

# OECD.Stat Web Browser User Guide

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## Introduction

OECD.Stat provides a single online platform where users can discover and access statistical databases from the OECD. You will be able to build tables and extract data from across databases as well as work within individual databases. Use *Browse Themes* or *Search* to find the statistical information you need. Each database includes detailed metadata to help you understand the numbers.

OECD.Stat offers a number of opportunities for improving data management, in particular in the following areas:

- General data identification, taxonomy and classification
- Data accessibility and security
- Data relevance by the provision of related metadata
- Fostering coherency of statistical data and metadata
- Eliminating duplication of effort by maintaining a single copy of key series

It also provides a common platform for future development and implementation of standards for statistical data and metadata across the OECD.

## *OECD.Stat Concepts*

OECD.Stat features the following main concepts:

- Catalogues of information on **themes, datasets, dimensions, dimension members** and **reference series**
- Storage of **metadata** at all levels from dataset through to cell level
- Storage of numeric **data** figures, as well as cell-level **flags**
- A data warehouse **searching** mechanism

## Data Organisation

### *Datasets*

Within OECD.Stat, statistical data are organised in the form of datasets. A dataset is a collection of numerical values and their associated textual information, with all values sharing a common set of dimensions. Each dataset is attached to a specific statistical activity or sub-activity.

### *Dimensions*

The dimensions of a dataset are the axes on which the data are described. Country and year are two common examples of dimensions. Dimensions can be presented as either a flat list or as a hierarchy.

### *Dimension Members*

Every dimension contains a pre-defined list of items, called dimension members. In the country dimension for example, the dimension members are the individual countries.

### *Metadata*

Qualitative data, attached to the quantitative data in OECD.Stat is called metadata. Metadata can be found at various levels, ranging from an abstract found at the level of an entire dataset, country- or series-level footnotes which apply to a broad selection of data within a dataset, and down to the level of a single cell.

### *Flags*

When a qualitative note is recurrent in a dataset, and the exact same note can be attached to many individual data figures, this may be stored as a flag. A flag is a letter, which appears alongside the numerical data in any table cell where it applies. A legend appears beneath the table, explaining the signification of each flag present in the table. Flags are frequently used to note general data properties such as "confidential", "provisional" and "estimated".

## **Reference Series**

A number of data series, identified by the OECD Statistics Directorate as being generally useful in the calculation of indicators, are available via the Reference Series dataset. Data in this dataset are linked dynamically to the source datasets from which they are taken, so that there is no duplication of data and in order to ensure that the Reference Series contain the most recent data available.

## **Search**

A text-based search facility, which searches through dataset names, dimension names, dimension member names and metadata, can be used to quickly locate relevant datasets and view tables.

## **The OECD.Stat Web Browser**

The OECD.Stat Web Browser provides the online user environment to access OECD statistical information. The browser has been designed to allow both experienced and new users to rapidly locate and retrieve statistical data and related metadata.

Main features include:

- Links to frequently requested tables - access the latest versions of the most frequently requested OECD Reference Series data (Exchange rates, GDP figures, etc.)
- "Table View" – view data, flags and metadata from a table that includes a number of features for customising the layout of the data.
- "Data Basket" - save data queries for later viewing, and share them with others.
- Merge Queries – combine queries to allow cross-dataset comparisons along common dimension(s).
- Metadata access - access all metadata from dataset level down to series footnotes and data flags.
- Microdata viewer - access transaction-level microdata in addition to aggregate macrodata.
- Full Text Search - rapidly locate series across data sets, data dimensions and metadata.
- Dynamic graphics – visualize data dynamically in a line chart, bar chart or pie chart.

# User Guide

The OECD.Stat Web Browser has been designed to be straightforward and intuitive in use. It does, however, contain a number of advanced features, which reflect the diversity of the Organization's statistical resources. This User Guide has been prepared to help acquaint first-time users with these features, by stepping through them with the aid of selected screen shots.

## Getting Started Page

From the *Getting Started* page, the user has the option of finding OECD statistical data and metadata through a number of different avenues.

Data can be located in various ways:

- **OECD.Stat Search**
- **Browse Themes**
- **Browse Queries**

Each of these options will be explained in more detail in the remainder of the User Guide.

The browser is best used in full-screen view at 1024x768 pixel screen resolution or higher.

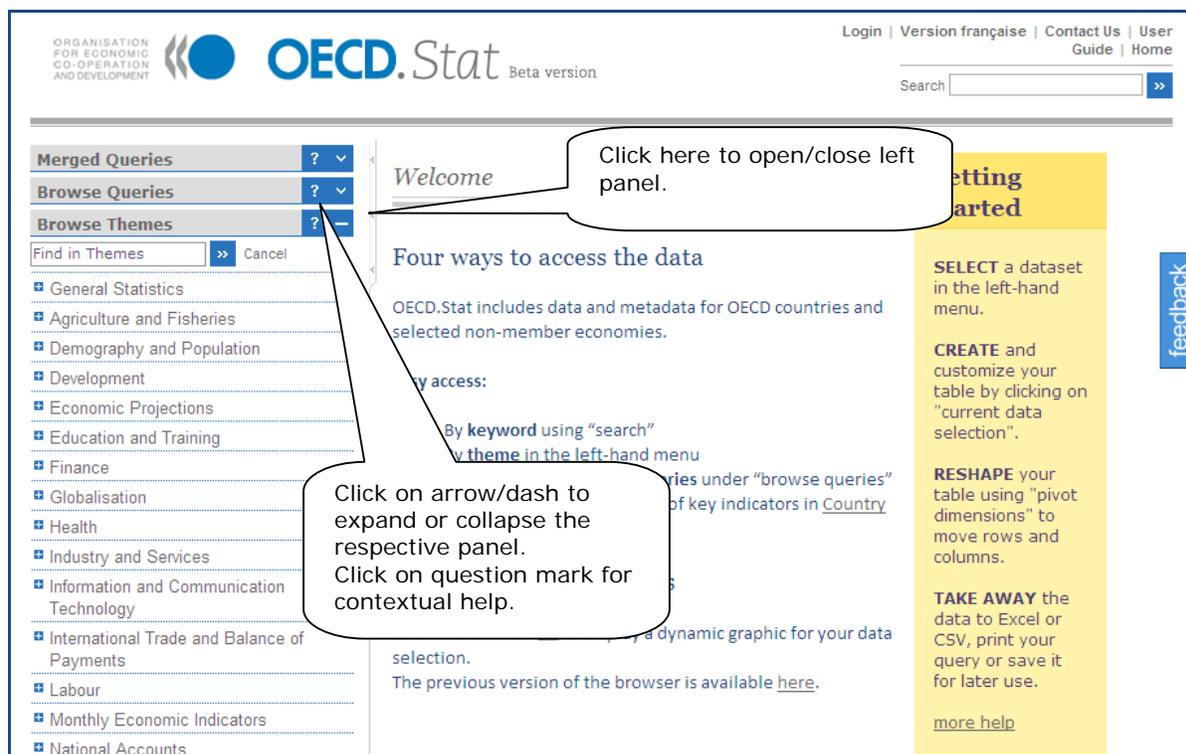


Figure 1: OECD.Stat Browser Getting Started page

## Language Selection

The interface and data can be viewed in English or French. The language can be changed by clicking on the language option, located at the top of the screen.



Figure 2: Changing the language of the browser

## Locating Data through the OECD.Stat Search

Data can be located by entering keywords in the OECD.Stat Search box, at the top right of the page. This will return a list of links giving the name of each dataset in which the keywords were found, and providing further details as to where the keywords are present within each dataset. The most relevant links are shown first based on the frequency with which the keywords appear in each dataset, and at which level they were found. A keyword found in the name of a dataset is considered more relevant than a keyword found only in one of the dimension members of a dimension of the dataset or in the metadata.

Clicking on the link will open the dataset with the default view. If a country has been entered as a keyword, the results will be filtered to reflect this. The tables resulting from a search will contain any references to the search keywords entered that could be found in the data. These tables can be modified and used as a starting point to find data related to the keywords entered.

The screenshot shows the OECD.Stat search interface. At the top, the search box contains the text 'education expenditure'. Below the search box, a navigation menu on the left lists various categories such as 'General Statistics', 'Agriculture and Fisheries', 'Demography and Population', 'Development', 'Economic Projections', 'Education and Training', 'Finance', 'Globalisation', 'Health', 'Industry and Services', 'Information and Communication Technology', 'International Trade and Balance of Payments', 'Labour', 'Monthly Economic Indicators', and 'National Accounts'. The main content area displays the search results for 'education expenditure', showing 46 results found. The results are ranked by relevance and include the following items:

- Social Expenditure - Detailed data**
  - Found in: *datasetname*: ... Social Expenditure - Detailed data ...
  - Found in: *membername*: ... Child care (pre-primary education) ... Pre-school education ... Labour market and education analysis ... Administration of DEETYA (Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs) ... State/territory expenditure ... Adult migrant education programme (tuition costs) ... State/Territory expenditure (Training f
- Expenditure by nature and resource category**
  - Found in: *datasetname*: ... Expenditure by nature and resource category ...
  - Found in: *membername*: ... Pre-primary education ... Primary education ... Lower secondary education ... Upper secondary education ... Post-secondary non-tertiary education ... Tertiary-type B education ... All levels of education + not allocated by level ...
  - Found in: *dimensionname*: ... Level of education ... Nature of expenditure ...
- Expenditure by funding source and transaction type**
  - Found in: *datasetname*: ... Expenditure by funding source and transaction type ...
  - Found in: *membername*: ... Pre-primary education ... Primary education ... Lower secondary education ... Upper secondary

Figure 3: Results from the search ranked in order of relevance

## Locating Data by Browsing Themes

In the *Browse Themes* panel, click a theme title, click a sub-theme title and so forth, until you can select a dataset. Datasets can be recognised by the table icon in front of their name. A pre-defined, default view of the table will open. This view can be customized (see next section).

The screenshot shows the OECD.Stat web browser interface. On the left is the 'Browse Themes' panel with a tree view of categories: General Statistics, Agriculture and Fisheries, Demography and Population, Development, Economic Projections, Education and Training, and Finance. Under Finance, 'Bank Profitability Statistics' is expanded, showing 'Income Statement and Balance Sheet (New)' with a table icon. The central panel displays a table of datasets for 'Income Statement and Balance Sheet', with columns for 'Item', 'Bank', and 'Country'. A callout box points to the 'Income Statement and Balance Sheet' dataset in the table. The right panel shows the 'Metadata' for this dataset, including source information, data characteristics, and population & scope.

**Metadata**

**Income Statement and Balance Sheet**

**Source**

Contact person/organisation  
j.finstat@oecd.org

**Data Characteristics**

**Unit of measure used**

Statistics are reported at current prices in millions of national currency and in millions of Euros for OECD countries which are members of the Euro zone:  
Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.  
Non financial data are given in units.

**Population & Scope**

**Statistical population**

Bank profitability statistics are based on financial statements of banks in each Member country and are presented in the standard OECD framework. Although the objective is to include all institutions which conduct ordinary banking business, namely institutions which primarily take deposits from the public and

**Table Data:**

Item	Bank	Country
1. Interest income		22.3
2. Interest expenses		16.1
3. Net interest income		6.2
4. Net non-interest income		6.4
4.a. Fees and commissions receivable		3.4
4.b. Fees and commissions payable		
4.c. Net profit or loss on financial operations		
4.d. Other net non-interest income		2.8
5. Net interest and non-interest income		12.2
6. Operating expenses		8.4
6.a. Staff costs		4.3

Figure 4: Browsing through themes to view data

## Locating a dataset or a query in the theme list

At the top of the *Browse Themes* panel click the text box and enter a key term to search for within the theme and data set list. Click the ">>" sign or press *Enter* to execute the search. All found entries will be highlighted in yellow.

To start over, simply click *Reset* to the right of the text box and click the text box again in order to enter a new key term.

The screenshot shows the OECD.Stat web browser interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "migration" entered and a blue ">>" button to its right. Below the search bar is a "Reset" button. The left-hand menu is expanded to show "Migration Statistics", with "International Migration Database" highlighted in yellow. A callout box points to the search bar and contains the following text: "Enter a key term and search among the themes and data sets in the theme panel. Results will be highlighted in the panel." Below the callout box is a list of search methods:
 

- By keyword using "search"
- By theme in the left-hand menu
- By accessing your saved queries under "browse queries"
- By country via the selection of key indicators in [Country statistical profiles 2008](#)

 The right-hand side of the interface features a yellow "Getting Started" panel with instructions:
 

- SELECT** a dataset in the left-hand menu.
- CREATE** and customize your table by clicking on "current data selection".
- RESHAPE** your table using "pivot dimensions" to move rows and columns.
- TAKE AWAY** the data to Excel or CSV, print your query or save it for later use.

