United Kingdom

Did you know?

In the United Kingdom, 9 out 10 citizens are satisfied with their health care system, one of the highest levels across OECD countries.

Over the 2001-11 period, the United Kingdom’s real government debt per capita grew at an average annual rate of 8.8%, one of the highest increases within the OECD.

The United Kingdom has 9,762 datasets available through its “One-stop Shop” open government data portal, the 2nd highest amount among 16 OECD countries.

How to read the figures:
- Country value in blue (not represented if not available)
- Average of OECD countries in green
- Range of OECD country values in grey
- Values have been rounded

Strategic Governance

Trust in government

% of citizens who have confidence in their national government (2007 & 2012)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>OECD</th>
<th>United Kingdom</th>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>0.47</td>
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<td>2012</td>
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Note: Data for the United Kingdom are for 2011 rather than 2012.

Impact of the tax system and grants on reducing income inequality

Differences in income inequality before and after tax and government transfers (2010)

- Gini Coefficient
  - Before: OECD 0.47, United Kingdom 0.45
  - After: OECD 0.34, United Kingdom 0.31

Public sector efficiency

Education: performance in PISA reading scores and expenditure per student (aged 6 to 15) in USD PPP (2009)

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<td>494</td>
<td>USD 94,600</td>
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<td>495</td>
<td>USD 83,500</td>
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Source: OECD Education at a Glance 2012

Fiscal sustainability

Total consolidation requirements between 2012 and 2030 in order to reduce government debt to 60% of GDP

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<th>Country</th>
<th>% of potential GDP</th>
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<td>7.6%</td>
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Source: OECD Economic Outlook No. 93 (May 2013)
**Government revenues (2011)**

- United Kingdom: 40.8%
- OECD average: 41.9%

**Government expenditures (2011)**

- United Kingdom: 48.6%

**Fiscal balance (2011)**

- United Kingdom: -7.8%

**Government debt (2011)**

- United Kingdom: 104%

**Structure of government expenditures (2011)**

- United Kingdom:
  - Defence: 5.1%
  - Other: 5.9%
  - Social protection: 36.8%
  - Economic affairs: 5.3%
  - General public services: 11.6%
  - Education: 13.4%
  - Health: 16.5%

**Budget Practices and Procedures**

**Fiscal rules: Types and legal foundation (2012)**

- United Kingdom: Expenditure rule(s): NO, Revenue rule(s): NO, Budget balance rule(s): YES, Debt rule(s): YES
- OECD:
  - Expenditure rule(s): NO
  - Revenue rule(s): NO
  - Budget balance rule(s): YES
  - Debt rule(s): YES

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**Use of performance budgeting practices at the central level of government (2011)**

- Index: 0.38
- Source: OECD 2011 Survey on Performance Budgeting
Public Employment

Employment in general government (2011)

% of labour force

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Source: International Labour Organisation Database & OECD Labour Force Statistics

Women in Government

Share of women in general government (2010)

% of general government employment

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Share of ministers who are women (2012)

% of ministers

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<td>24.9%</td>
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Source: International Labour Organisation

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union Parline Database

Public Procurement

Procurement expenditure (2011)

% of government expenditures

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Use of innovative procurement tools in central government (2012)

Functionalities in e-procurement systems

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Open and Inclusive Government

Asset disclosure: Level of disclosure of private interests and public availability of information (2012)

Source: OECD 2012 Survey on Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Serving Citizens: quality of public services

Access to medical care (2011)
out of pocket expenditure as a % of final household consumption

Source: OECD Health Statistics 2013

Citizen take-up of e-government services (2012)
% of individuals using the internet to interact with public authorities

Source: Eurostat and OECD

Satisfaction and confidence across public services (2012)
% of citizens expressing confidence/satisfaction

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Government at a Glance 2013
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