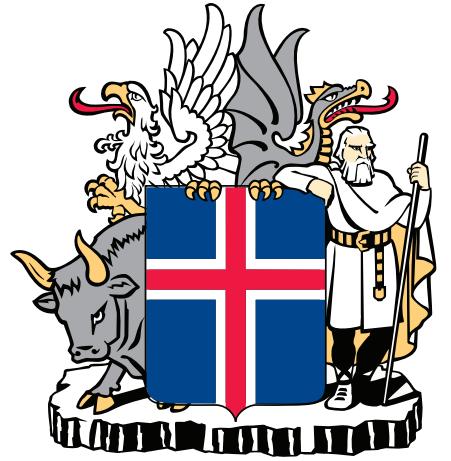


December 2019



The Municipal Level in Iceland

Structural Reforms

| Government of Iceland
Ministry of Transport and Local Government



103,000 km²



357,000

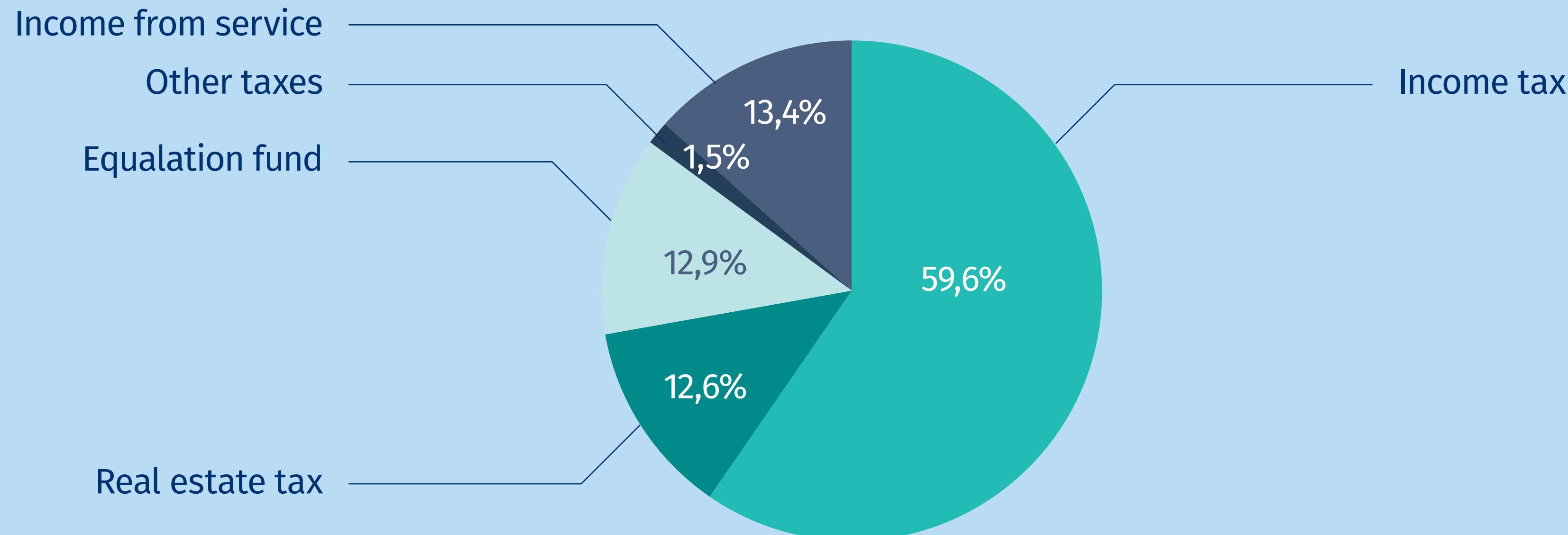


Local governments expenditure on main task

Task	% of total cost
Primary schools and kindergarten	46%
Social service	17%
Leisure activities, youth and sport	11%
Overhead cost	7%
Environment, planning and more	5%
Public transport	5%
Culture and leisure	4%
Pension fund obligation	3%
Waste management	2%
Total	100%