 A "more help" link is also present at the bottom of the panel. The top of the page includes the OECD logo, "OECD.Stat Beta version", and navigation links for "Login", "Version française", "Contact Us", "User Guide", and "Home".

Figure 5: Find a theme or data set

This search routine will look for exact matches of the entered text string, including spaces but irrelevant of miniscule or majuscule characters.

This method also allows a quick lookup for well known OECD data sets by their acronym, e.g. MEI, STAN, ITCS, etc.

## Using the Table Features

When a dataset is first opened, a table in a default view is presented. This default data selection can be modified using the features found atop the table.

The screenshot shows the OECD.Stat web browser interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for 'Login', 'Version française', 'Contact Us', 'User Guide', and 'Home'. The main content area displays the 'Dataset: Reference Series' for Australia. The 'Current data selection' is shown as 'Country [39 / 41]', 'Subject [52 / 59]', and 'Time & Frequency [17]'. Below this, there are several icons for table features: a checkmark, a document, a printer, a download, a chart, and a merge queries button. The table below shows data for Australia from 2006 to 2009, with columns for 'Country', 'Frequency', 'Time', and 'Subject'. The 'Subject' column lists various indicators such as 'Population Statistics', 'Interest rates', 'Share Prices', 'Balance of Payments', 'Exchange Rates', 'Official Reserves', and 'Industry'.

		Country	Time			
		Australia	Annual			
		Frequency	2006	2007	2008	2009
Subject						
Population Statistics	Population mid-year estimates Total, Annual, ('000)		20 701.00	21 017.00	..	..
Interest rates	Short-term interest rates, Monthly, Per cent per annum		5.99	6.67	..	..
	Long-term interest rates, Monthly, Per cent per annum		5.59	6.00	..	..
Share Prices	Share Prices, Monthly, Index (base 2000 = 100)		161.50	194.88	..	..
Balance of Payments	Current Accounts Balance, Monthly, in millions (US Dollars), \$B		-40 144.84	-56 489.39	..	..
Exchange Rates	Currency exchange rates, Monthly, National units per US-Dollar		1.33	1.20	..	..
Official Reserves	Reserve Assets, Monthly, SDR millions		35 617.70	15 763.60	..	..
Industry	Industrial Production Index, Monthly, (base 2000 = 100),		105.66	108.95	..	..

Figure 6: Default dataset view and Current Selection values

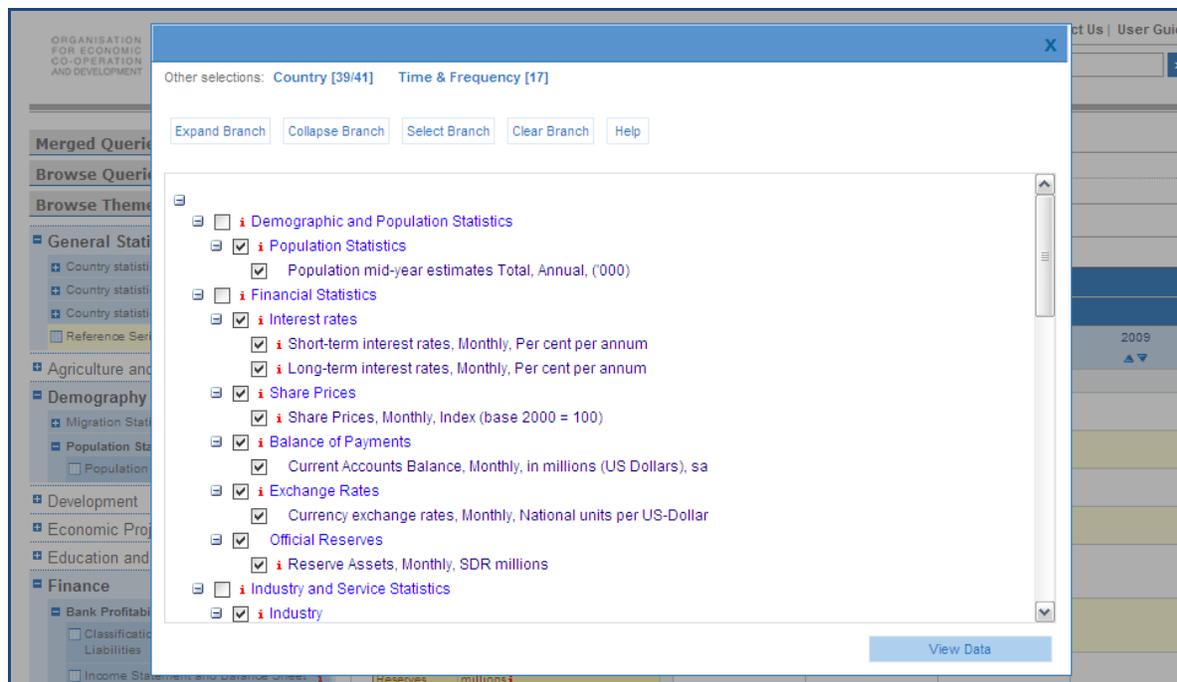
The *Current Data Selection* information shows the dimensions of the dataset with an indication, in parentheses, of the number of items, or members, selected in each dimension. If you click a dimension title, a list of the members you can chose from will be shown.

Once you have made your data selection, you can:

- click on one of the several option buttons to customize the layout (✓, 📄) and/or display (📄) of the current table
- click the *Export to Excel* button (📄) to save your selection as an MS Excel file
- click the *Other Export* button (📄) to save your selection as a CSV file, PC-Axis table, or download related, ready-made files
- click on the *Chart* button (📊) to dynamically graph the displayed data
- click the *Merge Queries* button (🔍) to add your current table view as a query for further work. You will need to login first to take full advantage of all query features.

## Selecting Dimensions and their Variables

The items selected for each dimension, often referred to as dimension members, can be modified by clicking on the  button to *Select Dimensions* at the top of a table.



**Figure 7: Using the Dimension Selector**

To select or deselect an item, click the check box to the left of the item. In hierarchical dimensions, a plus or minus will appear next to parent-level items. Clicking on this symbol will allow you to show or hide the child items.

At the top of the screen, a series of options appear.

To apply your modified selection of items for the current dimension and see a table of data corresponding to this new selection, click *View Data*. Alternatively, after changing the selection for one dimension, you can click on another dimension to modify, before viewing the new table of data.

For hierarchical dimensions, clicking on Expand Branch or Collapse Branch will show or hide all the child-level items of the dimension.

Note: If all members of a hierarchical dimension are selected, the resulting table could contain empty rows or columns corresponding to the higher levels (see below).

## Dimension Member Colour Coding

The OECD.Stat Web Browser uses colour coding to help you identify for which dimension members data exists. This is especially important for sparse datasets where data can be found in only a small proportion of dimension combinations. This function has been provided to save time by avoiding searching for non-existent data.

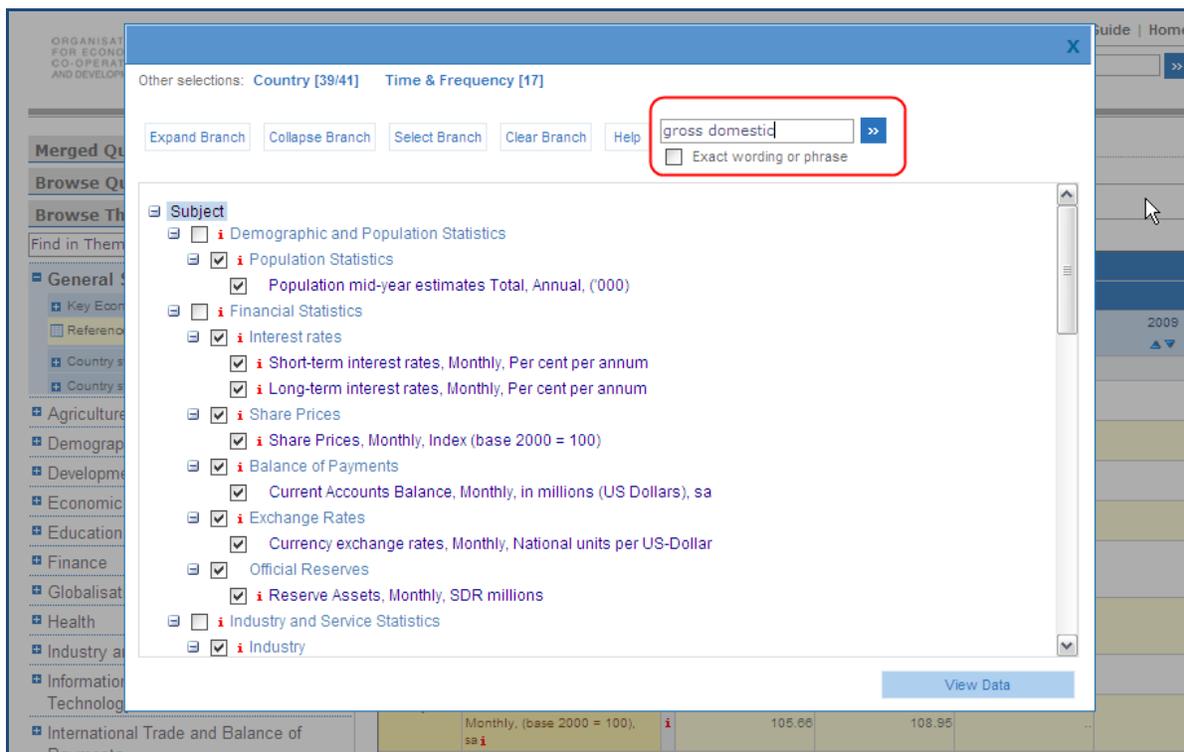
The colours for each dimension member indicate the following:

Based on the current selection for all other dimensions...

- Dark Blue:** The item has data.
- Blue:** The item has no data but some of its children have data.
- Green:** Item has no data at any level.

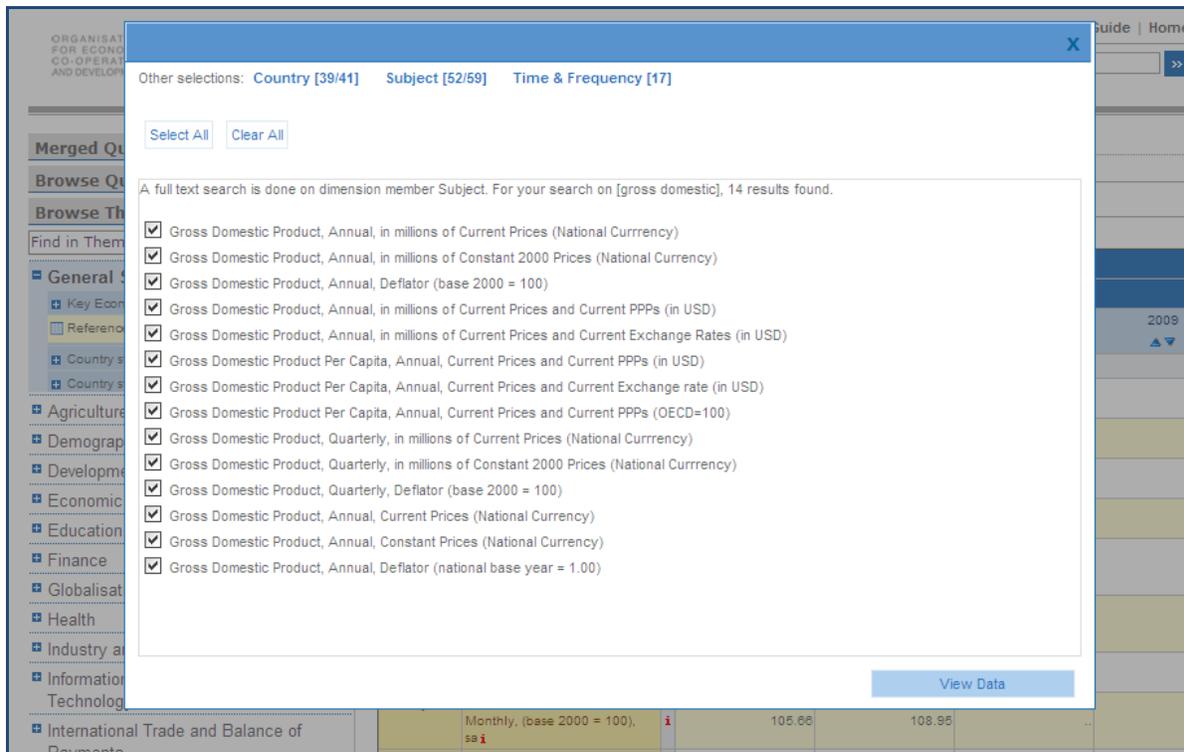
Remember: The colour coding takes into account the current selection for all other members. In other words, the colours indicate the existence of data for the countries, years, etc. currently selected.

