

## Iceland

**Distinctive Features:** Social protection system similar to other Nordic nations; universalism

### Maternity / Parental Leave

Benefit	Cash benefit and job-protected leave
Eligibility Criteria	Universal for all parents, at the time of childbirth or adoption. (Mothers must take the first two weeks after birth.)
Duration of Leave	9 months
Compensation Rate	80 percent of prior wages
Other	Paid sick leave to care for an ill child under age 13 for up to 7 days a year.

### Early Childhood Education and Care

Age Group Served	0 – 5
Eligibility Criteria	Universal; dependent on classroom space
Fees	Income-related fees
Locus of Care	Centers, family day care homes
Funding Strategies	Govt., parent fees
Access/Coverage (%)	Ages 0 – 5 (57%): 0 – 3 ( 25%), 3 – 5 (86%)

### Other Child-Conditioned Income Transfers

Benefits	Social insurance benefits carry a dependent's benefit; Survivor's Benefits
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### Child and Adolescent Health

Access to Coverage	Universal coverage through National Health Service
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### School-Age Children Policies

Compulsory School	6 – 16
School Hours	Varies with the age of child

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