

Other Activities

Publishing from the Statistical Information System

Purpose

To provide a publishing environment for the production of statistical publications and create new statistical dissemination services in the framework of the OECD Statistical Information System. The services include publishing complete databases, ready-made key tables and facts and figures indicators with dynamic graphs and commentary. The publishing environment comprises a publishing tool where the table is defined by the statistical editors in collaboration with authors, and a formatting engine where the data are extracted from OECD.Stat and formatted for multiple outputs such as paper, PDF, Excel, HTML. The environment improves the efficiency of the publishing process and the quality of final publications in print and electronic format.

Objectives and outputs

Produce publications through the publishing process from databases available in the central data base OECD.Stat. Continue to develop new procedures to take into account specificities of these new publications. Create new services to disseminate statistics.

In 2011, improvements in the OECD.Stat browser were made available on the OECD iLibrary. Complete databases, Key tables and facts and figures were published. Complete databases were published offline using a centralised process from OECD.Stat.

PAC statistical editors are now loading IEA data (14 datasets updated quarterly and 50 datasets updated annually), which represents the largest volume of data loaded by Directorates, into OECD.Stat. Statistical editors worked with directorates to review and improve the quality of the data and metadata being disseminated from the central data warehouse.

Regarding statistical publications, the new publishing system was used in 2011 to produce new online table collection publications in Excel, PDF, Web and print on demand, effectively transitioning the production of statistical publications from the Statistics Directorate to PAC. In 2011 PAC produced 20 statistical publications in two languages, including 2 publications which are monthly and 1 quarterly and some 140 key tables.

Main Developments for 2012

General aspects:

In 2012, improvements in the OECD.Stat browser will be made available on the OECD iLibrary. Regarding statistical publications, the publishing environment will be used in 2012 to publish updates of publications already produced out of OECD.Stat in 2011 and to apply the procedures to a number of additional statistical publications. In 2012, data visualizations will be made available. Further objectives of 2012 aim to improve the discovery of high level indicators and complete databases by wiring them together on OECD's website.