	559	633	692	735	813	862	927	983
Males	0	0	122	144	160	134	159	188	209	196	229	237	230	255	263	256	260	264	243	237	222	215	235	222	228	252	280	318	333	358	353	
Females	0	0	85	116	128	109	130	170	192	160	199	211	244	264	301	336	329	402	384	351	319	344	325	330	331	381	436	455	495	529	569	630
<b>Pedagogical and physical programme</b>																																
Total	220	262	505	575	570	556	665	688	723	759	659	668	762	896	1,005	1,023	1,160	1,352	1,510	1,522	1,580	1,471	1,570	1,699	1,648	1,738	2,226	2,849	3,048	3,303	3,080	2,952
Males	70	80	136	154	162	148	173	177	190	182	137	144	170	209	225	257	272	230	263	282	290	260	281	277	251	255	357	447	480	554	522	504
Females	150	182	369	421	408	408	492	511	533	577	522	524	592	687	780	766	888	1,122	1,247	1,240	1,290	1,211	1,289	1,422	1,397	1,483	1,869	2,402	2,568	2,749	2,558	2,448
<b>Social science programme</b>																																
Total	0	0	378	449	505	567	600	641	720	775	809	869	885	909	984	1,009	1,106	1,175	1,263	1,333	1,274	1,367	1,384	1,340	1,435	1,467	1,579	2,026	2,536	2,700	3,023	3,174
Males	0	0	230	271	313	322	326	327	371	383	395	387	391	384	427	424	457	505	584	622	586	583	552	509	547	501	565	697	878	958	1,079	1,065
Females	0	0	148	178	192	245	274	314	349	392	414	482	494	525	557	585	649	670	679	711	688	784	832	831	888	966	1,014	1,329	1,658	1,742	1,944	2,109
<b>Commerce, economics</b>																																
Total	0	0	343	427	556	587	644	734	746	838	984	1,045	1,107	1,171	1,185	1,112	1,066	935	910	884	902	1,040	1,129	1,357	1,854	2,069	2,511	2,844	3,023	2,926	3,326	3,255
Males	0	0	266	344	448	464	505	566	565	592	647	668	688	726	749	715	674	611	595	568	598	657	664	731	942	993	1,136	1,334	1,399	1,365	1,558	1,507
Females	0	0	77	83	108	123	139	168	181	246	337	377	419	445	436	397	324	315	316	304	383	465	626	912	1,076	1,375	1,510	1,624	1,561	1,768	1,748	
<b>Natural science programme</b>																																
Total	0	0	392	438	453	446	532	624	640	715	807	789	724	698	751	679	718	666	696	788	820	906	1,012	1,040	1,422	1,563	1,788	1,782	1,797	1,760	1,668	1,595
Males	0	0	286	311	330	318	359	432	449	495	547	531	499	454	499	451	472	461	513	565	562	628	671	639	801	888	1,003	1,001	1,035	985	912	905
Females	0	0	106	127	123	128	173	192	191	220	260	258	225	244	252	228	246	205	183	223	258	278	341	401	621	675	785	781	762	775	756	690
<b>Craft and technical trades</b>																																
Total	85	76	458	620	609	551	693	748	781	808	874	896	893	948	926	837	883	1,040	911	922	957	1,019	1,334	1,234	1,367	1,345	1,486	1,689	1,866	2,016	2,080	2,283
Males	85	75	422	574	574	511	646	692	727	730	777	780	776	823	805	722	744	896	773	786	795	826	1,083	1,012	1,096	1,051	1,134	1,275	1,380	1,509	1,604	1,743
Females	0	1	36	46	35	40	47	56	54	78	97	116	117	125	121	115	139	144	138	136	162	193	251	222	271	294	352	414	486	507	476	540
<b>Agriculture, food and service trade</b>																																
Total	8	17	95	129	127	137	133	122	118	140	206	227	248	300	247	261	271	236	181	236	276	254	291	375	346	299	267	316	345	423	401	437
Males	8	17	63	87	81	91	100	87	74	93	123	130	119	130	108	136	136	125	102	151	154	140	154	173	156	125	118	133	155	172	168	139
Females	0	0	32	42	46	46	33	35	44	47	83	97	129	170	139	125	135	111	79	85	122	114	137	202	190	174	149	183	190	251	233	298
<b>Health-related</b>																																

programmes																																	
Total	0	0	466	538	687	766	797	949	984	1,008	1,008	1,025	946	941	993	983	1,209	1,145	1,171	1,194	1,241	1,388	1,342	1,409	1,447	1,475	1,453	1,548	1,764	1,892	1,911	1,918	
