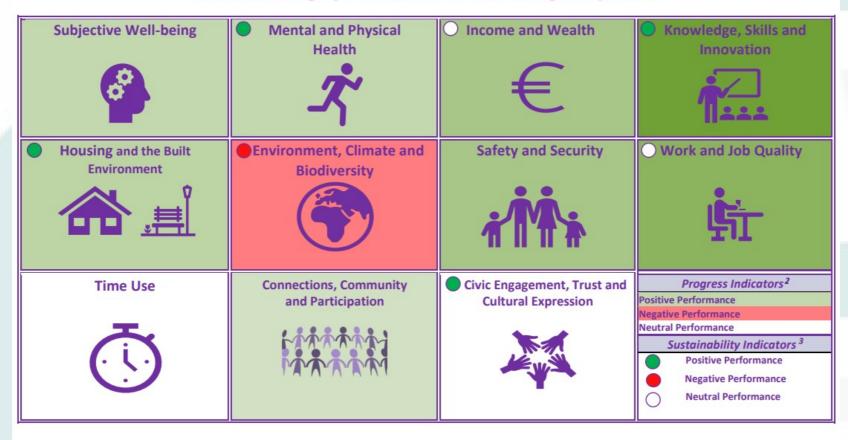


What Counts when it comes to Wellbeing?

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Our Starting Point - the Dashboard

Understanding Life in Ireland – A Well-being Perspective



² The colour indicates how overall the 35 indicators perform over time (generally 5 years) and compared to the EU average, depending on data availability.

³ A subset of the indicators (14) have been identified as particularly important for sustainability (Economic, Environmental, Social). The circle shows performance of these indicators.

But what if we counted differently?

What do WE think counts?

- Survey Summer 2022
- Considered the 11 domains, included the existing indicators and proposed a few more.
- Ranked 1-6 (1 = least important; 6 = most important)
- Weighted through SurveyMonkey and we selected the top three indicators for each domain.
- We then colour-coded each indicator, and domain, using the system set out in the Report on the Wellbeing Dashboard.

Subjective Wellbeing		
Government Dashboard	SJI Dashboard	
Overall Life Satisfaction	Overall Life Satisfaction	
Population who do not feel downhearted or depressed in the last 4 weeks	Social Inclusion	
School aged Children who report being happy with their lives at present	Access to Public Services	

Mental and Physical Health		
Government Dashboard	SJI Dashboard	
Healthy Life Years	Inability to afford adequate healthcare	
Population reporting depression	Outpatient and Inpatient Waiting Lists	
Unmet need for medical attention	Unmet need for medical attention	

Income and Wealth		
	Government Dashboard	SJI Dashboard
	 Median Real Household Disposable Income 	 Population at risk of poverty
	Median Household Net Wealth	Income Equality / Inequality
	Households with difficulty making ends meet	Median Real Household Disposable Income
	Government Net Wealth	

Knowledge, Skills and Innovation				
Government Dashboard	SJI Dashboard			
 Reading and Maths Performance in 15-year olds 	Early School Leavers			
Lifelong learning rate	Lifelong learning rate			
Research and Development Personnel	Digital Literacy			

Housing and the Built Environment			
SJI Dashboard			
Housing Affordability			
At risk of poverty rate after rent and mortgage interest			
Mortgage Debt Burden			

Environment, Climate and Biodiversity				
Government Dashboard	SJI Dashboard			
 Pollution, grime or other environmental problems 	Access to reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy sources			
 Water bodies assessed as 'High' or 'Good' quality 	Biodiversity loss			
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Proportion of the population unable to keep their home adequately warm			
Proportion of waste to landfill	Greenhouse Gas Emissions			

Safety and Security		
Government Dashboard	SJI Dashboard	
Murder rate per 100,000 of population	Incidences of gender-based violence	
Persons killed or injured on the roads	Incidences of racism and/or discrimination	
Population who worry they could be a victim of crime	Persons killed or injured on roads	

