

World Development Indicators Analysis Report 2022

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1 Task2: Data Loading and Initial Exploration

```
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np
```

```
df = pd.read_csv('wdi.csv')
print(f"Dataset shape: {df.shape}")
print(df.head())
```

Dataset shape: (217, 14)

	country	inflation_rate	exports_gdp_share	gdp_growth_rate	\
0	Afghanistan	13.712102	18.380042	-6.240172	
1	Albania	6.725203	37.197076	4.826801	
2	Algeria	9.265516	30.791556	3.600000	
3	American Samoa	NaN	46.957520	1.735016	
4	Andorra	NaN	NaN	9.564612	

	gdp_per_capita	adult_literacy_rate	primary_school_enrolment_rate	\
0	357.261153	NaN	NaN	
1	7756.961887	NaN	96.371230	
2	4960.303343	NaN	105.747154	
3	18017.458938	NaN	NaN	
4	42414.047986	NaN	90.465681	

	education_expenditure_gdp_share	measles_immunisation_rate	\
0	NaN	56.0	
1	2.729770	86.0	
2	4.749247	79.0	
3	NaN	NaN	
4	2.647280	98.0	

	health_expenditure_gdp_share	income_inequality	unemployment_rate	\
0	23.088169	NaN	14.100	
1	7.536462	NaN	10.785	
2	3.634643	NaN	12.382	
3	NaN	NaN	NaN	
4	7.521358	NaN	NaN	

	life_expectancy	total_population
0	65.617	40578842.0
1	78.769	2451636.0
2	76.129	45477389.0
3	72.752	48342.0
4	84.016	79705.0

2 Introduction

This report analyzes three key indicators from the World Development Indicators dataset for the year 2022 (The World Bank 2023): GDP per capita, primary

school enrolment rate, and unemployment rate. These indicators capture important dimensions of economic performance, education access, and labor market conditions across countries.

Extensive cross-country research has emphasized the role of human capital in economic development. Barro (Barro 1991) highlights the importance of education and human capital in explaining differences in economic growth across nations. Similarly, Psacharopoulos and Patrinos (Psacharopoulos and Patrinos 2004) document consistently high returns to education across countries, underscoring its long-term economic significance. At the same time, studies such as Blanchard and Wolfers (Blanchard and Wolfers 2000) examine the macroeconomic and institutional determinants of unemployment, illustrating how labor market outcomes vary across economic contexts.

Motivated by this literature, this report conducts an exploratory data analysis (EDA) to examine how economic output, education access, and unemployment patterns interact across countries in 2022.

3 Data Overview

The dataset contains various indicators for multiple countries.

```
# Select the three indicators
selected_indicators = ['gdp_per_capita', 'primary_school_enrolment_rate', 'unemployment_rate']
summary_stats = df[selected_indicators].describe().round(2)
summary_stats
```

Table 1: Summary Statistics for Selected Indicators

	gdp_per_capita	primary_school_enrolment_rate	unemployment_rate
count	209.00	162.00	186.00
mean	21142.75	100.72	7.20
std	31040.30	12.16	5.85
min	302.99	66.25	0.13
25%	2899.16	95.75	3.48
50%	7655.59	100.23	5.34
75%	28360.30	104.68	9.19
max	226052.00	163.17	36.47

4 Conduct EDA on three indicators

4.1 Analysis of GDP per Capita

GDP per capita is a measure of a country’s economic output per person. As shown in Figure 1, the distribution of GDP per capita is highly right-skewed,

with most countries below \$20,000 and a small number of very high-income economies.

