
North-South: Comparative Living Standards and Economic Exchanges

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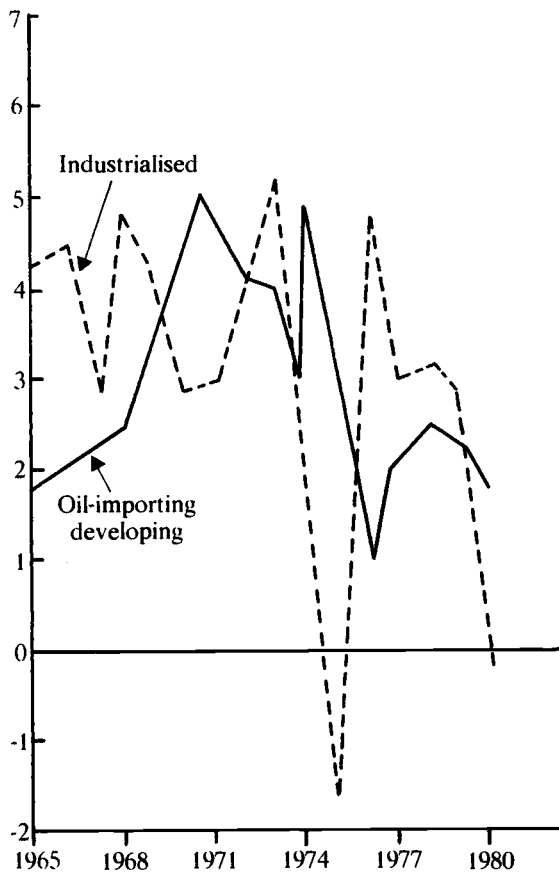
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Figure 1

Growth in GNP per capita, industrialised and oil-importing developing countries, 1965-80
(1977 US \$; annual percentage)



Source: The World Bank, *World Development Report*, 1980

table 1

Economic and social indicators: UK and regional averages c1978

	popu- lation mid-1978	per capita GNP 1978	per capita GNP growth rate	life expectancy at birth 1978	infant mortality rates 1978	adult literacy rates 1975	average index of food production per capita 1976-78 (1969-71=100)	energy consumption per capita 1978
	mn	\$ US	1960- 1978	1970- 1980	years			kgs of coal equivalent
United Kingdom	56	5030	2.1	...	73	99	111	5212
Industrialised countries	668	8070	3.7	2.4	74	99	108	7060
Low income countries	1294	200	1.6	1.7	50	38	97	161
Middle income countries	873	1250	3.7	3.1	61	71	106	903
Capital surplus countries ^a	60	3340	7.1	5.0	53	50	111	1620
Centrally planned economies	1352	1190	4.0	3.8	70	...	112	2117

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^a capital surplus countries are: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Saudia Arabia and KuwaitSource: The World Bank, *World Development Report 1980*

table 2

**Industrialised and developing countries' surpluses and deficits on
current account, 1973-80**
(\$000 million)

	1973	1974	1978	1979	1980
Industrialised					
Countries of which	+19.3	-11.6	+33.4	-9.8	-50.0
7 largest	14.1	-3.8	36.1	2.9	-29.0
others	5.2	-7.8	-2.7	-12.7	-21.0
Developing					
Countries of which	-4.9	+30.9	-30.8	+15.5	+45.0
oil exporting	6.6	67.8	5.0	68.4	115.0
non-oil ldc's	-11.5	-36.9	-35.8	-52.9	-70.0

Source: IMF, *Annual Report*, 1980

table 3

Funds raised on the international markets by type of borrower 1979-80
(US \$mn)

	1979	1980
OECD countries	55,140.8	67,201.6
International organisations based in Europe	4,797.6	3,601.3
Non-OECD countries		
Eastern socialist	3,791.6	2,255.4
OPEC	9,009.3	6,577.3
Other developing	38,601.5	28,283.1
International developing institutions	5,388.2	4,640.7
Others	467.2	809.0
total	117,196.2	113,368.4

Source: OECD, *Financial Statistics*, part 1, *Financial Statistics Monthly*, January 1981

table 4

Aid flows: by DAC countries and OPEC 1974-79
(\$ mn and per cent of GNP)

a) Net official development assistance from DAC countries to developing countries and multilateral agencies 1974-1979
disbursements

