

Short term indicators in June 2004

GDP in 1. quarter 2004

4.9% growth in GDP, private consumption 8% up, 4.3% export growth and 14.2% growth in import

The Icelandic Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 4.9% in real terms in the first quarter of 2004 as compared with the same quarter of 2003. This is a growth rate similar to that of the fourth quarter of 2003 when GDP increased by 4.8%, as was the case in 2003. The growth in the GDP was driven by a considerable growth in total domestic expenditure. In the first quarter of 2004, household final consumption increased by 8.0% compared with more than 6% increase in all quarters of 2003. This growth rate was largely met by large purchases of imported goods and expenditure abroad. Government final consumption increased by 1.9% compared with a growth rate exceeding 3% in the first half of 2003 and 3.0% annual growth rate in 2003. Gross fixed capital formation continued to rise, now by 17.1%. The aggregated gross domestic final expenditure increased by 8.6%. Exports grew by 4.3% while imports rose by 14.2%, both compared with the corresponding quarter in the previous year. That resulted in 4.9% growth in GDP.

Prices

The CPI rose by 3.9% in the 12 months to June

The CPI in June 2004 rose by 0.77% from the preceding month (CPI less housing cost rose by 0.57%). Over the last 12 months the CPI rose by 3.9% (CPI less housing cost: 2.7%) while the change over the last 3 months is equivalent to an annual rate of 9.0% (6.9% less housing cost). In Iceland, the HICP rose by 0.8% in May 2004. Over the 12 months to May the HICP in Iceland rose by 2.4% and by 2.3% in the EEA. The building cost index in June rose by 0.33% on the preceding month, 5.0% on June 2003.

Wages

The wage index rose by 4.6% in the 12 months to May

The wage index for the whole economy rose by 0.8% in May 2004 and had then risen by 4.6% over the last 12 months. The corresponding rise in the CPI was 3.6%. Deflated by the CPI, real wages rose by 1.0% over the 12 months to May 2004. The average purchasing power January–May this year is 1.3% over January–May last year.

Fish catch volume, catch prices and export prices

More fish catch but lower prices

The total value of the fish catch in January–May, measured at constant prices, showed an increase of 2.4% from the corresponding period the year before. The price of catch in Icelandic krónur was 10.8% lower in January–April 2004 than in January–April 2003. Export prices of marine products, measured in Icelandic krónur, were 4.2% lower in January–May 2004 than one year before. The price of foreign exchange increased by 0.15% (krónur depreciated) between the periods.



External trade

Deficit in external trade in May

The deficit in balance of trade of goods was 3.8 billion krónur in May. The deficit in May 2003 was 1.8 billion krónur. The value of exports January–May was 82.6 billion krónur and the value of import was 89.6 billion; thus the trade was in deficit of 7.0 billion while the surplus amounted to 2.4 billion January–May last year. The exports rose by 4.4% in the period and the imports by 16.8% at fixed exchange rate in the period. The main items of increased import are capital goods and transport equipments which amounted almost half of the increased import.

Arrivals to Keflavik International Airport

Growth in arrivals to Keflavik International Airport

219,812 passengers arrived from abroad to Keflavik International Airport in January–May 2004 compared with 179,711 in same period last year. This is a growth of 22,3%. In the 12 months to March 2004 623,933 passengers arrived to Keflavik International Airport, i.e. 19% increase. Transit passengers are not included in these figures.

Overnight stays in hotels

In January–May 2004 300,699 overnight stays were registered in hotels compared with 285,871 in same months in previous year, i.e. 5.2% growth.

Domestic demand

Domestic demand on the increase

Credit card turnover of private households was up by 3.5% in January–May from the year before. The growth in last 12 months is 5.2% compared with the previous 12 months. Debit card turnover was up by 13.8% January–May. The growth in last 12 months is 12.7% compared with the previous 12 months. Altogether domestic debit and credit card turnover by households increased by 10% in recent 12 months compared with the previous 12 months. Credit card expenditure by Icelanders abroad increased by 25.6% January–May from the corresponding months the year before. Total credit and debit card turnover of foreign cards in Iceland increased by 21% in January–May 2004 compared with same months in 2003.

