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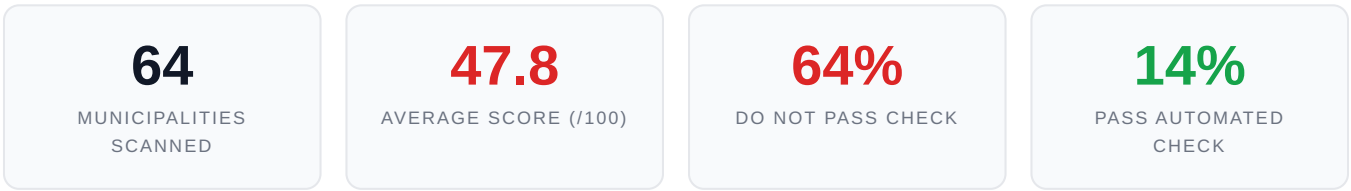


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Iceland Municipality Web Accessibility

Automated WCAG 2.1 AA Compliance Scan — EU Directive 2016/2102

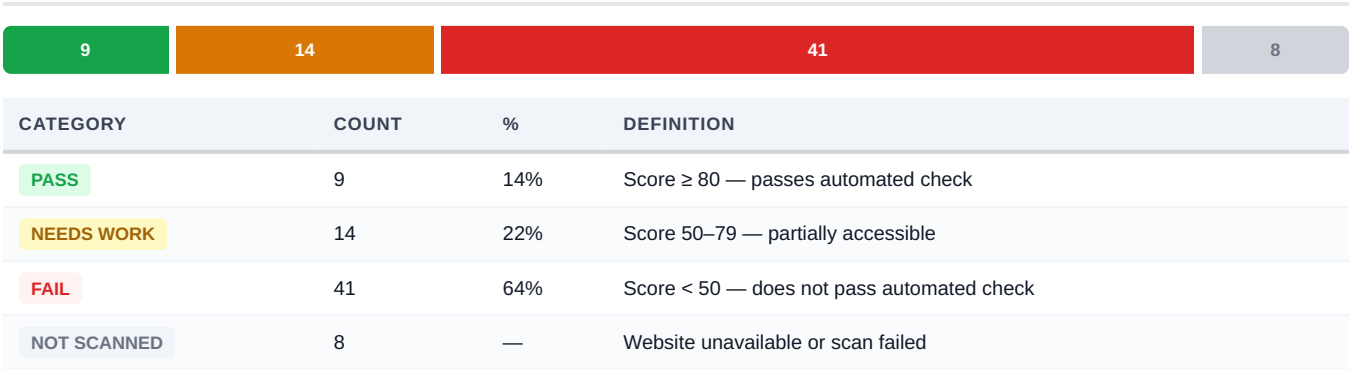
Iceland — Municipality Accessibility at a Glance



64% of Iceland municipality websites **do not pass** the automated WCAG accessibility check. Only 14% of scanned sites pass.

The average compliance score across 64 scanned municipality homepages is **47.8/100**. A total of **730** individual accessibility violations were detected, averaging **11.4** issues per site.

Score Distribution



Most Common Accessibility Violations

The table below lists the 10 most frequent axe-core rule violations found across Iceland municipality homepages.

#	RULE	IMPACT	DESCRIPTION	OCCURRENCES	SITES
1	color-contrast	SERIOUS	Ensure the contrast between foreground and background colors meets WCAG 2 AA minimum contrast ratio thresholds	262	40
2	link-name	SERIOUS	Ensure links have discernible text	154	28
3	listitem	SERIOUS	Ensure elements are used semantically	129	7
4	image-alt	CRITICAL	Ensure elements have alternative text or a role of none or presentation	64	13
5	button-name	CRITICAL	Ensure buttons have discernible text	55	11
6	nested-interactive	SERIOUS	Ensure interactive controls are not nested as they are not always announced by screen readers or can cause focus problems for assistive technologies	26	7
7	list	SERIOUS	Ensure that lists are structured correctly	13	11
8	link-in-text-block	SERIOUS	Ensure links are distinguished from surrounding text in a way that does not rely on color	7	5
9	meta-viewport	MODERATE	Ensure does not disable text scaling and zooming	5	5
10	html-has-lang	SERIOUS	Ensure every HTML document has a lang attribute	4	4

Municipality Ranking — Top & Bottom Performers

Top 15 Highest Scores

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
1	Kjósarhreppur	kjos.is	100.0	0
2	Sveitarfélagið Garður	svgardur.is	100.0	0
3	Akureyrarbær	akureyri.is	100.0	0
4	Sveitarfélagið Árborg	arborg.is	100.0	0
5	Vestmannaeyjar	vestmannaeyjar.is	100.0	0
6	Garðabær	gardabaer.is	100.0	0
7	Dalvíkurbyggð	dalvikurbyggd.is	100.0	0
8	Árneshreppur	arneshreppur.is	100.0	0
9	Skorradalshreppur	skorradalur.is	100.0	0
10	Eyja- og Miklaholtshreppur	eyjaogmikla.is	68.1	18
11	Ásahreppur	asahreppur.is	68.1	1
12	Sveitarfélagið Skagaströnd	skagastrond.is	68.1	1
13	Tjörneshreppur	tjorneshreppur.is	68.1	6
14	Vesturbyggð	vesturbyggd.is	68.1	1
15	Tálknafjarðarhreppur	talknafjordur.is	68.1	1

Bottom 15 Lowest Scores

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
1	Langanesbyggð	langanesbyggd.is	2.1	54
2	Grímsnes- og Grafningshreppur	gogg.is	3.1	20
3	Hörgársveit	horgarsveit.is	8.5	10
4	Hrunamannahreppur	fludir.is	9.9	18
5	Svalbarðsstrandarhreppur	svalbardsstrond.is	12.5	53
6	Húnaþing vestra	hunathing.is	14.6	27
7	Fljótisdalshreppur	fljotsdalur.is	14.6	40
8	Þingeyjarsveit	thingeyjarsveit.is	14.6	23
9	Eyjafjarðarsveit	eyjafjardarsveit.is	14.6	13
10	Grýtubakkahreppur	grenivik.is	18.4	45
11	Rangárþing eystra	hvolsvollur.is	21.5	27
12	Sandgerði	sandgerdi.is	21.5	3
13	Hveragerðisbær	hveragerdi.is	21.5	4

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
14	Seltjarnarnes	seltjarnarnes.is	21.5	28
15	Kaldrananeshreppur	drangsnes.is	21.5	30

Methodology & Limitations

Testing Tool

[axe-core](#), the open-source accessibility testing engine maintained by Deque Systems. It is the most widely used automated accessibility testing library and powers the accessibility checks in Chrome DevTools and Lighthouse.

Standard

WCAG 2.1 Level AA — the standard referenced by EU Directive 2016/2102 (Web Accessibility Directive) and harmonised European standard EN 301 549.

Scope

- Homepage only (crawl depth = 1). Subpages are not scanned.
- One domain per municipality (primary official website).
- Scores range from 0 (worst) to 100 (best).

Important limitation: Automated tools detect approximately 30–50% of WCAG 2.1 criteria. A site that does not pass the automated check is certainly non-compliant. A site that passes may still have accessibility barriers detectable only through manual expert review. These scores represent a **floor**, not a ceiling, of real-world accessibility issues.

Data Collection

Municipality websites were collected from official national registers, Eurostat LAU codes, and Wikidata. Domains were validated via DNS resolution and HTTP checks. Scans were performed using headless Chromium via Playwright + axe-core.

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