Another option is to search in the dimension selector to display dimension members matching the search criteria.



**Figure 8: Searching in the dimension selector**

All matching dimension members will be displayed and automatically selected.



**Figure 9: Results of a Search in the dimension selector**

## Changing the Time Dimension

The options available for changing the selected dates of a time dimension are different from those presented for other dimensions. Dates can be selected either using the Date Range Selection method or the Time Period Selection method.

### Date Range Selection

All frequencies available for the selected dataset are shown on the screen. If the data is only annual, for example, the controls for selecting quarters, semesters and months will not appear.

First tick the boxes next to the frequencies to be included in the selection. Then choose either a specific range of dates (from 1980 to 2000, for example) by clicking Select Date Range, or indicate that you wish to have the most recent data available (last 5 years, for example) by clicking Select Latest Data.

When selecting a date range, it is possible to select a start year, quarter, month, etc. and automatically include all available data from that date onward by ticking the box next to Latest Available Data.

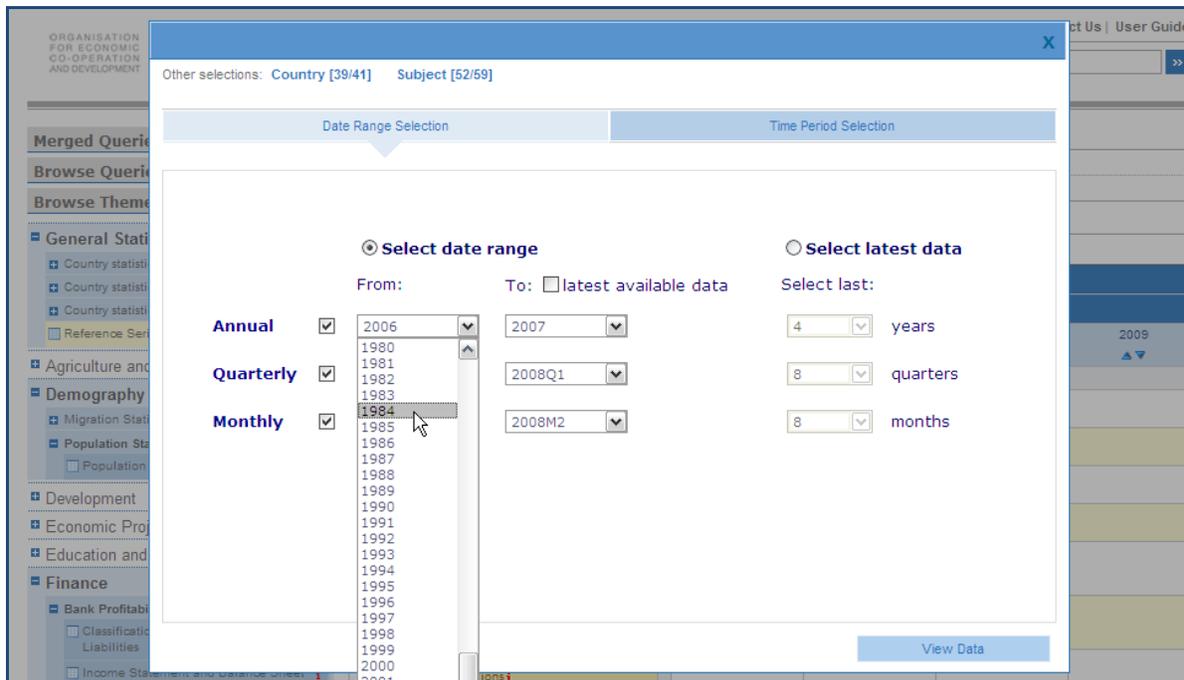
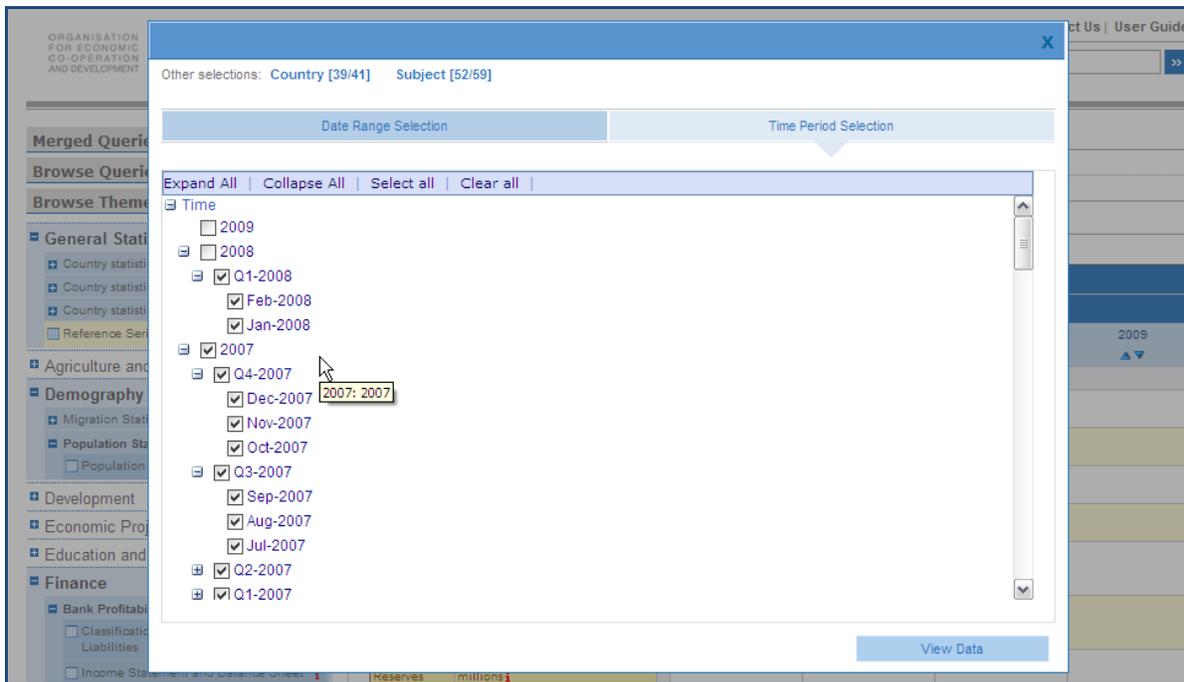


Figure 10: Date Range Selection

## Time Period Selection

It is also possible to select individual years, quarters, months, etc. by ticking the box next to each item. This is necessary if the selection of dates you wish to include is not a continuous series, but instead contains breaks or time periods outside the main date range.

This works in a manner identical to the general dimension selector described above.

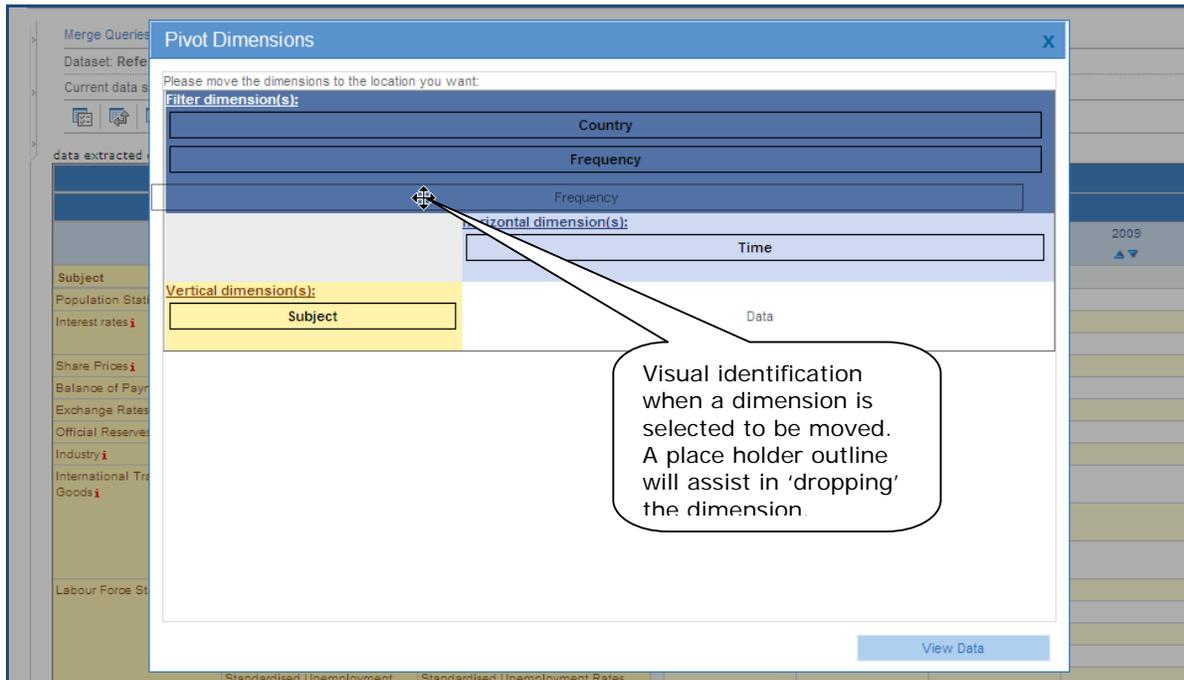


**Figure 11: Time Period Selection**

Note: It is advisable to select a general range of dates using the *Date Range Selection* first, and then include or exclude individual time periods using the *Time Period Selection* screen. The inverse, making changes to a *Time Period Selection* using the *Date Range Selection* screen, may result in some of the individual time periods selected being lost, as the *Date Range Selection* screen is only able to manage continuous, non-broken series of dates.

## Rotating Dimensions by Adjusting the Dataset View

The different dimensions of a dataset can be displayed on either the horizontal or vertical axis of a table, or in the filter area at the top of the table. To move a dimension from one place to another, either click once on the name of the dimension within the table itself or click the *Pivot Dimensions* button above the table. A dialog box will pop up that allows you to visually drag and drop a dimension to the desired location.



**Figure 12: Moving a dimension to rotate the data view**

If a dimension for which more than one item has been selected is placed into the filter area at the top of the page, a drop-down list will become available. To change the filter currently applied to the data, simply select the appropriate value in the drop-down list.

If the dimension in question does not have a drop-down list, then only one item has been selected. To include other items, click on the dimension name in the Current Data Selection box on the left, and follow the instructions provided above to select more items.

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Search

Dataset: Reference Series **i**

Current data selection: Country [39 / 41] Subject [52 / 59] Time & Frequency [17]

data extracted on 2008/09/16 16:58 from OECD.Stat

Country	Frequency	Time
Australia		
Austria		
Belgium		2009
Canada		
Czech Republic		
Denmark		
Finland		
France		
Germany		
Greece		
Hungary		
Iceland		
Ireland		
Italy		
Japan		
Korea		
Luxembourg		
Mexico		
Netherlands		
New Zealand		
Norway		
Poland		
Portugal		
Slovak Republic		
Spain		
Sweden		
Switzerland		
Turkey		
United Kingdom		
United States		

Subject	Description	Unit	Frequency	Time
Population Statistics <b>i</b>	Population mid-year estimates Total, Annual, ('000) <b>i</b>			
Interest rates <b>i</b>	Short-term interest rates, Monthly, Per cent per annum <b>i</b>			
	Long-term interest rates, Monthly, Per cent per annum <b>i</b>			
Share Prices <b>i</b>	Share Prices, Monthly, Index (base 2000 = 100) <b>i</b>			
Balance of Payments <b>i</b>	Current Accounts Balance, Monthly, in millions (US Dollars), sa <b>i</b>			
Exchange Rates <b>i</b>	Currency exchange rates, Monthly, National units per US-Dollar <b>i</b>			
Official Reserves	Reserve Assets, Monthly, SDR millions <b>i</b>			
Industry <b>i</b>	Industrial Production Index, Monthly, (base 2000 = 100), sa <b>i</b>			
International Trade in Goods <b>i</b>	Total Exports of Goods, Monthly, in millions Current Prices (US Dollars), sa <b>i</b>			
	Total Imports of Goods, Monthly, in millions Current Prices (US Dollars), sa <b>i</b>			
	Total Exports less Imports of Goods, Monthly, in millions Current Prices (US Dollars), sa <b>i</b>			
Labour Force	Population 15 - 64, Annual, ('000) <b>i</b>			

Figure 13: Changing the view using Country drop-down list

## Formatting Options

A set of options is available to allow you to format the view of the displayed table, e.g. you can select the number of digits after the decimal point to be displayed, or select a “scaling”, which allows you to display the figures in unit value, hundreds, thousands, hundredths, thousandths, etc.

