

Metadata on OECD Income Distribution Database (IDD)

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Old OECD Terms of reference (ToR) (Wave 6 series) New OECD Terms of reference (ToR) (1) (Wave 7 series) | Break in series - series are not comparable (p) Provisional data

Income are based on the distribution of the equivalised disposable household income. Income refer to cash income – excluding imputed components such as home production and imputed rents – regularly received over the year. Data refer to market (i.e. before transfers & taxes) and disposable (i.e. after transfers & taxes) income and its components: earnings (broken down into those of the household head, of the spouse and of other household members); self-employment income; capital income (rents, dividends and interest); public transfers; and household taxes. The analysis refers to the distribution among individuals, while keeping the household as the unit within which income sources are pooled and equally shared. This implies that the income of the household is attributed to each of its members, irrespectively of who in the household receives that income. The income attributed to each person is “adjusted” for household size based on a common but arbitrary equivalence elasticity (the square root of household size) that does not distinguish between adults and children and which implies that a household’s economic needs increase less than proportionally with its size.* The “square root elasticity” implies that the needs of a household composed of four people are twice as large as those of a single (1.4 and 1.7 times those of a single in the case of a childless couple and of a couple with one child). For further details, see <http://www.oecd.org/els/soc/OECD-Note-EquivalenceScales.pdf>.

Country	Source	Mid-1970s	Mid-1980s	Around 1990	Mid-1990s	Around 2000	Mid-2000s	Late-2000s	Around 2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 *	2021	2022	Date of last update	
Luxembourg	Panel Socio-Economique Liewen zu Lëtzebuerg EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)		1986/87		1996	2001	2004 2005 2006 2007 2008	2009 2010 2011 2012 2013	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021												Dec-23	
Mexico	Survey of Household Income and Expenditure Survey of Household Income and Expenditure - New TOR (1)		1984		1994	2000 2004	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020									Jun-22
Netherlands	Income Panel Survey Income Panel Survey - New TOR (1) Integral Income and Wealth Survey (IIW) - New TOR (1)	1977	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006 2007 2008 2009	2010	2011 2012 2013 2014	2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 (p)										Jun-23	
New Zealand	Household Economic Survey Household Economic Survey - New TOR (1)		1985/86	1990/91	1995/96	2000/01	2003/04	2006/07 2007/08 2008/09	2009/10 2010/11 2011/12	2012/13 2013/14 2014/15 2015/16 2016/17 2017/18 2018/19 2019/20 2020/21											Jun-22	
Norway	Income Distribution Survey Income Statistics for Household Income Statistics for Household - New TOR (1)		1986		1995	2000	2004	2008 2009 2010 2011	2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020												Oct-22	
Poland	Household Budget Survey EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)					2000	2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021													Dec-23	
Portugal	Household Budget Survey EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	1979/80		1990	1995	2000	2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021													Dec-23	
Slovak Republic	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)						2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021													Dec-23	
Slovenia	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)						2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021													Dec-23	
Spain	Continuous Survey of Household Budgets European Community Household panel EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)		1985	1990	1995	2000	2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021														Dec-23
Sweden	Income Distribution Survey Income Distribution Survey - New TOR (1) Income Distribution Survey (HEK), with integrated register data (TRIF) - New TOR (1)	1975	1983	1991	1995	2000	2004	2008 2009 2010 2011	2011 2012 2013	2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020											Oct-22	
Switzerland	Income and Consumption Survey Survey of Income and Living Conditions Survey of Income and Living Conditions - New TOR (1)					2000/01	2004/05	2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020	2009 2011												Dec. 2023	
Türkiye	Household Income and Consumption Survey Survey of Income and Living Conditions Survey of Income and Living Conditions - New TOR (1)		1987		1994	2004	2007	2009 2010 2011	2011 2012 2013 2014 2015	2017 2018 2019 2020											Dec. 2023	
United Kingdom	Family Expenditure Survey Family Resources Survey Family Resources Survey - New TOR (1)	1975	1985	1990	1994/95	2000/01	2000/01 to 2002/003/04 to 2005/0 2006/07 2007/08 2008/09 2009/10 2010/11	2002/03/003/04 to 2005/0 2006/07 2007/08 2008/09 2009/10 2010/11 2011/12 2012/13 2013/14 2014/15 2015/16 2016/17 2017/18 2018/19 2019/20 2020/21 2021/22													Dec. 2023	
United States	Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey - New TOR (1) Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey - New TOR (1)	1974	1984	1989	1995	2000	2005	2008	2010 2011 2012	2012 2013	2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021(p) 2022(p)										Dec-23	
Brazil	IBGE-PNADC (from LIS) - New TOR (1)							2006	2009	2011	2013	2016										Dec-21
China (People's Republic of)	China Family Panel Studies - New TOR (1)									2011												Jul-17
India	India Human Development Survey (from LIS) - New TOR (1)					2004				2011												Jul-17
Russian Federation	Household Budget Survey Income Survey - New TOR (1)							2008	2010	2011			2016 2017									Jul-21
South Africa	National Income Dynamics Study (from LIS) - New TOR (1)												2015		2017							Dec-21
Bulgaria	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)							2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021													Dec-23	
Croatia	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)							2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021													Dec-23	
Romania	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)							2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021													Dec-23	

(1) Data calculated according to the new OECD Terms of reference (ToR). Compared to previous terms of reference, these include a more detail breakdown of current transfers received and paid by households as well as a revised definition of household income, including the value of goods produced for own consumption as an element of self-employed income.

