

Some Useful Sources

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In addition to the references cited in each article, below are some other sources relevant to the topics covered by the preceding articles. Although most refer to domestic policy measures, a few offer a more comparative, international perspective. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list, rather a selection of material from a range of sources aiming to provide additional breadth and depth for those interested in child poverty and policy.

Government sites

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/childpoverty/>

This website provides links to information and resources about the government's Child Poverty Strategy.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/ofa/>

This page is part of the Department for Work and Pensions' website and has links to the most recent edition of 'Opportunity for All', as well as other strategy documents on children and young people, including:

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/publications/dwp/2007/childpoverty/childpoverty.pdf>

An electronic version of 'Working for Children' (March 2007), which sets out the measures that the Department for Work and Pensions intend to take to contribute to the eradication of child poverty by 2020, and focuses on the link between employment and helping families out of poverty.

and

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/media/8/5/childpoverty_complete_290704.pdf

This is a link to the child poverty review, which is located on the HM Treasury website, and sets out the policies necessary to advance the government's aim of eradicating child poverty by 2020.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/publications/childrensplan/downloads/The_Childrens_Plan.pdf

This document sets out the reforms being undertaken over the next decade by the Department for Children, Schools and Families to address the department's strategic objectives.

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/publications-and-resources/>

This link provides access to a range of publications and resources relating to the Every Child Matters: Change for Children programme, which aims to ensure five outcomes for all children:

- be healthy
- stay safe
- enjoy and achieve
- make a positive contribution
- achieve economic well-being

by harnessing the resources and efforts of a range of organisations involved in providing services to children.

Third sector and campaigning organisations

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/child-poverty/>

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation is an independent organisation that aims, through research, to examine the root causes of poverty and disadvantage and identify solutions. Child Poverty is one of the research programme strands and this website includes links to the Foundation's recent publications in this area and other child poverty resources and organisations.

<http://www.cpag.org.uk/>

The Child Poverty Action Group campaigns for the abolition of child poverty in the UK and is a founder member of the End Child Poverty Campaign (see below). Its website includes links to information about policy and research work, publications and other resources and details of current campaigns.

<http://www.endchildpoverty.org.uk/>

The Campaign to End Child Poverty is formed from children's and other charities, social justice groups, faith-groups, trade unions and others concerned about child poverty in the UK. In its 'Key facts' section the website includes useful regional statistics on child poverty levels, as well as the 20 parliamentary constituencies with the highest levels of child poverty across the UK.

<http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>

Save the Children is an international charity, with workers in 52 countries, including the UK. Their focus is on four fundamental rights for children: health, freedom from hunger, education and protection. Their site includes links to research publications and policy reports, including a report on child poverty in Northern Ireland by Marina Monteith and Eithne McLaughlin (see below in *Reports*).

<http://www.childrensociety.org.uk/>

The Children's Society is a charity working to make childhood better for children in the UK. They are concerned with children's well-being within their homes, schools and

communities, and develop direct programs with children and youth, such as the Good Childhood inquiry, which was launched in 2006.

http://sticerd.lse.ac.uk/case/_new/

This is the website for the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, from where electronic versions of various papers on child poverty can be accessed.

<http://www.playengland.org.uk/Page.asp>

Play England is part of the National Children's Bureau and is supported by the Big Lottery Fund. Its objectives are to:

- promote local play strategies
- build partnerships for play
- research and demonstrate the benefits of play
- promote equality and diversity in play provision
- raise awareness and promote standards

The website includes a resources section, which provides links to policy and play sector briefing papers on how play relates to other key topics, as well as discussion papers and forums.

Peer reviewed journals

<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journal.asp?ref=0951-0605>

Children and Society is an interdisciplinary journal publishing research and debate on all aspects of childhood and policies and services for children and young people.

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/journal.asp?issn=1473-3285&subcategory=SS480000>

Children's Geographies provides an international forum to discuss issues that impact upon the geographical worlds of children and young people under the age of 25 and of their families.

<http://www.hkfyg.org.hk/yr/english/yr-jys-e.html>

The *Journal of Youth Studies* provides a forum for professional exchange in youth research, services, theories and practice in youth work, and advocates improvement in youth services, youth policy and youth legislations.

