

**Icelanders completing a doctoral degree by field of science 1997-2006**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total	53	50	47	60	67	63	67	57	54	54
Social sciences	12	16	8	18	16	15	19	16	13	14
Medical sciences	13	10	17	13	19	17	13	13	15	18
Humanities	6	10	5	8	13	6	10	8	7	4
Agricultural sciences	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Natural sciences	16	8	11	14	14	12	16	14	19	14
Technology	5	4	4	4	5	12	7	6	4	4
Information missing	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Every year, the Analysis, Evaluation and Indicators division at the Icelandic Centre for Research (RANNIS) gathers information on the number of Icelanders who graduate with a doctoral degree from institutes in Iceland and abroad. RANNIS strives to compile very accurate data, especially since the number of new doctorates has often been used to estimate the capabilities of a country in science and technology. RANNIS gathers this information by using the Mbl database ([www.mbl.is/gagnasafn](http://www.mbl.is/gagnasafn)), as well as gathering data from the Icelandic universities which offer doctoral education. As yet these are the University of Iceland and the Iceland University of Education.

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