

Age structure in European and accession countries

Dimension - Demographics

Associated Key Factor:

Population age groups

Data Source:

Eurostat

European Commission: Statistical Yearbook on Candidate and South-east European countries (2002), European Social Statistics: Demography (2001), Demographic Statistics: Data 1960-99 (1999), Eurostat Yearbook (1995), Eurostat Yearbook (2001) Statistical Yearbook on Central European Countries (1998)

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General Availability:

Reporting unit: Individual

Reporting level: Country

Reporting period: annually

Data available from 1980 to 2001

Availability by country:

1980 - 2001: EU-15+AC

The indicator:

Measures the proportion/percentage of people in each age group as part of the population as a whole.

Description

Six age categories are usually reported.

1) 0-14

2) 15-24

3) 25-49

4) 50-64

5) 65-79

6) 80+

How is it measured?

Information is taken from national statistical offices using census data. Usually the numbers are estimates based on census round of 1990/91 and the applying the component method.

What are the advantages of the indicator?

There are six categories of age, which means the indicator is fairly descriptive.

What are the disadvantages of the Indicator?

Eurostat alters its use of categories, which explains why there are gaps in this data. More recent data tends to be more analytical, thus have more categories.

What is the policy relevance of the indicator?

A key demographic variable of relevance for socio-economic analyses relevant for social, family and labour policy.

The Indicator is relevant for the following pathways of the FORESIGHT FOR TRANSPORT exercise:

	Transport Impact	External Determining Variable	Intermediate Variable	Contextual Information
Ageing and the labour market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ageing and leisure patterns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changing household structures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>