

## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR FISHING

OECD governments provide financial support to the fishing industry, typically for the purposes of management, including surveillance and research. This financial support is important to ensure a sustainable and responsible fisheries sector.

### Definition

The indicator on “Government financial transfers (GFTs)” provides a measure of the financial support provided by governments to the fisheries sector. GFT consists of direct revenue enhancing transfers (direct payments), i.e. transfers that reduce the operating costs and the costs of general services provided to the fishing industry. These general services consist mainly of fishery protection services and fisheries management; in some cases they also include the costs of local area weather forecasting and the costs of navigation and satellite surveillance systems designed to assist fishing fleets.

### Comparability

The data are relatively comprehensive and consistent across the years. However, some year-to-year variations may reflect changes in national statistical systems. General services provided by governments may also include large and irregular capital investments. Some types of GFT (e.g. maritime surveillance) may be provided by another agency than fisheries agencies (e.g. in some countries maritime surveillance is carried out by the navy); some of these data may not be available. Also, some figures, in particular for later years, are still preliminary and there are number of missing data elements in different countries and years.

### Overview

Total government support for fishing has been trending upward and was approximately USD 7.3 billion in 2010. Most financial transfers are for general services rather than provided directly to fishers. Such services primarily involve management, enforcement and research. Support for infrastructure is also included in the GFTs, such as for harbour construction and maintenance, stock enhancement and habitat conservation. Direct payments to fishers are predominantly payments for sector adjustment, and include vessel decommissioning schemes, vessel modernisation schemes and early retirement programmes. In 2010, USD 327 million was dedicated to decommissioning schemes, while USD 43 million was used for programs related to vessel construction or modernisation. OECD totals are approximate as not all countries submit data in all years.

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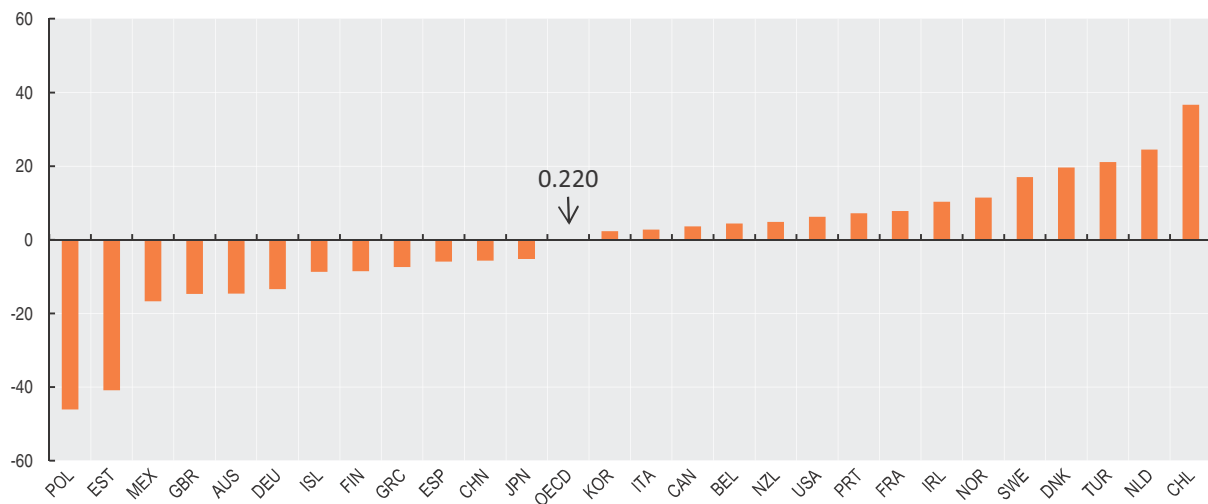
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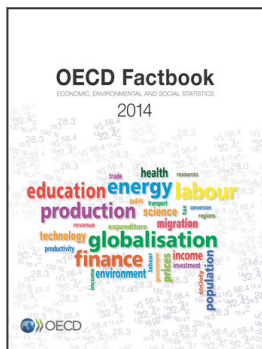
Thousand US dollars