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))
df_clean = df.dropna(subset=['gdp_per_capita'])
ax.hist(df_clean['gdp_per_capita'], bins=30, edgecolor='black', alpha=0.7)
ax.set_xlabel('GDP per Capita (USD)')
ax.set_ylabel('Number of Countries')
ax.set_title('Distribution of GDP per Capita')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

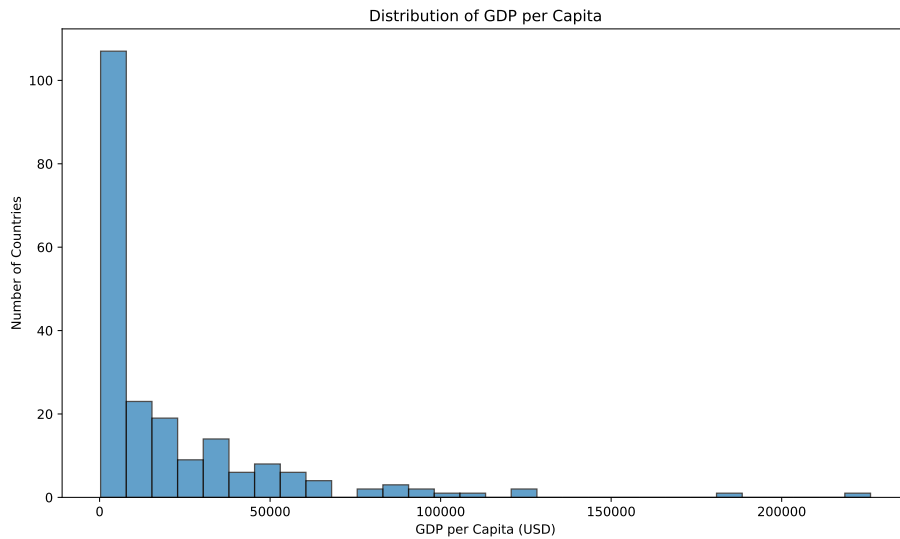


Figure 1: Distribution of GDP per Capita Across Countries (2022)

4.2 Findings: GDP per Capita

The distribution of GDP per capita across countries is highly right-skewed. Most countries cluster at relatively low income levels, while a small number of countries have extremely high GDP per capita values.

This indicates substantial global income inequality. The majority of countries have GDP per capita below \$30,000, whereas only a few countries exceed \$100,000. The long right tail suggests the presence of outliers — typically high-income economies with strong financial or resource-based sectors.

Overall, the distribution highlights the uneven economic development across countries in 2022.

4.3 Analysis of Primary School Enrollment Rate

Primary school enrolment rates indicate access to basic education. As illustrated in Figure 2, the top 10 countries exhibit very high enrolment rates, with some exceeding 100%, which may reflect gross enrolment measures.

```
# Get top 10 countries by enrolment rate
top_enrolment = df.nlargest(10, 'primary_school_enrolment_rate')[['country', 'primary_school_enrolment_rate']]

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 6))
bars = ax.bar(range(len(top_enrolment)), top_enrolment['primary_school_enrolment_rate'])
ax.set_xticks(range(len(top_enrolment)))
ax.set_xticklabels(top_enrolment['country'], rotation=45, ha='right')
ax.set_xlabel('Country')
ax.set_ylabel('Enrolment Rate (%)')
ax.set_title('Top 10 Countries by Primary School Enrolment Rate')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

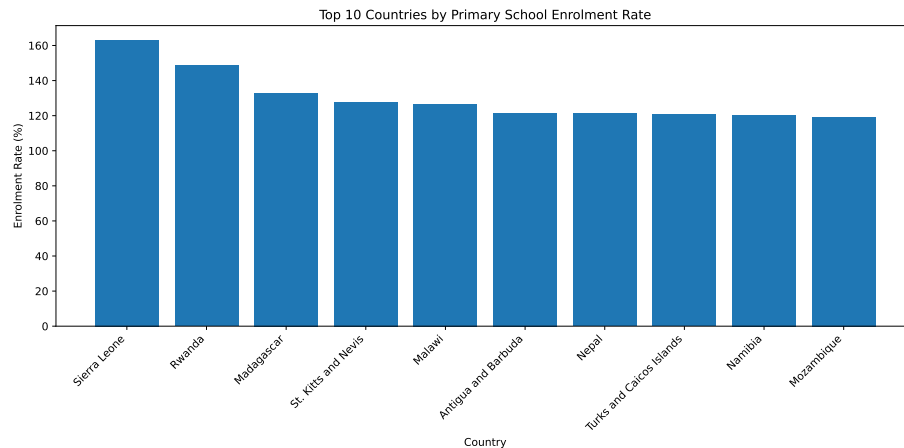


Figure 2: Top 10 Countries by Primary School Enrolment Rate (2022)

4.4 Findings: Primary School Enrolment Rate

The bar chart shows the top 10 countries with the highest primary school enrolment rates. Several countries have enrolment rates exceeding 120%, which may reflect gross enrolment ratios that include over-age or under-age students.

The differences among the top-performing countries are relatively small, suggesting that access to primary education is generally high among these nations. However, focusing only on the top 10 countries does not reflect disparities that may exist in lower-performing regions.

Overall, the results suggest that while many countries have achieved strong primary school access, global education equality may still vary significantly outside the top performers.

4.5 Analysis of Unemployment Rate

Unemployment rates vary significantly across countries. Table 2 summarises key statistics, showing substantial dispersion and a moderate average unemployment rate globally.

