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COVID-19 Government Response Tracker

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Oxford Covid-19 Government Response Tracker (OxCGRT) is a project that collected information on policy measures to tackle COVID-19 over the years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

The team is continuing research into the impacts and determinants of pandemic policy and working with partners to devise new approaches to data collection that can be deployed quickly in the face of future pandemics or global emergencies.

The OxCGRT dataset was collected by a team of over 1500 volunteers and published in real-time to understand variations in government responses and the effects of different policies on the pandemic and other outcomes of interest.

By May 2023, most countries have lifted their COVID-19-related policies and the WHO declared an end to the public health emergency of international concern. The OxCGRT project, therefore, shifted its primary focus from collecting and reviewing data on government responses to the pandemic to carrying out cutting-edge research

Project dates



March 2020
- March
2023

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now directed at identifying the most pressing research questions on pandemic responses as well as answering these questions through rigorous scientific analysis.

Although a substantial body of scientific research on COVID-19 government responses has already been published, many research questions remain unanswered. Current empirical evidence strongly supports the view that stronger and more timely government responses were crucial in curbing the spread of the virus, yet a lack of consensus prevails on many other issues. The OxCGRT has identified numerous significant avenues for future research. So, in the next years, our researchers will analyse our authoritative dataset with innovative quantitative and qualitative methods to delve deeper into different government responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and shed light on the causal links between pandemic responses and relevant social, political, and economic factors. By answering these questions, the OxCGRT project will continue to play a key role in building a safer, healthier, and more prosperous world that is better prepared for the next global virus.

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CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS: OXCGRT SEMINAR SERIES

The OxCGRT Seminar Series aims to provide a platform for scholars working on COVID-19 responses, offering an opportunity to present and discuss their ongoing research work as well as to connect with the broader research community.

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FINAL WORKING PAPER

Download the latest update to our working paper containing our final dataset.



Working paper version 15

The final update to our working paper for the Tracker dataset.

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DATASET

The OxCGRT has created an authoritative global dataset of COVID-19 policy responses. The dataset reports three years of policy settings for over 180 countries and over 200 subnational jurisdictions, covering 23 policy indicators, such as school closures, travel restrictions, mask mandates, and vaccination policies. The indicators are also aggregated into a suite of policy indices. Since its launch, the tracker has become a key global resource used by policymakers worldwide and cited in thousands of COVID-19 research studies.

For almost all jurisdictions, the OxCGRT data runs from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022. The data for individual Chinese provinces continues until 28 February 2023.

You can access the data here: <https://github.com/OxCGRT/covid-policy-dataset>

For information and documentation on this dataset, please refer to the [final version of our working paper](#).

VISUALISATIONS

Interactive visualisations of each policy indicator are available at Our World in Data. The most recent versions of [charts and maps are all available on Github](#).

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The OxCGRT dataset was created by more than 1500 citizen scientists all around the world who volunteered their time to search for, interpret, and record policy actions during an unprecedented crisis. The resulting dataset was only possible because of the hard work of this global team of data collectors.

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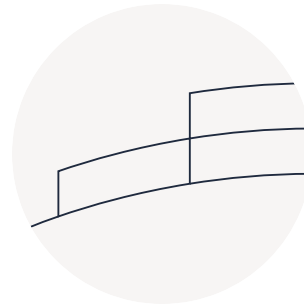
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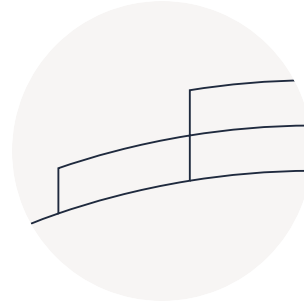
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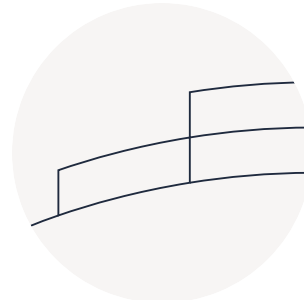
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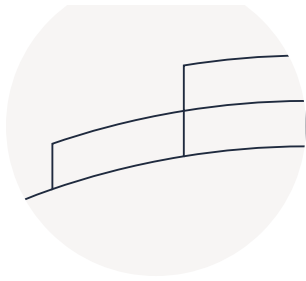
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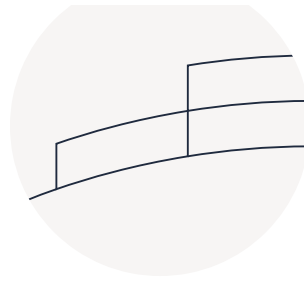


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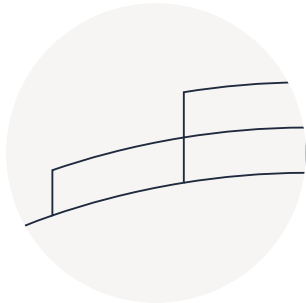
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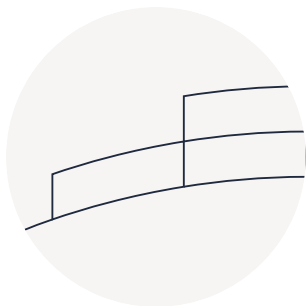
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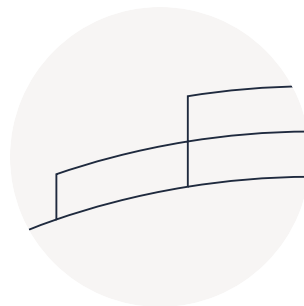
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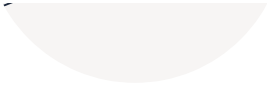
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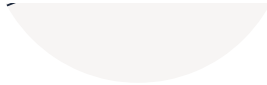
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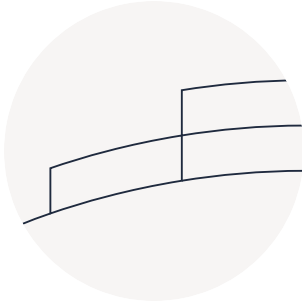
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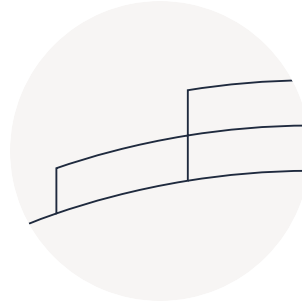
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ABOUT THE OXCGRT POLICY DATASET

Indicators



Policy indices



Subnational data



Data formats



PUBLICATIONS

Recent publications from the project



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Variation in government responses to COVID-19

The Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker (OxCGRT) provides a systematic way to track government responses to COVID-19 across countries and sub-national jurisdictions over time. This is version 15 of the working paper.

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US state-level OxCGRT reports

An overview of the key policy decisions taken to manage the transmission of COVID-19 and protect public health in 12 US states using data from the Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker (OxCGRT).

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