

Foreword

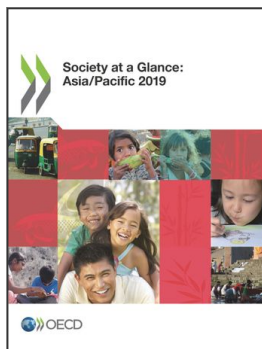
Society at a Glance: Asia/Pacific, the OECD's overview of social indicators for the region, addresses the growing demand for quantitative evidence on social well-being and its trends across countries in Asia and the Pacific.

Chapter 1 introduces this volume and provides readers with a guide to help them interpret OECD social indicators. Chapter 2 focuses on issues around extending coverage and the future of social protection in Asia and the Pacific. Many workers in Asia and the Pacific currently have jobs that do not entitle them to social and health support. Digitalization and changes in the nature of work may lead to further job-loss, but also increase economic labour market and economic inequalities between high and low-skilled workers; workers with and without access to social benefits. These rising inequalities will further challenge social policy development in its quest to get support to those who need it most. The chapter includes some country programme examples to illustrate possible policy responses. Chapter 3 to 7 each present 5 indicators on general context, self-sufficiency, equity, health and social cohesion.

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