Government at a Glance

◼Data source(s) used

Most of the data in *Government at a Glance* have been compiled by the OECD. However, data are also drawn from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and Eurostat. More information can be found in the in the Introduction and in the Readers's guide of the *Government at a Glance* publication.

◼Data Characteristics
◼Other data characteristics

Government at a Glance provides a dashboard of *indicators* assembled to help decision makers and the public analyse and benchmark governments across OECD members and partner countries.

This database represents a selection of *indicators* as presented in the 2017 edition of the *Government at a Glance* publication. The Introduction of the overall *Government at a Glance* publication, describes its objective, framework and the structure by chapters, as well as the changes compared to the previous 2015 edition and the future challenges. Governments in OECD countries operate in an economic, social and political environment which is increasingly complex and unpredictable. In this context, governments are striving to design and implement reforms that support inclusive growth, improve access to and quality of public services while also ensuring high value for money to address persisting budget constraints. *Government at a Glance* 2017 provides a wealth of evidence on public practices and procedures to inform public sector reforms in member countries and partner countries. This editions contains the most recent data on public finance and public employment, as well as a number of survey data on public practices and procedures (including for instance budgeting practices and procedures, human resource management, public sector integrity, regulatory governance, open government and risk management and communication) and two chapters on results and outcomes of government operations. In this edition, the opening chapter uses indicators presented in the publication to provide policy insights on how to deal with complexity with a particular focus on integrating systems thinking and new working methods and tools in government, leveraging the wealth of data and evidence available and opening up government processes to stakeholders for better results.

Further information on *Government at a Glance* 2017 edition, which include also the publication of qualitative data via a dedicated web platform as well as Country fact sheets (i.e. key data by country) and Country contextual notes (i.e. key features of the political and administrative structures by country), can be found at:

- o **Government at a Glance website**

◼Periodicity

Annual data

◼Concepts & Classifications
◼Classification(s) used

Government at a Glance indicators use, in principle, a common set of concepts, definitions and classifications according to the different subjects. This is done by the use of international frameworks, and its compilation procedures, such as the pillars SNA (System of National Accounts), the ILO definitions and classifications and the UN COFOG. In addition, in some indicators OECD instruments have been established regarding for example the Regulatory governance (Principles for Regulatory Quality and Performance), Public Procurement (Principles for Integrity in Public Procurement) and Budgetary institutional features in terms of Public-Private Partnerships (Principles for Public governance of PPPs). Proper metadata and references are shown alongside with the indicators in the publication.

- o **Government at a Glance publication**