donor country	1974		1975		1976		1977		1978		1979	
	\$ m	as % of GNP	\$ m	as % of GNP	\$ m	as % of GNP	\$ m	as % of GNP	\$ m	as % of GNP	\$ m	as % of GNP
Australia	433	0.55	552	0.65	377	0.41	400	0.42	588	0.55	620	0.52
Austria	60	0.18	79	0.21	50	0.12	108	0.22	154	0.27	127	0.19
Belgium	271	0.51	378	0.59	340	0.51	371	0.46	536	0.55	631	0.56
Canada	716	0.47	880	0.54	887	0.46	991	0.50	1060	0.52	1026	0.46
Denmark	168	0.55	205	0.58	214	0.56	258	0.60	388	0.75	448	0.75
Finland	38	0.16	48	0.18	51	0.17	49	0.16	55	0.16	86	0.21
France	1616	0.59	2093	0.62	2146	0.62	2267	0.60	2705	0.57	3370	0.59
Germany	1433	0.37	1689	0.40	1593	0.36	1717	0.33	2347	0.37	3350	0.44
Italy	216	0.14	182	0.11	226	0.13	198	0.10	375	0.14	273	0.08
Japan	1126	0.25	1148	0.23	1105	0.20	1424	0.21	2215	0.23	2637	0.26
Netherlands	436	0.63	608	0.75	728	0.83	908	0.86	1073	0.82	1404	0.93
New Zealand	39	0.31	66	0.52	53	0.41	53	0.39	55	0.34	61	0.30
Norway	131	0.57	184	0.66	218	0.70	295	0.83	355	0.90	429	0.93
Sweden	402	0.72	566	0.82	608	0.82	779	0.99	783	0.90	956	0.94
Switzerland	68	0.14	104	0.19	112	0.19	119	0.19	173	0.20	207	0.21
United Kingdom	783	0.40	897	0.39	879	0.39	1103	0.45	1460	0.47	2067	0.52
United States	3674	0.26	4161	0.27	4360	0.26	4682	0.25	5664	0.27	4684	0.20
Total DAC countries	11610	0.34	13840	0.36	13947	0.33	15722	0.33	19986	0.35	22375	0.35

b) Total official flows from OPEC members

net disbursements

donor country	\$ million				as per cent of GNP			
	1975	1976	1977	1978 ^p	1975	1976	1977	1978 ^p
Algeria	42.2	66.6	71.0	53.6	0.30	0.41	0.36	0.21
Iran	936.1	807.3	285.5	397.8	1.78	1.24	0.38	(0.53)
Iraq	254.4	254.7	114.2	212.8	1.92	1.59	0.62	0.94
Kuwait	712.2	1875.7	1905.0	1528.6	14.23	13.77	12.80	7.65
Libya	362.8	363.2	266.1	550.5	3.21	2.45	1.51	3.01
Nigeria	347.5	176.8	35.7	7.7	1.31	0.52	0.09	0.02
Qatar	366.7	240.3	255.4	125.4	16.90	9.79	10.29	4.33
Saudi Arabia	2466.7	2817.3	2678.4	1722.1	11.82	10.18	6.76	3.24
UAE	1206.6	1143.2	1329.5	812.1	16.26	11.89	10.81	6.59
Venezuela	473.8	392.2	510.5	361.0	1.73	1.26	1.43	0.92
total	8169.0	8137.3	7451.3	5771.6	4.35	3.54	2.70	1.83

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Source: OECD Development Co-operation: 1980 Review

table 5

UK, EEC and US net import dependence on non-fuel minerals 1977-78
(percentages)

	<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>total European Community</i>	<i>United States</i>
Aluminium (allowing for bauxite and alumina imports)	66	57	85 (d)
Antimony (a)	100 (32 with scrap)	c 92	48
Asbestos	100	83	84
Barytes	58	net exports	40
Cadmium (a) (b) (allowing for raw material imports):	100	100	66
Chromium (a)	100	100 (85 with scrap)	92
Cobalt (a)	100	100	97
Copper	84	85	19
Fluorspar	nil	15	82
Germanium (a)	100	100	na
Iron ore (fe content)	91	84	29
Lead	39	55	11
Lithium	100	100	net exports
Manganese (a)	100	100	98
Mercury (a)	100	c 90	57
Molybdenum (a)	100	100	net exports
Nickel (a)	100	100	77
Niobium (a)	100	100	100
Phosphate	100	100	net exports
Platinum Group (a)	100	100	91
Potash	c 75	c 8	61
Selenium (a) (allowing for raw material imports)	100	100	61
Sulphur (all forms)	91	60	10
Tantalum (a)	100	100	97
Tin (a)	55	86	81
Titanium (a)	100	100	39 (ilmenite only)
Tungsten (a)	96	84	50
Vanadium (a)	100	c 97	27
Zinc (a)	99 (c)	52	62
Zirconium (a)	100	100	na

Notes:

- a) Before allowing for secondary recovery in the United Kingdom and total European Community.
- b) UK 77, EEC 31 if based on EEC metal production using importing ores.
- c) < 77 allowing for secondary recovery.
- d) Bauxite and alumina 93 Aluminium 10 (before allowing for import content of new metal)

For the United Kingdom and total European Community the figures generally refer to imports as a percentage of domestic apparent consumption—1977-78 averages. The United States' figures cover net import reliance (imports less exports plus adjustments for government and industry stock change) as a percentage of apparent consumption (US primary plus secondary production plus net import reliance) in 1978.