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/journal.asp?issn=1079-6126&subcategory=SS480000>

The *Journal of Children and Poverty* seeks to promote intellectual debate and new ideas that will impact upon policy and practice in the field of child and family welfare. From an international perspective, the journal invites critical and creative thinking to further the understanding of global issues affecting the quality of life for children and families.

Reports

Bradshaw, J. (2006), 'A review of the comparative evidence on child poverty', Joseph Rowntree Foundation, York,
<http://www.jrf.org.uk/bookshop/eBooks/9781859354902.pdf>

This paper provides a comparison of data from a range of international datasets. It compares child poverty rates and variations in family and other characteristics of poor children, and reviews comparative data on the policies designed to reduce child poverty.

Magadi, M. and Middleton, S. (2007), 'Severe child poverty in the UK', Save the Children Fund, London,

<http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/en/docs/sevchildpovuk.pdf>

This report contains the findings of a technical study, which aimed to identify a measure of severe child poverty that can discriminate between the experiences of children defined as severely poor and other children.

Monteith, M. and McLaughlin, E. (2005), 'Severe child poverty in Northern Ireland: key research findings', Save the Children, London,

http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/en/docs/NI_bottom_line.pdf

This links to a report of the key findings of a study of severe child poverty in Northern Ireland, commissioned by Save the Children, using data from the Poverty and Social Exclusion survey in Northern Ireland (PSE NI), and conducted during 2002/3.

Statistical information

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/hbai.asp>

This webpage contains links to reports on the Households Below Average Income series. The most recent report includes information on potential living standards as determined by disposable income in 2005/06, changes in income patterns over time and income mobility. Reports go back to 2000/01. There are also links to information on low income dynamics between 1991 and 2005, and on consultations on equivalence scales and other issues.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/frs/>

This webpage gives access to reports, information and datasets from the Family and Resources Survey, which collects information on the incomes and circumstances of private households in the United Kingdom (or Great Britain before 2002–03).

International sites and data sets

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

<http://www.oecd.org>

The OECD is one of the world's largest sources of comparable statistic and economic and social data. As well as collecting data, the OECD monitors trends, analyses and forecasts economic developments, and researches social changes or evolving patterns. One such work, relevant to this issue, is *Babies and Bosses – Reconciling Work and Family Life*, which compares the different approaches that the 30 OECD countries take to help parents balance their work and family commitments.

http://www.oecd.org/document/45/0,3343,en_2649_201185_39651501_1_1_1_1,00.html

ISBN: 9789264032446, publication 29/11/2007

This research is based on the family database, which brings together information from different OECD databases (for example, the OECD Social Expenditure database, the OECD Benefits and Wages database, and the OECD Education database), and databases maintained by other (international) organisations.

www.oecd.org/els/social/family/database

Luxembourg Income Study (LIS)

<http://www.lisproject.org/>

The *Luxembourg Income Study* (LIS) is a cross-national data archive containing two primary databases. The LIS database includes income microdata from a large number of countries at multiple points in time. The newer LWS database includes wealth microdata from a smaller selection of countries. Both databases include labour market and demographic data. LIS Key Figures provide country-level poverty and inequality indicators. Available data include gini coefficients, decile ratios, overall poverty rates, child poverty rates and elderly poverty rates.

World Bank Poverty Dataset

<http://iresearch.worldbank.org/PovcalNet/jsp/index.jsp>

This site gives access to *PovcalNet*; an interactive computational tool that can be used to replicate the calculations made by the World Bank's researchers in estimating the extent of absolute poverty in the world. *PovcalNet* also allows poverty measures under different assumptions to be calculated, and to assemble the estimates using alternative country groupings or for individual countries.

The UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (IRC)

<http://www.unicef-irc.org/>

The UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre (IRC) was established to strengthen the capacity of UNICEF and its cooperating institutions to respond to the evolving needs of children and to develop a new global ethic for children. It promotes the effective implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

The website includes a meta-search engine (http://www.unicef-irc.org/php/cross_search/index.php) that transmits searches simultaneously to all CRC databases, including publications and research.