

Short term indicators in November 2004

Prices

*The CPI rose by 3.8%
in the 12 months to November*

The CPI in November 2004 rose by 0.21% from the preceding month (CPI less housing cost remained unchanged). Over the last 12 months the CPI rose by 3.8% (CPI less housing cost by 2.5%) while the change over the last 3 months is equivalent to an annual inflation of 5.7% (4.5% inflation less housing cost). In Iceland, the HICP rose by 0.47% in October 2004. Over the 12 months to October the HICP in Iceland rose by 2.9% and by 2.2% in the EEA. The building cost index in November rose by 0.30% on the preceding month, 6.1% on November 2003.

Wages

*The wage index rose by 5.3%
in the 12 months to October*

The wage index for the whole economy rose by 0.3% in October 2004 and had then risen by 5.3% over the last 12 months. The corresponding rise in the CPI was 3.7%. Deflated by the CPI, real wages rose by 1.6% over the 12 months to October 2004. The average purchasing power January–October this year is 1.4% over January–October last year.

Fish catch volume, catch prices and export prices

*Same fish catch
but fall in prices*

The total value of the fish catch January–October, measured at constant prices, was unchanged from corresponding period the year before but in the twelve months to September there was an increase of 1.8% over the previous 12 months period. The price of catch in Icelandic krónur was 7.3% lower in January–September 2004 than in January–September 2003. Export prices of marine products, measured in Icelandic krónur, were 2.8% lower in January–October 2004 than one year before. The price of foreign exchange decreased by 1.1% (krónur appreciated) between the periods.

External trade

*Deficit in external
trade in October*

The balance of trade in October showed a deficit of 4.6 billion krónur as compared with a deficit of 2.7 billion krónur in October 2003. The value of exports January–October was 165.3 billion krónur and the value of imports was 197.1 billion; thus the trade account was in deficit of 31.8 billion while the deficit amounted to 14.1 billion January–October last year. Exports rose by 8.6% in this period and imports by 18.5%. All values are given at fixed rates of exchange of the current year. The main items of increased imports this year are capital goods, transport equipment and industrial supplies.



Arrivals at Keflavik International Airport

19% growth in arrivals at Keflavik International Airport

608 thousand passengers arrived from abroad at Keflavik International Airport in January–October 2004 compared with 510 thousand in same period last year. This is a growth of 19%. In the twelve months to October 2004, 682 thousand passengers arrived at Keflavik International Airport which is an increase of 20%.

VAT turnover

12.8% increase in VAT turnover in January–August

VAT turnover increased by 12.8% in January–August compared with same months last year. The growth over the last 12 months to August is 10.7%.

	Growth Jan.–August 2003–2004	Growth over last 12 months
Total	12.8%	10.7%
Manufacturing	8.9%	5.4%
Construction	9.1%	18.2%
Retail trade and sale of motor vehicles	10.9%	10.7%
Hotels and restaurants	11.4%	11.9%
Transport	17.3%	9.8%
Communication	10.7%	14.5%
Other services	16.8%	12.9%

Domestic demand

Domestic demand on the increase

Credit card turnover of private households was up by 3.1% in January–October from the year before. The growth in last twelve months is 3.6% compared with the previous twelve months. Debit card turnover was up by 13.1% January–October. The growth in last twelve months is 12.5%. Altogether domestic debit and credit card turnover by households increased by 8.2% in the last twelve months. Credit card expenditure by Icelanders abroad increased by 15.2% in January–October. Total turnover of foreign credit and debit cards in Iceland increased by 6.3% in January–October 2004. New car registrations January–October increased by 19% while in last twelve months the increase was 22%.

Aluminium production and export

Higher price but less export in metric tons

The two Icelandic aluminium smeltries produced 235 thousand metric tons of aluminium in January–October, i.e. 0.4% less than in the same period 2003. The export of aluminium was 240 thousand metric tons, amounted for 31.2 billion kronur, i.e. 3.5 less in quantity and 6.6% more in value than in 2003. The average quoted price for aluminium on LME was USD 1,717 in January–October 2004, i.e. 22% higher in dollar terms than in 2003. During the same period the price of dollar in Icelandic kronur has decreased by 7.7%. Aluminium is 18.9% of the value of total exports of goods in January–October 2004 but it was 19.2% in the same period in previous year.

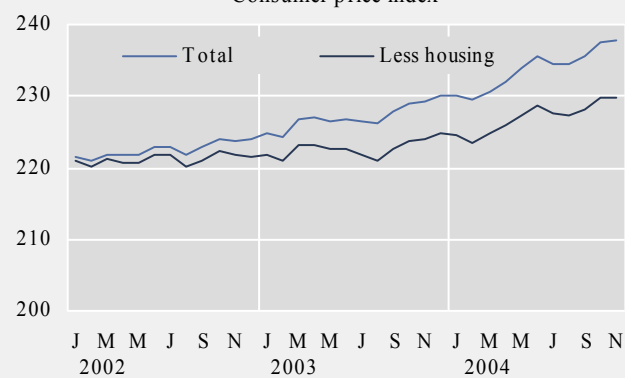
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	GDP growth rate	Consumer price index	Consumer price index less housing cost	Harmonised index of consumer prices, Iceland	Harmonised index of consumer prices, EEA	Building cost index	Fish catch, volume index	Aluminium production tonnes
2002		222.6	221.2	123.5	110.9	277.2	93.0	282,495
2003		227.3	222.8	125.2	113.0	286.3	95.2	280,185
Nov. 2002	-1.8	223.7	221.7	124.1	111.4	277.9	74.5	23,846
Dec. 2002	.	223.9	221.4	124.1	111.9	278.0	70.6	22,245
Jan. 2003	.	224.7	221.7	124.3	111.8	285.0	85.6	24,833
Feb. 2003	4.7	224.3	220.9	124.0	112.3	285.5	107.0	23,058
Mar. 2003	.	226.7	223.3	125.4	112.9	284.8	119.4	26,433
Apr. 2003	.	227.0	223.3	125.3	113.0	285.6	82.8	25,579
May 2003	3.4	226.6	222.6	125.2	113.0	285.6	107.4	23,897
Jun. 2003	.	226.8	222.6	125.3	113.1	286.4	100.9	22,003
Jul. 2003	.	226.5	221.8	125.0	112.9	286.8	100.4	22,511
Aug. 2003	3.5	226.3	221.0	124.5	113.1	285.9	79.0	22,394
Sep. 2003	.	227.9	222.7	125.4	113.5	287.3	79.7	22,046
Oct. 2003	.	229.0	223.7	125.8	113.6	287.8	84.0	22,877
Nov. 2003	4.9	229.3	224.1	126.0	113.7	287.2	94.0	22,033
Dec. 2003	.	230.0	224.7	126.3	114.0	287.8	70.9	22,521
Jan. 2004	.	230.1	224.5	126.1	113.7	288.6	65.7	23,062
Feb. 2004	4.6	229.4	223.5	125.7	113.9	289.5	112.5	21,786
Mar. 2004	.	230.7	224.9	126.6	114.6	292.2	150.0	22,699
Apr. 2004	.	232.0	225.9	127.2	115.0	293.3	91.6	24,249
May 2004	6.4	233.9	227.4	128.2	115.5	299.8	94.1	23,450
Jun. 2004	.	235.7	228.7	128.9	115.5	300.8	97.4	23,411
Jul. 2004	.	234.6	227.7	128.5	115.3	301.7	92.8	21,952
Aug. 2004	.	234.6	227.3	128.3	115.5	302.1	75.1	23,748
Sep. 2004	.	235.6	228.2	128.9	115.7	302.3	71.6	24,679
Oct. 2004	.	237.4	229.8	129.5	116.1	303.9	94.6	25,599
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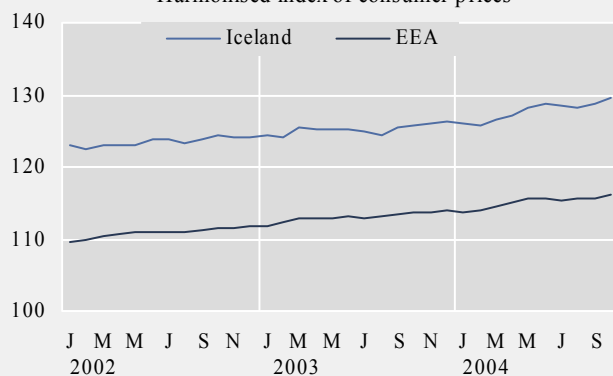
GDP growth rate from same quarter of prev. year, %



