

**Total assets of Private Pension Funds<sup>1</sup> within OECD countries**  
(2001 preliminary data)

*\$billion*

	Total assets	As % of GDP
Australia	417.9	62
Austria <sup>2</sup>	22.8	1
Belgium <sup>2</sup>	13.4	6
Canada	418.8	48
Czech Republic	1.8	4
Denmark	39.0	22
Finland	10.9	9
France	-	-
Germany <sup>2</sup>	63.0	3
Greece <sup>3</sup>	4.7	4
Hungary	2.3	5
Iceland <sup>2</sup>	7.2	83
Ireland <sup>2</sup>	48.5	52
Italy <sup>2</sup>	48.1	4
Japan	811.6	21
Korea <sup>2</sup>	11.5	3
Luxembourg	..	..
Mexico	11.4	2
Netherlands	383.2	113
New-Zealand	8.6	11
Norway	12.9	8
Poland	4.9	3
Portugal <sup>2</sup>	12.4	12
Slovak Republic	-	1
Spain <sup>3</sup>	12.8	2
Sweden <sup>2</sup>	6.8	3
Switzerland <sup>4</sup>	268.6	102
Turkey	..	..
United Kingdom <sup>2</sup>	1226.3	85
United States	5115.9	75
<b>Total assets within OECD countries</b>	<b>8985.4</b>	

Sources: OECD Secretariat compilation from various national sources and Institutional Investors database.

Conventional signs:

.. : Not available.

- : Nil or negligible.

Footnotes:

1. Data includes Autonomous pension funds per the OECD taxonomy (pension entities + funds maintained in separate accounts). For a detailed definition see below.

*Autonomous pension fund*: in occupational plans, a pension fund that is legally separated from the plan sponsor taking the form of either a special purpose legal entity (a pension entity) or a separate account managed by financial institutions on behalf of the plan/fund members. Pension funds that support personal pension plans are by definition autonomous. Both in occupational and personal pension plans, the plan/fund members have a legal or beneficial right or some other contractual claim against the assets held in the autonomous pension fund.

*Pension entity*: a legal entity through which the ownership rights over the pension fund are created. The pension entity may also have legal capacity (and responsibility) to safeguard and manage the pension fund, and may also be responsible for other aspects of the administration of a pension plan. Pension entities may take different legal forms, including trusts, foundations, and mutual associations.

2. 2000 data.

3. 1999 data.

4. 1998 data.