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Australia	82 272	75 902	78 038	95 558	95 560	38 420	45 772	57 954	66 959	26 962	17 027	18 719	14 248
Austria	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Belgium	6 849	2 830	1 607	1 668	6 328	8 613	7 132	3 288	1 268	13 579	10 546	2 866	6 178
Canada	564 497	483 982	464 257	522 581	547 923	553 193	595 220	634 525	657 050	699 537	805 543	..	..
Chile	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39 351	48 247	58 610	100 397	107 733	89 470
Czech Republic	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 801	8 836	29 234	..	..	..	..
Denmark	16 316	..	68 769	37 659	28 505	58 108	89 991	63 717	83 224	80 138	98 079	81 225	77 607
Estonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	11 579	9 002	4 047	1 359	1 509	..	..
Finland	13 908	16 510	16 025	20 231	19 397	24 816	17 569	20 877	20 900	14 987	5 715	5 902	..
France	166 147	141 786	155 283	179 740	108 358	141 359	63 360	..	323 811	327 786	..	..	..
Germany	29 834	28 988	28 208	33 890	6 088	17 284	4 899	6 815	5 129	4 817	7 053	3 334	6 268
Greece	87 315	86 957	88 334	119 045	35 500	61 013	57 188	56 276	66 744	41 184	6 667	37 360	45 966
Hungary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Iceland	41 978	28 310	28 955	48 348	55 705	64 326	51 331	61 459	45 489	31 043	16 967	5 619	..
Ireland	87 636	71 421	60 811	62 326	21 231	21 926	65 000	200 181	245 913	212 712	..	..	..
Israel	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Italy	217 679	231 680	159 630	149 270	170 055	74 524	194 696	123 276	56 855	270 694	286 472	241 055	..
Japan	2 913 149	2 574 086	2 323 601	2 310 744	2 437 934	2 165 198	1 952 853	1 821 144	2 008 992	2 152 652	1 697 529	1 920 135	..
Korea	320 449	428 313	538 695	495 280	495 280	649 387	644 000	702 990	793 569	490 126	403 345	342 123	..
Luxembourg	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mexico	..	..	..	177 000	114 000	84 973	88 760	85 267	..	..	33 133	29 724	..
Netherlands	1 389	12 779	12 443	6 569	5 218	13 685	18 501	5 635	42 726	3 206	12 405	..	..
New Zealand	27 273	15 126	18 981	38 325	29 973	37 147	37 926	40 545	41 805	38 795	43 723	43 924	37 416
Norway	104 564	99 465	156 340	139 200	142 315	149 521	188 488	237 347	261 244	277 890	284 090	316 945	326 844
Poland	..	..	..	..	..	97 327	34 264	28 326	..	38 085	5 407	10 790	..
Portugal	25 578	25 066	24 899	26 930	26 930	32 769	29 219	30 896	18 025	53 303	38 610	28 061	23 092
Slovak Republic	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Slovenia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Spain	364 096	376 614	301 926	353 290	257 730	249 047	247 647	188 082	102 699	78 979	198 011	116 807	82 111
Sweden	25 186	22 505	24 753	30 650	51 129	49 780	50 057	89 310	92 766	105 327	121 358	115 578	77 376
Switzerland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Turkey	26 372	17 721	16 167	16 300	59 500	98 072	135 931	144 927	199 858	165 728	179 524	166 561	..
United Kingdom	81 394	73 738	64 743	81 997	87 863	90 579	103 347	..	30 092	11 381	16 626	32 417	14 882
United States	1 037 710	1 169 590	1 130 810	1 290 440	1 147 521	1 407 813	1 793 833	1 985 497	2 084 409	1 623 589	1 901 267	2 481 532	..
EU 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
OECD	6 153 955	5 949 321	5 734 867	6 307 763	6 080 611	5 730 942	6 433 147	6 612 803	7 301 822	6 822 467	6 291 001	6 108 410	756 726
Brazil	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
China	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
India	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Indonesia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Russian Federation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Africa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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