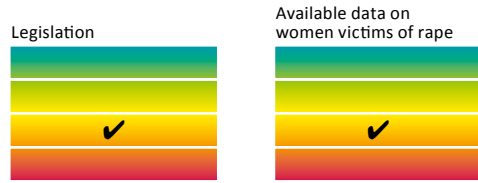


## NATIONAL ANALYSIS

# Iceland



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### Legislation

The present legislation on rape in Iceland does not include voluntary consent. Those who, by using violence, threats, or other illegal force to engage in non-consensual intercourse or other non-consensual acts of a sexual nature, are guilty of rape.

Violence includes methods like incarceration, drugging or other similar measures.

It is also rape if you have any of the aforementioned sexual relations through exploitation of a mentally incapacitated or a mentally disabled person or if the person is either unable to prevent the event from taking place or to understand the meaning of it.

Marital rape is also penalized. A case is to be prosecuted whether or not the victim is willing to testify but in reality it does not happen without the victim's cooperation.

Only around 3% of reported rape cases end in conviction.

### Available data on women victims of rape

The government has produced national data on violence against women. This is a study of male violence towards women in intimate relationships. The objective of the study was to acquire knowledge about the nature, scope and consequences of physical and sexual violence that women experience from men. The survey is available in Icelandic on the following website: [www.velferdarraduneyti.is/media/ritogskyrslur2011/26012011\\_Ofbeldi\\_a\\_konum.pdf](http://www.velferdarraduneyti.is/media/ritogskyrslur2011/26012011_Ofbeldi_a_konum.pdf)

The police in Iceland also collect national criminal statistics for different types of crime, including sexual violence. The data is not public but available on request. You can see their latest annual report here: [www.logreglan.is/upload/files/AFBROTAT%D6LFR2010\\_ENDANLEG.pdf\\_\\_\\_.pdf](http://www.logreglan.is/upload/files/AFBROTAT%D6LFR2010_ENDANLEG.pdf___.pdf)

The state attorneys in Iceland also collect statistics for different types of crime, including sexual violence. [www.rikissaksoknari.is/media/arsskyrslur/Rikissaksoknari\\_2011\\_LR.pdf](http://www.rikissaksoknari.is/media/arsskyrslur/Rikissaksoknari_2011_LR.pdf).



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According to that report, 172 sexual offence cases were handled by the Prosecutors office (no detail as to number of rapes, incest etc. cases). Charges were brought about in 93, dropped in 2 cases; 74 cases were closed and in 3 the Prosecutor decided to postpone the charges

Landspítali - The National University Hospital of Iceland provides an emergency service for people who have experienced sexual violence (Neyðarmóttaka vegna nauðgana). They collect statistics about those who seek their service but these statistics are not available on the internet.

### Useful Contact

Stígamót, education and counselling centre for survivors of sexual abuse. Tel: +354-5626868.

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