DEVELOPMENT DATA GROUP

Data Powers Development

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Who we are

The Development Data Group is the World Bank’s center of excellence on data and statistics.

- **Our vision**
  To have high-quality data underpin development policies worldwide, improving lives and safeguarding the planet.

- **Our mission**
  To power the World Bank’s mission of ending extreme poverty and boosting prosperity on a livable planet by unlocking the full value of data for development.

- **Our approach**
  To ensure development data is of high quality, accessible, and widely used across the globe through leading data public goods, cutting-edge innovations and research, pioneering partnerships, and globally trusted technical expertise.

Our data scientists and statisticians are involved in the entire LIFE CYCLE OF DATA: from its collection, curation, and management through its analysis, visualization, dissemination, as well as enabling its use by policymakers and citizens.
At the Development Data Group, we bridge foundational and frontier approaches to data, working with traditional and innovative data sources, to improve lives and livelihoods, and safeguard our planet.

— HAISHAN FU
World Bank Chief Statistician and Director of Development Data Group

Our impact

The economic and social value of data comes from sharing it, reusing it, and combining it with other information to create insights. This is why:

We share tens of thousands of World Bank data assets with millions of users around the world, for free, including all the code and visualizations from our 2023 Atlas of Sustainable Development Goals.

We are leaders at the forefront of data innovations from public-private data integration to machine learning, natural language processing, geospatial data analytics, and more.

And we promote and enable data use and literacy around the globe to make sure data is actively used by policymakers and citizens to improve lives and safeguard the planet.
We are dedicated to realizing the *World Development Report 2021: Data for Better Lives*’ new global vision on data, grounded in the principles of value, equity, and trust.

To guarantee that data systems, infrastructure, and trade include both poorer communities and countries equitably:

- We monitor national statistical capacity and provide strategy planning support and technical capacity development for national statistical systems.
- We help develop new statistical methods and data collection activities through strengthening household survey systems and improving the quality of microdata.
- We enhance debt transparency to help better gauge countries’ economic outlook by compiling external debt statistics and producing income classifications for economies.
- And we produce key price statistics, such as purchasing power parities and diet cost and affordability indicators, that allow us to compare the world’s economies, measure global poverty and food security, and track progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.
Underpinning it all is trust: people and systems must be protected from data misuse, while opportunities for safe new uses of data abound. To prevent potential harms, including cybercrime and discrimination:

- We promote data transparency and integrity by opening data for public goods, including through our Global Data Facility trust fund.
- And we advocate for robust legal and regulatory frameworks that create an environment of trust around the world.
- Through data literacy and other efforts, we promote and enable data-driven decision-making globally.

We focus on both the fundamentals of development data, such as household surveys...

...and its frontiers through innovative data sources and technologies, like geospatial data.
Our key products and services

- Atlas of Sustainable Development Goals
- Data Blog
- Data Catalog
- Data Use and Literacy Program
- Debtor Reporting System
- Development Data Partnership
- Global Data Facility
- International Comparison Program
- International Debt Report
- Living Standards Measurement Study
- Open Data Site
- Poverty & Inequality Platform
- Statistical Performance Indicators
- Survey Solutions
- World Bank Country Classifications by Income Level
- World Bank Data Help Desk
- World Development Indicators

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