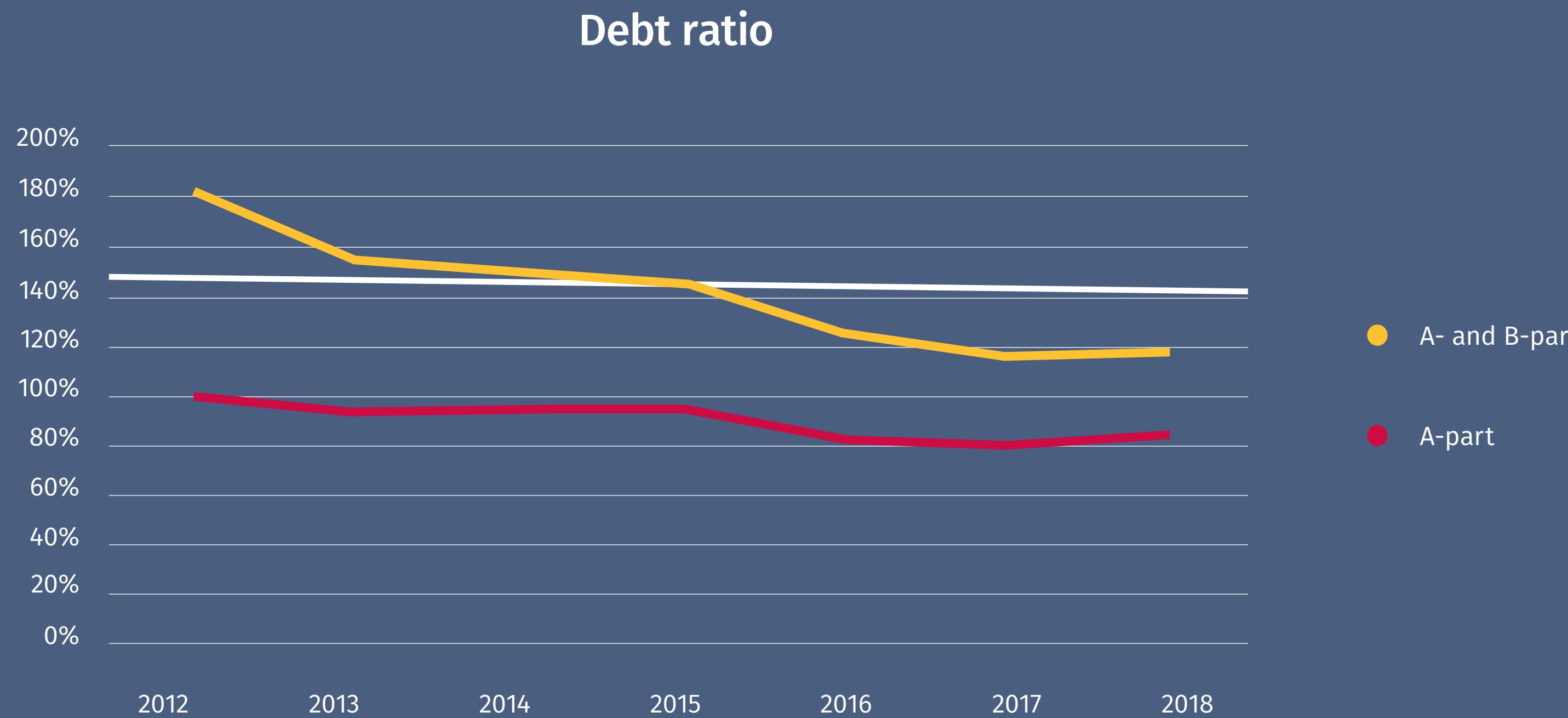


The source of income in 2018





Finances



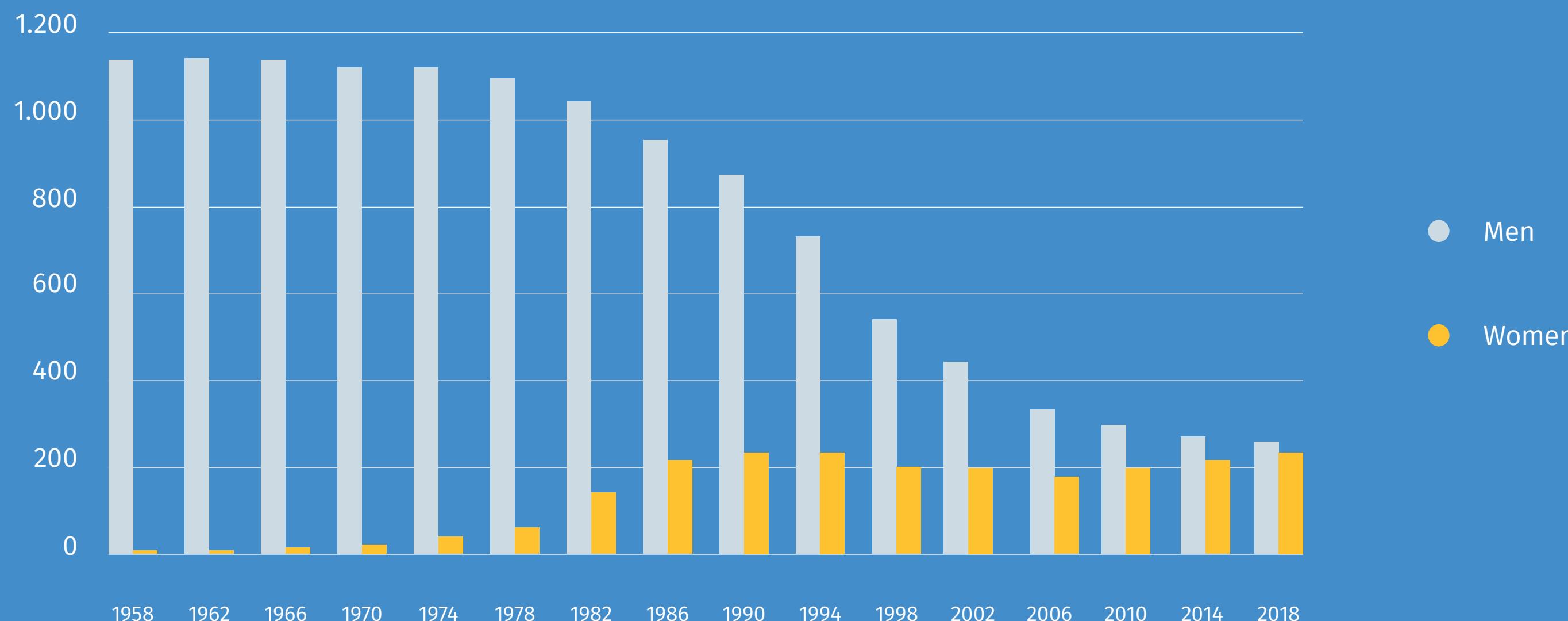


