



Country Participation

IN ICP 2003–2006

The current round of the International Comparison Program is the most complex statistical effort yet...providing comparable data for about 150 countries worldwide.



Countries Participating in ICP 2003–2006

AFRICA

(Total: 50)

Algeria
Angola
Benin
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Congo, Dem Rep
Cote d'Ivoire
Egypt*
Equatorial Guinea
Ethiopia
Gabon
Ghana
Kenya
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritius
Morocco
Mozambique
Namibia
Nigeria
Rwanda
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa
Swaziland
Tanzania
Tunisia
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe
Libya

*Countries
participating
on trial basis*

Burundi
Central African Republic
Chad
Congo, Rep
Djibouti
Guinea-Bissau
Liberia

*Countries
participating
in consumption
surveys only*

Gambia, the
Guinea
Lesotho
Mauritania
Niger
Seychelles
Sudan
Togo

LATIN AMERICA

(Total: 10)

Argentina
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Paraguay
Peru
Uruguay
Venezuela, RB

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

(Total: 23)

Bangladesh
Brunei
China
Hong Kong, China
India
Indonesia
Iran
Malaysia
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nepal
Pakistan
Philippines
Singapore
Sri Lanka
Taiwan, China
Thailand
Vietnam

*Countries
participating
in consumption
surveys only*

Bhutan
Cambodia
Fiji
Lao, PDR
Maldives

CIS (Total: 12)

Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Georgia
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyz Republic
Moldova
Russian Federation*
Tajikistan
Turkmenistan
Ukraine
Uzbekistan

WESTERN ASIA (Total: 13)

Bahrain
Egypt*
Jordan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Oman
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Syria
United Arab Emirates

*Countries
participating
in consumption
surveys only*
Yemen, Republic

Under discussion

Iraq
Palestine

EUROSTAT- OECD PPP PROGRAM (Total: 45)

Australia
Austria
Belgium
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Canada
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Iceland
Ireland

Israel
Italy
Japan
Korea, Republic of
Latvia
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Macedonia
Malta
México
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russian Federation*
Serbia and Montenegro
Slovak Republic
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
United States

SUMMARY (Total:153*)

** Egypt and the Russian Federation
are counted in two lists.*

REGIONAL COORDINATING OFFICES

The ICP is organized on a regional basis. In each of the five regions—Africa, Asia and the Pacific, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Latin America and Western Asia—regional coordinating agencies take responsibility for the execution of the Program and provide the mechanism to coordinate activities and liaise with participating countries. Regional coordinating agencies have established Regional ICP Offices with appropriate staffing and other resources to implement and monitor the program at the regional level.

The Eurostat and the OECD¹ spearhead the Eurostat-OECD PPP Program in its member countries, while the ICP global office in the World Bank coordinates ICP activities for the rest of the world.

ICP Regional Coordinating Offices:

ICP Africa

African Development Bank (AFDB)

ICP Asia and the Pacific

(<http://www.adb.org/statistics/icp/icp.asp>)

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

ICP Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)

(<http://www.cisstat.com/icp>)

Federal State Statistical Service of the Russian Federation (Rosstat); Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CISSTAT); Bureau of Economic Analysis Foundation, Russia

ICP Latin America

(<http://www.eclac.cl>)

United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN ECLAC); Statistics Canada

ICP Western Asia

(www.escwa.org.lb/icp)

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA)

plus

Eurostat-OECD PPP Program

(<http://www.oecd.org>);
(<http://europa.eu.int>)

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD); Eurostat

¹ Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD); For more information about the Eurostat-OECD PPP Program please visit <http://www.oecd.org> and <http://europa.eu.int>.

The International Comparison Program (ICP)

is a global statistical initiative supported by the United Nations and the World Bank, involving national, regional and international agencies. This unique exercise produces internationally comparable price levels, expenditure values, and Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) estimates informing a huge range of users such as national policy makers, economists, international organizations and academicians about the relative well-being of their citizens. PPPs are defined as the number of units of a currency required to buy the same basket of goods and services in the domestic market as, for example, one dollar would buy in the US.

The ICP has become the largest international data collection exercise involving five regions and 107 countries (results combined with the Eurostat-OECD PPP Program will bring the total to about 150 countries). Countries should participate in ICP in order to be able to express their key macroeconomic aggregates in PPP terms and compare their prices and quantities with those of their neighbors. This presents a rare opportunity for them to join hands with each other and with the international community to improve the quality of their national data.

The ICP and the Eurostat-OECD PPP Program are run independent of each other. The two programs collaborate on methodological improvements for the international comparison of prices. The global PPPs will be prepared by the ICP Global Office by combining the ICP regional PPPs with the Eurostat-OECD PPP Program via the Ring Comparison Program.

ICP GOVERNANCE

The ICP Executive Board, consisting of 16 eminent statisticians, economists and decision-makers from around the world, is ultimately responsible for the overall guidance of the ICP.

The Global Office coordinates the program throughout all regions and countries other than those covered by the Eurostat-OECD PPP Program. It leads the effort to provide a structured approach to defining the specifications of items to be priced, the development of software and the overall coordination of the Ring Comparison Program to connect regional PPPs.

Regional Coordinating Offices in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Western Asia, the Commonwealth of Independent States and Latin America are working closely with National Coordinators to ensure comparable data. Regional Coordinating Offices have formed their own Advisory Boards.

A Technical Advisory Group advises on the methodology and technical issues of the ICP and its data. National statistical offices and international agencies all play important roles in this structure.

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