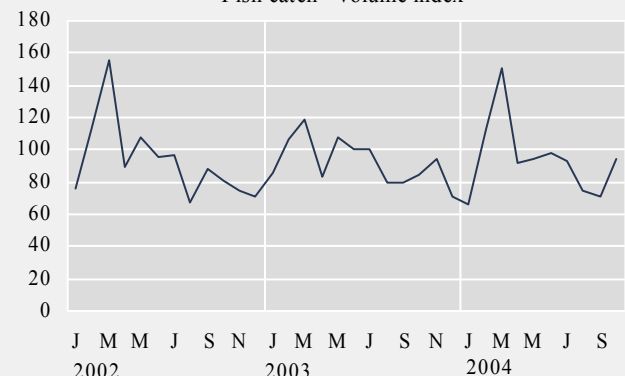
Consumer price index



Harmonised index of consumer prices

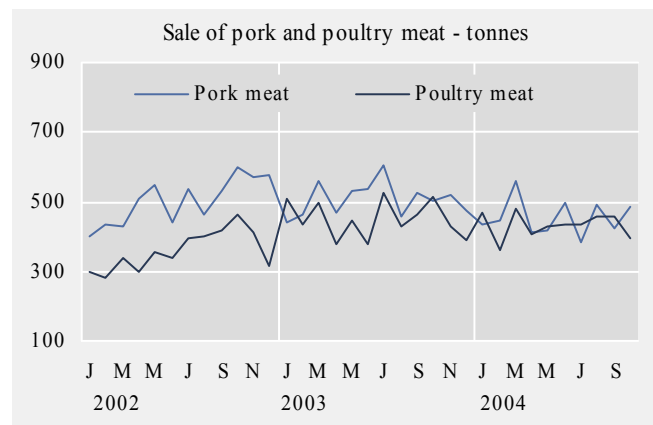
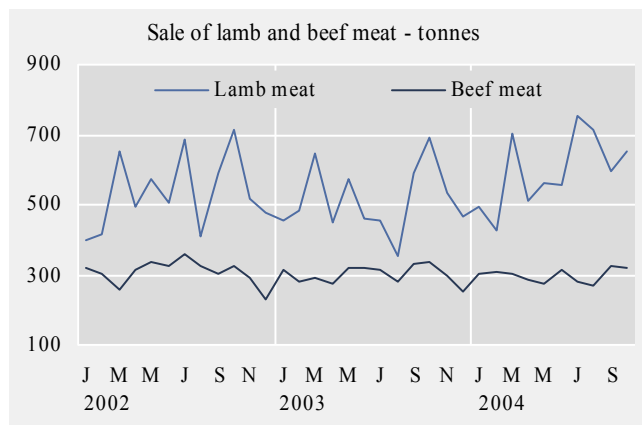
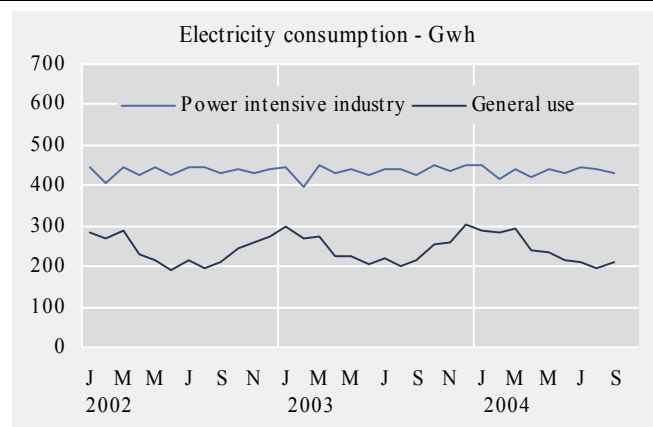
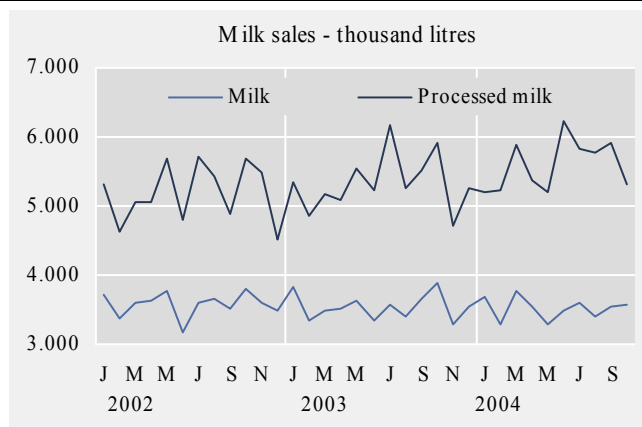