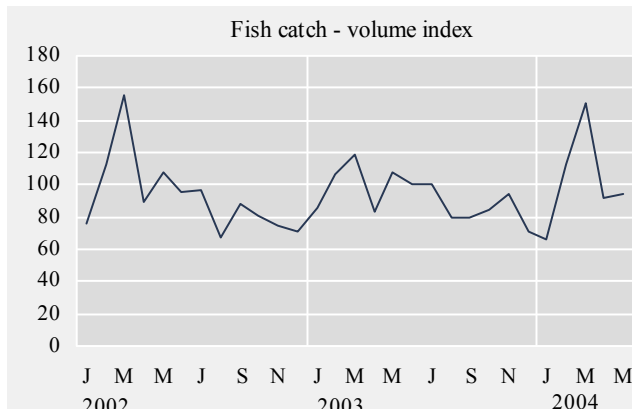
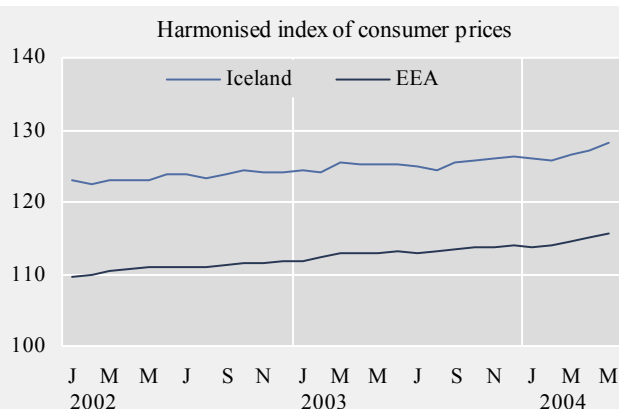
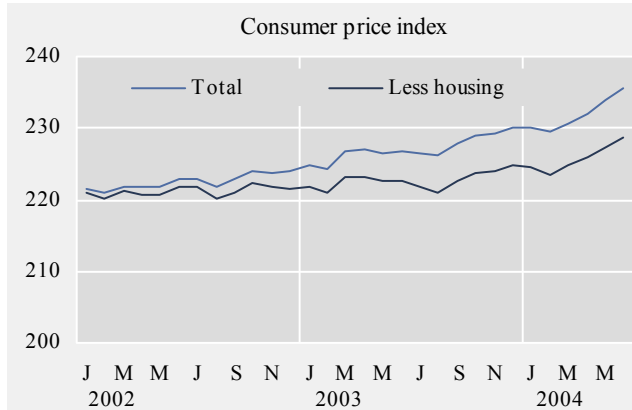
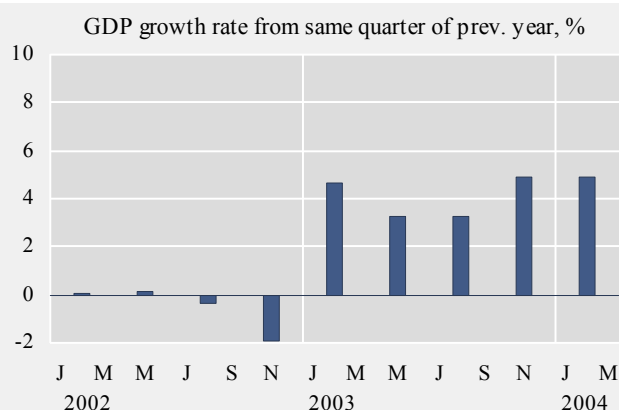
New car registrations January–May increased by 14.5% from the corresponding period the year before. In last 12 months new car registrations were up by 31.6% from the previous 12 months.

Electricity consumption

Electricity consumption increased by 2.1% in 1.st quarter of this year compared to last year. 1% of the increase is due to leap year. General consumption increased by 3.3% and power intensive industry by 1.3%. Production capacity of power intensive plants has not expanded in recent year.

