

Directory of statistical services of international organisations



Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Brief description of the organisation¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The OECD, established in 1961, provides a forum in which governments can work together to share experiences and seek solutions to common problems, identify good practice and co-ordinate domestic and international policies. Statistics play a key role in this comparative work. ▪ The OECD has 34 member countries. In addition, Russia is engaged in a process of accession, and 5 partner countries have undertaken an enhanced engagement with the OECD. ▪ The OECD is located in Paris, France. ▪ The OECD collects statistics on a wide range of societal issues from member countries, partner countries, non member economies and from other organisations. In a few cases, the OECD organises data collection directly from citizens or businesses. The OECD is engaged in making the statistics comparable across countries. ▪ The OECD engages, together with other international organisations, in the setting of worldwide standards and handbooks on statistical concepts and methodology, as well as technical standards. ▪ The statistical work is decentralised and goes hand in hand with policy work carried out by OECD directorates. The Statistics Directorate compiles economic statistics e.g. national accounts and main economic indicators, co-ordinates the statistical work and ensures standards, guidelines and common systems. The Statistics Directorate is headed by the Chief Statistician.
Mission²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The OECD promotes policies that will improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world.
Fields of Activity/ structure <i>Statistics</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fields of activity: Production of statistics in almost any domain of society, e.g. population, labour force, education, environment, energy, national accounts, etc. Development and maintenance of methodological handbooks, guidelines and classifications for use in the international community of official statistics. ▪ Structure: The OECD Statistics Directorate has 4 divisions: National Accounts Division, Trade and Business Statistics Division, Household Statistics and Progress Measurement Division and a Statistical Information Management and Support Division. There is also a special unit that deals with global relations, statistical co-ordination and communications.
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, 14th December 1960
Statistical work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bi-annual programme, set in the context of the OECD-wide programme of work and budget. A description of the OECD statistical activities is provided annually in the OECD Statistical Programme of Work.
Number of staff <i>Total / Statistical division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2500 / 85

¹ Description of the statistics section/department in the organization

² Mission of the organization

Flagship Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ OECD Factbook▪ How's Life? Measuring Well-being▪ National Accounts at a Glance▪ Entrepreneurship at a Glance▪ Education at a Glance▪ Health at a Glance▪ Regions at a Glance▪ Society at a Glance
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