

Metadata Guide

to accompany Dägg and Janné, "Money, Happiness and the Midlife Crisis"

This study uses data from two original data files, which are preserved in this documentation with the names original-pew.sav and original-wdi.xlsx.

Supporting information for original-pew.sav

Bibliographic citation:

Pew Research Center Global Attitudes Project (2002a). SUMMER 2002 SURVEY DATA: 44-Nation Survey Conducted July 2-October 31, 2002 [Dataset]. Accessed at <http://www.pewglobal.org/category/datasets/2002/>, June 1, 2014.

Accessing the data:

A zipped folder containing the data file used for this paper as well as supporting information can be downloaded from the URL given above. The data file contained in the zipped folder is named "Pew GAP final 44 country dataset 1.1sav.sav" [*sic*]. In the documentation preserved with this paper, the name of this file has been changed to original-pew.sav.

No DOI has been assigned to this data set.

Additional information:

Definitions and coding of all the variables in original-pew.sav can be found in a document named "Pew GAP Survey details 1.1", a copy of which can be found in the "Supplements" folder located within the "Metadata" folder of this documentation. This document was included in the zipped folder that contained the original data file.

Supporting information for original-wdi.xlsx

Bibliographic citation:

World Bank (2014). World Development Indicators On-line. Accessed at <http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/world-development-indicators>, June 1, 2014.

Accessing the data:

This data file was extracted from the World Development Indicators database using a menu-driven interface accessible at the above URL. From that interface, we selected data for two series, 7 countries and one year:

Series: GDP per capita (in current [2002] US dollars)
Government consumption expenditure (percentage of GDP)

Countries: China, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Pakistan, Russian Federation, US

Year: 2002

These data were downloaded in an Excel workbook that is preserved in this documentation with the name original-wdi.xlsx.

No DOI has been assigned to this data set.

Additional information:

The following definitions of the two variables we extracted from the WDI were downloaded interactively while the data were being extracted from <http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/world-development-indicators>. These definitions are reproduced here in the form of images that we copied from the WDI website.

GDP per capita

Series	GDP per capita (current US\$)(NY.GDP.PCAP.CD)
Indicator Name	GDP per capita (current US\$)
Long definition	GDP per capita is gross domestic product divided by midyear population. GDP is the sum of gross value added by all resident producers in the economy plus any product taxes and minus any subsidies not included in the value of the products. It is calculated without making deductions for depreciation of fabricated assets or for depletion and degradation of natural resources. Data are in current U.S. dollars.
Source	World Bank national accounts data, and OECD National Accounts data files.
Topic	Economic Policy & Debt: National accounts: US\$ at current prices: Aggregate indicators
Periodicity	Annual
Aggregation method	Weighted average
Statistical concept and methodology	For more information, see the metadata for current U.S. dollar GDP (NY.GDP.MKTP.CD) and total population (SP.POP.TOTL).

General Government Consumption Expenditure

Series	General government final consumption expenditure (% of GDP)(NE.CON.GOVZS)
Indicator Name	General government final consumption expenditure (% of GDP)
Long definition	General government final consumption expenditure (formerly general government consumption) includes all government current expenditures for purchases of goods and services (including compensation of employees). It also includes most expenditures on national defense and security, but excludes government military expenditures that are part of government capital formation.
Source	World Bank national accounts data, and OECD National Accounts data files.
Topic	Economic Policy & Debt: National accounts: Shares of GDP & other
Periodicity	Annual
Aggregation method	Weighted average
Statistical concept and methodology	Gross domestic product (GDP) from the expenditure side is made up of household final consumption expenditure, general government final consumption expenditure, gross capital formation (private and public investment in fixed assets, changes in inventories, and net acquisitions of valuables), and net exports (exports minus imports) of goods and services. Such expenditures are recorded in purchaser prices and include net taxes on products.
Limitations and exceptions	Because policymakers have tended to focus on fostering the growth of output, and because data on production are easier to collect than data on spending, many countries generate their primary estimate of GDP using the production approach. Moreover, many countries do not estimate all the components of national expenditures but instead derive some of the main aggregates indirectly using GDP (based on the production approach) as the control total.