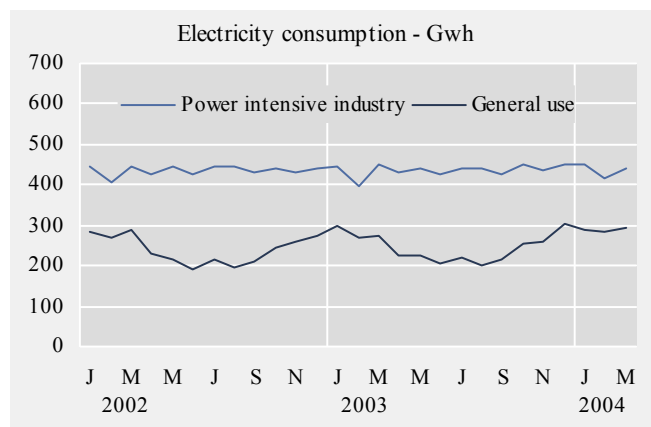
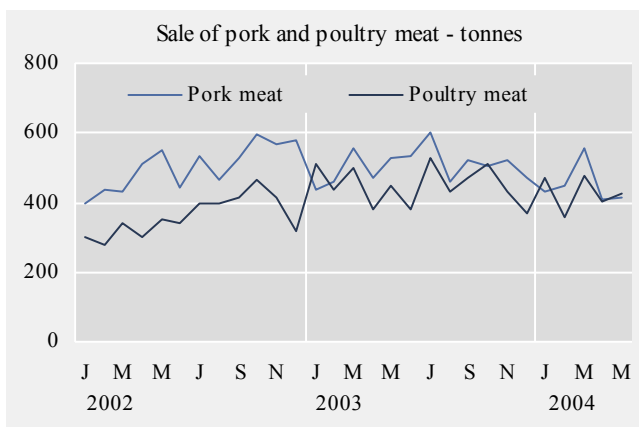
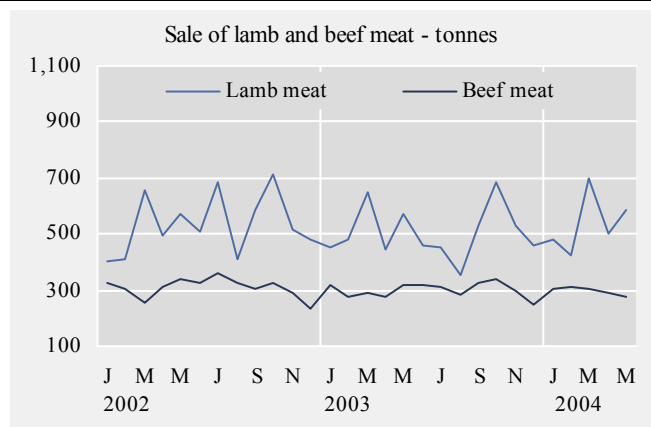
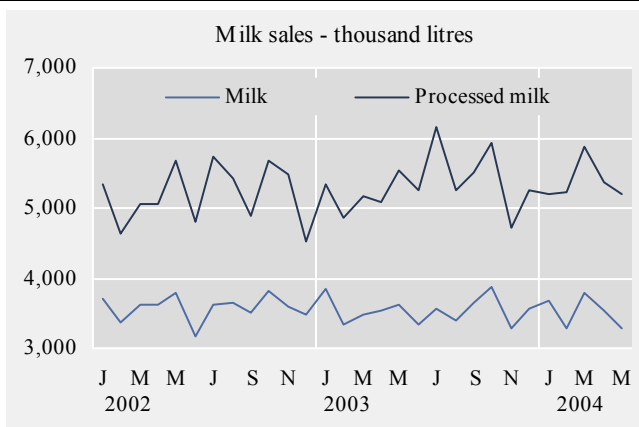
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	GDP growth rate	Consumer price index	Consumer price index less housing cost	Harmonised index of consumer prices, Iceland	Harmonised index of consumer prices, EEA	Building cost index	Fish catch, volume index	Aluminium production tonnes
2002		222.6	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
Jun. 2002	.	222.8	221.8	123.7	111.0	277.6	95.6	23,982
Jul. 2002	.	223.0	221.8	123.9	110.9	277.6	97.0	24,263
Aug. 2002	-0.4	221.8	220.2	123.3	110.9	277.6	67.5	24,687
Sep. 2002	.	222.9	221.1	123.9	111.2	277.4	88.2	23,936
Oct. 2002	.	224.1	222.4	124.4	111.5	277.5	81.3	25,178
Nov. 2002	-1.9	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	4.6	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	3.3	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	3.3	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	4.9	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	.	233.9	227.4	128.2	115.5	299.8	94.1	23,450
Jun. 2004	.	235.7	228.7	.	.	300.8	.	.



