

Foreword

This annual publication contains time series of insurance statistics for OECD member countries. Statistics and indicators are derived from national administrative sources based on a questionnaire prepared under the auspices of the OECD Insurance and Private Pensions Committee, and, its Task Force on Insurance Statistics.

In addition to statistics and in order to provide an insight on the insurance industry's overall performance and health, the current publication contains a chapter on insurance sector development. This chapter draws on the fourth edition of the Global Insurance Market Trends, which provides a more global perspective through the addition of a large group of countries from Latin America, achieved through cooperation with the Association of Latin American Insurance Supervisors (ASSAL). Non-OECD countries from Africa, Asia and Europe also contribute to this chapter.

This publication also includes data on investments by insurance companies, insurance premiums, number of insurance companies and employees, gross claims payments, gross operating expenses and commissions. Recently, key balance sheet and income statement items were also added to the OECD's statistical framework for insurance. The data relate to the period 2006-2013 and are broken down under detailed sub-headings.

The report has been prepared by the Financial Affairs Division of the OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs. However, it was made possible only by the close cooperation between the OECD and the various national bodies which collect data on insurance.



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