Fish catch - volume index



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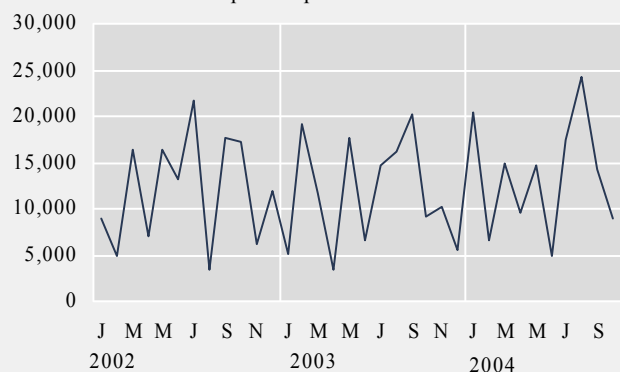
	Milk production and sales in thousand litres			Sale of meat in tonnes				Electricity cons. Gwh	
	Milk received by dairies	Milk sales from dairies	Milk processing converted by protein content	Lamb	Beef	Pork	Poultry	Power intensive industry	General use
2002	110,761	42,952	62,270	6,438	3,687	6,042	4,316	5,214.6	2,894.2
2003	108,384	42,454	64,074	6,078	3,602	6,076	5,393	5,229.4	2,953.6
Oct. 2002	8,439	3,804	5,673	714	326	598	465	439.6	244.2
Nov. 2002	8,533	3,600	5,485	518	290	570	414	431.1	260.5
Dec. 2002	9,525	3,482	4,523	480	231	576	316	438.6	275.7
Jan. 2003	10,027	3,840	5,337	455	316	439	509	443.3	298.6
Feb. 2003	9,236	3,337	4,859	482	278	461	437	396.8	268.6
Mar. 2003	10,009	3,482	5,165	648	292	557	500	448.1	275.5
Apr. 2003	9,968	3,524	5,096	447	277	469	380	432.6	224.2
May 2003	10,290	3,619	5,545	575	318	529	448	440.1	226.0
Jun. 2003	9,570	3,331	5,241	459	320	536	380	423.8	207.3
Jul. 2003	8,857	3,564	6,168	454	312	604	527	440.0	219.1
Aug. 2003	7,915	3,391	5,256	355	283	457	430	442.5	199.3
Sep. 2003	7,995	3,653	5,512	592	332	524	466	426.7	215.1
Oct. 2003	7,800	3,876	5,916	691	338	505	513	450.1	255.6
Nov. 2003	7,630	3,287	4,722	534	296	523	431	435.3	261.3
Dec. 2003	9,086	3,550	5,257	464	250	472	387	450.1	303.2
Jan. 2004	9,347	3,673	5,206	492	306	434	470	448.0	290.7
Feb. 2004	8,739	3,286	5,217	429	311	448	360	416.3	286.2
Mar. 2004	10,207	3,784	5,872	702	304	557	479	440.8	293.1
Apr. 2004	9,925	3,534	5,360	510	287	411	406	419.6	241.3
May 2004	10,389	3,280	5,195	561	274	416	428	442.0	236.8
Jun. 2004	10,122	3,499	6,224	558	317	497	435	429.2	215.1
Jul. 2004	9,554	3,587	5,826	754	280	384	433	443.3	211.7
Aug. 2004	8,942	3,410	5,776	712	272	492	457	440.4	195.3
Sep. 2004	8,492	3,531	5,923	595	327	421	460	430.6	212.5
Oct. 2004	8,259	3,563	5,317	650	321	486	392	.	.



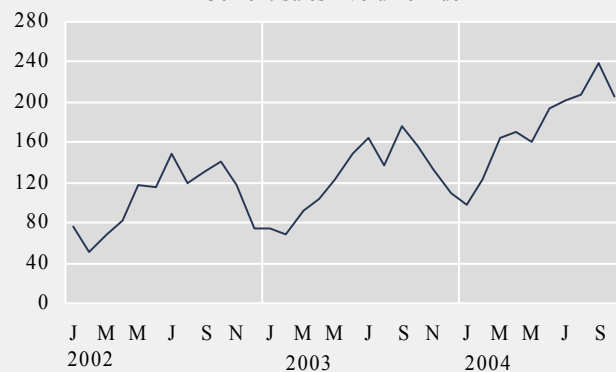
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	Import of fuel in tonnes				Cement sales index	Public housing fund loans	Market prices of housing - index			
	Petrol	Gas oils	Fuel oils	Jet fuel			Multi-flat houses, cap. region	Single-flat houses, cap. region	All types, outside cap. region	All types, whole country
2002	145,011	387,163	93,163	105,471	103.8	2,062	116.1	118.3	114.0	115.9
2003	139,395	383,955	58,032	109,656	123.6	2,500	130.2	129.6	127.3	129.4
Nov. 2002	6,074	28,039	4,440	7,541	117.8	193	119.9	119.2	116.6	119.0
Dec. 2002	11,993	28,761	2,572	4,529	74.6	131	121.3	120.7	117.6	120.3
Jan. 2003	5,013	10,217	1,568	9,982	74.2	171	122.6	121.8	120.7	122.0
Feb. 2003	19,112	37,515	1,871	10,775	67.8	159	124.1	122.6	121.4	123.2
Mar. 2003	11,701	35,037	17,732	5,008	91.4	182	126.6	123.8	120.5	124.7
Apr. 2003	3,318	10,380	2,277	3,793	103.3	151	128.1	127.7	122.2	126.5
May 2003	17,722	36,212	3,573	13,359	123.2	187	128.1	128.3	124.9	127.3
Jun. 2003	6,522	27,763	3,530	4,331	148.0	155	128.8	128.7	125.3	127.9
Jul. 2003	14,750	44,180	8,230	7,900	163.9	244	130.0	130.5	130.2	130.1
Aug. 2003	16,240	33,812	1,179	16,746	137.3	238	133.2	132.9	131.6	132.8
Sep. 2003	20,184	63,560	10,334	17,120	175.5	275	134.7	134.5	133.1	134.3
Oct. 2003	9,141	41,897	5,385	9,379	155.7	233	135.1	135.2	133.2	134.6
Nov. 2003	10,226	29,625	228	8,873	133.4	235	135.6	133.5	131.9	134.4
Dec. 2003	5,466	13,757	2,124	2,391	110.2	270	136.1	135.6	132.5	135.1
Jan. 2004	20,522	49,532	4,425	11,336	98.8	218	136.1	137.4	131.6	135.1
Feb. 2004	6,577	9,897	4,122	8,002	122.9	204	136.2	138.9	131.4	135.3
Mar. 2004	14,960	47,038	3,665	12,604	163.8	260	136.9	135.8	131.1	135.3
Apr. 2004	9,529	37,708	7,841	6,338	169.9	200	139.1	139.4	131.2	137.1
May 2004	14,677	35,997	7,533	8,584	161.1	301	141.6	142.2	136.4	140.3
Jun. 2004	4,833	18,489	3,454	1,785	193.6	335	144.6	146.0	138.4	143.3
Jul. 2004	17,342	58,012	1,244	5,388	200.8	184	147.4	145.7	136.3	144.4
Aug. 2004	24,303	72,508	33,899	7,288	207.8	190	148.8	148.5	137.5	145.9
Sep. 2004	14,173	37,955	9,026	6,225	239.3	165	149.1	152.2	137.1	146.5
Oct. 2004	8,890	36,378	5,070	13,478	204.9	108	150.9	157.1	139.5	148.9
Nov. 2004	.	.	.	.	.	.	152.2	160.8	142.0	150.8

