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The OECD Social Expenditure data base (SOCX) has been developed to monitor trends in aggregate social expenditure as well as changes in its composition. SOCX contains information on expenditure in main social policy areas such as old-age and disability cash benefits, occupational injury and disease, sickness benefits, services for elderly and disabled people, survivors, unemployment, other income maintenance programmes (low income, housing and family benefits), public spending on health and education and active labour market programmes (ALMP). With the publication of SOCX, the OECD intends to serve a growing need for indicators of social policy across its Member countries.

This publication is in three parts:

Part I: An interpretative guide to the data in SOCX;
Part II: Comparative country tables;
Part III: Individual country tables.

The first part of this publication contains an interpretative guide to the data in SOCX and its underlying concepts. The definitions used in outlining social expenditure are presented. This section also discusses some limitations of the data. Part II of the publication consists of comparative tables on social expenditure for the years 1980-1993. Individual country tables with data on social expenditure at programme-level are included in Part III.

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La base de données sur les dépenses sociales (SOCX) a été élaborée pour permettre d'observer l'évolution de l'ensemble des dépenses sociales ainsi que les modifications survenues dans la composition de ces dépenses. SOCX contient des informations sur les dépenses des principaux programmes de la politique sociale tels que les prestations de vieillesse et les allocations d'invalidité en espèces, les indemnités pour maladie professionnelle ou accidents de travail, les services aux personnes âgées et handicapées, les allocations aux survivants, les prestations de chômage, les autres prestations de garanties de ressources (bas revenus, allocations familiales et services aux familles); les dépenses publiques dans les domaines de la santé, de l'éducation et dans les programmes d'aide à l'emploi. En publiant cette base de données, l'OCDE souhaite répondre au besoin croissant de ses pays membres d'information sur les politiques sociales.

Cette publication comprend trois parties:

Ière partie :guide pour l'interprétation des données de la base SOCX;
IIème partie :tableaux comparatifs des différents pays;
IIIème partie :tableaux par pays.

La première partie de cette publication renferme un guide pour l'interprétation des données contenues dans SOCX ainsi que des notions sur lesquelles la base est fondée. On y présente les différentes classifications de dépenses et on y recense certaines limitations des données. La deuxième partie de la publication se compose de tableaux comparatifs des dépenses sociales pour la période 1980-1993. La troisième partie contient les tableaux par pays avec des données sur les dépenses sociales par programme.

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