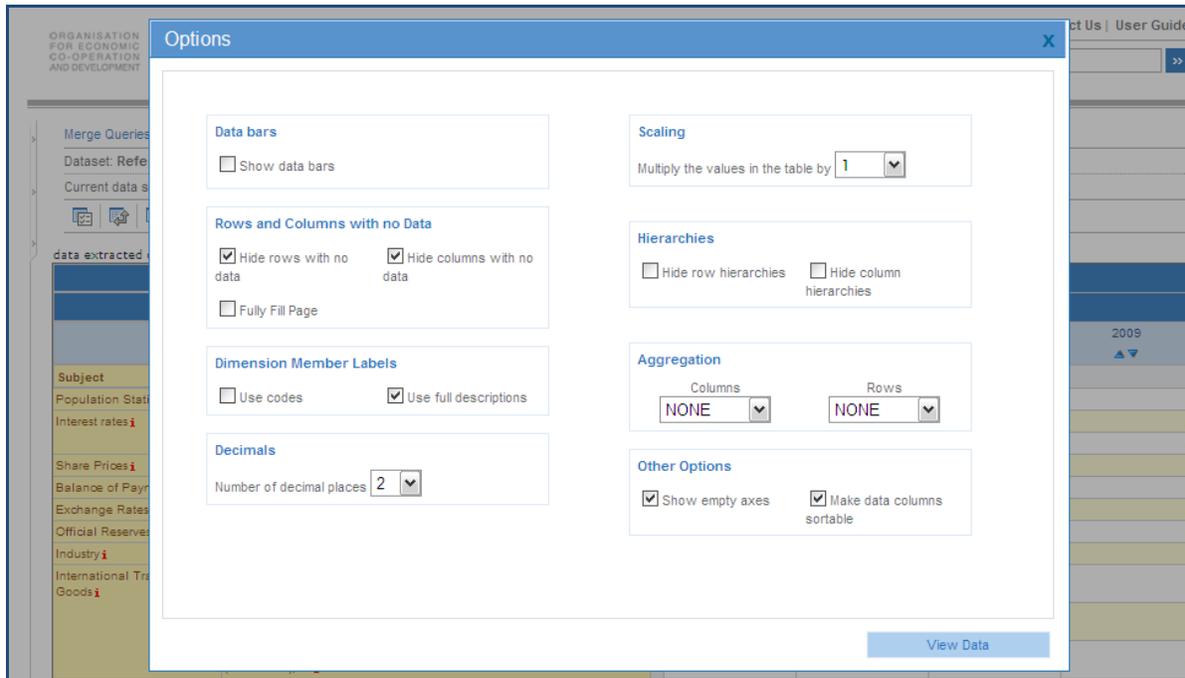


Figure 14: Formatting Options Panel

## Showing Codes Instead of Names

All datasets, dimensions and dimension members have short codes as well as names. If it is useful, the codes can be displayed instead of names, by ticking the option *Use Codes* instead of full descriptions.

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Search

Dataset: Reference Series **i**

Current data selection: Country [39 / 41] Subject [52 / 59] Time & Frequency [17]

data extracted on 2008/09/16 17:20 from OECD.Stat

LOCATION		AUS				
FREQUENCY		A				
TIME			2006	2007	2008	2009
SUBJECT						
YP <b>i</b>	YPTTTTL1_ST <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	20 701.00	21 017.00	..	..
IR <b>i</b>	IR3T <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	5.99	6.67	..	..
	IRLT <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	5.59	6.00	..	..
STATFIN_06 <b>i</b>	SP <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	161.50	194.88	..	..
BP <b>i</b>	BPBLTT01 <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	-40 144.84	-56 489.39	..	..
CC <b>i</b>	CCUS <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	1.33	1.20	..	..
STATFIN_12	XF <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	35 617.70	15 763.60	..	..
PR <b>i</b>	IPI <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	105.66	108.95	..	..
TR_01 <b>i</b>	EXPGOOD <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	10 276.31	11 740.11	..	..
	IMPGOOD <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	11 050.45	13 098.77	..	..
	NETGOOD <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	-774.14	-1 358.66	..	..
LFS_01 <b>i</b>	POFACT <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	13 964.00	14 184.00	..	..
	ET <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	10 240.91	10 522.10	..	..
	EC <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	10 189.91	10 469.87	..	..
	UNEMP <b>i</b>	<b>i</b>	524.05	478.29	..	..
	UNRTSD <b>i</b>	UNRTSDTT	4.79	4.37	..	..

Figure 15: Table showing codes instead of names

### Hiding Empty Rows or Columns

If a table of data has many rows or columns containing no data, it can be useful to hide these rows or columns, in order to condense the table and improve readability.

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Search

Dataset: Reference Series **i**

Current data selection: Country [39 / 41] Subject [52 / 59] Time & Frequency [10]

data extracted on 2008/09/16 17:26 from OECD.Stat

Country		Australia						
Frequency		Annual						
Time		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Subject</b>								
Population Statistics <b>i</b>	Population mid-year estimates Total, Annual, ('000) <b>i</b>	19 153.00	19 413.00	19 653.00	19 898.00	20 133.00	20 400.00	
Interest rates <b>i</b>	Short-term interest rates, Monthly, Per cent per annum <b>i</b>	6.18	4.90	4.75	4.90	5.48	5.64	
	Long-term interest rates, Monthly, Per cent per annum <b>i</b>	6.31	5.62	5.84	5.37	5.59	5.34	
Share Prices <b>i</b>	Share Prices, Monthly, Index (base 2000 = 100) <b>i</b>	100.00	103.16	100.17	98.05	111.70	135.48	
Balance of Payments <b>i</b>	Current Accounts Balance, Monthly, in millions (US Dollars), sa <b>i</b>	-14 552.93	-7 369.63	-15 617.16	-28 248.34	-39 158.11	-40 864.32	
Exchange Rates <b>i</b>	Currency exchange rates, Monthly, National units per US-Dollar <b>i</b>	1.73	1.94	1.84	1.54	1.36	1.31	
Official Reserves	Reserve Assets, Monthly, SDR millions <b>i</b>	13 995.60	14 377.00	15 307.20	21 751.40	23 143.40	29 434.30	
Industry <b>i</b>	Industrial Production Index, Monthly, (base 2000 = 100), sa <b>i</b>	100.00	100.18	103.16	103.09	103.41	105.05	

Figure 16: Before using the Hide Empty Rows and Columns options

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Search

Dataset: Reference Series **i**

Current data selection: Country [39 / 41] Subject [52 / 59] Time & Frequency [10]

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Country		Australia						
Frequency		Annual						
Time		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Subject</b>								
Population Statistics <b>i</b>	Population mid-year estimates Total, Annual, ('000) <b>i</b>	19 153.00	19 413.00	19 653.00	19 898.00	20 133.00	20 400.00	
Interest rates <b>i</b>	Short-term interest rates, Monthly, Per cent per annum <b>i</b>	6.18	4.90	4.75	4.90	5.48	5.64	
	Long-term interest rates, Monthly, Per cent per annum <b>i</b>	6.31	5.62	5.84	5.37	5.59	5.34	
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Balance of Payments <b>i</b>	Current Accounts Balance, Monthly, in millions (US Dollars), sa <b>i</b>	-14 552.93	-7 369.63	-15 617.16	-28 248.34	-39 158.11	-40 864.32	
Exchange Rates <b>i</b>	Currency exchange rates, Monthly, National units per US-Dollar <b>i</b>	1.73	1.94	1.84	1.54	1.36	1.31	
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Industry <b>i</b>	Industrial Production Index, Monthly, (base 2000 = 100), sa <b>i</b>	100.00	100.18	103.16	103.09	103.41	105.05	

Figure 17: Dataset view with empty rows and columns hidden

## Exporting to Excel

Click on the *Export to Excel* button (  ) to export your data selection to a MS Excel file. You will be prompted to either save the MS Excel file to disk or open it directly. As your computer settings may not allow for the file to be directly opened, it is recommended that you save the file to your desktop and then open it from there.

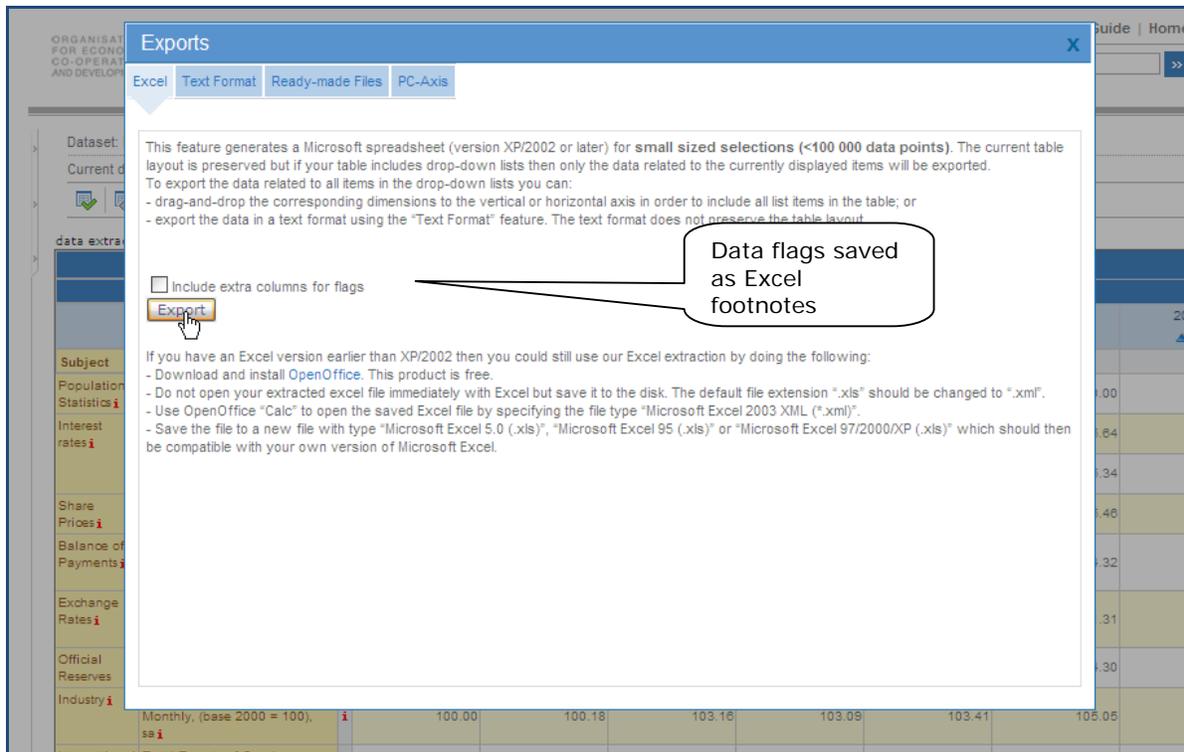
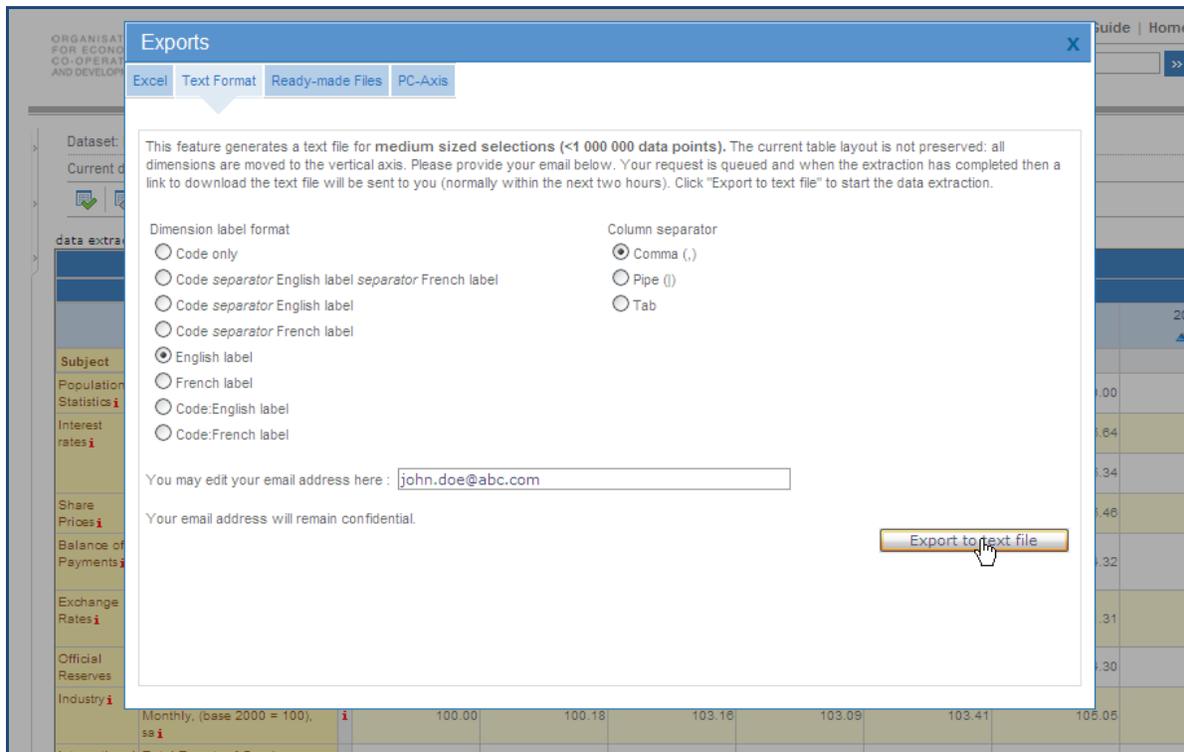


Figure 18: Using the Export to Excel option to save data in Excel format

## Exporting to a CSV file

Larger tables can be saved to a CSV file; to do so simply click on the *Other Export* button (  ) above the table.



