

The OECD.Stat browser provides a unique cross-database gateway to query the wide range of OECD databases, customize and combine data views and export user-created tables in a variety of formats.

OECD.Stat represents the next step in OECD's effort to make OECD databases more accessible and user-friendly. Continued work led to an updated data browser now available at SourceOECD and soon OECD iLibrary.

Discovery:

Search for complex statistical data across OECD databases with one-click access to the datasets themselves from the search results.

Mix and Merge:

Extract data from across all databases in one enquiry. Gather and assemble data from various datasets in unique and customisable tables and view data in a multitude of formats, including dynamic graphs.

Metadata:

Access metadata down to the level of each datapoint means that you can understand the origins of each number and the overall context, aiding comprehension.

Searching

- Full-Text Search quickly locates series across data sets, data dimensions and metadata
- Find themes and datasets in theme panel; searched text string will be highlighted
- Search function in dimension dialog box automatically selects the matching variables

Creating cross-dataset queries

- Unique Merge Query feature allows cross-dataset comparisons along common dimensions

Customizing and saving queries

- Easily manipulate the table structure including transposing columns and rows
- Sort and format data including hiding empty rows and columns or perform simple calculations
- Visualize data easily as a line chart, bar chart or pie chart, including animation
- Efficient handling of large datasets; e.g. trade statistics by commodity and social expenditure data

- Save queries for re-use; requires system login

Exporting in multiple formats

- Export to MS Excel® CSV and PC-Axis formats
- Export to MS Excel® with formatting and active references preserved
- Download related files or preset data files in other formats if available
- Generous download size of up to 1 000 000 data cells

Accessing metadata

- Access comprehensive metadata from dataset to cell level and series footnotes

Usability

- View multilingual tables in French or English
- Switch interface language between French and English
- Compatible with IE 6 and 7, Mozilla-based browsers; Safari 3.x, Opera 9.x and Google Chrome

Tools to access Merged Queries, Saved Queries and Frequently Requested Tables

Search themes, datasets and data queries exactly as they appear in the theme panel

Dimension Selection Tools - Selecting Variables | Moving Dimensions | Data Viewing Options

Data Export Tools - MS Excel | CSV/Text format

Full-Text Search tool

Dynamic Data Graphics Tool

Query Management Tools - Merge Query | Save Query

Help - User Guide

The screenshot shows the OECD.Stat website interface. At the top left is the OECD logo and 'OECD.Stat' text. A search bar is located at the top right. Below the header, there are several navigation and utility sections:

- Merged Queries** and **Browse Queries** sections with dropdown menus.
- Frequently Requested Tables:** A list containing 'Reference Series' and 'Gross Domestic Product'.
- My Query Manager** button.
- Browse Themes** section with a search input and a 'Reset' button. Below it is a list of theme categories such as 'General Statistics', 'Agriculture and Fisheries', 'Demography and Population', etc.

The main content area displays a data table for 'Japan' with the following structure:

			2007			
			Q4-2006	Q1-2007	Q2-2007	Q3-2007
Financial Statistics	Interest rates	Short-term interest rates, Monthly, Per cent per annum	0.4218	0.5392	0.601	0.7251
		Long-term interest rates, Monthly, Per cent per annum	1.684333	1.658	1.763	1.694667
	Share Prices	Share Prices, Monthly, Index (base 2000 = 100)	104.7986	111.7742	112.2458	106.2883
	Balance of Payments	Current Accounts Balance, Monthly, in millions (US Dollars), sa	47 854.43	50 323.75	52 871.78	53 498.81
	Exchange Rates	Currency exchange rates, Monthly, National units per US-Dollar	117.778	119.381	120.7979	117.7428
	Official Reserves	Reserve Assets, Monthly, SDR millions	585 600	591 963	593 093	596 578
Industry and Service Statistics	Industry	Industrial Production, Monthly, (base 2000 = 100)			108.1337	109.9291
International Trade Statistics	International Trade in Goods	Total Exports of Goods, Monthly, in million US Dollars	4.4048641336	60 296.0733319404	63	
		Total Imports of Goods, Monthly, in million US Dollars	5.8166107108	51 567.0494108495	56	
		Total Exports less Goods, Monthly, Current Prices (US Dollars)	1.58825342282	8 729.02392109093	7	
Labour Statistics	Labour Force Statistics	Standardised Unemployment Rates, Monthly	343149488395	3.7956277572162	3	
National Accounts	Quarterly National Accounts	Gross Domestic Product, Quarterly, in million US Dollars	514 848 000	514 723 700		
		Gross Domestic Product, Quarterly, Deflated (2000 = 100)	097319635384	91.7654670374437	9	
Prices and Purchasing Power Parities	Consumer Prices	Consumer Price Index, Monthly, (base 2000 = 100)	98.04369	98.23932		
		Consumer Price Index less energy, Monthly, (base 2000 = 100)	96.80905	96.71732		
	Producer Prices	Producer Price Index, Manufacturing, Monthly, (base 2000 = 100)	101.3203	101.9723		

A 'Metadata' window is open over the table, showing details for the 'Reference Series' dataset, including its purpose: 'The "Reference Series" dataset comprises the data series that are the most frequently used as denominators for the calculation of ratios and indicators. An initial list of Reference Series has been obtained through consultation with analysts throughout the OECD. The list contains the following statistics: main aggregates of national accounts, with history and forecasts; labour market and population data; exchange rates; purchasing power parities and price indices.'

Collapsible Theme panel with drill-down list of themes and datasets

Collapsible/Movable Metadata window

Data View panel