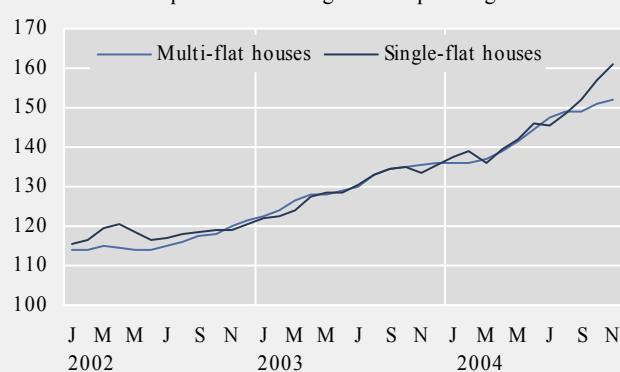
Import of petrol - tonnes



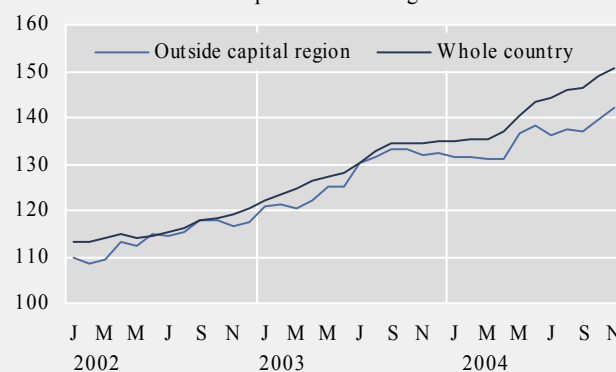
Cement sales - volume index



Market prices of housing in the capital region - index



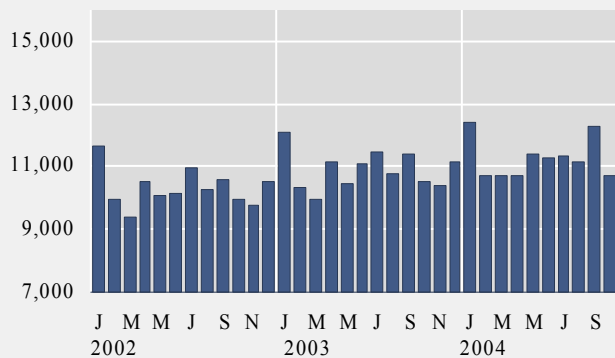
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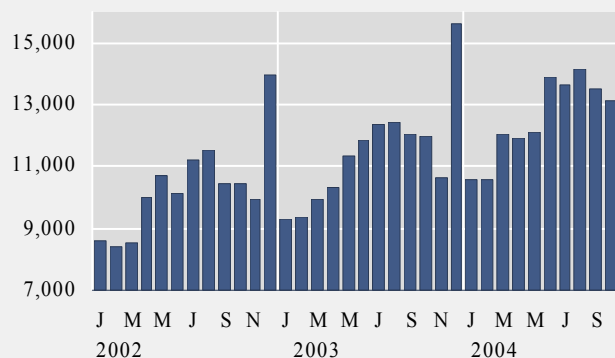
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	Credit and debit card usage in million ISK				Number of new regist. cars	Import of cars, cif, million ISK	Number of passengers to Keflavik airport	Number of overnight stays in hotels
	Domestic credit card usage	Credit card usage abroad	Debit card usage in retail	Foreign credit card usage in Iceland				
2002	123,819	16,344	123,922	12,470	8,487	10,436	493,643	802,351
2003	130,835	19,693	137,242	13,106	13,289	18,885	583,832	879,356
Oct. 2002	9,944	1,597	10,421	804	810	1,080	40,312	58,228
Nov. 2002	9,794	1,525	9,950	652	573	746	30,240	45,753
Dec. 2002	10,508	1,345	13,975	676	489	636	27,155	28,316
Jan. 2003	12,077	951	9,315	609	896	1,056	22,944	30,659
Feb. 2003	10,329	1,267	9,366	541	890	1,048	27,005	45,938
Mar. 2003	9,989	1,317	9,910	664	912	1,087	38,177	63,816
Apr. 2003	11,135	1,435	10,302	768	1,063	1,373	46,653	65,719
May 2003	10,484	1,503	11,371	933	1,672	1,795	44,932	79,739
Jun. 2003	11,094	1,927	11,857	1,418	1,721	2,140	66,641	100,570
Jul. 2003	11,445	1,913	12,387	2,092	1,422	2,445	86,532	127,905
Aug. 2003	10,752	1,946	12,421	2,215	996	1,624	79,980	133,163
Sep. 2003	11,402	1,832	12,073	1,590	1,006	1,599	48,509	77,931
Oct. 2003	10,536	1,864	11,963	898	1,067	1,961	48,567	78,470
Nov. 2003	10,418	1,892	10,666	731	902	1,378	38,842	50,754
Dec. 2003	11,174	1,844	15,613	647	742	1,378	35,050	34,722
Jan. 2004	12,403	761	10,586	540	963	1,393	27,128	31,779
Feb. 2004	10,708	2,128	10,558	1,083	952	1,377	34,353	53,163
Mar. 2004	10,709	1,572	12,064	767	1,307	2,060	41,415	67,527
Apr. 2004	10,695	1,868	11,899	841	1,384	2,204	55,733	70,728
May 2004	11,404	1,804	12,077	1,020	1,617	2,335	55,200	80,272
Jun. 2004	11,283	2,188	13,918	1,264	2,277	3,185	84,257	113,136
Jul. 2004	11,350	1,970	13,611	1,776	1,654	2,251	104,793	150,329
Aug. 2004	11,141	1,997	14,132	2,629	1,122	1,635	93,051	135,755
Sep. 2004	12,259	1,917	13,509	1,595	1,318	1,928	55,756	.
Oct. 2004	10,702	2,174	13,152	950	1,256	1,875	56,667	.

