



ISD ANNUAL REPORT 2021

NEWS

The database, with its new website and inclusion of the 2020 indices, has been found by many researchers and students, all over the world. The [URL](#) has changed but the email address (isd@iss.nl) and Twitter account (@IndSocDev) have remained the same, so we were easy to find on the web, and indeed, many were able to find us.

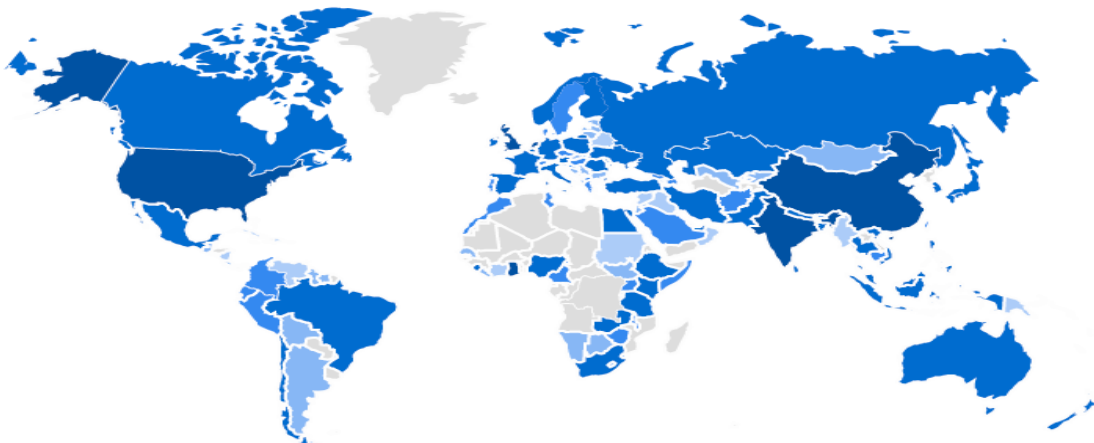
The major news is that we uploaded the 2020 indices. These include more indicators (275) and more resources (30) than before, for a total of 222 countries. This also means that various indices have now data for more countries than before:

Civic Activism Index:	104 countries
Clubs and Associations Index:	112 countries
Intergroup Cohesion Index:	161 countries
Interpersonal Safety and Trust Index:	160 countries
Gender Equality Index:	192 countries
Inclusion of Minorities Index:	156 countries

USE OF THE DATABASE

In 2021, the database website had 4,263 visitors. 411 of them downloaded files from the website, such as working papers and background information about the data construction. The data were downloaded approximately 500 times.

Map: spread of the website visits in 2021 (source: Google Analytics)



The regional spread of users is very wide. The map shows that most users are from the United Kingdom, United States, Netherlands, China, India, and Ghana, each with over 200 individual visitors.

PUBLICATIONS WITH THE INDICES

The ISD team itself has focused on constructing the 2020 indices. However, various external researchers have used the data in their own research. Below, we show a few of the 2021 publications that have used the data.

- Aparicio, S. and Audretsch, D. and Urbano, D. (2021) '[Does Entrepreneurship Matter for Inclusive Growth? The Role of Social Progress Orientation.](#)', Entrepreneurship research journal, 11 (4). p. 20190308.
- Delsignore, Gabriela, Alejandra Aguilar-Latorre and Bárbara Oliván-Blázquez, '[Measuring happiness in the social sciences: An overview](#)', Journal of Sociology, 2021, Vol. 57(4) 1044 –1067.
- Ezirim, Gerald E., Peter O. Mbah, Ejikeme J. Nwagwu, Ikechukwu Charles Eze, George C. Nche & JohnBosco C. Chukwuorji, '[Trust and Trustworthiness in a Sub-Saharan African Sample: Contributions of Personality and Religiosity, Social Indicators Research](#)', (2021) 153 153: 1087–1107.
- Mansouri, Fethi, and Amanuel Elias, '[The Intercultural Dialogue Index \(ICDI\): An Index for Assessing Intercultural Relations.](#)' Social Indicators Research (2021) 155:411–453.
- Salman, Mohd & Pankaj Gupta, '[Corporate Social Responsibility and Social Development: New Vistas of Social Work Practice in India](#)', Journal of Social Work Education and Practice 6(4) 10-19, 2021.

DATABASE SUMMARY INFORMATION

The Indices of Social Development (ISD) database is hosted by the International Institute of Social Studies and brings together 275 indicators, synthesizing them into a usable set of six composite 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 sectarian tensions between social groups
- *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> The data are also safely stored in the Dutch Academic data repository [DANS](#).

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