Annual Report Indices of Social Development 2020

News

- The database has been moved to a new website, part of the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) web environment. The new website is more user-friendly and has a fresh look with new pictures and updated information. The new web address is: https://isd.iss.nl

- We are happy to share that the 2015 data is also available from the new website.

- In 2021 we will construct and upload the 2020 indices.

- The ISD team plans to analyze data trends from 1990 till 2020. The results will be published in a working paper.
Video with a short overview of the new website (1 minute):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BZ3Dpqz_0M&t=2s

Website visits and data downloads
We do not have reliable data of website visits and data downloads for 2020 because the website has moved to a different server.

Examples of data-use in external publications (academic and non-academic) in 2020


The database: a summary

The Indices of Social Development (ISD) database is hosted by the International Institute of Social Studies and brings together 200 indicators, synthesizing them into a usable set of six measures to track how different societies perform along six dimensions of social development:

- **Civic Activism**, measuring use of media and protest behaviour
- **Clubs and Associations**, defined as membership in local voluntary associations
- **Intergroup Cohesion**, which measures ethnic and sectarian tensions, and discrimination
- **Interpersonal Safety and Trust**, focusing on perceptions and incidences of crime and personal transgressions
- **Gender Equality**, reflecting gender discrimination in home, work and public life.
- **Inclusion of Minorities**, measures levels of discrimination against vulnerable groups such as indigenous peoples, migrants, refugees, or lower caste groups.

The database is freely available online and part of the Creative Commons and can be accessed through the following link: [https://isd.iss.nl](https://isd.iss.nl) The data are also safely stored in the Dutch Academic data repository [DANS](https://dans.knaw.nl).

The ISD database director is Prof. Irene van Staveren. The database receives support from the [International Institute of Social Studies](https://iss.nl) of Erasmus University Rotterdam. The management team consists of Sanchita Bakshi and Irene van Staveren, with support from Jimena Pancheco.

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