



- Growing demand for going beyond GDP
- Long-term OECD interest on well-being
- Renewed OECD mission: Better Policies for Better Lives
- · Shift in emphasis from measurement to actionable well-being:
 - · Well-being focus in policy-making
 - Connecting people with policies

Which dimensions?

Community

Work-Life Balance

Jobs

Health

Safety

Life Satisfaction

Income

Civic Engagement

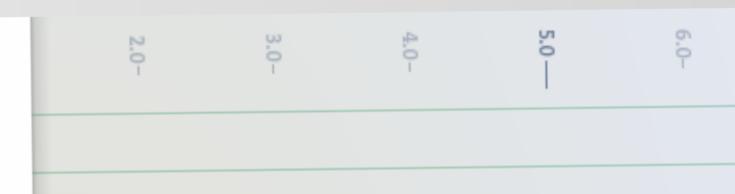
Environment

Housing

Education

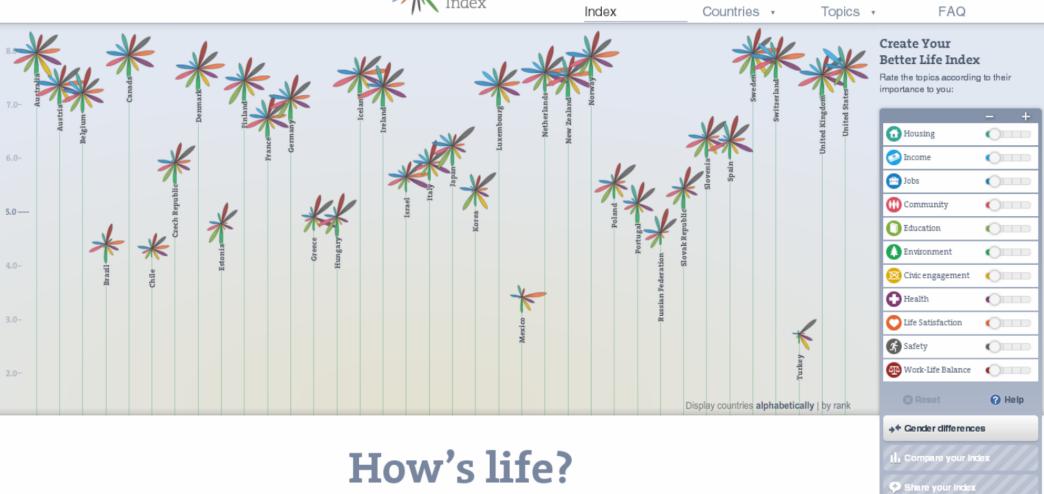
First attempt at an international level to present comprehensive and comparable evidence on well-being.

Better Life Index A



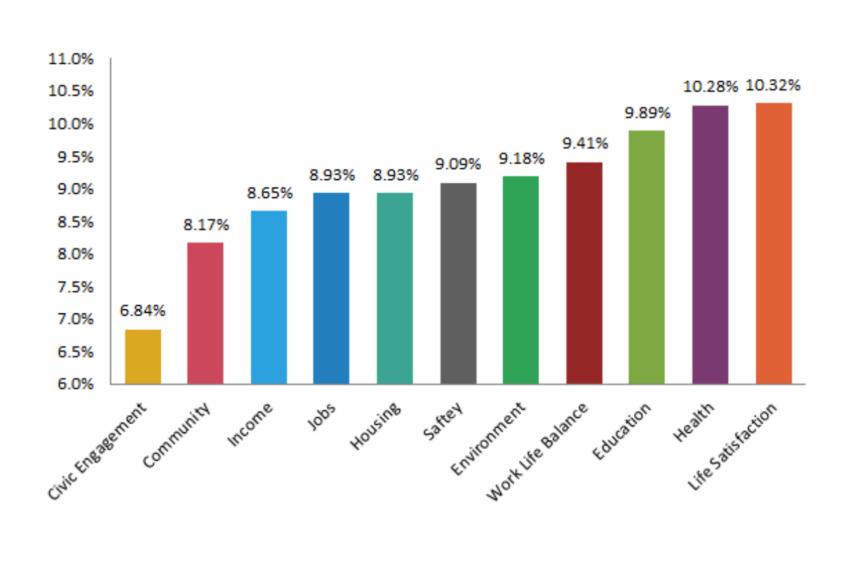
An instrument for learning what matters most for people's well-being





We have listened to users

Life satisfaction, education and health are leading topics





Men care more about income and less about community, health and work-life balance

Health and civic engagement become more important with age, while younger people focus on work-life balance



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Interest from many communities

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A BETTER LIFE INDEX

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Nicely done visualization and enlightening of OECD stats by Moritz Stefaner and co.



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Next steps:

Better lives

By mainstreaming the well-being agenda globally and locally

A toolkit based on the multidimensional Better Life framework to:

- 1. Monitor well-being
- 2. Understand well-being drivers
- 3. Embed well-being into policy evaluation
- 4. Act consistently across the board

Engage with us

- Use the framework and index and share it with your networks
- Build your own Better Life project
- Join the Better Life community



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