Participation in municipal elections

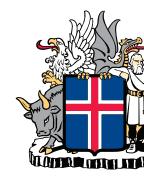


The gender status

Elected municipal councilors 1958–2018 by gender







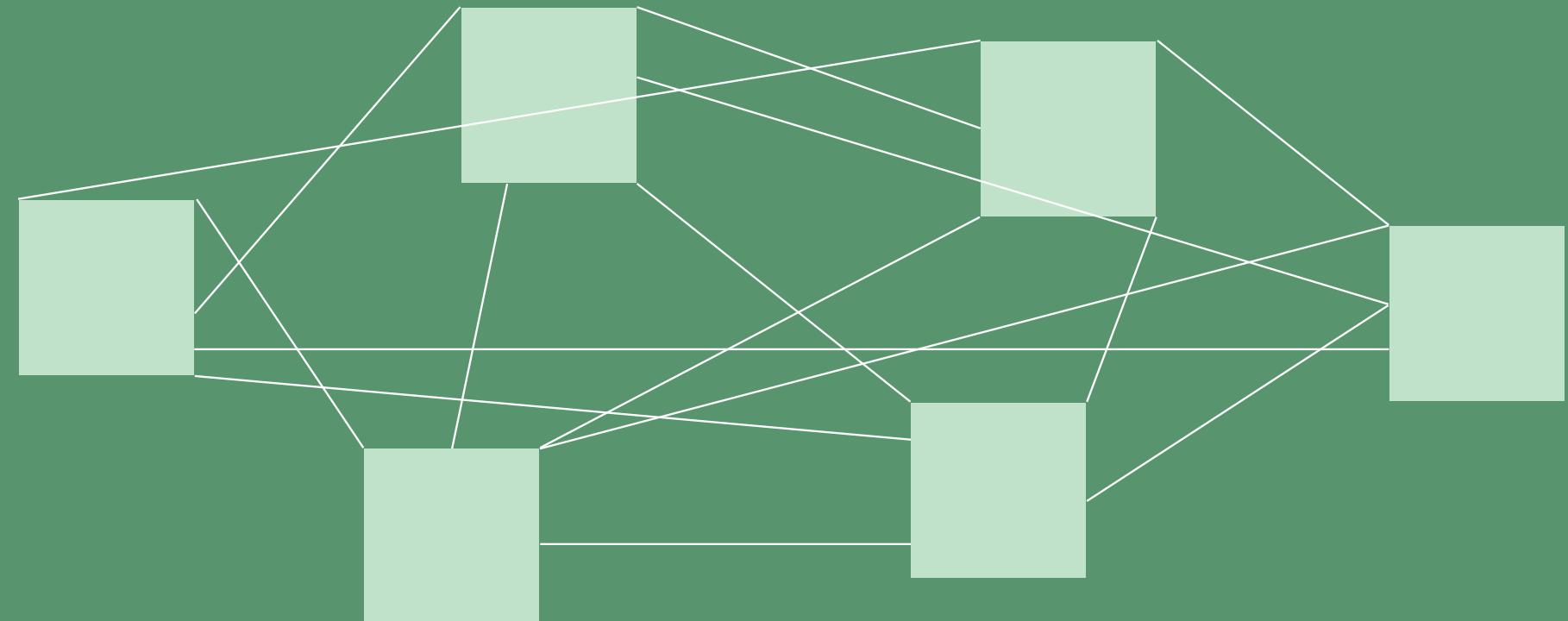
Categorization of municipalities by population

