

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:

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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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