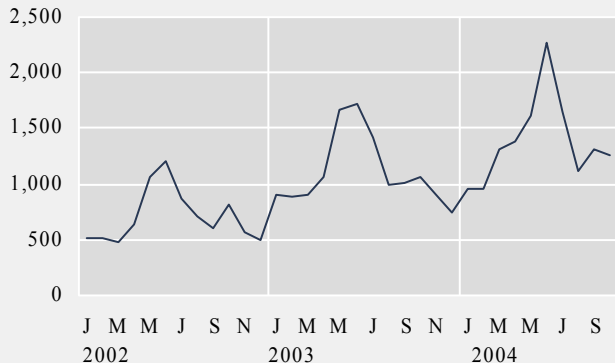
Domestic credit card usage - million ISK



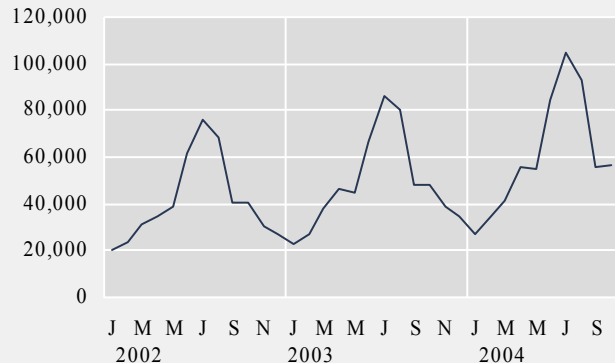
Domestic debit card usage - million ISK



Number of new registered cars

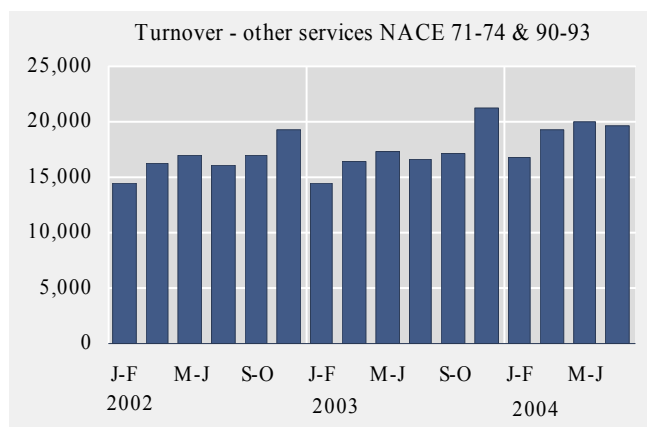
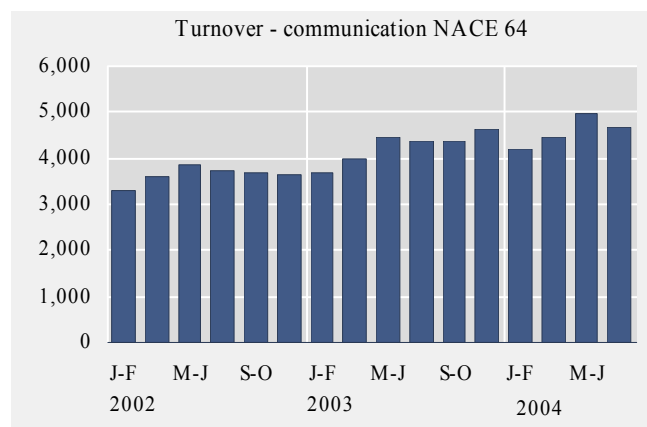
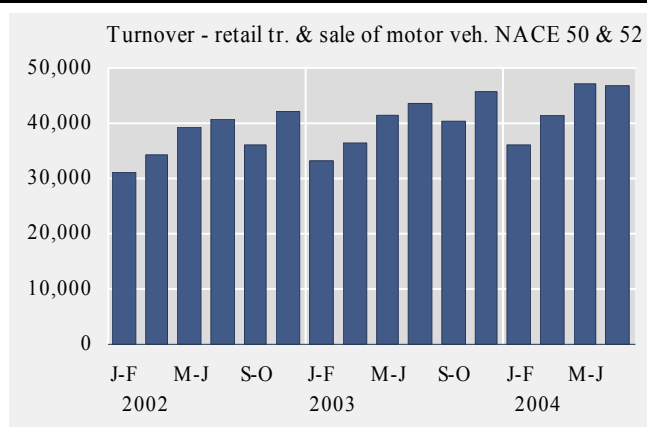
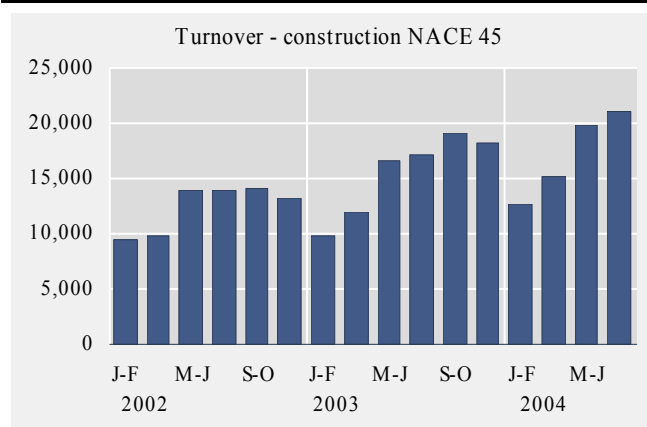


