

Key indicators on the distribution of household disposable income and poverty, 2007, 2015 and 2016 or most recent year

Values refer to income earned in the year

15 June 2018  Updated countries and values are highlighted in light blue	Gini coefficient			S80/S20 income share ratio			Income share in total income						Poverty rate (relative threshold)					Poverty rate (threshold "anchored" in 2005)						
							Bottom 10%	Bottom 20%	Bottom 40%	Top 40%	Top 20%	Top 10%	Total		By age group, latest available year					Total				
	2007	2015	2016 or latest available year	2007	2015	2016 or latest available year	2016 or latest available year (%)						2007	2015	2016 or latest available year	Children (< 18)	Youth (18-25)	Adult (26-65)	Elderly (> 65)	Living in working households	2007	2015	2016 or latest available year	
Australia	0.338 e	0.326	0.337	5.8 e	5.5	5.7	2.8	7.2	19.4	63.7	40.9	26.1	14.9 e	14.0	12.8	13.0	8.0	10.6	25.7	4.8	..	8.2	7.1	
Austria	0.284	0.274	0.276	4.4	4.1	4.2	3.2	8.7	22.7	59.2	36.1	21.9	9.7	9.0	8.7	9.6	11.4	8.2	7.8	6.6	9.7	8.4	8.2	
Belgium	0.277	0.266	0.268	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.7	8.9	22.6	59.0	35.3	20.9	9.2	9.1	9.8	11.0	10.3	9.4	9.5	4.5	8.3	7.1	6.8	
Canada	0.317	0.313	0.318	5.3	5.2	5.5	2.6	7.2	20.0	62.3	39.0	23.9	12.9	12.6	14.2	17.1	17.3	13.5	10.7	11.0	11.3	9.0	9.6	
Chile	0.480	0.465	0.454	11.8	10.6	10.0	1.9	5.1	14.6	71.8	51.6	36.0	17.8	16.8	16.1	21.1	15.1	13.9	16.3	13.8	14.0	7.8	6.4	
Czech Republic	0.256	0.257	0.258	3.6	3.7	3.7	4.0	9.8	24.1	58.1	35.6	21.5	5.5	5.9	6.4	10.5	6.6	5.7	4.2	3.9	3.4	3.6	3.2	
Denmark	0.244 e	0.256	0.263	3.4 e	3.6	3.7	3.9	9.6	23.7	58.2	35.7	22.0	5.9 e	5.5	5.5	2.9	23.3	4.1	3.2	3.9	4.7 e	4.6	4.6	
Estonia	0.313	0.346	0.330	5.2	6.2	5.8	2.6	6.9	18.9	63.8	39.7	23.7	13.8	15.5	16.1	12.1	13.1	12.8	31.9	8.8	4.3	..	..	
Finland	0.269	0.260	0.259	3.9	3.7	3.7	4.0	9.7	24.0	58.0	35.6	21.7	7.8	6.3	5.8	3.3	17.5	4.9	5.0	3.2	6.4	4.3	3.8	
France	0.292 e	0.293	0.295	4.3 e	4.4	4.4	3.5	8.7	22.2	60.5	38.6	24.4	7.5 e	8.1	8.1	11.3	13.9	7.4	3.1	7.1	..	7.3	7.1	
Germany	0.285	0.289	0.293	4.3	4.4	4.5	3.3	8.3	21.8	60.5	37.8	23.2	9.0	9.5	10.1	11.2	17.1	8.9	9.7	4.1	8.8	8.6	8.7	
Greece	0.329	0.339	0.340	5.6	6.4	6.4	2.0	6.4	18.9	63.9	40.5	25.1	13.2	14.8	14.9	18.9	18.8	15.6	7.7	13.1	11.3	33.6	33.2	
Hungary	0.271 e	0.289	0.288	3.9 e	4.5	4.5	3.1	8.3	22.0	60.2	37.0	22.5	6.4 e	10.3	10.1	11.8	11.9	9.6	8.6	7.2	..	13.0	9.1	
Iceland	0.286	0.241	0.246	4.1	3.4	3.6	3.7	9.6	24.6	57.0	34.3	20.5	6.6	4.5	6.5	7.2	8.5	6.1	5.4	6.0	3.7	4.5	6.9	
Ireland	0.304	0.298	0.297	4.6	4.6	4.5	3.4	8.4	21.4	60.9	37.9	23.5	9.6	9.2	9.8	10.8	9.5	10.0	6.4	3.8	7.2	11.4	10.3	
Israel	0.365 e	0.360	0.346	7.5 e	7.1	6.5	2.3	6.2	18.1	64.6	40.7	25.0	17.3 e	19.5	17.7	23.2	17.0	13.6	19.4	14.2	..	11.7	10.3	
Italy	0.313	0.326	0.333	5.2	5.9	6.3	1.8	6.3	19.1	63.2	39.6	24.4	11.9	13.7	14.4	18.3	17.0	14.4	10.2	11.8	10.6	16.3	15.9	
Japan	0.329 e	0.336	0.330	6.0 e	6.2	6.1	2.3	6.5	19.1	63.3	39.5	24.0	15.7 e	16.0	16.1	16.3	19.7	13.8	19.0	13.3	..	19.6	17.2	