July 1st 2018

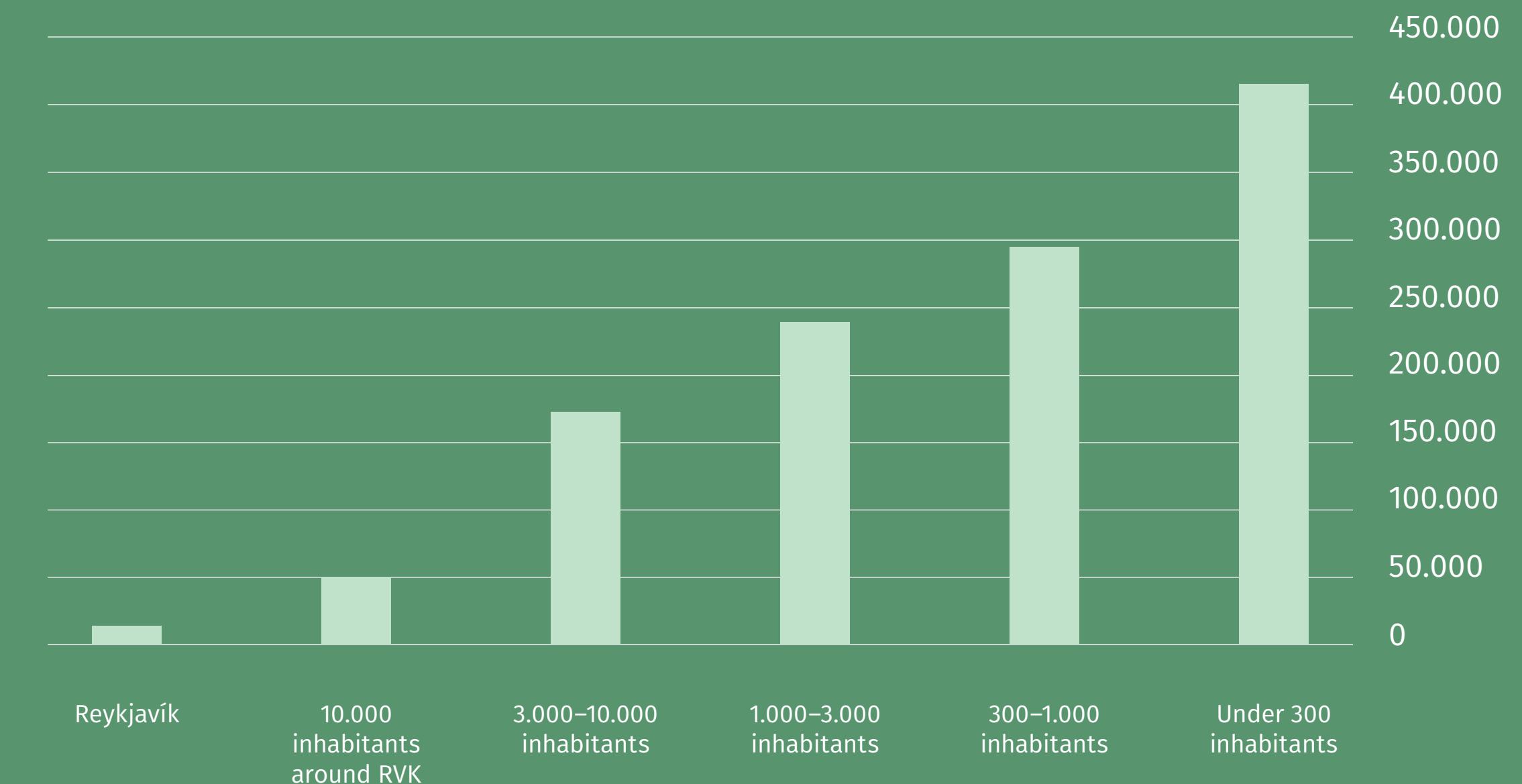
Inhabitants	No. of municipalities	Proportion	Proportion of inhab.
99 or less	7	9,7%	0,1%
100–299	9	12,5%	0,5%
300–499	7	9,7%	0,9%
500–999	16	22,2%	3,2%
1.000–1.999	10	13,9%	3,9%
2.000–4.999	13	18,1%	12,2%
5.000–9.999	3	4,2%	6,1%
10.000–99.999	6	8,3%	37,0%
100.000 or more	1	1,4%	36,0%
Total	72	100%	100%

How is the structure problem solved?

Inter Municipal Cooperation



Support from Equalization fund per inhabitants after size





Positive development

The year 1950

229

municipalities

The year 2000

120

municipalities

The year 2019

72

municipalities





The image shows two brochures standing upright against a dark blue background. Both brochures have a white vertical strip on the left side featuring the Icelandic coat of arms and the flag.

Left Brochure (Green Cover):

- Title:** Grænbók
- Text:** Stefna um málefni sveitarfélaga
- Date:** April 2019
- Image:** A photograph of a row of colorful wooden houses (red, green, grey) built into a grassy hillside overlooking the ocean.
- Text at bottom:** Stjórnarráð Íslands Samgöngu- og sveitarstjórnarráðuneytið

Right Brochure (Dark Blue Cover):

- Title:** Tillaga til þingsályktunar
- Text:** **Stefnumótandi áætlun**
í málefnum sveitarfélaga
- Date:** April 2019
- Image:** A photograph of a coastal town with a prominent white church and red steeple in the foreground, snow-covered ground, and a large rocky cliff in the background.
- Text at bottom:** Stjórnarráð Íslands Samgöngu- og sveitarstjórnarráðuneytið



The main goals of this Policy are twofold

Local Governments in Iceland should become a powerful and sustainable platform for democratic activities;

Respect for local self-government and their responsibility and ensuring equal rights and access for residents to services.