Number of passengers to Keflavik airport



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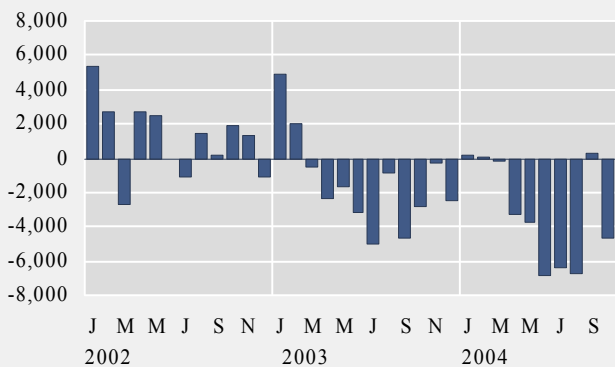
	Turnover by industry, based on VAT records, in million ISK						
	Manufacturing NACE 15-37	Construction NACE 45	Retail trade and motor vehicles NACE 50 & 52	Hotels and restaurants NACE 55	Transport NACE 60-63	Communi- cation NACE 64	Other services NACE 71-74 & 90-93
2002	323,002	74,423	223,113	26,415	107,191	21,798	110,535
2003	312,460	92,917	240,791	28,983	101,990	25,512	119,351
Jul-Aug 2000	43,798	14,133	37,677	5,522	17,770	3,371	12,615
Sep-Oct 2000	43,863	14,638	35,375	3,882	15,716	3,294	14,510
Nov-Dec 2000	48,434	16,586	38,265	4,006	13,596	3,581	18,476
Jan-Feb 2001	40,791	10,558	29,311	3,064	13,303	3,050	12,911
Mar-Apr 2001	50,783	12,098	32,520	3,853	16,661	3,179	14,671
May-Jun 2001	53,017	15,897	37,782	4,760	20,666	3,946	17,034
Jul-Aug 2001	55,312	16,706	39,081	5,956	23,385	3,363	15,215
Sep-Oct 2001	55,490	16,161	35,338	4,300	18,920	3,391	16,165
Nov-Dec 2001	55,262	14,817	41,817	3,985	16,702	3,786	19,121
Jan-Feb 2002	50,042	9,527	31,010	3,105	15,293	3,282	14,392
Mar-Apr 2002	56,741	9,796	34,140	3,872	16,795	3,598	16,298
May-Jun 2002	54,254	13,899	39,354	4,960	19,051	3,862	16,898
Jul-Aug 2002	51,404	13,875	40,536	6,293	21,193	3,740	16,129
Sep-Oct 2002	55,711	14,120	35,952	4,195	20,004	3,687	16,889
Nov-Dec 2002	54,852	13,205	42,122	3,990	14,856	3,629	19,330
Jan-Feb 2003	45,845	9,828	33,279	3,186	14,221	3,704	14,538
Mar-Apr 2003	52,886	12,010	36,534	3,949	14,449	3,990	16,359
May-Jun 2003	54,052	16,601	41,519	5,386	20,704	4,436	17,378
Jul-Aug 2003	50,299	17,088	43,441	7,209	19,440	4,380	16,632
Sep-Oct 2003	55,009	19,141	40,355	4,815	17,869	4,358	17,183
Nov-Dec 2003	54,373	18,249	45,664	4,438	15,305	4,644	21,234
Jan-Feb 2004	46,553	12,738	36,250	3,599	15,087	4,210	16,701
Mar-Apr 2004	60,094	15,164	41,574	4,419	18,301	4,454	19,370
May-Jun 2004	60,382	19,829	46,990	5,886	21,260	4,966	20,048
Jul-Aug 2004	54,031	21,012	46,898	8,073	26,058	4,652	19,664



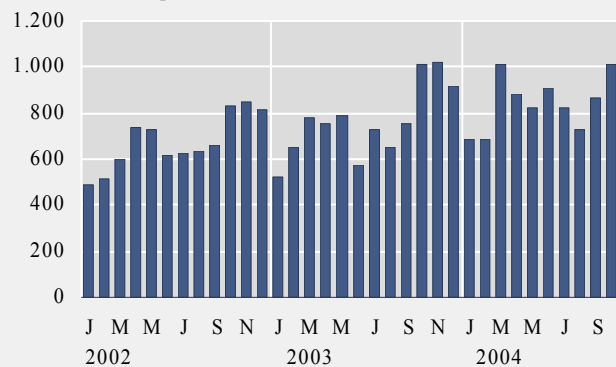
Short term indicators in November 2004

	External trade, fob, in million ISK					Price index of marine products ISK	Prices of aluminium (LME) USD/tonnes	Oil price (UK Brent 38) USD/barrel
	Balance of trade	Export of goods total	Import of goods total	Import of consumer durables	Import of industrial supplies			
2002	13,098	204,303	191,982	8,099	82,150	160.6	1,365.0	25.0
2003	-16,932	182,580	199,512	9,372	79,851	146.3	1,427.9	29.3
Oct. 2002	1,918	18,973	17,055	831	7,323	154.6	1,318.5	27.6
Nov. 2002	1,273	16,485	15,212	848	6,563	154.0	1,379.3	24.4
Dec. 2002	-1,083	13,299	14,382	815	5,319	153.3	1,380.0	29.3
Jan. 2003	4,928	16,354	11,425	520	4,491	152.1	1,380.0	32.1
Feb. 2003	2,044	16,133	14,089	650	6,247	148.8	1,406.3	33.5
Mar. 2003	-526	16,726	17,252	781	6,674	146.3	1,390.0	31.6
Apr. 2003	-2,412	14,079	16,492	752	7,154	147.8	1,346.8	25.2
May 2003	-1,702	15,054	16,756	792	7,299	140.3	1,399.2	26.3
Jun. 2003	-3,170	14,309	17,479	578	6,587	142.6	1,391.2	28.0
Jul. 2003	-4,995	15,016	20,011	730	7,886	146.0	1,407.5	28.6
Aug. 2003	-850	14,927	15,777	654	6,854	145.7	1,429.5	29.9
Sep. 2003	-4,690	14,555	19,245	757	8,395	146.6	1,423.2	27.3
Oct. 2003	-2,796	15,805	18,601	1,015	7,030	146.4	1,482.1	30.0
Nov. 2003	-261	15,950	16,211	1,020	5,724	145.9	1,512.1	29.1
Dec. 2003	-2,503	13,672	16,175	915	5,509	144.9	1,622.0	32.0
Jan. 2004	186	16,622	16,436	685	7,336	141.0	1,703.9	31.5
Feb. 2004	19	14,149	14,130	682	5,438	139.9	1,676.5	34.6
Mar. 2004	-195	20,138	20,333	1,011	8,890	139.3	1,744.4	34.0
Apr. 2004	-3,259	16,770	20,029	884	7,665	141.8	1,633.7	38.6
May 2004	-3,768	14,894	18,662	820	6,952	141.0	1,682.5	35.5
Jun. 2004	-6,871	16,327	23,198	907	8,781	141.5	1,715.4	38.5
Jul. 2004	-6,389	16,648	23,036	825	8,660	142.4	1,702.4	44.5
Aug. 2004	-6,718	13,988	20,707	728	10,105	142.7	1,733.3	43.6
Sep. 2004	257	19,416	19,159	863	8,001	145.2	1,781.8	51.4
Oct. 2004	-4,630	16,928	21,558	1,015	8,991	146.7	1,794.0	41.7