Males	0	0	272	298	371	388	398	423	400	367	328	312	279	274	290	260	314	290	306	305	315	360	301	313	308	326	309	287	291	304	287	335	
Females	0	0	194	240	316	378	399	526	584	641	680	713	667	667	703	723	895	855	865	889	926	1,028	1,041	1,096	1,139	1,149	1,144	1,261	1,473	1,588	1,624	1,583	
Iceland																																	
Total																																	
Total	313	355	2,249	2,690	3,445	3,689	3,958	4,339	4,477	4,704	4,807	4,822	4,802	5,082	5,483	5,296	6,246	6,625	7,020	7,377	7,475	7,909	8,372	8,782	10,064	10,468	11,884	13,900	15,477	16,096	16,626	16,738	
Males	163	172	1,294	1,545	2,026	2,074	2,195	2,316	2,322	2,348	2,324	2,206	2,168	2,226	2,398	2,246	2,582	2,749	2,934	3,127	3,073	3,283	3,463	3,428	3,980	4,007	4,483	5,180	5,680	5,867	6,190	6,305	
Females	150	183	955	1,145	1,419	1,615	1,763	2,023	2,155	2,356	2,483	2,616	2,634	2,856	3,085	3,050	3,664	3,876	4,086	4,250	4,402	4,626	4,909	5,354	6,084	6,461	7,401	8,720	9,797	10,229	10,436	10,433	
General programmes																																	
Total																																	
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Languages																																	
Total																																	
Total	0	0	439	524	805	838	936	964	970	963	1,004	920	879	978	1,113	1,057	1,362	1,155	1,246	1,341	1,413	1,415	1,353	1,285	1,457	1,416	1,515	1,772	2,164	2,153	2,217	2,214	
Males	0	0	215	244	390	371	432	411	395	376	389	318	289	319	373	346	459	398	422	461	454	485	455	399	470	439	477	561	725	706	726	758	
Females	0	0	224	280	415	467	504	553	575	587	615	602	590	659	740	711	903	757	824	880	959	930	898	886	987	977	1,038	1,211	1,439	1,447	1,491	1,456	
Fine and applied arts																																	
Total																																	
Total	0	0	0	0	23	23	28	36	38	36	33	36	38	39	37	30	29	194	211	219	202	231	226	236	245	287	287	342	374	429	469	487	
Males	0	0	0	0	14	14	16	20	25	24	20	23	24	24	25	15	14	55	63	76	71	72	81	86	87	102	95	115	128	149	171	164	
Females	0	0	0	0	9	9	12	16	13	12	13	13	14	15	12	15	15	139	148	143	131	159	145	150	158	185	192	227	246	280	298	323	
Pedagogical and physical programme																																	
Total																																	
Total	220	262	440	499	503	498	566	575	606	584	495	525	626	768	889	878	1,026	1,263	1,426	1,433	1,480	1,388	1,497	1,632	1,585	1,666	2,160	2,786	2,982	3,229	3,014	2,885	
Males	70	80	119	135	138	126	142	148	160	132	95	100	126	170	189	203	230	199	233	252	261	245	265	264	238	235	344	439	467	538	506	494	
Females	150	182	321	364	365	372	424	427	446	452	400	425	500	598	700	675	796	1,064	1,193	1,181	1,219	1,143	1,232	1,368	1,347	1,431	1,816	2,347	2,515	2,691	2,508	2,391	
Social science programme																																	
Total																																	
Total	0	0	235	287	364	448	456	498	563	650	679	742	755	788	837	844	944	1,018	1,120	1,191	1,110	1,196	1,201	1,190	1,282	1,318	1,438	1,853	2,357	2,516	2,827	3,010	
Males	0	0	146	178	237	259	250	257	292	324	333	332	341	337	361	350	384	435	526	564	514	510	477	452	492	453	513	644	815	902	1,013	1,014	
Females	0	0	89	109	127	189	206	241	271	326	346	410	414	451	476	494	560	583	594	627	596	686	724	738	790	865	925	1,209	1,542	1,614	1,814	1,996	
Commerce, economics																																	
Total																																	
Total	0	0	263	336	475	504	538	612	604	692	774	786	812	842	832	768	766	662	662	654	658	810	875	1,125	1,617	1,835	2,246	2,534	2,685	2,574	2,988	2,919	
Males	0	0	202	264	381	397	419	461	447	482	491	471	482	503	510	467	454	409	420	391	406	490	506	591	801	858	975	1,152	1,195	1,151	1,359	1,328	