Korea	0.312 e	0.302	0.295	5.6 e	5.4	5.1	2.4	7.2	21.0	60.5	36.8	22.0	14.8 e	14.4	13.8	7.1	7.9	8.6	45.7	5.6	14.4 e	11.4	10.9	
Latvia	0.374	0.346	0.347	7.3	6.3	6.5	2.0	6.3	18.9	63.5	39.7	24.0	18.6	16.2	16.7	13.0	9.4	13.5	33.0	10.0	5.2	4.3	4.0	
Luxembourg	0.277	0.284	0.306	4.0	4.2	4.9	3.0	8.0	21.1	61.5	38.7	23.7	7.1	8.1	10.9	13.7	13.9	10.4	6.0	10.1	7.0	8.4	..	
Mexico	0.450 e	0.457	0.459	10.8 e	11.5	10.4	1.7	5.0	14.3	72.0	51.7	36.4	18.4 e	18.9	16.7	19.7	12.0	14.4	25.6	15.3	13.3 e	16.0	14.7	
Netherlands	0.308 e	0.288	0.285	4.6 e	4.3	4.3	3.3	8.7	22.4	59.8	37.1	23.0	6.5 e	7.8	8.3	10.9	19.8	6.7	3.1	6.2	5.6 e	5.9	5.6	
New Zealand	0.330 e	0.333	0.349	5.3 e	5.3	5.8	2.9	7.3	19.2	64.5	42.2	27.5	11.0 e	9.9	10.9	14.1	9.6	9.8	10.5	6.6	5.5 e	5.7	5.6	
Norway	0.250	0.257	0.272	3.7	3.9	4.1	3.3	8.8	23.3	58.5	36.2	22.5	7.8	8.1	8.1	7.3	24.1	6.3	4.4	6.4	..	4.4	4.4	
Poland	0.316	0.298	0.292	5.0	4.7	4.6	3.0	8.0	21.5	60.6	37.2	22.3	9.6	10.4	11.1	13.4	12.1	10.8	8.5	8.4	5.2	3.6	3.2	
Portugal	0.361	0.338	0.336	6.3	5.9	5.8	2.7	7.1	19.6	63.7	41.1	25.7	12.8	13.5	12.6	15.5	14.1	12.0	10.8	9.0	10.8	13.8	11.8	
Slovak Republic	0.245	0.247	0.251	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.3	9.2	23.9	57.4	34.2	20.0	6.8	8.7	8.4	14.8	8.2	7.5	3.4	5.9	3.4	3.3	2.9	
Slovenia	0.239	0.251	0.250	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.7	9.2	23.9	57.3	34.1	20.1	7.9	9.4	9.2	7.0	7.9	8.8	13.5	5.9	6.1	8.5	8.3	
Spain	0.324	0.344	0.345	5.2	6.6	6.5	2.1	6.3	18.4	64.4	40.7	25.0	14.2	15.3	15.3	22.1	21.0	15.3	5.9	14.8	14.2	22.5	21.9	
Sweden	0.259 e	0.278	0.282	3.9 e	4.2	4.2	3.6	8.8	22.6	59.5	36.9	23.1	8.4 e	9.2	9.1	8.9	11.7	7.8	11.0	5.2	..	2.8	2.6	
Switzerland	0.298 e	0.285	0.296	4.6 e	4.6	4.5	3.3	8.5	21.9	60.6	38.1	23.8	9.7 e	9.9	9.1	9.5	7.7	6.2	19.5	6.2	..	7.5	7.8	
Turkey	0.409 e	0.398	0.404	7.8 e	7.7	7.8	2.3	6.1	16.6	68.5	47.0	31.6	17.0 e	17.3	17.2	25.3	15.5	13.0	17.0	15.5	..	6.8	5.2	
United Kingdom	0.373	0.360	0.351	6.6	6.1	6.0	2.5	7.0	19.1	64.4	42.2	27.7	12.8	10.9	11.1	11.8	8.9	10.3	14.2	6.3	11.8	9.4	9.3	
United States	0.374 e	0.390	0.391	7.9 e	8.3	8.5	1.6	5.3	16.3	67.5	44.8	28.9	17.4 e	16.8	17.8	20.9	18.2	15.0	22.9	11.9	..	17.6	16.6	
OECD	0.320 e	0.317	0.318	5.5 e	5.5	5.5	2.9	7.7	20.6	62.1	39.3	24.5	11.7 e	11.8	11.9	13.3	13.6	10.3	13.1	8.1	8.6 e	9.9	9.5	
Brazil	0.510	0.483	0.470	15.3	13.9	12.5	1.3	4.2	13.4	72.8	52.1	36.3	21.2	20.9	20.0	30.1	18.0	17.1	7.7	15.9	..	..	..	
China	..	..	0.514	..	..	28.3	0.3	1.9	9.4	76.5	53.5	36.2	..	..	28.8	33.1	22.2	26.6	39.0	25.6	..	..	..	
Costa Rica	..	..	0.484	0.480	..	..	5.5	5.7	1.4	4.1	12.5	74.4	53.2	35.9	..	..	20.9	20.4	27.3	15.4	17.1	25.5	15.8	
India	0.482	..	..	0.495	12.5	..	..	13.4	1.4	4.1	12.3	74.9	54.6	38.1	19.8	..	..	19.7	23.6	15.6	17.7	22.9	18.5	
Lithuania	0.338	0.381	0.372	5.8	7.4	7.1	2.2	6.0	17.3	66.5	43.2	27.5	13.1	15.7	16.5	19.1	15.4	14.6	20.4	10.5	3.9	6.1	5.2	
Russian Federation	..	..	..	0.376	..	..	7.1	2.2	6.2	17.2	67.1	44.0	27.5	..	..	14.6	20.7	13.8	12.6	14.8	13.7	..	..	..
South Africa	..	..	..	0.623	..	..	41.1	0.3	1.6	6.6	84.3	66.0	48.1	..	..	27.0	32.4	29.5	22.5	20.4	11.7	..	..	..