**Figure 19: Using the Other Export option to save data as a CSV file**

You will be prompted to select a dimension label format and a column separator. The dimension label format determines what information will be included in your file for each country, variable, etc. The column separator determines which character will be used to separate columns in the file.

Enter your e-mail address in the box in the middle of the dialog box and click the *Export to Text file* button. The file will be created and an e-mail sent to you informing you how to retrieve it. The file will not be included as an attachment to the e-mail, as it could potentially be very large. Instead the e-mail will contain a link allowing you to download the file.

## Downloading related files and large data selections

Any number of documents related to a given dataset may be available for download through the data browser. To view the list of files, click on the dataset name, either in the Browse Themes list on the left, or in the list of recently-updated datasets visible in the centre of the Getting Started page.

The screenshot shows the OECD.Stat web browser interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like 'General Statistics', 'Demography and Population', and 'Labour'. The main area displays a dataset for 'Australia' with columns for years from 2000 to 2007. A 'Related Files' button is highlighted with a mouse cursor at the top of the table.

Country	Australia							
Frequency	Annual							
Time	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Subject								
Population,(000)	19 153.0	19 413.0	19 653.0	19 898.0	20 133.0	20 400.0	20 701.0	21 017.0
Population, 2000=100	100.0	101.4	102.6	103.9	105.1	106.5	108.1	109.7
Population females,(000)	9 648.0	9 783.0	9 898.0	10 020.0	10 134.0	10 265.0	10 411.0	10 566.0
Population males,(000)	9 505.0	9 631.0	9 755.0	9 878.0	9 999.0	10 135.0	10 290.0	10 452.0
Population 15-64,(000)	12 808.0	12 991.0	13 175.0	13 366.0	13 544.0	13 743.0	13 964.0	14 184.0
Population 15-64 as % of population	66.9	66.9	67.0	67.2	67.3	67.4	67.5	67.5
Population females 15-64,(000)	6 384.0	6 481.0	6 571.0	6 668.0	6 755.0	6 855.0	6 963.0	7 072.0
Population males 15-64,(000)	6 424.0	6 510.0	6 604.0	6 698.0	6 788.0	6 888.0	7 001.0	7 113.0
Total labour force,(000)	9 641.4	9 801.8	9 957.1	10 142.2	10 296.0	10 574.9	10 765.0	11 000.4
Total labour force % of population	50.3	50.5	50.7	51.0	51.1	51.8	52.0	52.3
Civilian labour force,(000)	9 590.5	9 752.0	9 906.8	10 092.2	10 244.0	10 524.0	10 714.0	10 948.2
Civilian labour force, 2000=100	100.0	101.7	103.3	105.2	106.8	109.7	111.7	114.2
Civilian labour force females,(000)	4 216.8	4 317.0	4 394.5	4 512.8	4 572.8	4 730.5	4 825.7	4 938.7
Civilian labour force males,(000)	5 373.6	5 435.0	5 512.3	5 579.4	5 671.2	5 793.5	5 888.3	6 009.4
Total employment,(000)	9 039.5	9 140.7	9 321.0	9 531.3	9 729.1	10 038.1	10 240.9	10 522.1
Total employment, 2000=100	100.0	101.1	103.1	105.4	107.6	111.0	113.3	116.4

Figure 20: Finding files related to a dataset

The *Related Files* button (  ) at the top of the table will be displayed. Click on it to view a list of files related to the dataset.

The screenshot shows an 'Exports' dialog box with tabs for 'Excel', 'Text Format', 'Ready-made Files', and 'PC-Axis'. The 'Ready-made Files' tab is active, displaying a list of files for download. A mouse cursor is pointing at the 'Download Files: Population and Labour Force' link.

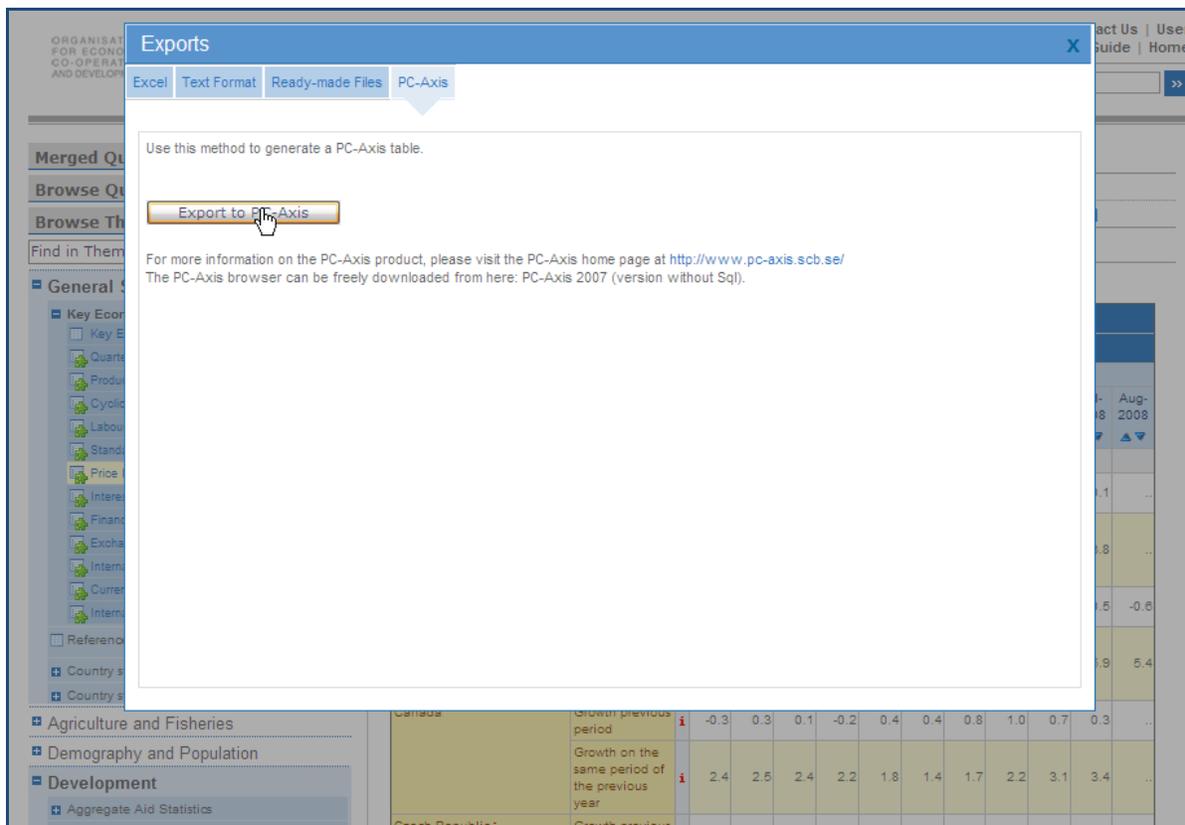
Name	File type	File name	File size (KB)	Date created (dd-mm-yyyy)
Annual Labour Force Statistics 1960-2006: Population and labour force statistics (CSV format)		poplab.zip	1365	20/12/2007

**Figure 21: Selecting a file to download**

The list of files may contain documents in any format, or large prepared selections of the data in text format. Click on the name of a file to begin downloading.

## Exporting to PC-Axis Table

Click on the *Export to PC-Axis* button to export your data selection to a PC-Axis table file. You will be prompted to either save the table file to disk or open it directly. As your computer settings may not allow for the file to be directly opened, it is recommended that you save the file to your desktop and then open it from there.



**Figure 22: Exporting to PC-Axis table**

## Charting Data

The OECD.Stat web browser includes a dynamic charting feature (  ) enabling the display and animation of line charts, bar charts and pie charts based on the current data selection.

The navigation options of the chart dialog box include a button to animate the displayed chart, advancing it in even intervals.

