

Government social spending

Total public social expenditure as a percentage of GDP

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Australia	16.5	16.5	16.4	17.8	17.8	17.9	18.1	18.7
Austria	27.1	26.8	26.3	26.8	29.1	28.8	27.9	28.3
Belgium	26.5	26.0	26.0	27.3	29.7	29.5	29.6	30.0
Canada	16.9	16.9	16.8	17.6	19.2	18.6	18.3	18.2
Chile	10.1	9.3	9.4	9.6	11.3	9.8	9.5	..
Czech Republic	18.7	18.3	18.1	18.1	20.7	20.8	20.9	20.6
Denmark	27.7	27.1	26.5	26.8	30.2	30.1	30.0	30.5
Estonia	13.1	12.7	12.7	15.8	20.0	20.1	18.8	18.4
Finland	26.2	25.8	24.7	25.3	29.4	29.4	28.6	29.0
France	30.1	29.8	29.7	29.8	32.1	32.2	32.1	32.1
Germany	27.3	26.1	25.1	25.2	27.8	27.1	26.2	26.3
Greece	21.1	21.3	21.6	22.2	23.9	23.3	23.5	23.1
Hungary	22.5	22.8	23.0	23.1	23.9	22.6	21.8	21.1
Iceland	16.3	15.9	15.3	15.8	18.5	18.0	17.8	16.4
Ireland	16.0	16.1	16.7	19.7	23.6	23.7	23.5	23.1
Israel ¹	16.3	15.8	15.5	15.5	16.0	16.0	15.8	15.8
Italy	24.9	25.0	24.7	25.8	27.8	27.8	27.6	28.1
Japan	18.5	18.4	18.7	19.9	22.4
Korea	6.5	7.4	7.6	8.3	9.4	9.2	9.2	9.3
Luxembourg	22.8	21.8	20.3	20.8	23.6	23.0	22.5	23.3
Mexico	6.9	7.0	6.9	7.4	8.2	8.1	7.7	..
Netherlands	20.7	21.7	21.1	20.9	23.2	23.5	23.7	24.3
New Zealand	18.1	18.9	18.6	19.8	21.2	21.2	21.5	22.0
Norway	21.6	20.3	20.5	19.8	23.3	23.0	22.6	22.1
Poland	21.0	20.8	19.7	20.3	21.5	21.8	20.7	20.4
Portugal	23.0	23.0	22.7	23.1	25.6	25.6	25.2	25.0
Slovak Republic	16.3	16.0	15.7	15.7	18.7	19.0	18.0	17.6
Slovenia	21.1	20.8	19.5	19.7	22.6	23.5	24.0	23.7
Spain	21.1	21.1	21.3	22.9	26.0	26.5	26.0	26.3
Sweden	29.1	28.4	27.3	27.5	29.8	28.3	27.6	28.2
Switzerland	20.2	19.2	18.5	18.4	..	20.0	20.2	20.3
Turkey	9.9	10.0	10.5	10.7	12.8
United Kingdom	20.5	20.3	20.4	21.8	24.1	23.7	23.9	23.9
United States	16.0	16.1	16.3	17.0	19.2	19.9	19.7	19.4
OECD - Total ²	19.7	19.5	19.2	19.9	22.1	22.0	21.7	21.7

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1. The statistical data for Israel are supplied by and under the responsibility of the relevant Israeli authorities. The use of such data by the OECD is without prejudice to the status of the Golan Heights, East Jerusalem and Israeli settlements in the West Bank under the terms of international law.
2. Refers to an unweighted average of 33 OECD countries and Estonia

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