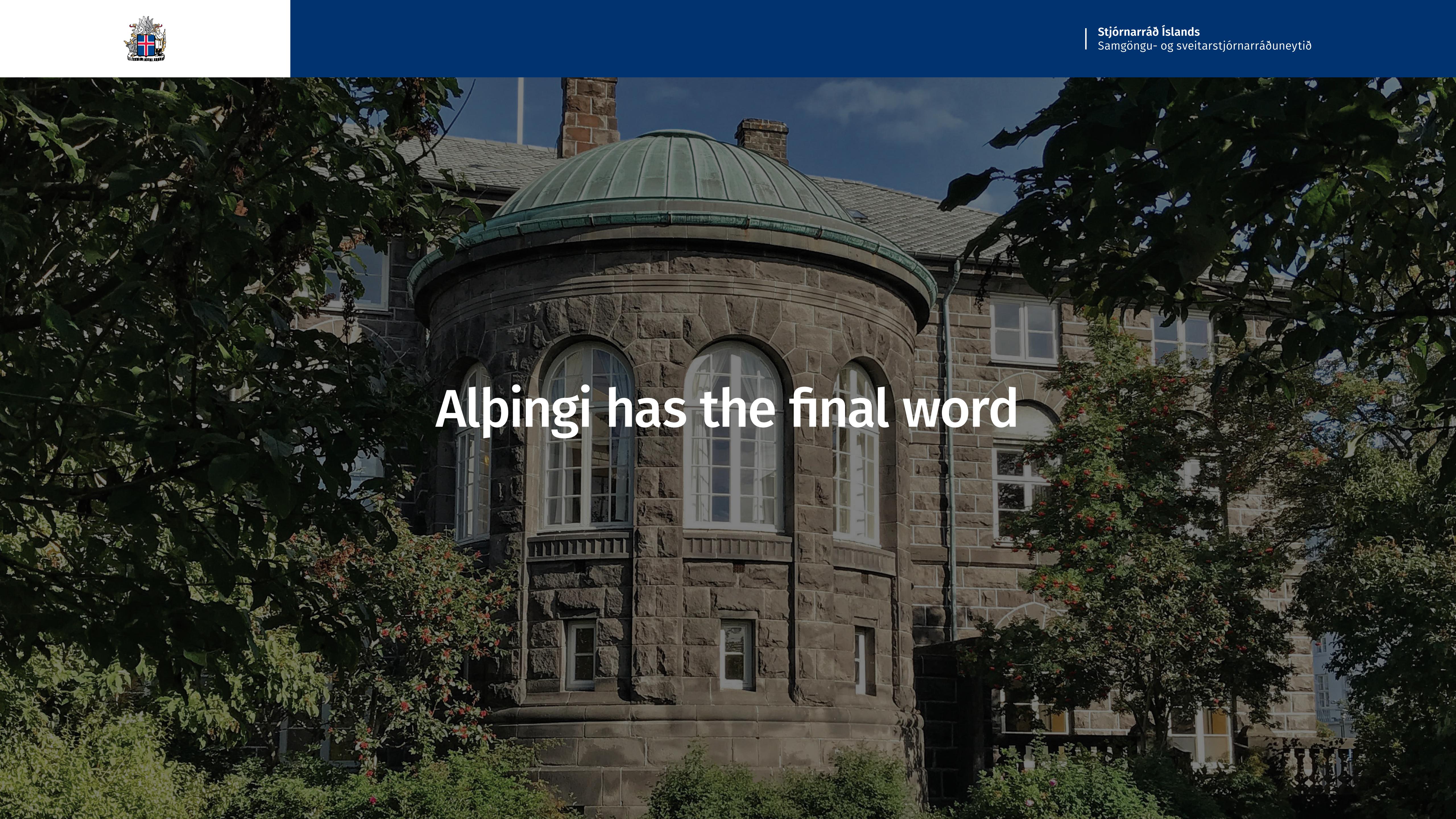
A proposal for a minimum population

The year 2022

250
inhabitants

The year 2026

1.000
inhabitants



Alþingi has the final word