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Does the crematoria have a future?

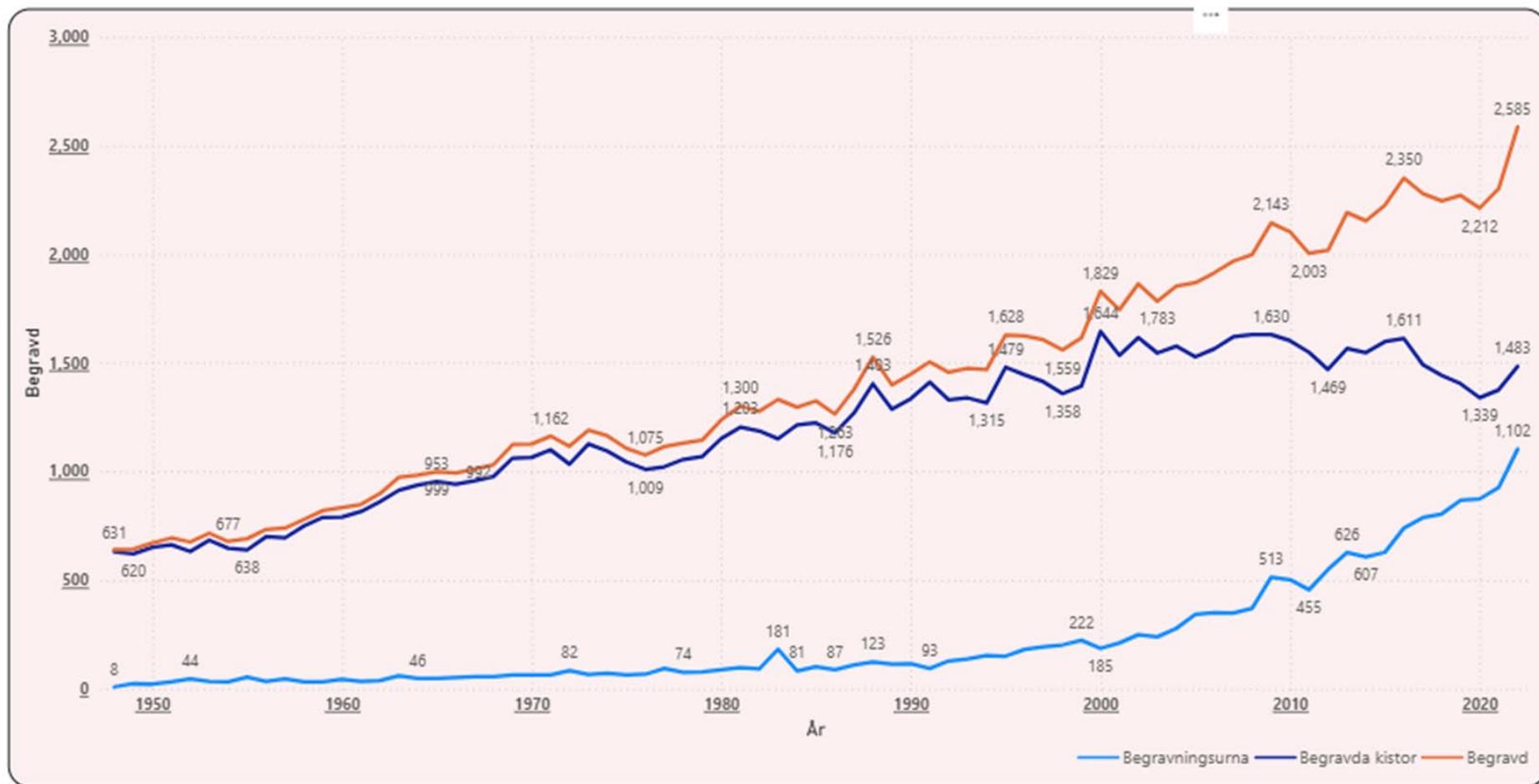
Icelandic perspective

Does the Crematoria have a future?



- Cremations have been carried out in Iceland since 1948.
 - Very low % to start with
 - Still using the same ovens
 - Mainly technical cremation
- It is an old tradition
- There is a trend to have more diverse funerals which supports the trend of cremation
 - Columbarium
 - Unmarked graves ie, in a forrest
 - Plant a tree etc.