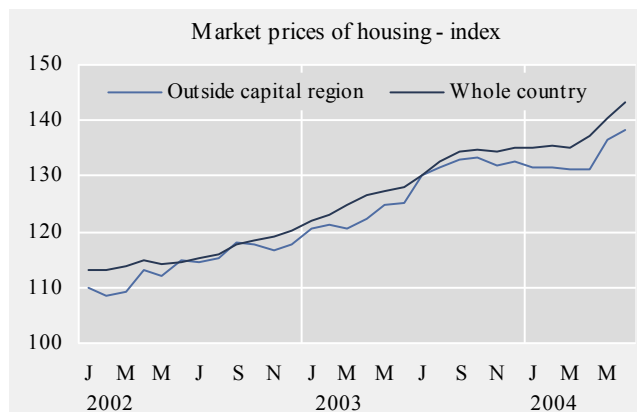
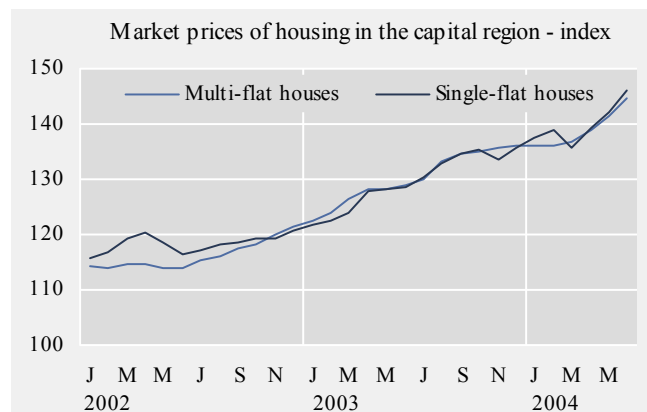
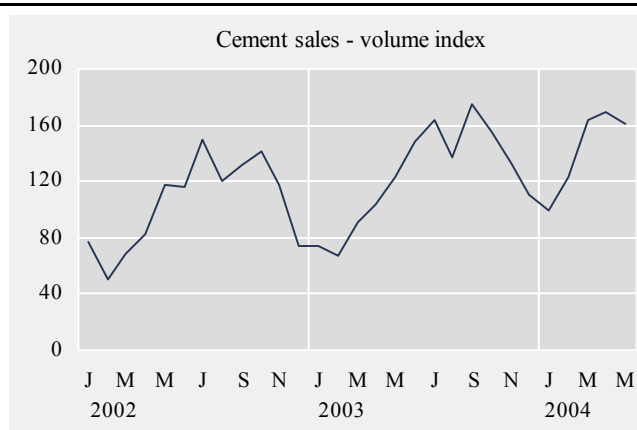
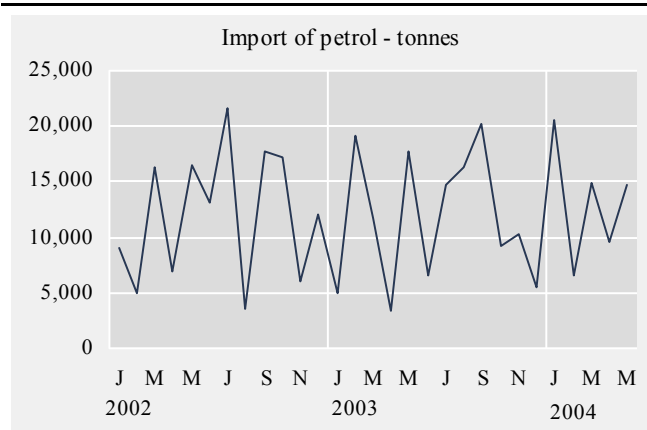
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	Milk production and sales in thousand litres			Sale of meat in tonnes				Electricity cons. Gwh	
	Milk received by dairies	Milk sales from dairies	Milk processing converted by protein content	Lamb	Beef	Pork	Poultry	Power intensive industry	General 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
May 2002	10,337	3,778	5,681	574	336	549	353	445.3	216.9
Jun. 2002	9,423	3,178	4,789	508	327	441	339	424.7	192.0
Jul. 2002	9,566	3,614	5,721	685	358	535	397	446.6	213.0
Aug. 2002	8,693	3,658	5,415	412	328	465	399	446.0	197.9
Sep. 2002	7,733	3,519	4,893	589	301	530	415	430.3	210.6
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	532	322	524	469	426.7	215.1
Oct. 2003	7,800	3,876	5,916	683	338	505	513	450.1	255.6
Nov. 2003	7,630	3,287	4,722	529	296	523	431	435.3	261.3
Dec. 2003	9,086	3,550	5,257	458	250	472	369	450.1	303.2
Jan. 2004	9,347	3,673	5,206	484	306	434	470	448.0	290.7
Feb. 2004	8,739	3,286	5,217	423	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	502	287	411	406	.	.
May 2004	10,389	3,280	5,195	589	274	417	428	.	.



