

## OECD-SOCR metadata on income replacement programmes - Iceland

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## INTRODUCTION

This note includes a comprehensive list of the social programmes included in the SOCR database, accessible via OECD.Stat [<http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=SOCR>].

Based on information collected in five rounds of the SOCR questionnaire, the database distinguishes between priority and optional programmes. Priority programmes have the following characteristics:

- They are main income replacement benefits, meaning they are not supplements but are typically received in their own right, independently of other benefits; and
- Their volume is significant or highly variable:
  - programmes with a significant number of recipients or expenditure (regardless whether open to new recipients or not); or
  - programmes open to new recipients that are highly sensitive to economic or social conditions.

All other programmes are considered as optional. For instance, very small programmes that are being phased out, as are benefit “top-ups” of unemployment benefits or pensions.

**Priority programmes are made publicly available through OECD.Stat**, optional programmes are not published. Programmes are organised by social protection branch (e.g. ‘OLD AGE’) and sub-branch (e.g. ‘Pensions’) under the form of programme tables. The aim of them is to include essential information needed by users to identify the benefit and to know methodological details that may be relevant for a correct interpretation of recipients figures.

**Data sources of local administrations.** Web links to official administrative databases and reports are provided when the sources are publicly available. These web pages are subject to changes by local administrations, which implies that in the future some links may not work.

Other OECD sources of qualitative information on social benefits: [Country policy descriptions](#).

Other OECD sources of information on social protection: [Social Expenditure \(SOCX\)](#), [Tax-Benefit model \(TaxBEN\)](#), [Family database](#), [Pensions at a Glance](#).

## OLD AGE

### Pensions

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Basic retirement pension (TR)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Ellilífeyrir
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time <sup>1</sup>
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Iceland <a href="#">Database</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Pension Funds (Old Age)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Greiðslustofa Lífeyrissjóða (Old Age)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, total over the year
Other remarks	
Source	

<sup>1</sup> In Iceland, point-in-time figures correspond to the number of recipients on 1<sup>st</sup> December of each year.

## SURVIVORS

### Survivor Pensions

2 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Pension Funds (Survivors)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Greiðslustofa Lífeyrissjóða (survivors)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, total over the year
Other remarks	
Source	

Programme Name [English]	<b>Child pension - all types</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Barnalífeyrir
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Iceland <a href="#">Database</a>

## INCAPACITY

### Disability Pensions

3 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Basic Disability Pension (TR)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Örorkulífeyrir
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Iceland <a href="#">Database</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Pension Funds (Disability Pension)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Greiðslustofa Lífeyrissjóða (Disability)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Iceland <a href="#">Database</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Rehabilitation Pension (TR)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Endurhæfingarlífeyrir
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Iceland <a href="#">Database</a>

### Paid Sick Leave

3 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Sickness and injury leave day benefits - Public</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Sjúkra- og slysadagpeningar
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Full-year equivalent
Other remarks	
Source	

Programme Name [English]	<b>Sickness benefits, employees collective scheme</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Sjúkrasjóðir verkalýðsfélaga
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	
Other remarks	No data available
Source	

Programme Name [English]	<b>Salary during sick-leave (sick-pay)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	launagreiðslur í veikindum
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	
Other remarks	No data available
Source	

## FAMILY

### Maternity and Parental Leave

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Maternity/Paternity Leave Fund</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Fæðingarorlofssjóður
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Total number of recipients over the year
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Iceland <a href="#">Database</a>

## UNEMPLOYMENT

### Unemployment Compensations

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Unemployment Benefit</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Atvinnuleysisbætur
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, total over the year
Other remarks	The Unemployment Insurance Fund published annual averages only until 2010. Starting 2011, only the total number of unemployment benefit recipients over the year is available.
Source	Statistics Iceland <a href="#">Database</a>



## OTHER SOCIAL

### Income Maintenance

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Single Parents Allowance (TR)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Mæðra- og feðralaun
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Iceland <a href="#">Database</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Benefits and allow. for carers of sick and disabled children (TR)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Umönnunargreiðslur
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Iceland <a href="#">Database</a>

### Other (Food Subsidies, Education, etc.)

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Municipal Income Support</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Fjárhagsaðstoð sveitarfélaga
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Recipient households, total over the year
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Iceland <a href="#">Database</a>

## HOUSING

### Housing Benefits

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Household Supplement (TR)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Heimilisuppbót
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Iceland <a href="#">Database</a>