
OECD Risks That Matter Core Questionnaire

Introduction

You are about to read and answer a series of questions about the social and economic risks you face, how satisfied you are with social policies and government effectiveness, and what public policies you would like to see in place. This survey will take about 10 minutes.

Risk perceptions

- 1. In the near future (the next year or two), which of the following do you perceive as the greatest risks to yourself or your immediate family?**

(Rank order top three.)

- a. Becoming ill or disabled
- b. Losing a job or self-employment income
- c. Securing/maintaining adequate housing
- d. Struggling to meet all expenses (working, but income too low)
- e. Difficulty accessing good quality child care or education for my children
- f. Difficulty ensuring long-term care of elderly or disabled family members
- g. Crime or violence
- h. None of these risks

- 2. What about your medium-term worries? In the next five years, which of the following do you perceive as the greatest risks to yourself or your immediate family?**

(Rank order top three.)

- a. Becoming ill or disabled
- b. Losing a job or self-employment income
- c. Securing/maintaining adequate housing
- d. Struggling to meet all expenses (working, but income too low)
- e. Difficulty accessing good quality child care or education for my children
- f. Difficulty ensuring long-term care of elderly or disabled family members
- g. Crime or violence

h. None of these risks

3. Looking beyond the next ten years, what are your long-term worries? Which of the following do you perceive as the greatest risk to yourself or your immediate family beyond the next decade?

(Rank order top three.)

- a. That I will not attain the level of status and comfort – job-security, income, home-ownership – that my parents had/that I envision for myself.
- b. That my children will not achieve the level of status and comfort – job-security, income, home-ownership – that I have.
- c. Being financially secure in old-age
- d. Securing / maintaining adequate housing
- e. Ensuring long-term care of elderly or disabled family members
- f. None of these risks

4. If you (or your partner) lost your income and there were no unemployment or social assistance benefits, would you struggle to cover your basic needs (housing, bills, food) for two months?

- a. Yes.
- b. No, because we have two incomes.
- c. No, because I have savings/ own property / have other assets.
- d. No, because close family or friends would help me/us financially

Satisfaction with social protection and government

5. a. Do you think the government should be doing less, more, or the same to ensure your economic and social security?

- a. Government should be doing less
- b. Government should be doing the same
- c. Government should be doing more
- d. Don't know

5. b. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statement:

“I think that my family and I have access to good quality and affordable public services in the area of #ITEM#”

[1. Strongly Disagree ...5. Strongly Agree]

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- a. Long-term care for the elderly
 - b. Long-term care for people with disabilities
 - c. Education
 - d. Housing
 - e. Health care
 - f. Child care
 - g. Employment services

6. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statement:

"I think that the government would (or does) provide my family and me with adequate income support in the case of income loss due to #ITEM#"

[1. Strongly Disagree ...5. Strongly Agree]

- a. Unemployment
- b. Illness/disability
- c. Becoming a parent
- d. Old age

7. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statement:

"I feel the government incorporates the views of people like me when designing or reforming public benefits."

[1. Strongly Disagree ...5. Strongly Agree]

8. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statement:

"I think I could easily receive public benefits if I needed them"

[1. Strongly Disagree ...5. Strongly Agree]

9. Do you think that the country's current economic situation is better than, the same as, or worse than it was 12 months ago?

- a. Better
- b. Same
- c. Worse
- d. Don't know

10. Do you think that your economic situation is better than, the same as, or worse than it was 12 months ago?

- a. Better
- b. Same
- c. Worse
- d. Don't know

11. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statement:

"I feel that I receive a fair share of public benefits, given the taxes and social contributions I pay."

[1. Strongly Disagree ...5. Strongly Agree]

12. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statement:

"I think it is often justifiable to cheat on taxes if you have the chance."

[1. Strongly Disagree ...5. Strongly Agree]

Desired policies

13. What support would you need most from the government to make you and your family feel more economically secure?

(Rank order top three.)

- a. More affordable housing (e.g., public housing, support for renters or home-buyers)
- b. Better access to funds to start a business
- c. A guaranteed transfer sufficient to cover my basic needs (e.g., government payment of basic income)
- d. Better education for my children so they have the right skills for the future
- e. Better job-seeking and skills training support
- f. Better healthcare
- g. Better pension
- h. Better public safety
- i. Need no additional support

14. Would you be willing to pay an additional 2% of your income in taxes/social contributions to benefit from better provision of and access to:

(Please select as many as apply.)

- a. Child-related leave
- b. Childcare services
- c. Education
- d. Unemployment benefits/services
- e. Health care
- f. Disability benefits/services
- g. Affordable housing
- h. Pensions
- i. Long-term care for the elderly
- j. Public safety

15. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements:

[1. Strongly Disagree ...5. Strongly Agree]

- a. "Government should make housing more affordable, even if it means that taxes rise."
- b. "Government should provide a basic level of financial support to everyone, even if it means that taxes will rise and some people may choose to work less."
- c. "Government should make childcare more affordable and accessible, even if it means that taxes will rise and some other programmes may have to be cut."
- d. "Government should increase spending on education and training, even if it means that taxes will rise and some other programmes may have to be cut."
- e. "Government should increase spending on pensions, even if it means that taxes will rise and some other programmes may have to be cut."

16. Should the government tax the rich more than they currently do in order to support the poor?

[1. Definitely not ...5. Definitely yes]

17. Why do you think some people live in poverty?

(Please select as many as apply.)

- a. Because they have been unlucky

- b. Because of laziness or lack of willpower
- c. Because there is injustice in society
- d. Some poverty is inevitable
- e. None of these

18. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statement:

“Many people receive public benefits without deserving them.”

[1. Strongly Disagree ...5. Strongly Agree]