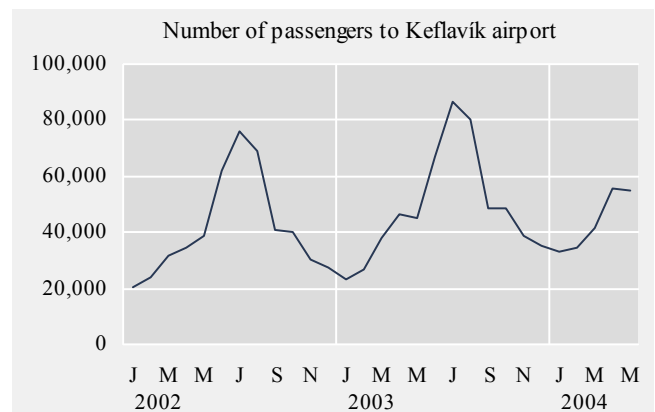
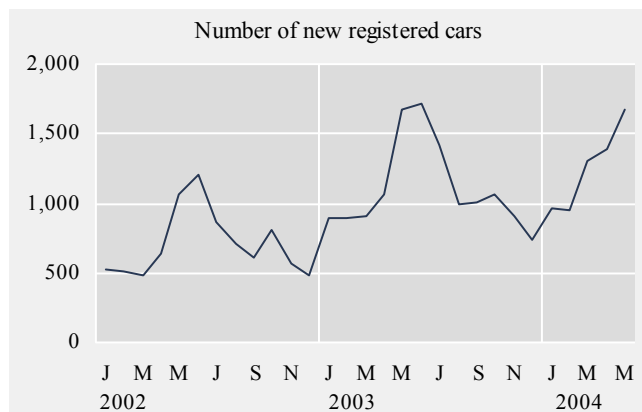
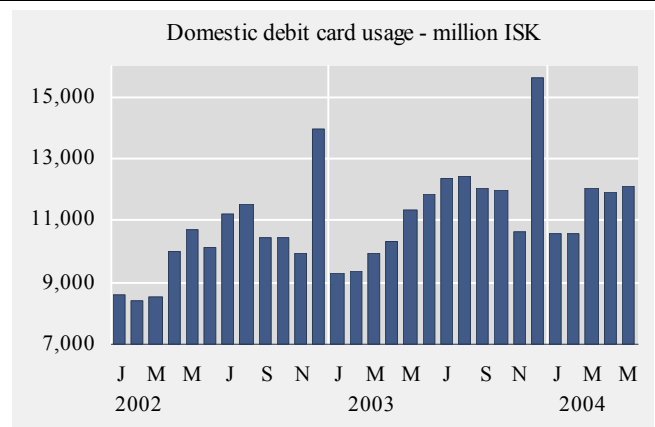
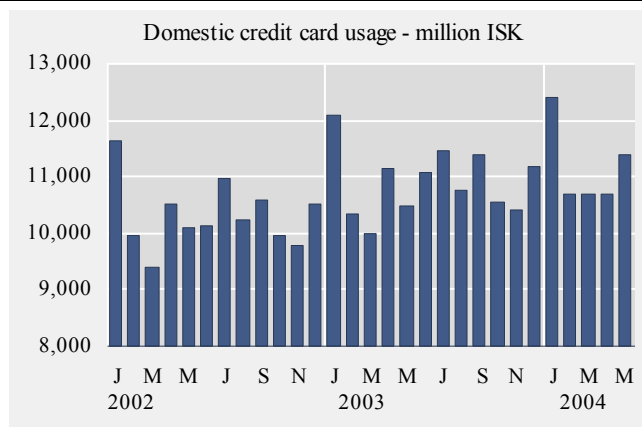
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	Import of fuel in tonnes				Cement sales index	Public housing fund loans	Market prices of housing - index			
	Petrol	Gas oils	Fuel oils	Jet fuel			Multi-flat houses, cap. region	Single-flat houses, cap. region	All types, outside cap. region	All types, 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
Jun. 2002	13,189	20,969	2,514	4,376	116.4	160	113.8	116.5	114.9	114.4
Jul. 2002	21,656	47,493	13,244	15,277	149.4	168	115.2	117.0	114.5	115.3
Aug. 2002	3,499	28,396	4,494	8,972	120.4	139	115.9	118.1	115.3	116.1
Sep. 2002	17,716	45,683	12,960	11,034	132.0	180	117.5	118.7	118.0	117.8
Oct. 2002	17,199	42,200	5,308	12,504	140.8	152	118.2	119.2	117.9	118.3
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	305	141.6	142.2	136.4	140.3
Jun. 2004	144.6	146.0	138.4	143.3



