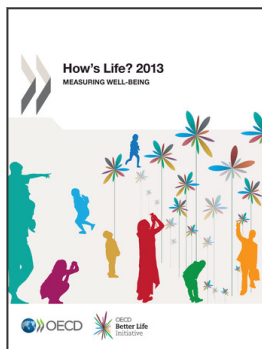


## Foreword

**H**ow's Life? provides a bi-annual assessment of people's well-being in OECD countries and in selected emerging economies. This assessment is based on a multi-dimensional framework covering 11 dimensions of well-being and on a broad set of outcome indicators. Each issue also contains several chapters focusing on more specific aspects. The 2013 edition of How's Life? covers four topics: the impact of the global financial crisis on well-being; gender differences in well-being; well-being in the workplace; and sustaining well-being over time.

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