* Survey estimates for 2020 are subject to additional uncertainty and are to be treated with extra caution, as in most countries the survey fieldwork was affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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Australia	Survey of Income and Housing	-	Australian Bureau of Statistics
	Survey of Income and Housing - New TOR (1)		
Austria	Micro census	Data prior to the mid-2000s recorded income components net of income and payroll taxes (no data on taxes).	Statistics Austria
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat)	Data prior to the mid-2000s cannot be compared with data from the mid-2000s onwards.	
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	Data from 2007 have been calculated according to a new administrative data methodology.	
Belgium	Tax records	Data prior to mid 90s have been interpolated for the current definition. See old definition for raw data.	
	European Community Household Panel	Data prior to the mid-2000s recorded income components net of income and payroll taxes (no data on taxes).	University of Antwerp
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat)	Data prior to the mid-2000s cannot be compared with data from the mid-2000s onwards.	
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	Data from 2018 have been calculated according to a new administrative data methodology.	
Canada	Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics	-	Statistics Canada
	Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics - New TOR (1)	-	
	Canada Income Survey - New TOR (1)	-	
Chile	Cross section household survey	-	
	CASEN	-	
	CASEN - New TOR (1)	Data prior to the mid-2000s cannot be compared with data from the mid-2000s onwards.	Ministry of Desarrollo Social
Costa Rica	Encuesta Nacional de Hogares (Enaho) - New TOR (1)	Data at disposable income only.	Instituto nacional de estadística y censos
Czech Republic	Micro census	In 1992, taxes exclude social security contributions.	Czech Statistical Office
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat)	-	
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	-	
Denmark	Danish Law Model System	-	Ministry of Finance
	Danish Law Model System - New TOR (1)	-	
Estonia	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat)	-	Statistics Estonia
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	-	
Finland	Household Budget Survey	-	
	Income Distribution Statistics	Occupational pensions are included in transfers for all years	Statistics Finland
	Income Distribution Statistics - New TOR (1)	-	
France	Enquête Revenus Fiscaux	-	
	Enquête Revenus Fiscaux et Sociaux	Data prior to the mid-1990s cannot be strictly compared with data from the mid-1990s onwards.	Institut national de la statistique et des études économiques (INSEE)
	Enquête Revenus Fiscaux et Sociaux - New TOR (1)	-	
	Enquête Revenus Fiscaux et Sociaux - New TOR (1)	In 2013, methodological changes were implemented in ERFs. 2012 estimates based on this new methodology were also made available by the INSEE.	
	Enquête Revenus Fiscaux et Sociaux - New TOR (1)	In 2021, methodological changes were implemented in ERFs. 2020 estimates based on this new methodology were also made available by the INSEE.	
Germany	German Socio Economic Panel (old Länder)	Data prior to mid 90s have been interpolated. See old definition for data referring to Western Germany	Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW BERLIN)
	German Socio Economic Panel (all Länder)	Data in current definition refer to unified Germany.	
	German Socio Economic Panel (all Länder) - New TOR (1)	-	
Greece	Household Budget Survey	Post taxes and before transfers (No data on taxes for all years in HBS)	Bank of Greece
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat)	-	
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	-	
Hungary	Hungarian Household Panel/Household Monitor Survey	Post taxes and before transfers (No data on taxes for all years)	Social Research Center (TARKI)
	Hungarian Household Panel/Household Monitor Survey - New TOR (1)	Post taxes and before transfers (No data on taxes for all years)	
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat)	-	
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	-	
Iceland	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat)	-	Ministry of Finance
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	-	
Ireland	Living in Ireland Survey	-	
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions	Data prior to the mid-2000s cannot be compared with data from the mid-2000s onwards.	Central Statistics Office
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions - New TOR (1)	-	
Israel	CBS Integrated income survey	-	Central Bureau of Statistics
	CBS Household Expenditure Survey (HES) - New TOR (1)	In 2019 several methodological changes were implemented in HES and data are not strictly comparable to earlier years.	
Italy	ITAXMOD95	Data prior to mid 90s have been interpolated for the current definition.	
	MASTRIC (microsimulation models based on Bank of Italy Survey of Household Income and Wealth)	Since 1995 data include income from financial assets and (imputed values of) family cash benefits.	Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT)
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat)	-	
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	-	
Japan	Comprehensive Survey of Living Condition of the People on Health and Welfare	Break in 1995 (persons with income 3 times larger than the standard deviation were excluded before that date).	National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (IPSS)
	Comprehensive Survey of Living Condition of the People on Health and Welfare - New TOR (1)	Median disposable income of entire population and After taxes/transfers headcount ratio (Poverty) are published result of the "Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions" proven to be statistically precise. Some other numbers are not proven to be statistically precise and they are submitted just for reference.	
Korea	Household Income and Expenditure Survey (combined with Farm Household Economy Survey)	-	Statistics Korea
	Household Income and Expenditure Survey (combined with Farm Household Economy Survey) - New TOR (1)	-	
	Survey of Household Finances and Living Conditions - New TOR (1)		
Latvia	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat)	-	Central Statistics Bureau
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	-	
Lithuania	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat)	-	Statistics Lithuania
	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	-	