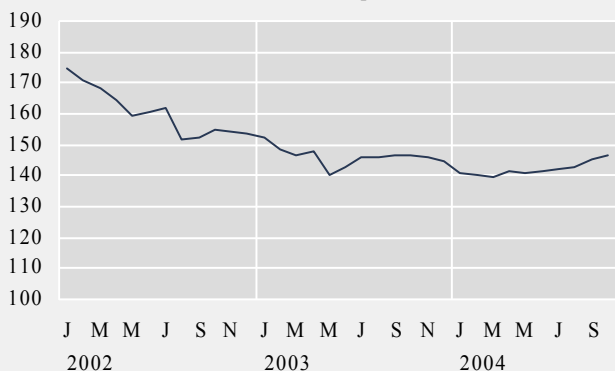
Balance of trade - million ISK



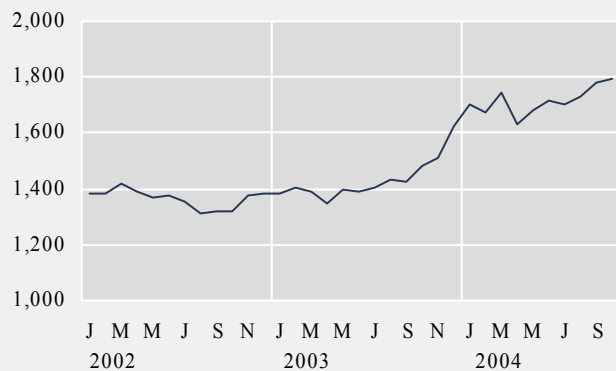
Import - consumer durables, fob, million ISK



Price index of marine products - ISK

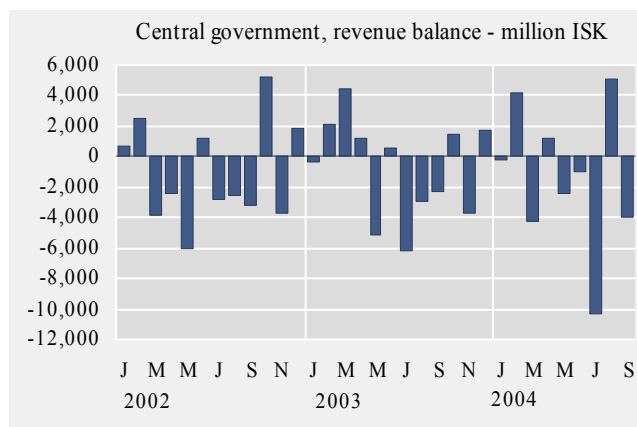
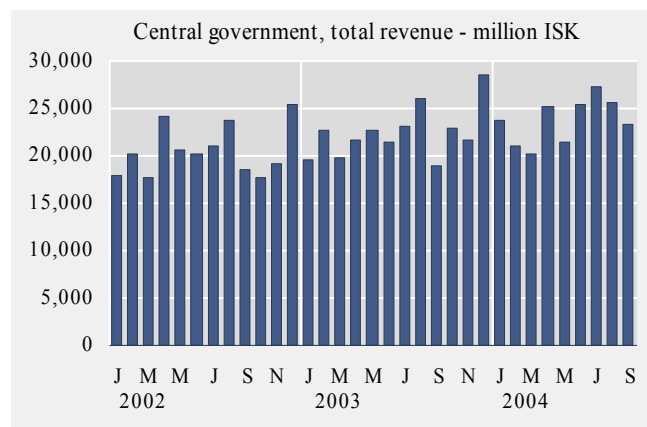
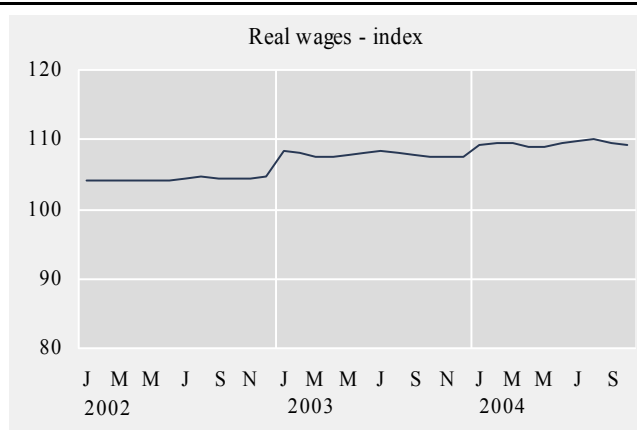
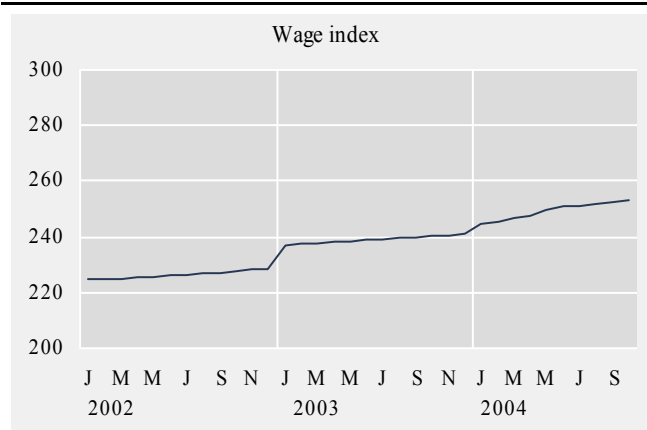