Source: P. Crowson, *Non-Fuel Minerals Data Base*. Royal Institute of International Affairs, 1980

table 6

World net grain trade, by groups of countries and by regions 1960-61 — 1977-78
(mn metric tons)

	1960-61	1969-70	1975-76	1976-77 ¹	1977-78 ¹
	1962-63 average	1971-72 average			
Developed market economies	18.0	29.1	74.2	52.7	54.7
North America	42.4	54.2	99.1	93.5	88.2
Western Europe	-25.8	-21.5	-18.0	-32.9	-25.4
Australia and New Zealand	6.7	10.8	12.5	13.0	13.9
Japan	-5.3	-14.4	-19.4	-20.9	-22.0
Centrally planned economies	-3.2	-5.9	-34.4	-22.6	-20.2
People's Republic of China	-3.9	-3.1	-1.3	-3.0	-9.0
USSR and Eastern Europe	0.7	-2.8	-33.1	-19.6	-11.2
Developing countries	-10.2	-13.8	-26.9	-15.9	-22.6
Africa and Middle East	-5.8	-8.7	-14.5	-12.9	-15.3
Asia	-6.5	-10.4	-15.8	-13.2	-11.5
Latin America	2.1	5.3	3.4	10.2	4.2
Other	-0.9	-2.2	-2.3	-2.3	-2.5
Total interregional exports³	51.9	70.3	115.0	116.7	106.3
Total world exports³	na	na	151.2	153.7	159.2

¹Preliminary estimate.

²Excluding Argentina (a large net grain exporter) would show Latin America to be a grain-importing region. Figures for the years indicated above would be: -4.1, 4.9, 9.7, 8.1, and 8.7 respectively.

³Interregional exports includes only those grain exports which move from one region to another; world exports includes all exports of grain whether intra- or inter-regional.

Note: the world grains that are traded include wheat and wheat flour, milled rice, and coarse grains— corn, barley, rye, oats, and sorghum.

Source: ODC *The United States and World Development: agenda 1979*

table 7

UK trade shares, year ending December 1980
(£ mn)

Region	Imports		Exports		Balance value
	value	%	value	%	
1. EEC	20,802.9	(40.3)	20,825.8	(42.1)	+ 22.9
2. Western Europe	8,162.5	(15.8)	8,129.5	(16.4)	- 33.0
3. North America	7,489.2	(14.5)	5,450.5	(11.4)	-2,038.7
4. other developed	3,367.2	(6.5)	2,665.3	(5.4)	- 701.9
5. developing of which	10,293.8	(19.9)	10,981.7	(22.2)	+ 687.9
OPEC	4,348.9	(8.4)	4,937.2	(10.0)	+ 588.3
others	5,944.9	(11.5)	6,044.5	(12.2)	+ 99.6
6. centrally planned	1,435.2	(2.8)	1,317.0	(2.7)	- 118.2
	51,650.3		49,510.8		

Source: Department of Trade, *Overseas Trade Statistics of the UK. December 1980*. HMSO, London.

table 8

UK: production, consumption and trade of commercial energy 1950-78

	Production					Consumption		total imports % of total consumption	net imports % of total consumption
	coal and lignite	crude petrol- eum, liq. gas	natural gas	hydro and nuc- lear energy	total	total	per capita		
1960	197.5	0.2	0.1	0.6	198.5	256.0	4861	33.9	26.2
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1970	146.4	0.2	14.9	3.9	165.4	297.9	5336	60.0	49.6
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1974	97.8	0.7	46.4	4.7	149.7	290.2	5189	65.0	57.1
1975	112.9	2.4	48.3	4.3	168.0	278.5	4983	56.0	47.3
1976	108.3	18.0	50.7	5.1	182.2	279.3	4998	53.0	42.7
1977	106.9	56.6	52.4	5.6	221.5	285.0	5103	44.0	27.6
1978	107.8	76.6	55.6	5.3	245.3	290.9	5212	41.0	22.7

Note:

1. Production, total consumption and net imports figures are in million metric tons of coal equivalent.
2. Per capita consumption are in kilograms per capita.

Sources: UN, *World Energy Supplies*, 1950-74, 1971-75, 1973-78.

table 9

**UK banks' financial exposure in developing countries: net external claims in overseas currencies
1972-1979**
(£ mn)

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
net claims of UK banks in developing countries	908	1790	3155	6729	6980	5686	5222	8052

Source: CSO *UK Balance of Payments*, 1980 edition