```
unemployment_stats = {
    'Statistic': ['Mean', 'Median', 'Std Dev', 'Min', 'Max'],
    'Value': [
        df['unemployment_rate'].mean(),
        df['unemployment_rate'].median(),
        df['unemployment_rate'].std(),
        df['unemployment_rate'].min(),
        df['unemployment_rate'].max()
    ]
}
unemployment_df = pd.DataFrame(unemployment_stats).round(2)
unemployment_df
```

Table 2: Unemployment Rate Statistics

	Statistic	Value
0	Mean	7.20
1	Median	5.34
2	Std Dev	5.85
3	Min	0.13
4	Max	36.47

4.6 Findings: Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate has a mean of 7.20% and a median of 5.34%, suggesting slight right-skewness. The wide range (0.13% to 36.47%) indicates significant variation across countries, with a few high-unemployment countries pulling the average upward.

5 Create at least two different types of plots

5.1 Relationship Between GDP per Capita and Unemployment

As shown in Figure 3, there is a slight negative relationship between GDP per capita and unemployment rate, suggesting that wealthier countries tend to have lower unemployment levels.

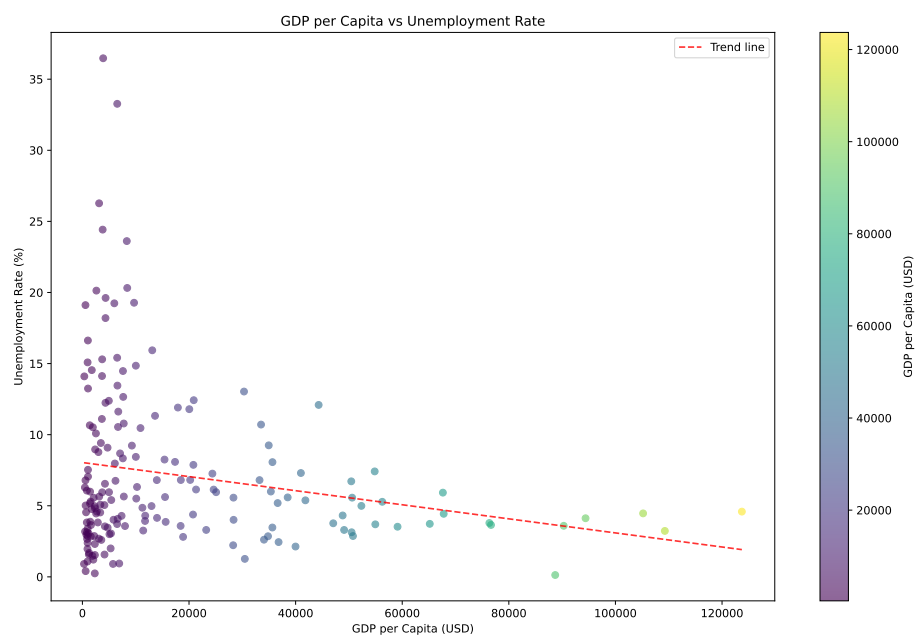


Figure 3: Relationship Between GDP per Capita and Unemployment Rate (2022). Source: The World Bank (2023).

5.2 Findings: GDP per Capita and Unemployment

The scatter plot shows a negative relationship between GDP per capita and unemployment rate. Countries with higher income levels tend to have lower unemployment rates on average. Although there is variation among low-income countries, the overall trend suggests that stronger economic performance is associated with more stable labor markets.