Data refer to the total population and are based on equalised household disposable income, i.e. income after taxes and transfers adjusted for household size. The Gini coefficient takes values between 0 (where every person has the same income), and 1 (where all income goes to one person). The S80/S20 income share ratio refers to the ratio of average income of the top 20% to the average income of the bottom 20% of the income distribution. The poverty threshold is set at 50% of median disposable income in each country. The income-based poverty rates exclude lump-sum payments which are frequent in the retirement schemes of some countries (e.g. Australia, Switzerland). "Living in working households" are people with income below the poverty line, living in households with a working age head and at least one worker.

The latest available data refer to 2015 for all countries except Costa Rica (2017); Finland, Israel, Latvia, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States (2016); Australia, Hungary, Iceland, Mexico and New Zealand (2014); Brazil (2013); Japan (2012); China, India and the Russian Federation (2011). Data shown for "2015" refer to 2016 for Costa Rica; 2015 for Finland, Israel, Latvia, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States; 2013 for Chile, Iceland; to 2012 for Australia, Hungary, Mexico and New Zealand; to 2011 for Brazil; to 2009 for Japan; and to 2014 for all the other countries. Data shown for "2007" refer to 2004 for India; to 2006 for Brazil and Japan; to 2008 for Australia, France, Germany, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and the United States; and to 2009 for Chile and Switzerland. 2016 data for Latvia and the Netherlands and 2015 data for South Africa are provisional.

In the case of most countries, values for the three years are based on the same income definition (wave 7). In the case Australia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and Turkey, the values shown (marked with "e") are Secretariat estimates that correct for breaks in the series due to changes in the OECD income definition, changes in the survey-vehicle (Israel), and survey-improvements (France and the United States), through an adjustment factor based on different estimates for the same year. Vertical lines indicate breaks in the series that could not be corrected. Small changes in estimates between years should be treated with caution as they may not be statistically significant. Values for Japan are based on the Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions; other surveys for Japan, such as the National Survey of Family Income and Expenditure, show lower levels of income inequality and poverty than those reported here. Values for the OECD average consider only countries for which data are available for all the years included in the table (30 OECD countries for all the indicators except anchored poverty, for which the OECD average is limited to 22 countries). The OECD average for income shares in total income and poverty rates by age group includes all 35 OECD countries, as comparable data referring to the latest available year are available for all OECD countries. Poverty rates are "anchored" in 2006 for Chile, Japan, Korea and Turkey; and 2007 for Austria and Spain.

Source: OECD Income Distribution Database (IDD). <http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=IDD>

For more information on OECD-IDD, [www.oecd.org/social/income-distribution-database.htm](http://www.oecd.org/social/income-distribution-database.htm)