

#18 – OECD Family database

Short description

Type of object: Dataset

Source (organisation): OECD

Issues: The database currently includes 70 indicators under four main dimensions: (i) [structure of families](#), (ii) [labour market position of families](#), (iii) [public policies for families and children](#) and (iv) [child outcomes](#). The link contains the list of these 70 indicators.

Time span: Data are available with different time span since 1970, but with some continuity and a substantial number of countries since the 1990s. The latest data available is related to the year 2021. The statistics used for each indicator have different time span.

Geographical coverage: OECD countries

Link: <https://www.oecd.org/els/family/database.htm>

Note/Interpretations

In view of the strong demand for cross-national indicators on the situation of families and children, the OECD Family Database was developed to provide cross-national indicators on family outcomes and family policies across the OECD countries, its enhanced engagement partners and EU member states.

The database brings together information from various national and international databases, both within the OECD (see related [OECD databases](#)) and external organisations. Each indicator presents the data on a particular issue as well as relevant definitions and methodology, comparability and data issues, information on sources and, where relevant, includes the raw data or descriptive information across countries. Among these indicators, many seek to define differences and inequalities in different sectors of the population (gender, age, immigrants, etc.). In addition, some concern 'democratic participation'.

The data can be downloaded free of charge. For each indicator are provided a document in pdf containing information about the definitions and methodology of the indicator; the source used; few tabs with the data; key findings; and information on comparability and data issues. The tabs and data are downloaded in excel file.

This dataset is also linked to the following other datasets: OECD education database; OECD employment database; OECD health statistics; OECD income distribution data; OECD social expenditure database; family database in the Asia-Pacific Region. The dataset is also linked to the OECD Child Well-Being Data Portal.

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