

Foreword

There is a strong need for high quality information on how different household groups in society are faring. Shocks such as the Global Financial Crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic have stressed the importance of having better information on distributions across social groups, as key input to design policies and to foster inclusive growth. Distributional results on income, consumption and saving aligned to important macroeconomic aggregates such as GDP, household disposable income and household saving are crucial in this regard, providing insight in key dimensions of material well-being across household groups.

In 2011, the OECD and Eurostat launched an Expert Group on Disparities in a National Accounts framework (EG DNA) to develop methodology for the compilation of household distributional results on income, consumption and saving in line with national accounts totals. This Handbook is the result of the work by this expert group and includes information from various questionnaires, presentations and discussions conducted since the launch of the project. It aims to assist compilers in deriving high-quality distributional results and to provide users with more insights into how the results have been derived.

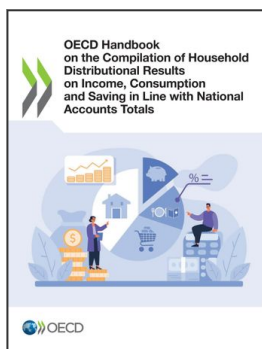
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