

DROWNING IN ICELAND

QUICK FACTS¹⁻⁴

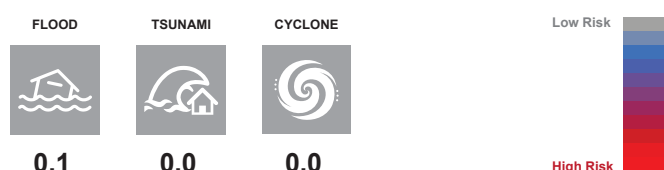
361 thousands
population (2019)

0.959
Human Development Index (2021)

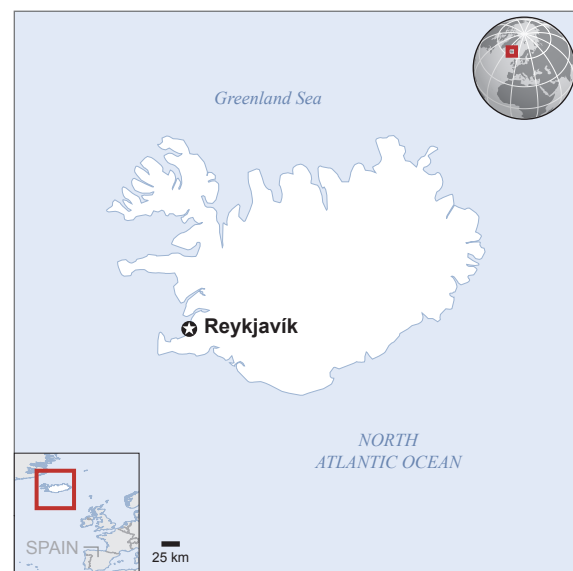
GDP 72 903 USD per capita
High income (2022)

Area 103 000 sq km
% land below 5 meters 1.9%
Coastline 8 506km

NATURAL HAZARD INDEX



Iceland is an unusually dynamic country in terms of weather and tectonic forces. Damage is mostly caused by earthquakes, followed by volcanic eruptions and landslides.



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DROWNING MORTALITY SNAPSHOT^{5,6}


27 people fatally drowned
in Iceland between 2010 and 2019

28.8% were
under 25 years of age

Leading causes of death by age group 1-24 years, 2019

rank	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24
1	Neonatal conditions	Drowning	Road injury	Self-harm	Self-harm
2	Brain and nervous system cancers	Road injury	Epilepsy	Drug use disorders	Drug use disorders
3	Congenital anomalies	Migraine	Meningitis	Drowning	Cardiomyopathy, myocarditis, endocarditis
4	Upper respiratory infections	Pancreatitis	Pancreatitis	Epilepsy	Interpersonal violence
5	Epilepsy	Melanoma and other skin cancers	Thyroid cancer	Interpersonal violence	Congenital anomalies
6	Drowning	Acute hepatitis E	Paralytic ileus and intestinal obstruction	Gynaecological diseases	Ischaemic heart disease
7	Falls	Other vision loss	Acute hepatitis E	Sudden infant death syndrome	Maternal conditions
8	Protein-energy malnutrition	Anxiety disorders	Fire, heat and hot substances	Gastritis and duodenitis	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
9	Liver cancer	Trachea, bronchus and lung cancers	Trachoma	Gonorrhoea	Bladder cancer
10	Stroke	Stomach cancer	Hypertensive heart disease	Asthma	Ascariasis

 **77%** Males
 **23%** Females

 **11.4%** of drowning deaths are causally associated with alcohol
28% decrease alcohol-related deaths from 2000 to 2019

1 289 Years of Life Lost
between 2010 and 2019