Begravningskistor och urnor 1948 - 2022 på Island



Heimild: Afrit af legstaðaskrá jan. 2023
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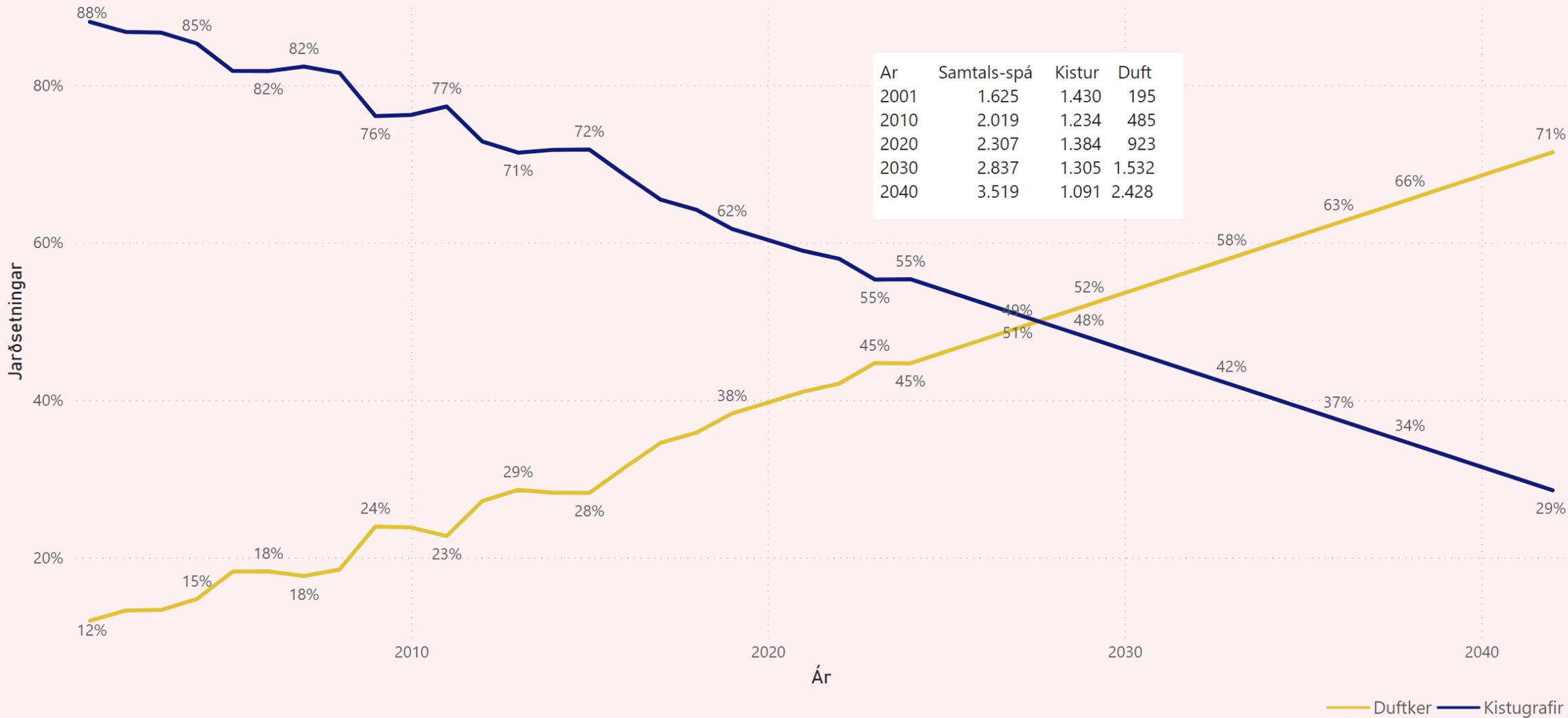
Kistur og duft 1948_2022, Jarðsetn_1948-2022

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Hlutfall milli duftkerja og kista

Rauntölur til 2023, spá eftir það til 2042



Forsíða

Mannfjöldi

Mannfj. - aldursbil

Látnir - aldursbil

Látnir

Heimild um rauntölur: Legstaðaskrá

Key issues

- Environmental concerns
- Land use / urbanization
- Cultural & religious change
- Cost
- Legal & regulatory change & innovation

Conclusion

The answer is **YES**

The methods and roles will probably evolve:

- Cleaner emissions,
- More alternatives,
- More personalized and ecological options.
- Traditional flame cremation may remain common in many places, but it might coexist with greener, alternative death-care practices.