5.3 Average Unemployment Rate by GDP Level

Figure 4 compares average unemployment rates across GDP per capita groups.

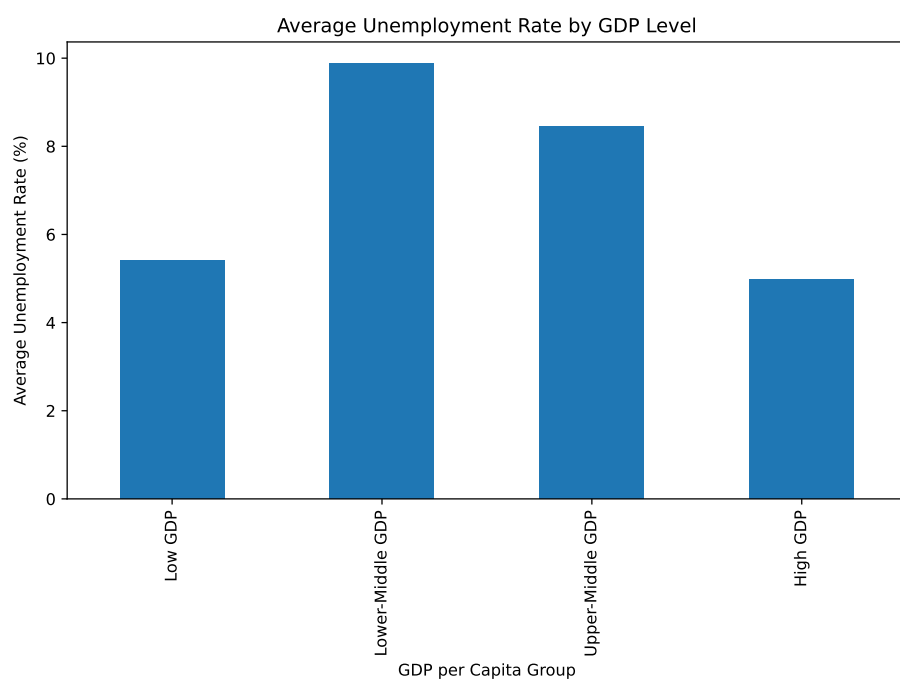


Figure 4: Average Unemployment Rate by GDP per Capita Group (2022).
Source: World Bank WDI 2022. Source: The World Bank (2023).

5.4 Findings: Unemployment by GDP Group

The bar chart shows differences in average unemployment across GDP groups. Lower-middle and upper-middle income countries exhibit higher average unemployment compared to high-income countries. This reinforces the negative association between economic development and unemployment observed in the scatter plot.

5.5 Relationship Between Education and Unemployment

Figure 5 illustrates the relationship between education and unemployment.

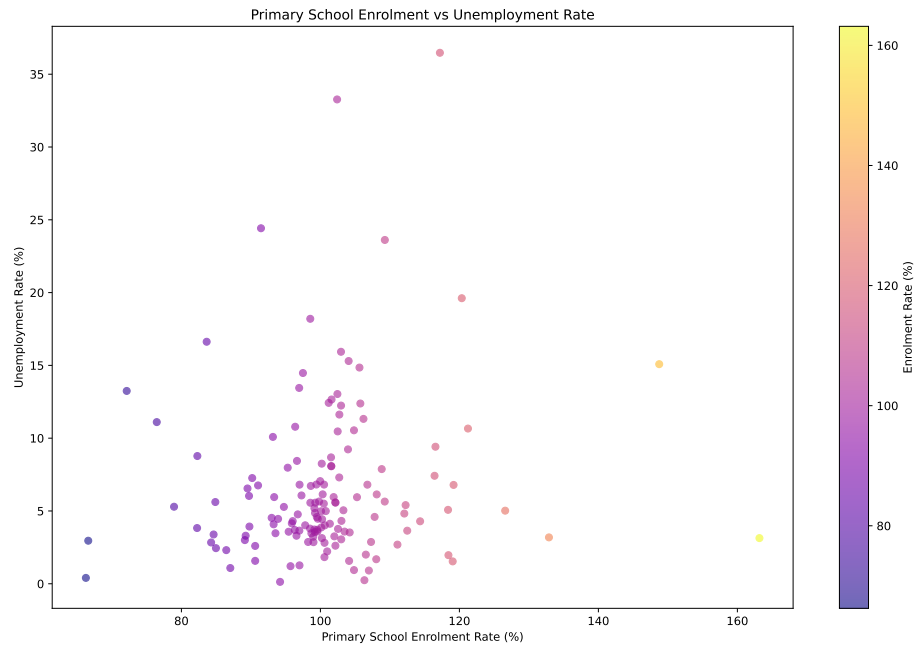


Figure 5: Primary School Enrolment vs Unemployment Rate (2022). Source: The World Bank (2023)

5.6 Findings: Education and Unemployment

The relationship between primary school enrolment and unemployment appears weak. Most countries cluster around enrolment rates near 100%, with varying unemployment levels. This suggests that primary education alone may not strongly explain differences in unemployment across countries.

6 Summary Table of Key Findings

Table 3 presents selected economic and social indicators for major economies, allowing direct comparison across countries.