Prices of aluminium (LME) - USD/tonnes



Short term indicators in November 2004

	Wage index	Real wages, index	Quarterly average (from 2003)			Central government finance, million ISK		
			Labour force participation %	Unemployment %	Number of employed persons	Total revenue	Total expenditure	Revenue balance
2002	226.4	104.3	82.8	3.3	156,700	206,478	221,361	-14,883
2003	239.1	107.9	82.2	3.4	156,900	229,442	240,313	-10,871
Oct. 2002	227.9	104.4	.	.	.	22,964	17,763	5,201
Nov. 2002	228.1	104.5	82.7	3.3	156,600	15,513	19,251	-3,738
Dec. 2002	228.7	104.6	.	.	.	27,284	25,449	1,835
Jan. 2003	237.0	108.3	.	.	.	19,202	19,485	-283
Feb. 2003	237.5	108.0	80.1	3.9	151,800	24,953	22,781	2,172
Mar. 2003	237.8	107.5	.	.	.	24,182	19,691	4,491
Apr. 2003	238.0	107.6	.	.	.	22,887	21,736	1,151
May 2003	238.5	107.9	84.1	4.1	159,800	17,471	22,622	-5,151
Jun. 2003	239.0	108.2	.	.	.	21,861	21,355	506
Jul. 2003	239.3	108.4	.	.	.	16,909	23,137	-6,228
Aug. 2003	239.6	108.2	84.3	2.6	162,900	23,203	26,112	-2,909
Sep. 2003	239.9	107.7	.	.	.	16,625	18,938	-2,313
Oct. 2003	240.4	107.6	.	.	.	24,266	22,851	1,415
Nov. 2003	240.7	107.5	80.4	2.9	153,200	17,883	21,605	-3,722
Dec. 2003	241.0	107.5	.	.	.	30,324	28,541	1,783
Jan. 2004	244.9	109.3	.	.	.	23,533	23,807	-274
Feb. 2004	245.4	109.4	79.2	3.1	152,300	25,197	20,967	4,230
Mar. 2004	246.8	109.4	.	.	.	15,900	20,189	-4,289
Apr. 2004	247.5	109.0	.	.	.	26,477	25,273	1,204
May 2004	249.5	109.0	82.9	4.0	158,000	18,064	21,361	-2,426
Jun. 2004	251.1	109.5	.	.	.	24,366	25,340	-974
Jul. 2004	251.4	109.9	.	.	.	16,844	27,202	-10,358
Aug. 2004	252.0	109.9	81.5	2.6	158,100	30,652	25,538	5,114
Sep. 2004	252.5	109.5	.	.	.	20,174	23,255	-3,952
Oct. 2004	253.2	109.3	.	.	.	.	.	.



Explanatory notes and references

References are quoted for data originating outside Statistics Iceland.

GDP growth rate, %. Change in the volume of gross domestic product each quarter as compared with the same quarter of the previous year.

Consumer price index and **Consumer price index less housing cost.** May 1988=100. Compiled at the beginning of each month. Yearly averages are converted by middle month indices.

Harmonized index of consumer prices. 1996=100. The harmonized index of consumer prices (HICP) is compiled for all EEA-member states. It differs in scope from the Icelandic CPI. The main difference is that imputed rent for owner occupied housing is included in the Icelandic CPI but not in the HICP. On the other hand, expenditure of foreign visitors in Iceland and expenditure of people living in hospitals and similar institutions are included in the HICP but not in the Icelandic CPI.

Building cost index. June 1987=100. The index is compiled at the middle of each month.

Fish catch, volume index. The fish catch for each month is valued at average prices of 1990 and converted to an index with 1998=100.

Aluminium production, tonnes. Source: Producers.

Milk received by dairies. Thousand litres. Milk from farmers received by dairies. Source: Icelandic Dairy Association.

Milk sales from dairies. Thousand litres. Sale of milk, cream, skimmed milk and other liquid milk products. Source: Icelandic Dairy Association.

Milk processing converted by protein content. Processed milk products other than milk, cream, skimmed milk and other liquid milk products converted into thousand litres on the basis of protein content. Source: Icelandic Dairy Association.

Sale of meat in tonnes. Lamb, beef, pork, poultry. Includes sales of domestic produce but not imported meat nor game. Source: Association of Icelandic farmers.

Electricity consumption. Gigawatt-hours. Divided into consumption by power-intensive industry which is defined as aluminium and ferrosilicon production. All other consumption is considered general use. Source: National Energy Authority.

Import of fuel in tonnes. Petrol, gas oils, fuel oils and jet fuel derived from the external trade statistics.

Cement sales. Index 1990=100. Sale of domestic and imported cement. Source: Producers and importers.

Public housing fund loans. Number of loans to individuals for new construction, loans to entrepreneurs are excluded. Source: Housing Loan Fund.

Market prices of housing. Indices, March 2000=100. The indices are sub items from the CPI based on housing sales contracts collected by the Land Registry of Iceland.

Credit and debit card usage. Million Icelandic krónur (ISK). The figures show total household expenditure by credit and debit cards. Withdrawals at ATM's and payments made in banks are not included. Sources: VISA Iceland and MasterCard.

Number of new car registrations. Includes both new and used cars. Source: The Icelandic Federation for Motor Trades and Repairs.

Import of cars. Cif-value, million ISK.

Number of passengers to Keflavik Airport. The total number of visitors, Icelandic and foreign, arriving by air at Keflavík international airport. Transit passengers are not included in these figures. Source: Civil Aviation Administration, Keflavík Airport.

Number of overnight stays in hotels. Covers hotels that are operated throughout the year.

Turnover by industry. Million ISK. The figures show total turnover according to VAT returns for every two VAT-accounting months. The turnover excludes VAT. Break-down by industry is based on the Statistics Iceland activity code, ÍSAT 95 which corresponds to NACE rev. 1.

External trade. Fob-value in ISK.

Price index of marine products. Based on unit prices of the main products according to data from producers, weighted by production or sales in the previous year. 1990=100.

Prices of aluminium (LME). Average monthly price of aluminium on the London Metal Exchange. Source: The National Power Company.

Oil price (UK Brent 38). Average monthly price of a barrel of North-Sea oil. Source: Oliufélagið hf.

Wage index. December 1988=100. Refers to average wages each month.

Real wages. Index 2000=100. Refers to the change in the wage index deflated by the CPI converted to mid-month figures.

Labour force participation, unemployment and number of employed persons. The figures show results from the labour force sample survey (LFS) of Statistics Iceland. From 2003 onwards, the LFS is continuous and renders quarterly results. Sample size is 4,000 persons each quarter. In the period 1991-2002 the LFS was carried out twice each year, in April and in November.

Labour force participation: The total labour force (employed and unemployed) as a proportion of the total population 16-74 years of age.

Unemployment: The number of unemployed as a proportion of the labour force.

Number of employed persons: Total number of persons engaged in any kind of work for payment, including self-employed.

Central government finance. Total revenue, total expenditure and revenue balance. Million ISK. Cash basis. Source: Government Accounting Office.

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