

## Optimism

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Responses to question "I am optimistic about the future" in European Quality of Life Survey. Answers include strongly agree, agree, neither agree or disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree

### Data host:

Eurofound

### Unit of Measurement:

Percentage who agree or strongly agree

### Link to Data:

<http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/surveys/data-visualisation/> [2]

### Description to get data:

To produce a single indicator, we recommend adding the percentage who agree and the percentage who strongly agree.

### Type of Indicator source:

- [Intergovernmental Organisation](#) [3]

### Geographical Coverage:

Austria  
Belgium  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Estonia  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Hungary  
Iceland  
Ireland  
Italy  
Kosovo  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Macedonia

Malta  
Montenegro  
Netherlands  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Serbia  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Turkey  
United Kingdom

## Geographical Level:

- [National](#) [4]

## Same/similar indicators appears in the following sets:

- [European Quality of Life Survey \(EQLS\)](#) [5]

## Methodological transparency:

- [Complete methodology available](#) [6]

## Temporal Coverage:

2003 to 2012

## Frequency of Updates:

- [every 3-5 years](#) [7]

## Indicator developer:

European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

## Link to Methodology:

[European Quality of Life Survey 2012](#) [8]

## Aggregation level of indicator:

- [Single](#) [9]

## Data quality assesment:

- [other organisational assessment](#) [10]

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## Link to data quality assessment:

[Quality assessment of the third European Quality of Life Survey](#) [12]

## Contribution to the green economy:

According to Huppert & So (2011, 'Flourishing Across Europe: Application of a New Conceptual Framework for Defining Well-Being.'), optimism is one of the components of flourishing. It can also be seen to be a proxy for a successful society, as people anticipate life to be getting better. Therefore a positive trend could indicate success in the transition towards a Green Economy.

## Cost of accessing data:

- [free of charge](#) [13]

**Potential misinterpretation:** Might there be a lack of extensive optimism about the future, while the present is regarded positively?

**Related Indicator:** [Happiness](#) [14]

**Potential misinterpretation:** Are high optimism values connected with a high GDP per capita?

**Related Indicator:** [GDP per capita \(current US\\$\)](#) [15]

**Potential misinterpretation:** Is 'Optimism' showing a positive trend, but this has not much to do with satisfaction with society?

**Related Indicator:** [Satisfaction with Society](#) [16]

**Potential misinterpretation:** Is 'Optimism' borrowed financially?

**Related Indicator:** [Arrears \(mortgage or rent, utility bills or hire purchase\)](#) [17]



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