
Understanding life in Ireland

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Understanding Life in Ireland - Well-being Framework Analysis

Explore the analysis of the dashboard in Understanding Life in Ireland.
(<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/cfb75-understanding-life-in-ireland-2023-analysis/>).



Understanding Life in Ireland: The Well-being Framework 2023

Ireland's Well-being Framework provides policy-makers and Government with a more holistic way of thinking about how Ireland is doing as a country. It focuses on quality of life, with a particular emphasis on equality and sustainability. It reviews performance across economic, environmental and social issues simultaneously, rather than in isolation.

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A Well-being Perspective

Ireland's Well-being Framework is a cross-government initiative to help improve our understanding of quality of life and to measure how we are progressing overall as a country. This can help us better align policy decisions with people's experiences.

The importance of taking a new and broader approach to understanding people's lives has never been clearer, particularly reflecting on our experience of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Well-being Framework has the advantage of bringing economic, societal and environmental impacts together under one Framework. It also places a particular focus on equality and sustaining well-being into the future. It includes 11 dimensions of well-being, which capture the areas that matter most to the people of Ireland for a good quality of life, areas such as housing, skills, work, health and community.

In July 2021 the government's [First Report on a Well-being Framework for Ireland](https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/fb19a-first-report-on-well-being-framework-for-ireland-july-2021/) (https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/fb19a-first-report-on-well-being-framework-for-ireland-july-2021/) was published. It captured the first phase of this work and set out the guiding vision and ambitions alongside an initial Well-being Framework and supporting Dashboard of Indicators informed by significant consultation with

stakeholders carried out by the National Economic and Social Council.

(<https://www.nesc.ie/work-programme/well-being-framework/irelands-well-being-framework-consultation-report/>).

The second phase of the work, captured in a Second Report - A Well-being Framework for Ireland, (</pdf/226076/?page=null>) published in June 2022, included a Public Conversation and specific research which sought feedback on and tested the initial framework. This led to a refinement of the Framework, in particular placing a stronger focus on sustainability. The Report also sets out a pathway for embedding a well-being approach into the policy-making system over time, including into the Budget process.

Initial plans to take this approach forward include:

- annual published analysis of the well-being dashboard and a focus on well-being in the National Economic Dialogue;
- continued embedding into expenditure and evaluation policy;
- promotion of relevant research and policy developments; and
- clear supporting structures

In 2022, the Well-being Framework featured in the Budgetary process. It was a theme at the National Economic Dialogue (<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/cdf2e-national-economic-dialogue-2022/>) in June, and an updated version of the analysis also featured in the Summer Economic Statement (<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/a7fcd-government-sets-out-parameters-for-budget-2023/>) and in Budget Day documentation (<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/04fef-budget-publications/>) through a new publication entitled 'Budget 2023: Beyond GDP – Quality of Life Assessment'. It is intended that this will be an annual contribution to the Budget process, which will support a broader discussion of the impacts of Budgetary decisions. For more information on this process click [here](#). (<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/38566-taking-the-well-being-project-forward/>).

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