Females	0	0	61	72	94	107	119	151	157	210	283	315	330	339	322	301	312	253	242	263	252	320	369	534	816	977	1,271	1,382	1,490	1,423	1,629	1,591	
Natural science programme																																	
Total																																	
Total	0	0	236	271	306	317	350	400	416	464	517	509	467	455	497	442	525	529	575	651	676	754	868	907	1,290	1,384	1,617	1,629	1,636	1,599	1,528	1,465	
Males	0	0	157	181	210	218	222	275	287	324	354	354	333	304	336	289	340	363	423	459	456	516	567	552	709	786	907	923	940	888	828	826	
Females	0	0	79	90	96	99	128	125	129	140	163	155	134	151	161	153	185	166	152	192	220	238	301	355	581	598	710	706	696	711	700	639	
Craft and technical trades																																	
Total																																	
Total	85	76	219	270	309	315	355	372	370	368	361	345	359	359	373	359	427	664	605	632	645	683	933	825	984	973	1,092	1,317	1,424	1,521	1,555	1,708	
Males	85	75	207	257	293	294	337	336	337	333	323	305	319	317	339	320	369	572	517	543	534	545	729	651	777	736	808	986	1,041	1,133	1,218	1,323	
Females	0	1	12	13	16	21	18	36	33	35	38	40	40	42	34	39	58	92	88	89	111	138	204	174	207	237	284	331	383	388	337	385	
Agriculture, food and service trade																																	
Total																																	
Total	8	17	47	63	59	59	36	40	39	53	52	53	34	39	34	77	72	84	78	133	132	145	168	274	248	208	176	239	251	343	319	359	
Males	8	17	24	39	34	37	22	26	18	26	22	22	11	18	15	51	49	58	53	96	87	88	102	140	121	93	81	101	121	143	133	119	
Females	0	0	23	24	25	22	14	14	21	27	30	31	23	21	19	26	23	26	25	37	45	57	66	134	127	115	95	138	130	200	186	240	

Health-related programmes																																
Total	0	0	370	440	601	687	693	842	871	894	892	906	831	814	871	841	1,095	1,056	1,097	1,123	1,159	1,287	1,251	1,308	1,356	1,381	1,353	1,428	1,604	1,732	1,709	1,691
Males	0	0	224	247	329	358	355	382	361	327	297	281	243	234	250	205	283	260	277	285	290	332	281	293	285	305	283	259	248	257	236	279
Females	0	0	146	193	272	329	338	460	510	567	595	625	588	580	621	636	812	796	820	838	869	955	970	1,015	1,071	1,076	1,070	1,169	1,356	1,475	1,473	1,412
Abroad																																
Total																																
Total	0	0	1,228	1,514	1,391	1,212	1,588	1,816	1,969	2,201	2,262	2,410	2,454	2,663	2,678	2,578	2,395	1,970	1,691	1,609	1,696	1,655	1,770	1,672	1,623	1,706	1,811	1,866	2,097	2,175	2,237	2,308
Males	0	0	824	998	911	764	1,011	1,115	1,213	1,337	1,367	1,448	1,434	1,520	1,521	1,474	1,329	1,130	966	938	976	928	996	917	892	899	938	911	1,091	1,126	1,129	1,088
Females	0	0	404	516	480	448	577	701	756	864	895	962	1,020	1,143	1,157	1,104	1,066	840	725	671	720	727	774	755	731	807	873	955	1,006	1,049	1,108	1,220
General programmes																																
Total	0	0	7	5	5	6	7	42	70	359	42	76	76	78	62	1	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	0	1	4	1	0	1	2	0	2
Males	0	0	5	2	3	4	1	22	37	189	19	38	41	33	30	0	2	0	2	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Females	0	0	2	3	2	2	6	20	33	170	23	38	35	45	32	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	2	0	2
Languages																																
Total	0	0	187	239	231	204	250	285	293	184	248	269	261	307	331	320	274	223	193	176	166	143	165	163	151	165	177	205	217	234	230	233
Males	0	0	101	114	105	87	107	106	118	82	100	109	120	139	150	153	121	99	97	86	72	56	61	70	73	75	66	76	109	107	105	84
Females	0	0	86	125	126	117	143	179	175	102	148	160	141	168	181	167	153	124	96	90	94	87	104	93	78	90	111	129	108	127	125	149
Fine and applied arts																																
Total	0	0	207	260	265	220	261	322	363	320	395	412	436	480	527	562	560	472	416	369	339	328	334	316	314	346	405	393	439	433	458	496