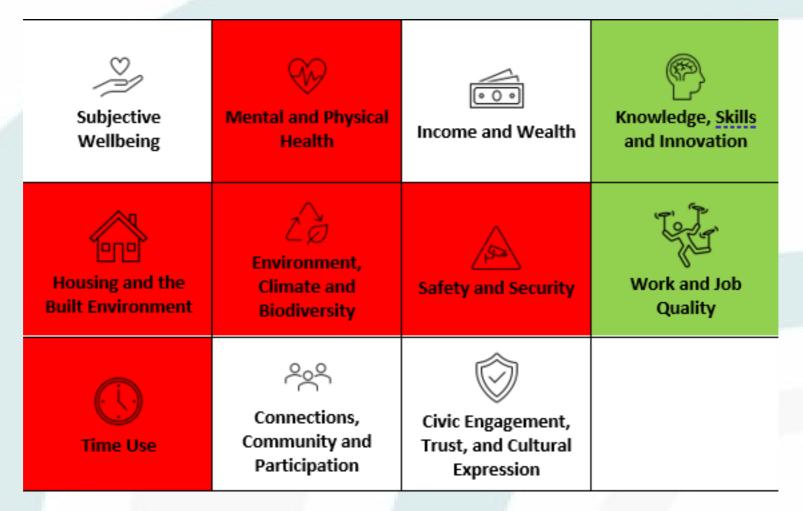
Work and Job Quality		
Government Dashboard	SJI Dashboard	
Labour underutilisation rate	In-work poverty	
Employment rate	Mean weekly earnings	
Mean weekly earnings	No. of long-term unemployed	

Time Use		
Government Dashboard	SJI Dashboard	
Long working hours in main job	Long working hours in main job	
Providing at least 20 hours of care per week	Commuting Time	
Population satisfied with leisure time	Providing at least 20 hours of care per week	

Connections, Community and Participation				
Government Dashboard	SJI Dashboard			
Population who feel lonely	Population who feel lonely			
Population with at least two people they can rely on	Access to green / recreational space			
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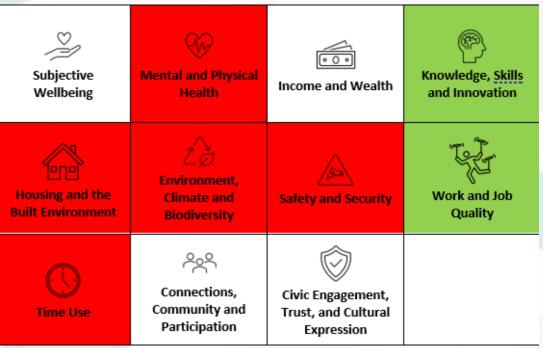
Civic Engagement, Trust, Cultural Expression				
Government Dashboard	SJI Dashboard			
 Persons who experienced discrimination in the last two years 	Trust in National Government			
Satisfaction with how democracy works in Ireland	Satisfaction with how democracy works in Ireland			
Perceived Social Inclusion	Vote turn-out in National Elections			

The Alternative Dashboard



Counting what Counts





Wellbeing and a new Social Contract

Prioritised Economy

- Decent Services and Infrastructure; Governance; and Sustainability fair worst
- Just Taxation is neutral

Vibrant Economy	Decent Services and Infrastructure	Just Taxation	Good Governance	Sustainability	
Work and Job Quality	Subjective Wellbeing	Income and Wealth	Safety and Security	Environment, Climate and Biodiversity	
Knowledge, Skills and Innovation	Mental and Physical Health		Civic Engagement, Trust, and Cultural Expression	Time Use	
	Housing and the Built Environment				
	Connections, Community and Participation				

Take Away

 There are thousands of indicators to choose from, who gets to choose?

Need an inclusive process

• Establish a multi-stakeholder working group - Social Dialogue Model?



Questions