





# About OECD StatLinks

## What are StatLinks?

OECD StatLinks are an electronic publishing solution that enables links between tables and graphs in publications, whether they are in print or e-book format, and the underlying data in Microsoft Excel™ spreadsheets.

## How readers and users benefit from StatLinks...

Users can download Excel™ files of figures used in tables and graphs and use the figures in their own work. Access is provided to the most up-to-date versions of graphs and data.

In some cases supplementary data is provided in the Excel™ files.

In some cases data spanning a longer time period than in the book is provided in the Excel™ files.

## What our users think of StatLinks...

“This is excellent!! – More like this would be great!” – (Senior Policy Analyst, Canada)

“I have accessed the Web book for the OECD STI Scoreboard – it is wonderful to be able to see the numbers behind the charts!!” – (Policy Adviser, Australia)

“The Web book edition is great. It is extremely useful to be able to access the data in Excel. Well done!” – (Scoreboard user in the UK)

“This is the best service I have found for a long time.” – (User at the University of Tampere, Finland)

“Yesterday I had the chance to go through your StatLink service, I think it has real promise, much easier to navigate than many sites, and nicely presented. I can see it being really popular.” – (Senior Economist, UNCTAD).

## How do StatLinks work?

**StatLinks use Digital Object Identifier technology (DOI)** which is an emerging international standard for identifying published material on line.

**For each StatLink you will find a URL which leads to the corresponding spreadsheet.** These links work in the same way as an Internet link. In an electronic publication the user can click the link to access the data. For print publications the user will need to type the link address into an Internet browser. Try with the following:  
*<http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/317646774444>*.

**A StatLink, like the DOI on which it is based, is a persistent identifier in that, once registered, never changes.** This means that even if the destination of the file has moved the StatLink will still be able to locate the data. This also means that authors can use the StatLinks when they cite OECD tables in their articles and reports, confident that their readers will be able to follow the link to the underlying data.