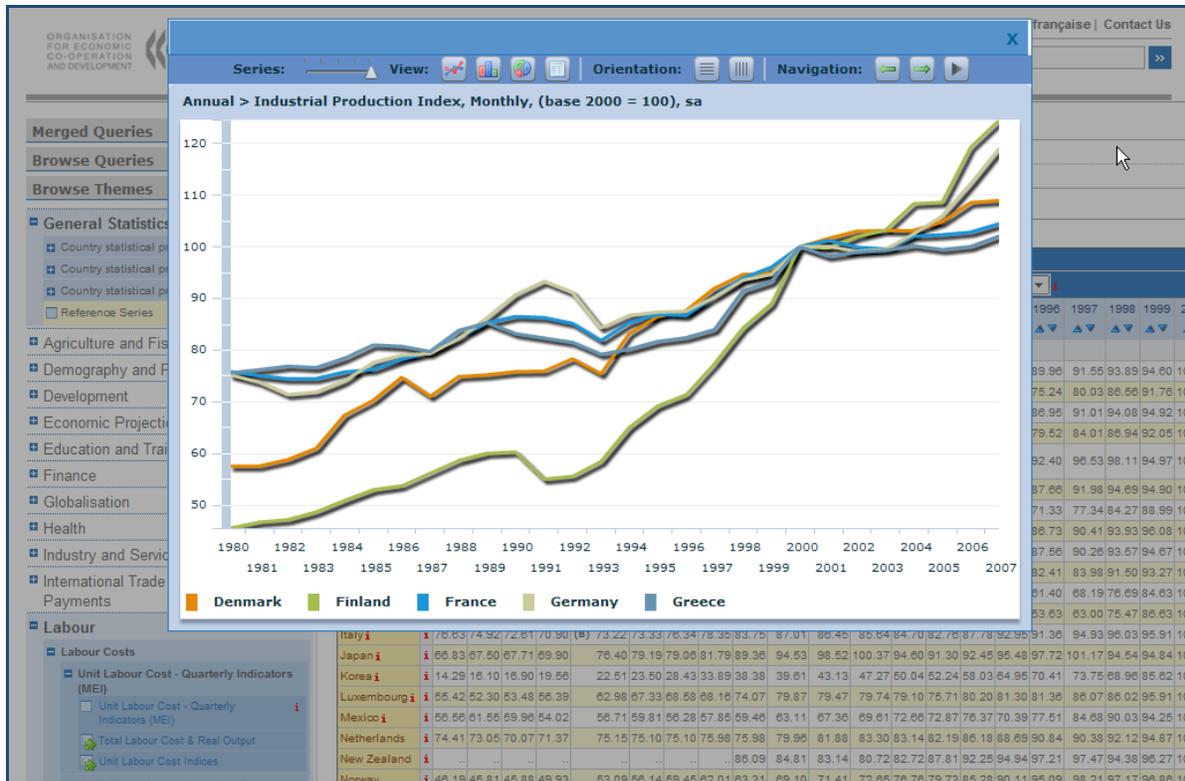


Figure 23: Charting – Line chart

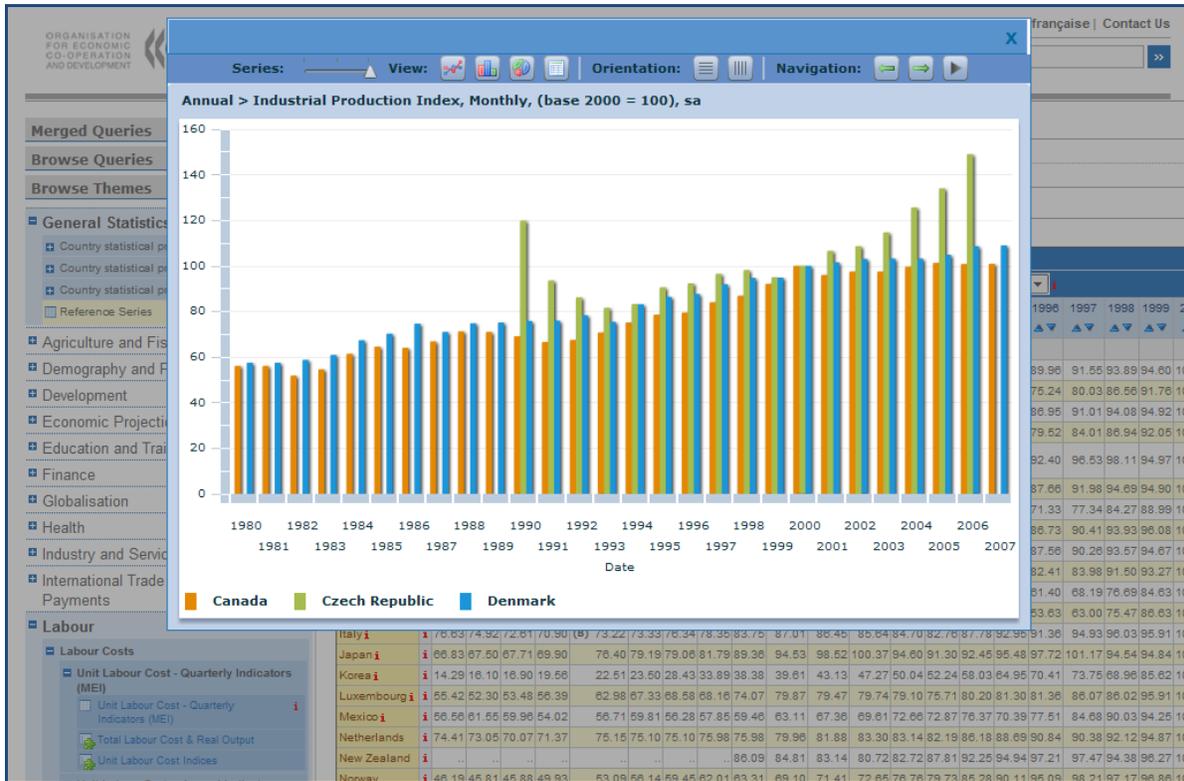


Figure 24: Charting – Bar chart

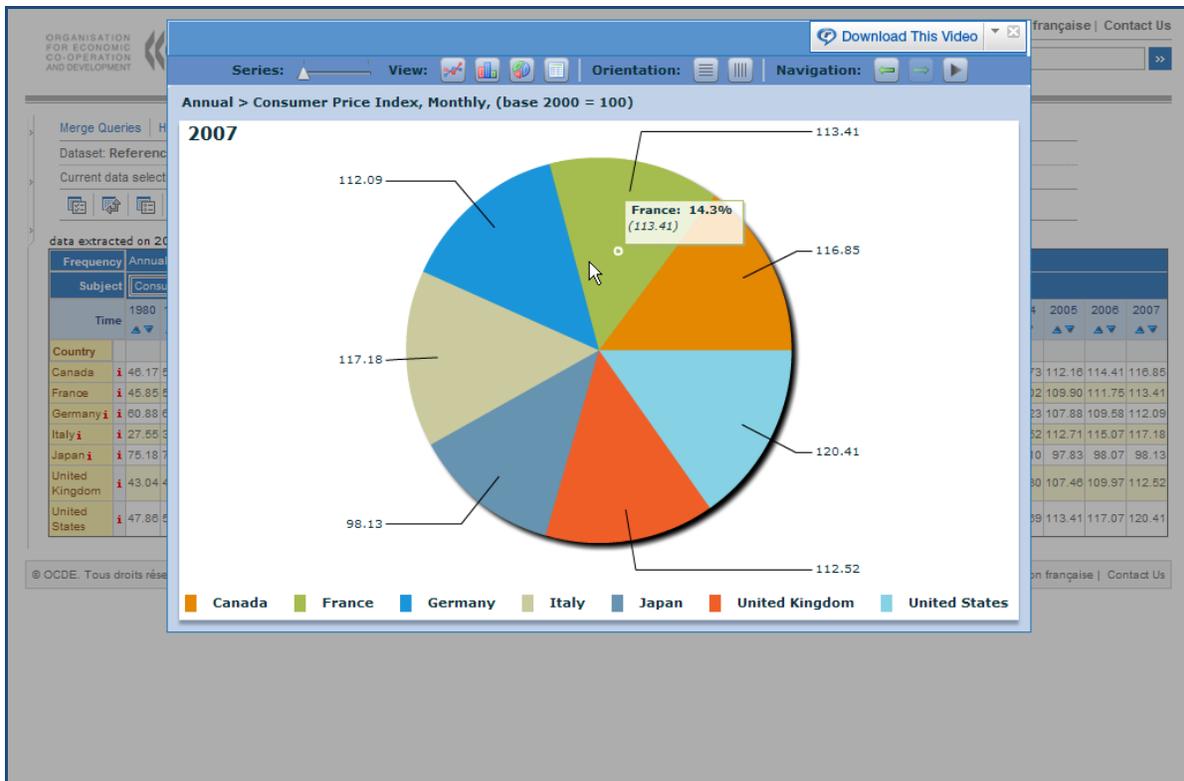


Figure 25: Charting – Pie chart

## Viewing Metadata

Metadata can be viewed at all levels, from the dataset-level abstract down through to cell level footnotes. The presence of metadata is flagged by a small, red **i**.

The screenshot shows the OECD.Stat web browser interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links. The main content area displays a data table for Australia, with columns for Country, Frequency, Time, and Subject. A metadata window is open on the right side, titled 'Metadata', showing the 'Reference Series' and 'Database Specific' information. A callout bubble points to a red 'i' icon in the 'Population Statistics' row of the data table, with the text: 'Click on metadata indicator to open window displaying metadata.'

Country	Australia	
Frequency	Annual	
Time	2006	
Population Statistics <b>i</b>	Population mid-year estimates Total, Annual, ('000) <b>i</b>	20 701.00
Interest rates <b>i</b>	Short-term interest rates, Monthly, Per cent per annum <b>i</b>	5.99
	Long-term interest rates, Monthly, Per cent per annum <b>i</b>	5.59
Share Prices <b>i</b>	Share Prices, Monthly, Index (base 2000 = 100) <b>i</b>	161.50
Balance of Payments <b>i</b>	Current Accounts Balance, Monthly, in millions (US Dollars) <b>i</b>	-40 144.84
Exchange Rates <b>i</b>	Exchange Rates, Monthly, units per US-Dollar <b>i</b>	1.33
Official Reserves	Official Reserves, Monthly, in millions (US Dollars) <b>i</b>	35 617.70
Industry <b>i</b>	Industry, Monthly, Index (base 2000 = 100), <b>i</b>	105.66
International Trade in Goods <b>i</b>	International Trade in Goods, Monthly, Current Prices <b>i</b>	10 276.31
	Total Imports of Goods, Monthly, in millions Current Prices (US Dollars), sa <b>i</b>	11 050.45
	Total Exports less Imports of Goods, Monthly, in millions Current Prices (US Dollars), sa <b>i</b>	-774.14
Labour Force	Population 15 - 64, Annual, ('000) <b>i</b>	13 964.00

Figure 26: Footnotes and Dataset-level metadata

Clicking on the red **i** will bring up the related metadata window in the right-hand area of the screen. The window can be moved around and closed by clicking on the "x" in the top right corner of the window.

## Other Related Metadata

If there are other metadata available in the data sets, which are closely related to the metadata displayed on screen, a set of links to these other metadata will appear in the metadata window, below the metadata text.

## Flags

Certain pieces of metadata, which are recurrent within the dataset, are treated differently by the system and referred to as flags. These flags appear as letters in parentheses in the cell alongside the piece of data to which they correspond. Below any data table containing flags will appear a legend, explaining the meaning of each letter used as a flag in the table.

Monthly	cent, sa		
Annual National Accounts	Gross Domestic Product, Annual, in millions of Current Prices (National Currency)	i (E)	1 038 652.00
	Gross Domestic Product, Annual, in millions of Constant 2000 Prices (National Currency)	i (E)	830 261.38
	Gross Domestic Product, Annual, Deflator (base 2000 = 100)	i (E)	125.10
	Gross Domestic Product, Annual, in millions of Current Prices and Current PPPs (in USD)	i (E)	735 330.28
	Gross Domestic Product, Annual, in millions of Current Prices and Current Exchange Rates (in USD)	i (E)	782 135.14
	Gross Domestic Product Per Capita, Annual, Current Prices and Current PPPs (in USD)	i (E)	35 452.98
	Gross Domestic Product Per Capita, Annual, Current Prices and Current Exchange rate (in USD)	i (E)	37 709.62
	Gross Domestic Product Per Capita, Annual, Current Prices and Current PPPs (OECD=100)	i (E)	112.63

Legend:  
E Estimated value

Figure 27: Viewing the Data Flag Legend

## Working with Queries

### Saving a Query

When working with queries most features require you to log in, e.g. the *Save Query* button is only displayed when you logged in via the *Login* link at the top right of the page. Once logged in your name will be displayed at the top right of the page.

Your data selection, or query, can be saved at any time by clicking the *Save Query* button (📄) above the table, typing the name of the query, and then clicking the *Save Query* button in the centre area of the screen. On subsequent visits to the browser, this saved query can be opened to view the latest data available within the selection.

**Current Query: Gross Domestic Product**

Dataset: Reference Series

Current data selection: Country [36 / 41] Subject [1 / 59] Time & Frequency [7]

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Subject	Gross Domestic Product, Annual, in millions of Current Prices (National Currency)						
Frequency	Annual						
Time	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Country							
Australia	735 714	781 675	841 351	897 642	967 454	1 046 365	..

Figure 28: Saving a Query

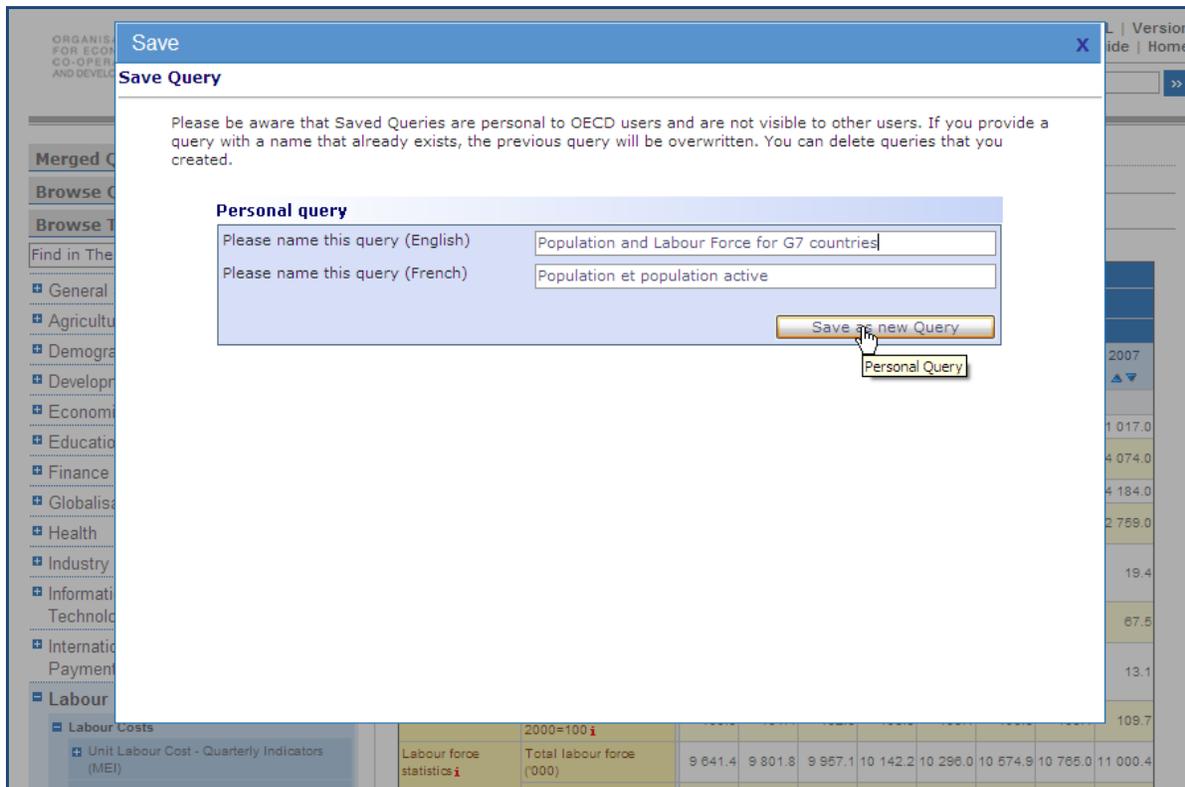


Figure 29: Saving a query with optional renaming

## Merge Queries

Data from two or more datasets can be viewed in a combined table, using the *Merge Query* function. Any common dimensions between the different datasets should be automatically combined, provided that the data has been correctly entered into the system. Other dimensions will automatically be displayed along the vertical axis, underneath section headings indicating which dataset they come from.