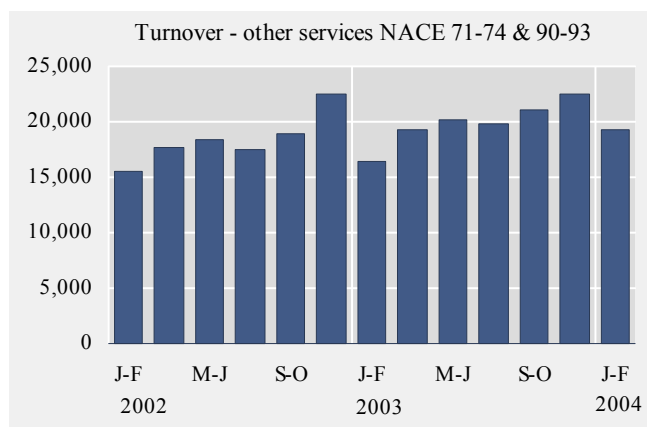
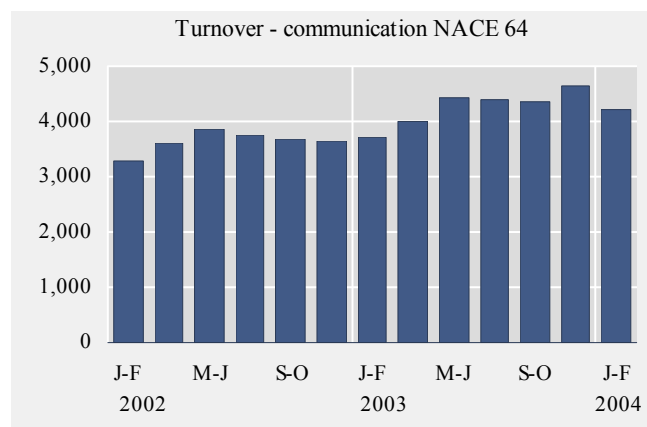
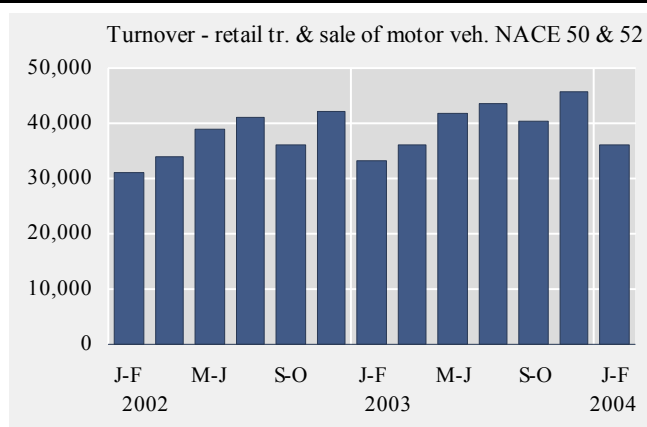
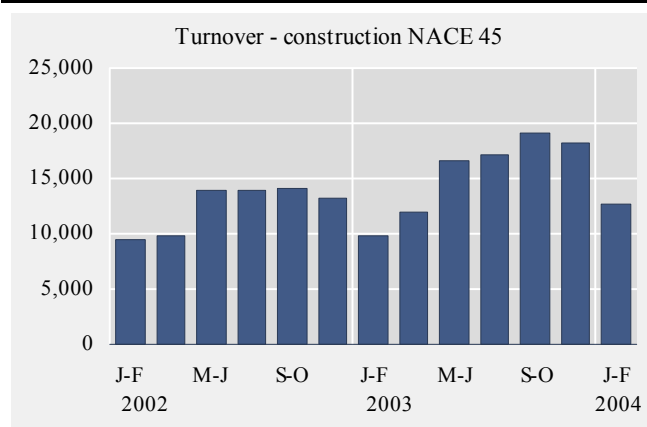
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	Credit and debit card usage in million ISK				Number of new regist. cars	Import of cars, cif, million ISK	Number of passengers to Keflavik airport	Number of overnight stays in hotels
	Domestic credit card usage	Credit card usage abroad	Debit card 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
May 2002	10,115	1,300	10,675	946	1,070	1,225	38,544	69,599
Jun. 2002	10,145	1,547	10,115	1,231	1,211	1,280	61,956	97,894
Jul. 2002	10,964	1,525	11,206	2,086	872	1,028	75,817	119,027
Aug. 2002	10,249	1,545	11,555	2,053	707	867	68,774	112,983
Sep. 2002	10,584	1,561	10,453	1,415	604	736	40,727	70,735
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	33,111	31,779
Feb. 2004	10,708	2,128	10,558	1,083	952	1,377	34,353	49,913
Mar. 2004	10,709	1,572	12,064	767	1,307	2,060	41,415	67,892
Apr. 2004	10,695	1,868	11,899	841	1,384	2,204	55,733	71,015
May 2004	11,404	1,804	12,077	1,020	1,617	2,335	55,200	80,100