```
# Create a summary table for selected countries
selected_countries = ['United States', 'China', 'Japan', 'Germany', 'United Kingdom',
                     'France', 'India', 'Brazil', 'Canada', 'Australia']

summary_data = []

for country in selected_countries:
    country_data = df[df['country'] == country]
    if not country_data.empty:
        summary_data.append({
            'Country': country,
            'GDP per Capita': round(country_data['gdp_per_capita'].values[0], 2),
            'Primary Enrolment': round(country_data['primary_school_enrolment_rate'].values[0], 2),
            'Unemployment': round(country_data['unemployment_rate'].values[0], 2) if pd.notna(country_data['unemployment_rate'].values[0]) else None
        })

summary_df = pd.DataFrame(summary_data)
summary_df
```

Table 3: Key Findings Summary

	Country	GDP per Capita	Primary Enrolment	Unemployment
0	United States	76657.25	96.97	3.65
1	China	12970.61	100.10	4.98
2	Japan	34065.64	102.16	2.61
3	Germany	50506.52	100.22	3.14
4	United Kingdom	47057.04	102.54	3.77
5	France	40988.64	102.71	7.30
6	India	2347.45	112.07	4.82
7	Brazil	9281.33	103.97	9.23
8	Canada	56256.80	94.74	5.28
9	Australia	65169.52	99.13	3.73

Table 4 synthesises the main analytical insights from the study, highlighting distributional patterns and relationships between economic output, education, and unemployment.

Table 4: Summary of Key Findings from the Analysis (2022). Source: The World Bank (2023).

	Indicator	Key Finding
0	GDP per Capita	Highly right-skewed distribution; large income...
1	Primary School Enrolment	Most countries cluster around high enrolment r...
2	Unemployment Rate	Wide variation across countries; mean higher t...
3	GDP vs Unemployment	Negative relationship: higher GDP per capita a...
4	Education vs Unemployment	Weak relationship; enrolment rate does not str...

Task 6 is already done in the report.

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