

Panel Dataset on de jure Central Bank Independence in 21 OECD Countries (Excluding the Eurozone)

This is a guideline for users of this dataset. The central bank index is computed from four independence groups (columns *Personal*, *Functional*, *Financial* and *Budgetary*), each with a defined maximum number of points a central bank can obtain. For personal independence and financial independence, the maximum is four points per category, while for functional & institutional and budgetary independence, the maximum is three points per category. The maximum total points for each central bank is 14. Each group is weighted based on its importance for overall independence, with a total weight sum of 1. The index (*CBI*) is formally described by the following formula:

$$CBI = \frac{Pers_{act}}{Pers_{max}} \times w_{pers} + \frac{Fun_{act}}{Fun_{max}} \times w_{fun} + \frac{Fin_{act}}{Fin_{max}} \times w_{fin} + \frac{Bud_{act}}{Bud_{max}} \times w_{bud}, \quad (1)$$

where variables with subscript *act* represent actual values obtained by the central bank in a given independence category, variables with subscript *max* represent maximum values that can be obtained in each category, and *w* denotes weight for the respective category. This normalization ensures the index remains within the interval of 0 and 1.

In the dataset, two approaches to weights selection is used. Column *CBI_ew* includes central bank independence using equal weights for each category (i.e. 0,25). Column *CBI_jw* includes the independence utilizing judgmented weights that are provided in the computational column *Weights*. We leave the option for the user to use different judgments on importance of each weight. The column *MAX points* is determined by the index methodology and should not be changed by the user.