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Mexico	Survey of Household Income and Expenditure Survey of Household Income and Expenditure - New TOR (1)	Post taxes and before transfers (No data on taxes for all years) Post taxes and before transfers (No data on taxes for all years)	Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI)
Netherlands	Income Panel Survey Income Panel Survey - New TOR (1) Integral Income and Wealth Survey (IIV) - New TOR (1)	Due to a change in survey weighting and design in 2000, data prior to around 2000 have been interpolated for the current definition. - -	Central Bureau of Statistics
New Zealand	Household Economic Survey Household Economic Survey - New TOR (1)	- -	Statistics New Zealand
Norway	Income Distribution Survey Income Statistics for Household Income Statistics for Household - New TOR (1)	- - -	Statistics Norway
Poland	Household Budget Survey EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	- Data prior to the mid-2000s cannot be compared with data from the mid-2000s onwards. -	Central Statistics Office
Portugal	Household Budget Survey EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	- Data prior to the mid-2000s (with no data on taxes) cannot be compared with data from the mid-2000s onwards. -	Statistics Portugal
Slovak Republic	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	- -	Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic
Slovenia	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	- -	Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia
Spain	Continuous Survey of Household Budgets European Community Household panel EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	- Due to a change in the household definition in 1995, data prior to mid 90s have been interpolated for the current definition. Data prior to the mid-2000s (with no data on taxes) cannot be compared with data from the mid-2000s onwards. Due to a change in data collection method, data prior to 2007 can not be compared with data from 2007 onwards.	National Statistics Institute (INE)
Sweden	Income Distribution Survey Income Distribution Survey - New TOR (1) Income Distribution Survey (HEK), with integrated register data (TRIF) - New TOR (1)	Due to a change in the household definition in 1995, data prior to mid 90s have been interpolated for the current definition. - Administrative registers from the new Swedish administrative residential register, which covers all households in the population.	Statistics Sweden
Switzerland	Income and Consumption Survey Survey of Income and Living Conditions Survey of Income and Living Conditions - New TOR (1)	Data prior to the late-2000s cannot be compared with data from the late-2000s onwards. Occupational pensions are included in transfers from 2009	Office fédéral de la statistique (OFS)
Türkiye	Household Income and Consumption Survey Survey of Income and Living Conditions Survey of Income and Living Conditions - New TOR (1)	Due to a change in survey weighting in 1994, data prior to mid 90s have been interpolated for the current definition. Post taxes and before transfers (No data on taxes for all years) Post taxes and before transfers (No data on taxes for all years)	Turkish Statistical Institute (Turkstat)
United Kingdom	Family Expenditure Survey Family Resources Survey Family Resources Survey - New TOR (1)	- Due to a change in source in 2000, data prior to around 2000 have been interpolated for the current definition. -	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
United States	Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey - New TOR (1) Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey - New TOR (1)	- Break in 1993 due to a change in the survey instrument on the number of digits allowed - From 2018, property tax and federal housing subsidy are no longer included	Consulting for the Bureau of the Census
Brazil	IBGE-PNADC (from LIS) - New TOR (1)	-	-
China (People's Republic of)	China Family Panel Studies - New TOR (1)	Post taxes and before transfers (No data on taxes for all years)	-
India	India Human Development Survey (from LIS) - New TOR (1)	-	-
Russian Federation	Household Budget Survey Income Survey - New TOR (1)	-	Federal State Statistics Service (ROSSTAT)
South Africa	National Income Dynamics Study (from LIS) - New TOR (1)	-	-
Bulgaria	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)		
Croatia	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)		
Romania	EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions (processed by OECD Secretariat) - New TOR (1)	The value of goods produced for own consumption was excluded from the income definition due to methodological issues.	