

Readers' Guide

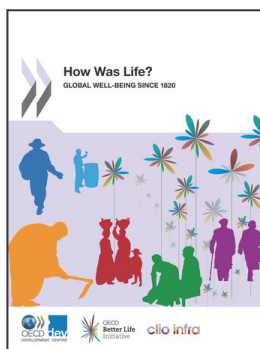
Conventions

- Throughout the report, data shown for world regions and for the world as a whole are population-weighted averages. The coverage of countries typically increases as more country data become available for more recent periods. In order to ensure more meaningful trends for world regions over time, imputations are made for missing countries. This adjustment procedure is explained in Chapter 1.
- Depending on the chapter, the data shown in the tables and figure may refer to either individual years or to decadal averages; in the latter case, the data are shown as “1990s” and the corresponding values are computed as decadal averages of the 1990–1999 period.
- Data quality varies across domains, regions and periods: an assessment of data quality is provided in a summary table within each chapter.

For all figures, the following codes for countries and world regions are used:

25 countries covered in this volume					
ARG	Argentina	GBR	United Kingdom	POL	Poland
AUS	Australia	IDN	Indonesia	RUS	Russian Federation
BRA	Brazil	IND	India	SWE	Sweden
CAN	Canada	ITA	Italy	THA	Thailand
CHN	People's Republic of China	JPN	Japan	TUR	Turkey
DEU	Germany	KEN	Kenya	USA	United States
EGY	Egypt	MEX	Mexico	ZAF	South Africa
ESP	Spain	NGA	Nigeria		
FRA	France	NLD	Netherlands		
World regions					
WE	Western Europe	LA	Latin America and Caribbean	EA	East Asia
EE	East Europe and former Soviet Union	SSA	Sub-Saharan Africa	SSEA	South and South East Asia
WO	Western Offshoots	MENA	Middle East and North Africa		

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