## Creating a Merge Query

To create a Merge Query, first create a customized view in one dataset. Then click the *Merge Query* button (  ) above the table to put this query into your “data basket”.

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Dataset: STAN Database for Structural Analysis i  
Current data selection: Country [3 / 21] Variable [1 / 30] Industry [1 / 106] Time [7]

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			Time	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	20
Industry	Variable	Country							
C34 Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	PROD Production (gross output), current prices	Canada		115 061 000 000	106 751 000 000	110 833 000 000	105 084 000 000	107 525 000 000	
		France		85 769 000 000	91 224 000 000	93 613 000 000	89 097 000 000	92 619 000 000	91 147
		United States		466 809 000 000	420 242 000 000	463 549 000 000	487 026 000 000	487 807 000 000	494 570

**Figure 30: Adding a selection of data to a Multi-Dataset Query**

Repeat this for each dataset that you wish to include in the multi-dataset query.

### Viewing the Query

When all selections of data have been added, expand the Merged Queries panel in the left-hand area of the screen and click *View* to see the combined data table.

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- Globalisation
- Health
- Industry and Services
  - Industry and Service Statistics (MEI)

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			Time	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
<b>Dataset: STAN Database for Structural Analysis</b>															
variable	industry	country													
PROD	C34	Canada	i	43 012	41 043	45 421	56 868	67 356	75 089	75 910	81 340	88 212	112 019	115 061	106 751
Production gross output (current price)	Motor vehicles trailers and semi-trailers	United States	i	249 926	239 870	276 320	311 129	364 186	379 229	383 804	416 859	434 731	494 413	466 809	420 242
<b>Dataset: Research and Development Expenditure in Industry</b>															
Variable	Industry	Country													
Business enterprise expenditures in Research & Development (US dollar PPP)	C34 Motor vehicles trailers and semi-trailers	Canada	i	55	62	68	102	174	151	137	168	155	199	342	343
		United States	i	10 256	10 388	9 924	11 718	13 406	15 003	16 022	15 201	14 315	18 274	18 581	16 385

Figure 31: Viewing a Merge Query

## Changing the Query

### Modify a selection

To modify any of the selections of data in the view, click the name of the dataset in the Merged Queries panel, and then click *Edit*. The selection will appear on screen in the same format as a single-dataset query. Make your changes and click once again on the Merge Query button. Click *View* in the Merged Queries panel to see the modified query.

### Remove a selection

To remove one of the selections in a Merged Query, click the name of the dataset in the Merged Queries panel, and then click *Remove*. Click *View* in the Merged Queries panel to see the modified query.

### Saving a Multi-Dataset Query

You can save your Multi-Dataset Query by clicking *Save* in the Merged Queries panel; typing a name and then clicking *Save* once again.

## Viewing Frequently Requested and Saved Queries

You have access to a set of public pre-defined queries through the Browse Queries panel. There, you will also find your saved queries.

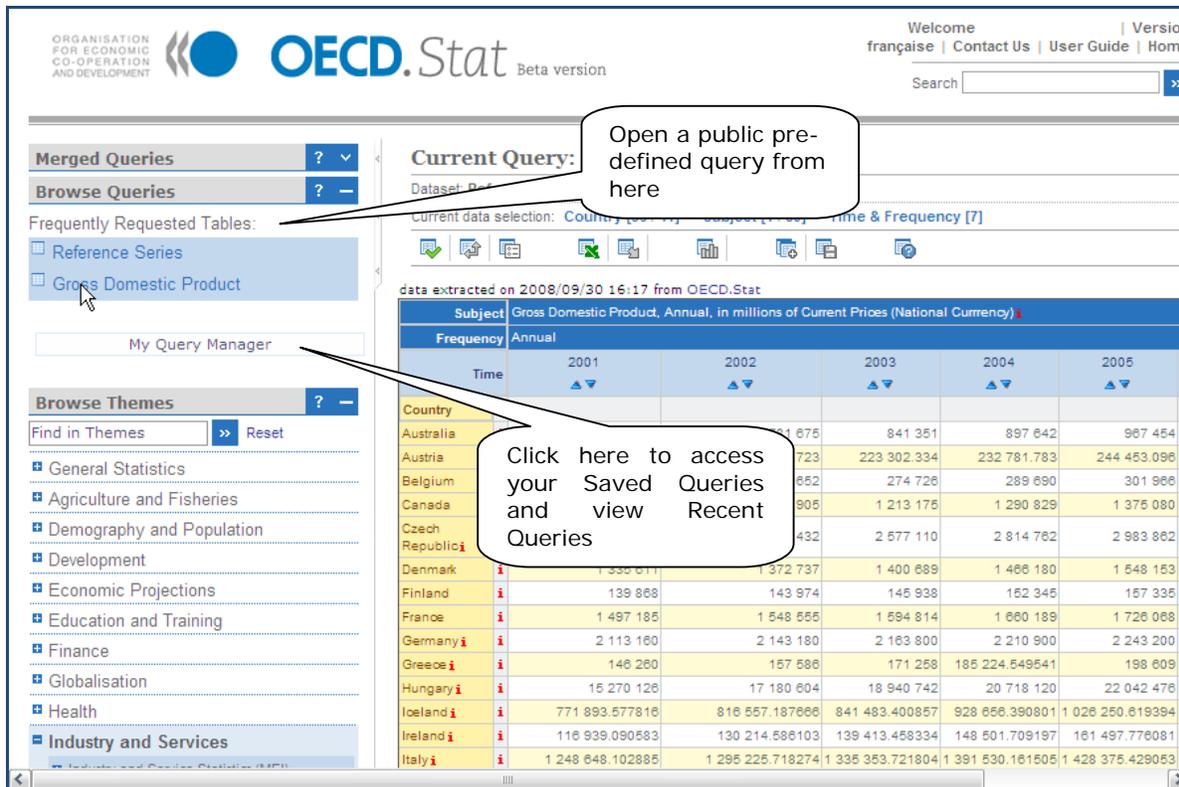


Figure 32: Using the Browse Queries panel to select a frequently requested table

Clicking on *My Query Manager* in the left panel displays the list of all queries which you have personally saved together with a list of recent queries. This feature requires the user to login.

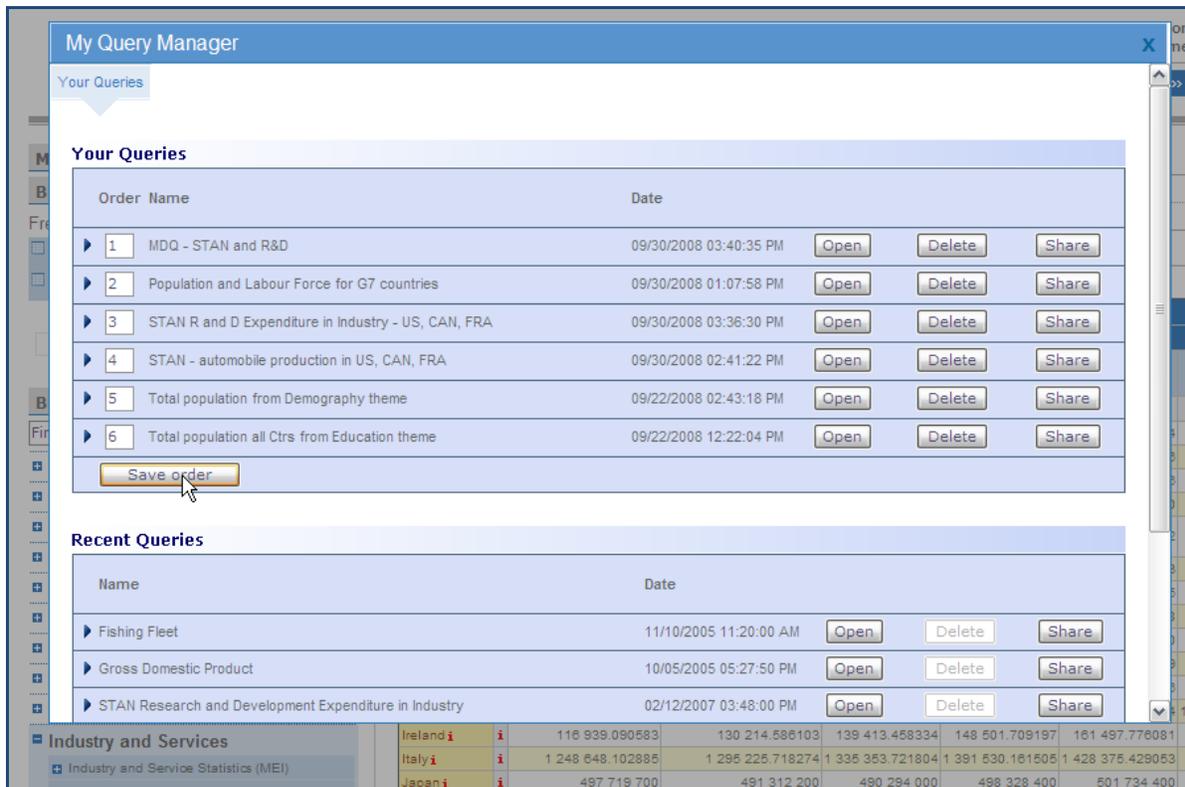


Figure 33: Viewing saved and recent queries

The Query Manager allows you to re-sort and save the list of queries as well as open and delete any of them.

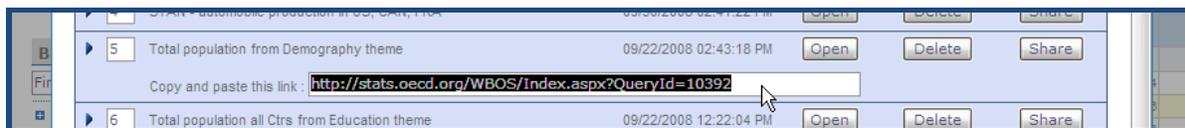


Figure 34: Sharing Saved Queries

Additionally, clicking the *Share* button displays a reference URL pointing to your saved query which can be shared with colleagues, e.g. sent via email. Appropriate access rights will be required to view the query.

### Viewing the Country Statistical Profiles

The Country Statistical Profiles are a special set of data that can be accessed through the General Statistics theme. The data tables for these datasets include links on the right-hand side to comparative views (graphs and tables) with other OECD countries.

