



OECD Conference Centre, 21-22 February 2013
Meeting of providers of OECD Income Distribution Data
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Welcome, Overview, and Objectives of the Meeting

Context and history of OECD work on income distribution



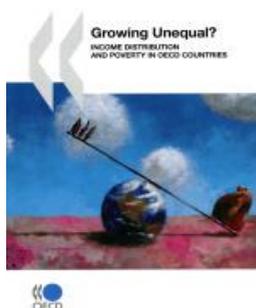
- 1976: Sawyer study, based on national sources
- 1994: Atkinson, Rainwater and Smeeding, based on Luxembourg Income Study (LIS)
- 1996 onwards: regular data collection, based on standardised OECD-questionnaire, gradually extended time and country coverage:
 - 13 countries (1996) → 21 (2000) → 27 (2004) → 30 (2007) → 34 countries (2010), for data years between mid70s and 2008
- 2012: move to a rolling and more frequent update and joint management of the data base between the OECD Social Policy Division and the OECD Statistics Directorate.

Scope and objectives of data collection

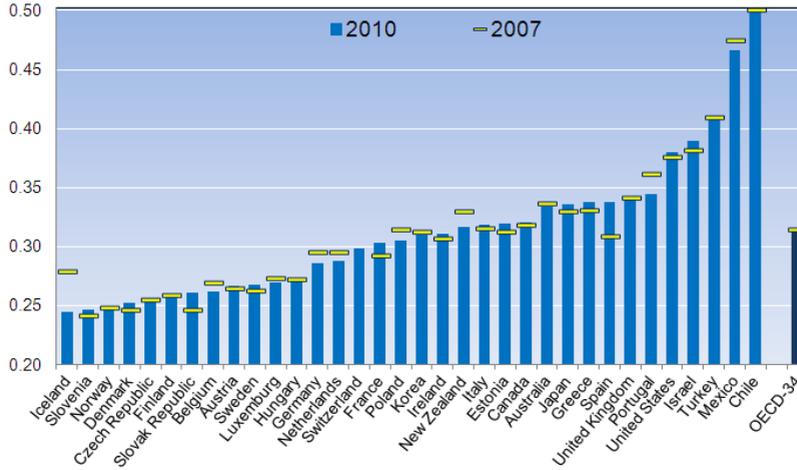


- To ensure availability of international comparable income distribution indicators, with a focus on long-term over-time consistency
- Monitoring of inequality trends, distributive policies and anti-poverty goals requires adequate indicators and statistical infrastructure
- The objective is to anchor inequality and poverty concerns in the policy agenda of the OECD and its member countries

The data are widely and increasingly used in major OECD reports



The newest data will first be released in the frame of a “policy brief” in the next weeks

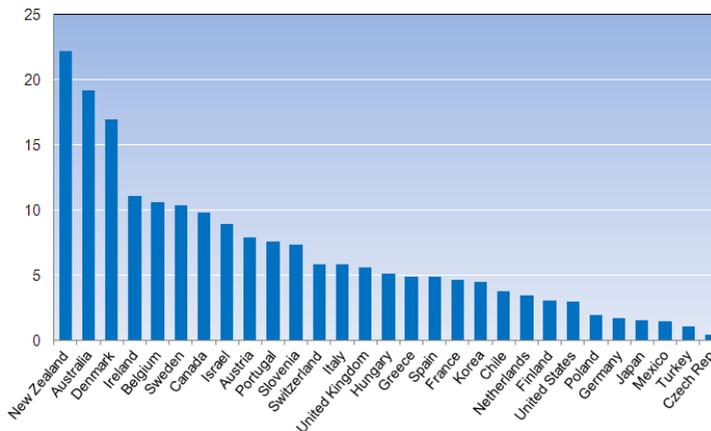


Source: OECD Income Distribution Database, preliminary data. Note: The Gini coefficient ranges from 0 (perfect equality) to 1 (perfect inequality). Income refers to disposable income adjusted for household size.

The OECD income distribution data are also increasingly being used by external users



OECD inequality pages viewed, per 100,000 internet subscribers, 1-Jul 2012 to 31-Dec 2012



Source: OECD web statistics (courtesy of Maxime Ladaïque). URL www.oecd.org/social/inequality-database.htm.

Objectives and format of the meeting



- Reinforce our collaborative relationship
- Discuss open issues in terms of
 - Data collection and indicators (this morning)
 - Income definitions (this afternoon)
 - Data treatment (tomorrow morning)
 - Possible extensions (tomorrow afternoon)
- Identify steps to improve quality and comparability of income distribution data collected
- There will be short introductions and short initial statements for each session, the focus is on discussion