

KEY FINDINGS: UNITED KINGDOM

Did you know?

- Women in the United Kingdom spend two hours more per day doing unpaid work than men, below the OECD average of 2 hours and 28 minutes. [[Fig1.4.xls](#)]
- Women in the United Kingdom spend about eight more years in on an age-related pension than men – both experiences are well above the OECD average. [[SS4.xls](#)]
- United Kingdom income inequality is the seventh highest in the OECD, and has been increasing at more than the OECD average rate. While poverty rates are little more than OECD averages (11.3% compared to an OECD average of 11.1% in 2007), the change in poverty rates in the last generation has been above the OECD average. [[EQ1.xls](#) & [EQ2.xls](#)]
- Employment rates and Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) reading scores for 15 year olds in the UK are average compared to other OECD countries. Public and private spending on education per capita, on the other hand, doubled between 2000 and 2007; increasing faster than any other OECD countries. [[SS3.xls](#) & [SS5.xls](#)]
- Pro-social behavior in the UK is high, the 5th highest in the OECD, with 57% of people volunteering time, giving money, and helping a stranger in the previous month. The OECD average is 39%, [[CO3.XLS](#)]
- In the UK older people (84%) are much more likely to vote than younger people (46%). The UK gap in voting rates between those under age 35 and over age 55 is 38%, three times the OECD average gap. [[CO4.xls](#)]

