

Government social spending
Total public social expenditure as a percentage of GDP

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Australia	17.1	17.0	17.8	17.3	17.5	17.8	17.7	17.1
Austria	26.6	26.9	26.4	26.6	27.0	27.5	27.3	27.2
Belgium	26.1	26.0	25.3	25.8	26.2	26.5	26.6	26.4
Canada	17.8	16.7	16.5	17.0	17.1	17.2	16.6	16.5
Czech Republic	19.1	19.5	19.8	19.8	20.6	20.7	19.7	19.5
Denmark	26.6	26.6	25.8	26.1	26.8	27.8	27.7	27.1
Finland	26.3	25.7	24.3	24.2	25.0	25.8	26.0	26.1
France	28.9	29.0	27.9	27.9	28.6	29.0	29.1	29.2
Germany	26.3	26.3	26.2	26.3	27.0	27.3	26.7	26.7
Greece	18.6	19.2	19.2	20.6	20.0	19.9	19.9	20.5
Hungary	..	21.1	20.0	20.2	21.4	22.2	21.7	22.5
Iceland	14.8	15.4	15.3	15.3	16.9	18.2	17.9	16.9
Ireland	13.0	14.1	13.6	14.4	15.3	15.8	16.2	16.7
Italy	22.9	23.3	23.3	23.5	24.0	24.4	24.7	25.0
Japan	15.5	16.1	16.5	17.4	17.8	18.1	18.2	18.6
Korea	5.2	6.3	5.0	5.4	5.3	5.6	6.3	6.9
Luxembourg	20.9	20.4	19.7	20.8	22.0	23.4	23.9	23.2
Mexico	5.0	5.7	5.8	6.5	6.8	7.3	7.2	7.4
Netherlands	21.4	20.5	19.8	19.7	20.5	21.2	21.1	20.9
New Zealand	20.3	19.6	19.4	18.6	18.7	18.2	18.0	18.5
Norway	23.6	23.6	21.3	22.2	23.6	24.5	23.2	21.6
Poland	21.4	21.6	20.5	21.9	22.3	22.3	21.4	21.0
Portugal	17.9	18.3	19.6	19.9	21.3	22.9	23.1	..
Slovak Republic	18.0	18.5	17.9	17.6	17.7	17.1	16.5	16.6
Spain	20.6	20.3	20.3	20.0	20.4	21.0	21.2	21.2
Sweden	30.4	29.8	28.5	28.9	29.5	30.4	29.9	29.4
Switzerland	18.8	18.6	17.9	18.4	19.2	20.3	20.3	20.3
Turkey	11.1	13.2	13.7
United Kingdom	19.4	19.1	19.2	20.1	20.0	20.5	21.1	21.3
United States	14.7	14.5	14.5	15.1	15.9	16.2	16.1	15.9
OECD - Total	19.8	19.8	19.3	19.7	20.3	20.8	20.6	20.6

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