

Government expenditure on social protection

Dimension - Social Developments

Associated Key Factor:

Social policy and cohesion standards

Data Source:

Eurostat

Population and Social conditions department. This data is provided in the EUROSTAT yearbook 2002 which can be purchased for €40. Available in English, French and German. Includes CD-ROM

L-2920 Luxembourg

http://www.eu-datashop.de/veroeffe/EN/thema1/jahrb_03.htm

<http://europa.eu.int/eurostat>

General Availability:

Reporting unit: Expenditures as % of GDP

Reporting level:

Reporting period: regularly
Data available from 1980 to 1999

Availability by country:

1980 - 1999: EU-15

1980 - 1999: EU-15-avg

1980 - 1999: Member States (EU-15)

The indicator:

Expenditure on social protection includes expenditure on sickness/health care, disability, old age, survivors, family/children, unemployment, housing, and social exclusion not excluded elsewhere.

Description

Provides information about the welfare regime of a country

How is it measured?

Social protection encompasses all interventions from public or private bodies intended to relieve households and individuals of the burden of a defined set of risks or needs, provided that there is neither a simultaneous reciprocal nor an individual arrangement involved. The social benefits are payments for old age, survivors, family/children, sickness/health care, unemployment, disability, housing and social exclusion. These payments could be in cash or kind. Payments in cash do not require evidence of actual expenditure while benefits in kind are reimbursements in the form of goods or services. Payments in cash are pensions, paid sick leave, parental leave benefit, family allowance etc. Benefits in kind are like reimbursements for health care, funeral expenses, child care housing allowances etc.

What are the disadvantages of the Indicator?

Interpretations of this indicator differ depending on whether one focuses on financial aspects or on social integration aspects.

What is the policy relevance of the indicator?

Social policy / Economic policy

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

	Transport Impact	External Determining Variable	Intermediate Variable	Contextual Information
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Flexibilisation of the labour market	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>