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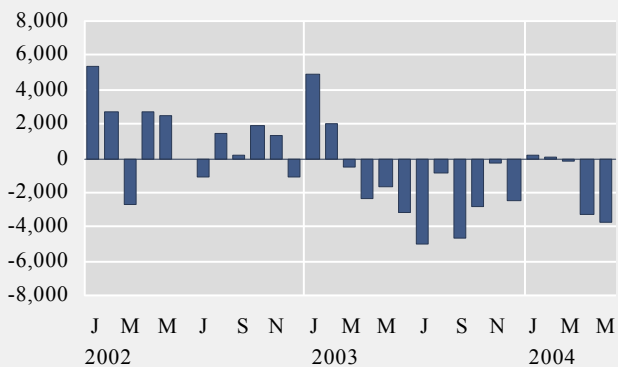
	Turnover by industry, based on VAT records, in million ISK						
	Manufacturing NACE 15-37	Construction NACE 45	Retail trade and motor vehicles NACE 50 & 52	Hotels and restaurants NACE 55	Transport NACE 60-63	Communi- cation NACE 64	Other services NACE 71-74 & 90-93
2002	323,002	74,423	223,113	26,415	107,191	21,798	110,535
2003	312,460	92,917	240,791	28,983	101,990	25,512	119,351
Jan–Feb 2000	35,493	8,877	29,969	2,776	9,741	2,896	12,567
Mar–Apr 2000	44,042	10,024	33,104	3,405	13,014	3,209	14,945
May–Jun 2000	46,454	13,463	39,082	4,386	16,090	3,514	15,617
Jul–Aug 2000	43,798	14,133	37,677	5,522	17,770	3,371	14,167
Sep–Oct 2000	43,863	14,638	35,375	3,882	15,716	3,294	16,112
Nov–Dec 2000	48,434	16,586	38,265	4,006	13,596	3,581	20,232
Jan–Feb 2001	40,790	10,558	29,311	3,064	13,303	3,050	13,850
Mar–Apr 2001	50,786	12,098	32,520	3,853	16,660	3,179	15,649
May–Jun 2001	53,017	15,897	37,782	4,760	20,666	3,946	18,125
Jul–Aug 2001	55,310	16,706	39,081	5,956	23,385	3,363	16,288
Sep–Oct 2001	55,389	16,161	35,338	4,300	18,921	3,391	17,557
Nov–Dec 2001	55,185	14,817	41,817	3,985	16,702	3,786	20,705
Jan–Feb 2002	50,042	9,527	31,010	3,105	15,293	3,282	15,587
Mar–Apr 2002	56,741	9,796	34,092	3,872	16,795	3,598	17,667
May–Jun 2002	54,253	13,899	38,822	4,960	19,051	3,862	18,306
Jul–Aug 2002	51,404	13,876	41,115	6,293	21,192	3,740	17,548
Sep–Oct 2002	55,710	14,120	35,952	4,195	20,005	3,687	18,905
Nov–Dec 2002	54,851	13,205	42,122	3,990	14,855	3,629	22,522
Jan–Feb 2003	45,845	9,828	33,279	3,186	14,222	3,704	16,453
Mar–Apr 2003	52,886	12,010	36,114	3,949	14,449	3,990	19,314
May–Jun 2003	54,051	16,601	41,938	5,386	20,705	4,436	20,155
Jul–Aug 2003	50,297	17,088	43,441	7,209	19,440	4,380	19,852
Sep–Oct 2003	55,008	19,141	40,355	4,815	17,869	4,358	21,052
Nov–Dec 2003	54,374	18,249	45,664	4,438	15,305	4,644	22,525
Jan–Feb 2004	46,552	12,738	36,250	3,599	15,088	4,210	19,349



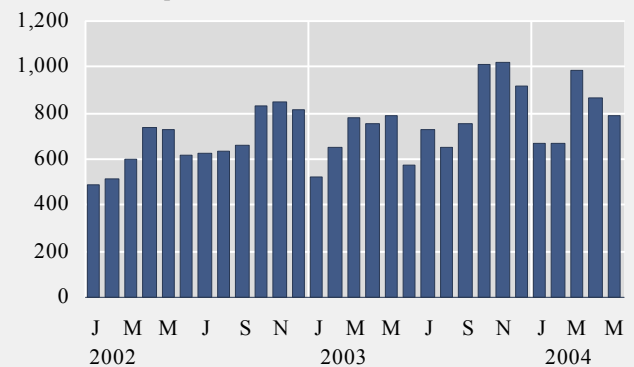
Short term indicators in June 2004

	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
May 2002	2,513	18,152	15,640	727	6,568	159.7	1,365.3	25.1
Jun. 2002	-88	15,277	15,365	615	7,257	160.5	1,374.9	25.6
Jul. 2002	-1,048	16,323	17,371	625	8,828	161.7	1,357.8	26.1
Aug. 2002	1,413	14,789	13,375	634	5,713	151.9	1,311.4	26.8
Sep. 2002	159	17,116	16,957	660	7,708	152.2	1,318.2	28.5
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	673	7,321	141.0	1,703.9	31.5
Feb. 2004	19	14,149	14,130	669	5,438	139.9	1,676.5	34.6
Mar. 2004	-195	20,138	20,333	986	8,886	139.3	1,744.4	34.0
Apr. 2004	-3,259	16,770	20,029	862	7,661	141.8	1,633.7	38.6
May 2004	-3,768	14,894	18,662	788	6,951	142.2	1,625.0	34.8