Males	0	0	122	144	146	120	143	168	184	172	209	214	206	231	238	241	246	209	180	161	151	143	154	136	141	150	161	165	190	184	187	189
Females	0	0	85	116	119	100	118	154	179	148	186	198	230	249	289	321	314	263	236	208	188	185	180	180	173	196	244	228	249	249	271	307
Pedagogical and physical programme																																
Total	0	0	65	76	67	58	99	113	117	175	164	143	136	128	116	145	134	89	84	89	100	83	73	67	63	72	66	63	66	74	66	67
Males	0	0	17	19	24	22	31	29	30	50	42	44	44	39	36	54	42	31	30	30	29	15	16	13	13	20	13	8	13	16	16	10
Females	0	0	48	57	43	36	68	84	87	125	122	99	92	89	80	91	92	58	54	59	71	68	57	54	50	52	53	55	53	58	50	57
Social science programme																																
Total	0	0	143	162	141	119	144	143	157	125	130	127	130	121	147	165	162	157	143	142	164	171	183	150	153	149	141	173	179	184	196	164
Males	0	0	84	93	76	63	76	70	79	59	62	55	50	47	66	74	73	70	58	58	72	73	75	57	55	48	52	53	63	56	66	51
Females	0	0	59	69	65	56	68	73	78	66	68	72	80	74	81	91	89	87	85	84	92	98	108	93	98	101	89	120	116	128	130	113
Commerce, economics																																
Total	0	0	80	91	81	83	106	122	142	146	210	259	295	329	353	344	300	273	248	230	244	230	254	232	237	234	265	310	338	352	338	336
Males	0	0	64	80	67	67	86	105	118	110	156	197	206	223	239	248	220	202	175	177	192	167	158	140	141	135	161	182	204	214	199	179
Females	0	0	16	11	14	16	20	17	24	36	54	62	89	106	114	96	80	71	73	53	52	63	96	92	96	99	104	128	134	138	139	157
Natural science programme																																
Total	0	0	156	167	147	129	182	224	224	251	290	280	257	243	254	237	193	137	121	137	144	152	144	133	132	179	171	153	161	161	140	130
Males	0	0	129	130	120	100	137	157	162	171	193	177	166	150	163	162	132	98	90	106	106	112	104	87	92	102	96	78	95	97	84	79
Females	0	0	27	37	27	29	45	67	62	80	97	103	91	93	91	75	61	39	31	31	38	40	40	46	40	77	75	75	66	64	56	51
Craft and technical trades																																
Total	0	0	239	350	300	236	338	376	411	440	513	551	534	589	553	478	456	376	306	290	312	336	401	409	383	372	394	372	442	495	525	575
Males	0	0	215	317	281	217	309	356	390	397	454	475	457	506	466	402	375	324	256	243	261	281	354	361	319	315	326	289	339	376	386	420
Females	0	0	24	33	19	19	29	20	21	43	59	76	77	83	87	76	81	52	50	47	51	55	47	48	64	57	68	83	103	119	139	155
Agriculture, food and service trade																																
Total	0	0	48	66	68	78	97	82	79	87	154	174	214	261	213	184	199	152	103	103	144	109	123	101	98	91	91	77	94	80	82	78

Males	0	0	39	48	47	54	78	61	56	67	101	108	108	112	93	85	87	67	49	55	67	52	52	33	35	32	37	32	34	29	35	20
Females	0	0	9	18	21	24	19	21	23	20	53	66	106	149	120	99	112	85	54	48	77	57	71	68	63	59	54	45	60	51	47	58
Health-related programmes																																
Total	0	0	96	98	86	79	104	107	113	114	116	119	115	127	122	142	114	89	74	71	82	101	91	101	91	94	100	120	160	160	202	227
Males	0	0	48	51	42	30	43	41	39	40	31	31	36	40	40	55	31	30	29	20	25	28	20	20	23	21	26	28	43	47	51	56
Females	0	0	48	47	44	49	61	66	74	74	85	88	79	87	82	87	83	59	45	51	57	73	71	81	68	73	74	92	117	113	151	171

These data cover all students at tertiary level, including both university and non-university level. Only those students outside Iceland who apply for assistance to the Students Loan Fund are included. Each student is counted once. The data are not always comparable because of changing approachability through the years. E.g. data collection on students in evening courses and distance learning started in 1997.

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