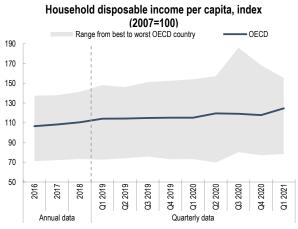
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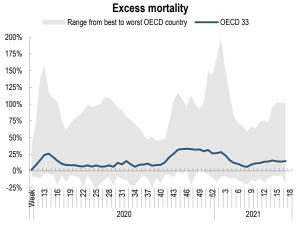
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Material well-being

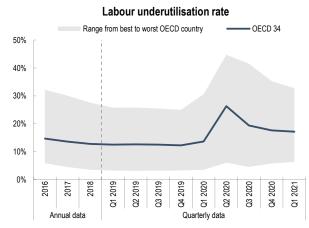


Note: Between Q4 2019 and Q4 2020, household disposable income per capita increased cumulatively by 2% for the OECD on average.

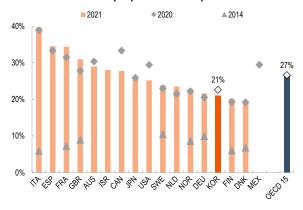
Quality of life



Note: Excess mortality is expressed as the percentage change in the total number of deaths from week 11 2020 to week 19 2021, compared to the 2015-2019 average. Between March 2020 and May 2021, excess mortality averaged 16% for the OECD 33.



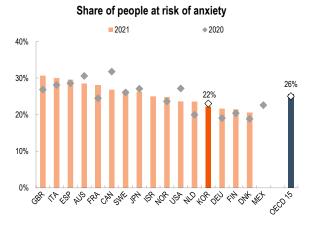
Note: The labour underutilisation rate includes the unemployed, marginally attached workers and the underemployed, expressed as a share of the total labour force. Between Q4 2019 and Q4 2020, the labour underutilisation rate increased from 12% to 18% for the OECD 34 on average.



Note: Risk of depression is measured using the PHQ-4 instrument. In 2020 and 2021, the share of people at risk of depression in Korea was 23% and 21% respectively, and 27% for both years for the OECD 15 on average. Data for 2014 are not strictly comparable with later years, as they come from a different source.

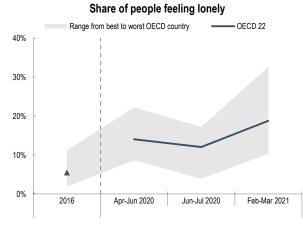
Share of people at risk of depression





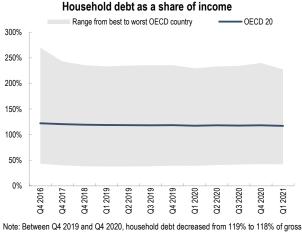
Note: Risk of anxiety is measured using the PHQ-4 instrument. In 2020 and 2021, the share of people at risk of anxiety in Korea was 23% and 22% respectively, and 25% and 26% for the OECD 15 on average.

Community relations



Note: Data refer to people reporting feeling lonely "most" or "all of the time" in the past two weeks. In April-June 2020 and February-March 2021, it was 14% and 19% for the OECD 22 on average. In 2016, the share of people feeling lonely was 6% for the OECD 22 on average, but this value is not strictly comparable with later years, as it stems from a different source.

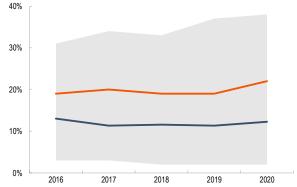
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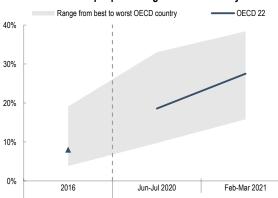
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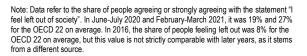


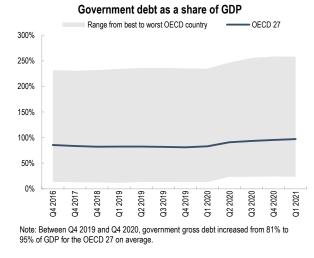
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Note: Very low life satisfaction is defined as answering 4 or less on the 0-10 Cantril ladder scale. Between 2019 and 2020, the share of people reporting low life satisfaction increased from 19% to 22% in Korea, and from 11% to 12% for the OECD 35 on average.

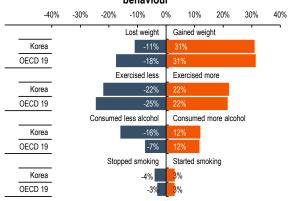




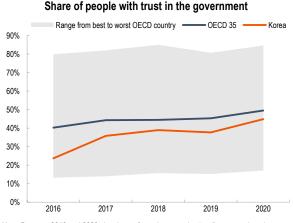


Share of people feeling left out of society

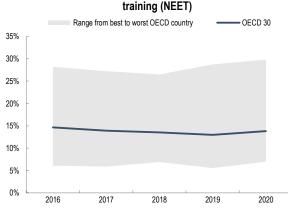
Share of people who reported changes in health behaviour



Note: Data refer to the share of people reporting changes in health behaviour since the start of the pandemic until October-November 2020.

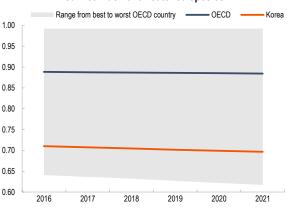


Note: Between 2019 and 2020, the share of people answering "yes" to a question about whether they have confidence in the national government increased from 38% to 45% in Korea, and from 45% to 49% for the OECD 35 on average.



Young people not in employment, education or

Note: Between 2019 and 2020, the share of young people aged 15-29 not in employment, education or training increased from 13% to 14% for the OECD 30 on average.



Red List Index of threatened species

Note: A Red List Index value of 0 refers to all species having gone extinct, and a value of 1.0 refers to all species qualifying as "Least Concern". Between 2019 and 2021, the Red List Index of threatened species remained stable at 0.70 in Korea, and decreased from 0.89 to 0.88 for the OECD on average.

For more information

Access the complete OECD (2021) *COVID-19 and Well-being: Life in the Pandemic* publication: www.oecd.org/wise/covid-19-and-well-being-1e1ecb53-en.htm.

Find the data used in this country profile, and more information about indicator definitions, sources and methodology at: www.oecd.org/wise/COVID-19-well-being-country-notes-data.xlsx.

Whenever data are available for fewer than all 38 OECD countries, the number of countries included in the calculation of the OECD average is specified in the figure and note (e.g. OECD 33).

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