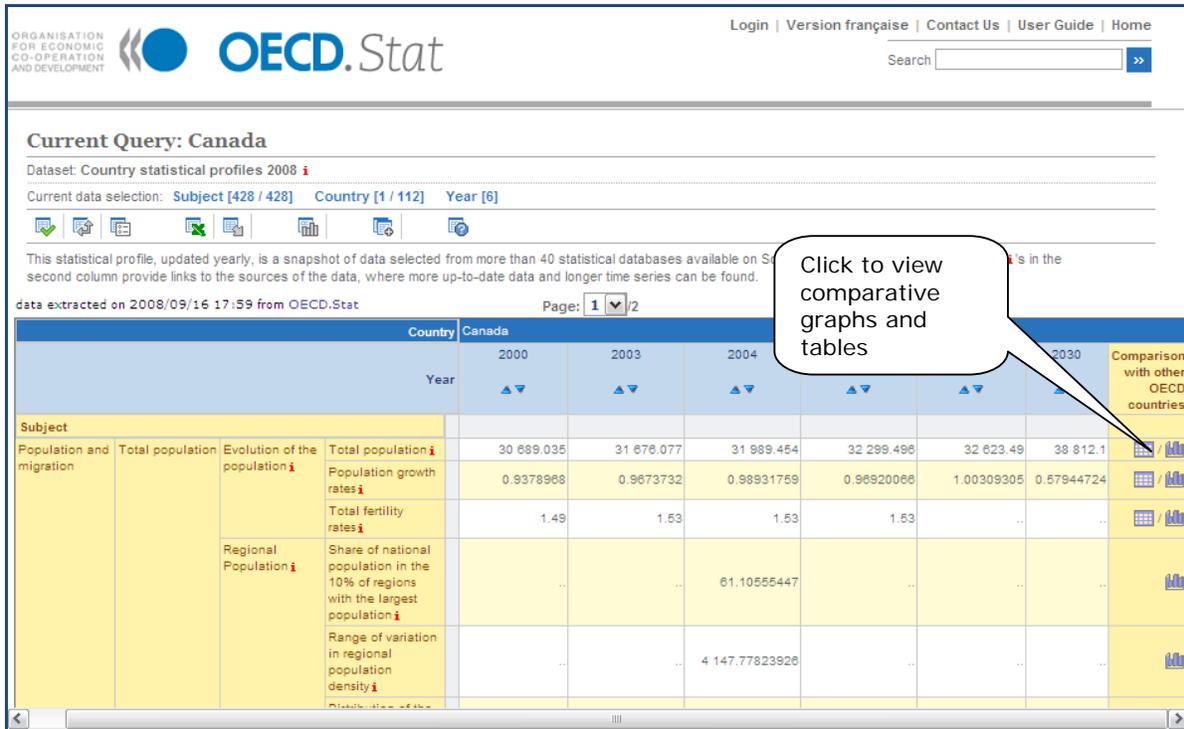


Figure 35: Viewing a Country Statistical Profile



Figure 36: Viewing the comparative country chart

data extracted on 2008/03/20

1 OECD Factbook 2007: Economic, Environmental and Social Statistics - ISBN 92-64-02946-X - © OECD 2007

2 Macroeconomic trends - Productivity - Labour productivity

3 GDP per hour worked

4 *Annual growth in percentage*

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Australia	0.3	3.3	3.4	2.5	-	0.8	4.5	3.4	3.4	2.5	-1.2
Austria	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.2	0.7	2.5	3.2	2.7
Belgium	2.7	2.2	1.4	2.3	3.7	1	0.9	1.6	1	2.4	1.9
Canada	0.3	0.9	2	1	1.9	1.4	0.2	4.1	1.8	2.5	2.9
Czech Republic	..	..	..	..	2.1	4	4.4	-1	0.8	4.8	4.1
Denmark	2.9	2.2	1.8	1.4	6.2	1.7	2.1	0.8	-0.4	0.8	2.1
Finland	2.4	0.6	3.2	5.1	3.8	2.1	2.3	2.9	3.6	1.1	3.6
France	1.5	1.6	2.3	1	2.3	2.8	0.4	2.1	2.6	1.6	3.1
Germany	3.8	4.5	2.5	1.6	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.5	1.2	1.4	2.6
Greece	-1.3	5.4	-2.1	-3.3	1.6	1.6	3.9	5.7	-0.6	1.2	3.9
Hungary	..	..	..	5.9	-1.9	4.6	2	3.1	3.4	-	4.1
Iceland	1.7	-8.7	-4.3	3.3	3.4	-4	3.2	5.9	2.7	-2.4	1.4
Ireland	4.2	3.7	4.8	2.2	2.4	4.5	4.3	8	3.9	5.4	4.9
Italy	0.3	0.1	2.3	2.7	3.8	3.2	-0.2	2.2	-0.4	1.1	2.3
Japan	5.3	2.9	1.5	3	1.3	2.5	1.7	2.2	0.6	2.9	2.9

Table

Share of trade in GDP	Trade in goods and services	40.6708	39.3565	36.1862	36.2391	35.9973
Trade in goods	Trade balance: exports of goods minus imports of goods	39.4354	30.2109	31.8343	43.4471	45.6998
	Imports of goods	221.6234	222.3713	240.2457	273.4234	314.436

Figure 37: Viewing the comparative country table

## Printing Data from the Browser

Without exporting data as an MS Excel spreadsheet, the OECD.Stat Web Browser allows the printing of a table via the Print command of the contextual menu (right-click).

The metadata window features a dedicated print option via one of the buttons at the top of the window.

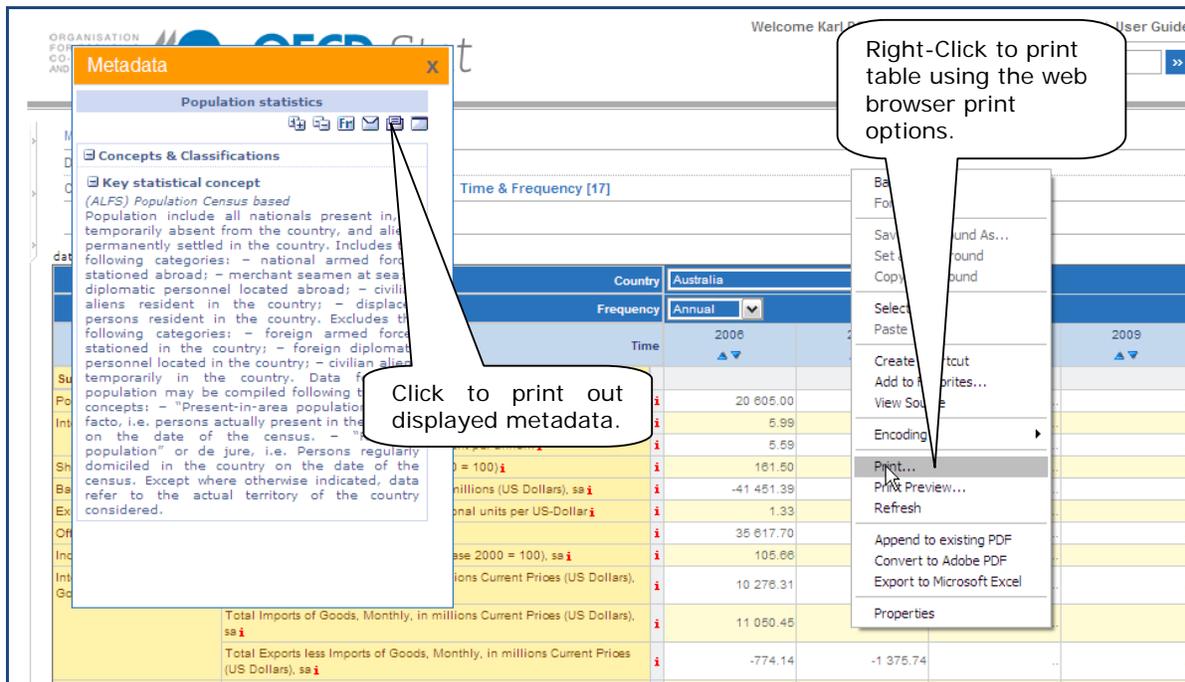


Figure 38: Printing data and other information from the Web Browser

## Providing Feedback

The OECD.Stat Project Team can be contacted via E-mail using the *Contact Us* link, at the top of the screen.

Please note that in order to address your concerns in a timely manner, we have set up two separate e-mail accounts. The first address, [OECDdotStat@oecd.org](mailto:OECDdotStat@oecd.org), is accessible by clicking the upper link of the contacts page. This address should be used for any technical questions or bugs that you encounter.

The second address, [OECDdotContent@oecd.org](mailto:OECDdotContent@oecd.org), can be contacted by the second link on this page. This address will provide responses to questions regarding the actual data content of OECD.Stat (e.g., Do you have data on shoe manufacturing? What units are your data on domestic animal sales provided in?).

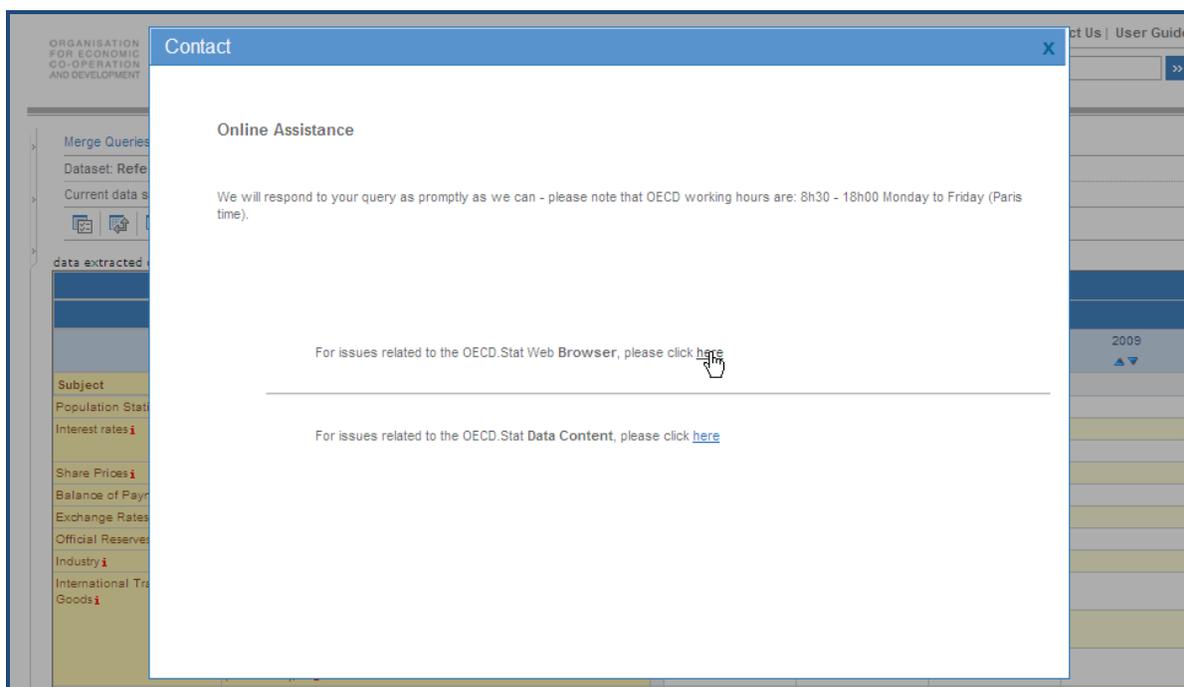


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Tools to access Merged Queries, Saved Queries and Frequently Requested Tables

Search themes, datasets and data queries exactly as they appear in the theme panel

Dimension Selection Tools - Selecting Variables | Moving Dimensions | Data Viewing Options

Data Export Tools - MS Excel | CSV/Text format

Full-Text Search tool

Dynamic Data Graphics Tool

Query Management Tools - Merge Query | Save Query

Help - User Guide

The screenshot shows the OECD.Stat website interface. At the top left is the OECD logo and 'OECD.Stat' branding. A navigation bar includes 'Welcome', 'Version française', 'Contact Us', 'User Guide', and 'Home'. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Merged Queries**: A dropdown menu with a question mark icon.
- Browse Queries**: A dropdown menu with a minus sign icon.
- Frequently Requested Tables**: A list of tables including 'Reference Series' and 'Gross Domestic Product'.
- My Query Manager**: A button for managing queries.
- Browse Themes**: A section with a search box and a 'Reset' button, followed by a list of theme categories such as 'General Statistics', 'Agriculture and Fisheries', 'Demography and Population', etc.
- Dataset: Reference Series**: A section showing current data selection: 'Country [36 / 41]', 'Subject [59 / 59]', and 'Time & Frequency [17]'. Below this is a toolbar with icons for various actions.
- Data Table**: A table showing data extracted on 2008/10/13 15:38 from OECD.Stat. The table has columns for 'Country' (Japan), 'Frequency' (Quarterly), and 'Time' (2006, 2007). The rows list various subjects like 'Interest rates', 'Share Prices', 'Balance of Payments', etc., with corresponding numerical values.
- Metadata Window**: A pop-up window titled 'Metadata' for the 'Reference Series' dataset. It includes a 'Database Specific' section and a 'Purpose' section explaining that the dataset comprises frequently used data series for calculations and indicators.

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with '©OCDE. All rights reserved. Terms & Conditions | Privacy Policy' and navigation links.

Collapsible Theme panel with drill-down list of themes and datasets

Collapsible/Movable Metadata window

Data View panel