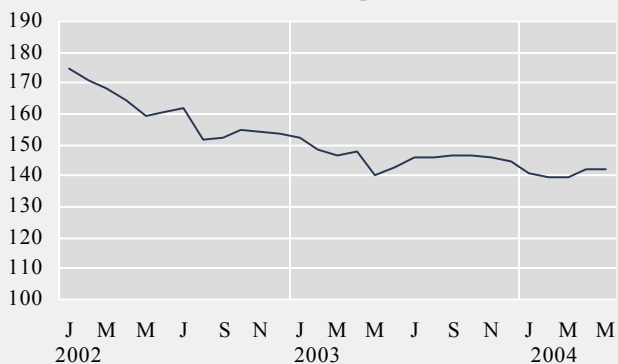
Balance of trade - million ISK



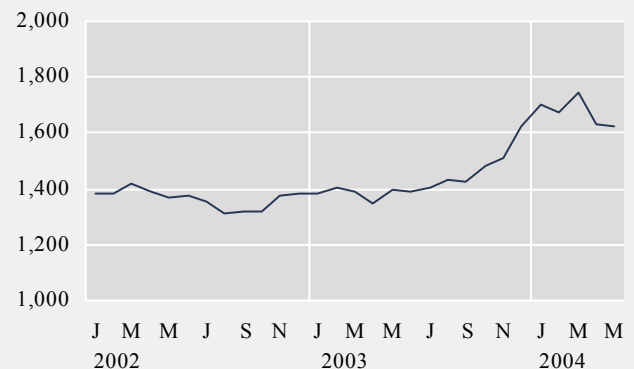
Import - consumer durables, fob, million ISK



Price index of marine products - ISK

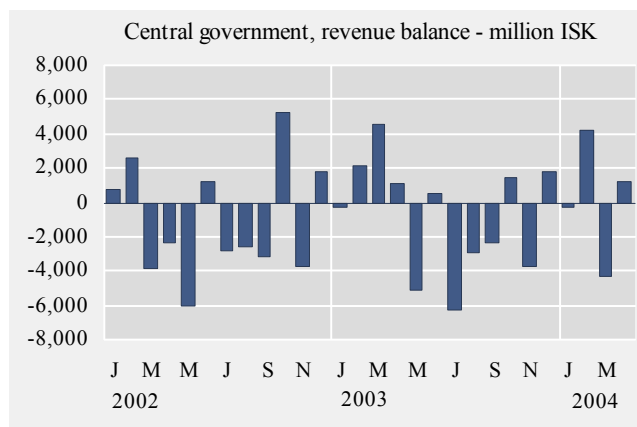
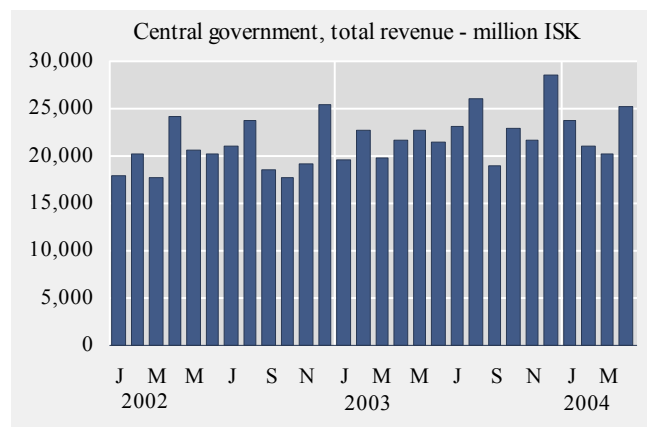
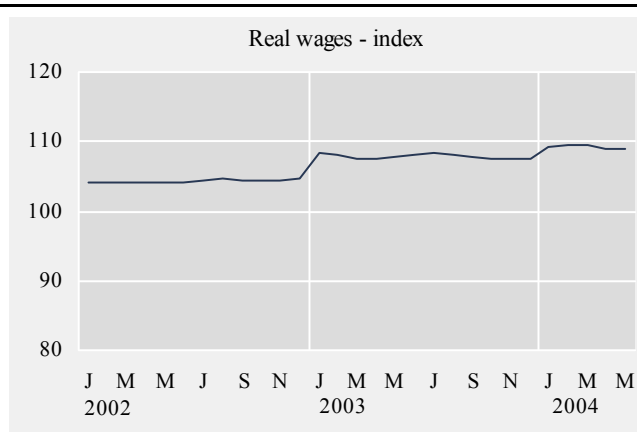


Prices of aluminium (LME) - USD/tonnes



Short term indicators in June 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
May 2002	225.8	104.2	.	.	.	14,622	20,615	-5,993
Jun. 2002	226.3	104.1	.	.	.	21,376	20,198	1,178
Jul. 2002	226.5	104.5	.	.	.	18,155	21,013	-2,858
Aug. 2002	226.7	104.6	.	.	.	21,234	23,816	-2,582
Sep. 2002	227.2	104.3	.	.	.	15,368	18,574	-3,206
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



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. Source: Civil Aviation Administration, Keflavik 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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