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How can data help put well-being at the centre
of our recovery from Covid-19?

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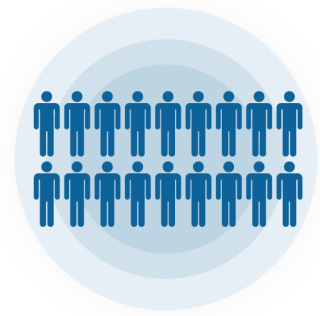
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Economic and societal change already occurring

- Globalization, digitalization, demographic and climate changes are transforming economies and societies

- This has presented opportunities for growth but also created a risk of deeper inequalities

- Governments are grappling with:
  - Designing public policies that keep pace with rapid change, in increasingly uncertain contexts
  - Ensuring people and well-being are kept at the centre of public policy decision-making

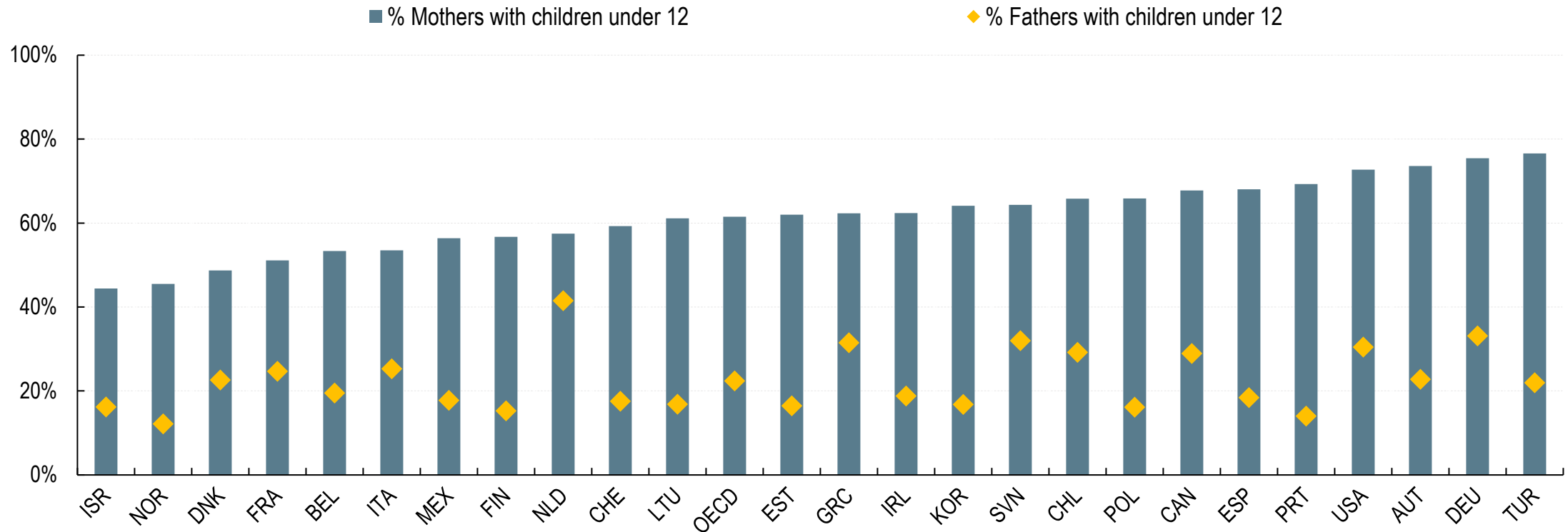# Covid-19 exacerbated risks and disrupted progress

- Covid-19 exposed and exacerbated existing disparities
- Young people and women among those at greatest risk of joblessness and poverty
- Unemployment hit migrants harder and for longer
- Young people reported a higher prevalence of mental health conditions than adults
- Lockdown situations exacerbate risks of violence, exploitation, abuse or harassment against women

Caregiving in crisis: Gender inequality in paid and unpaid work during Covid-19

Mothers were nearly three times as likely as fathers to say they took on most or all of the additional unpaid care work following school and childcare closures
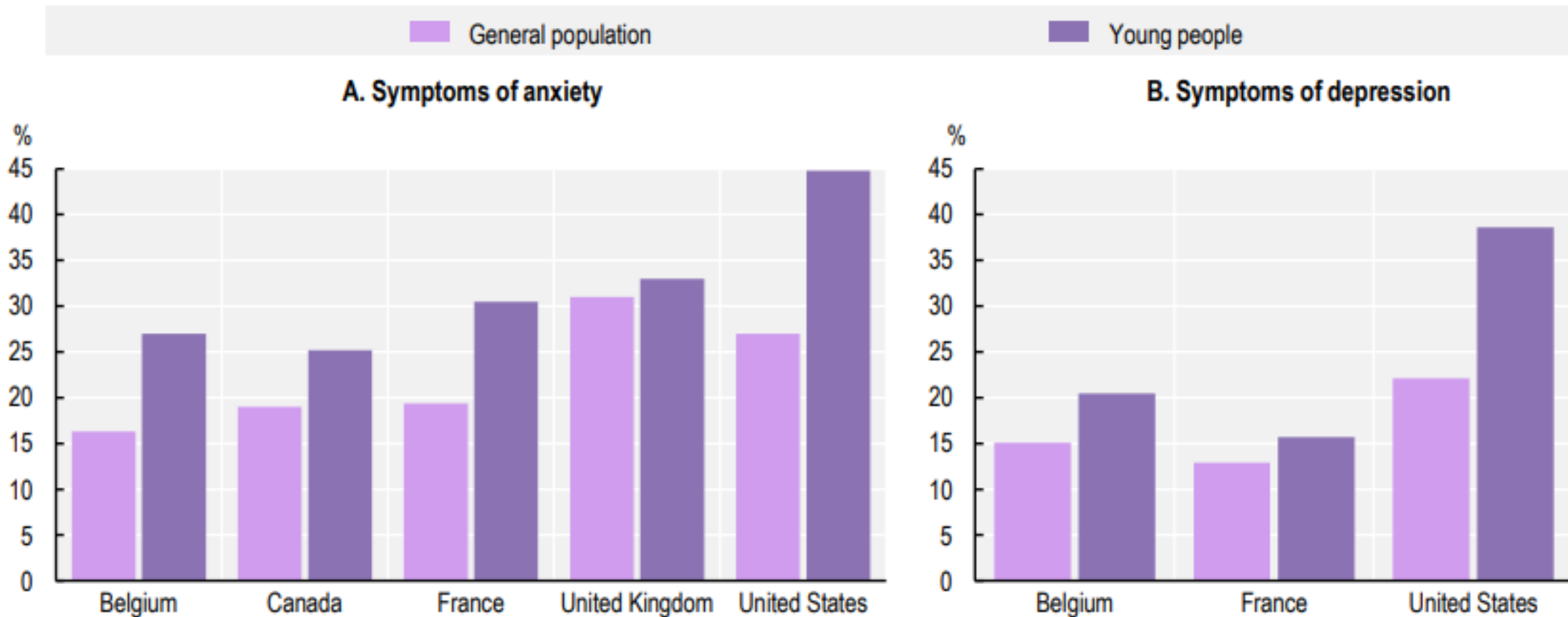
Share of parents with at least one child under 12 who report they took on all/the majority of the added care work, by gender, 2020.

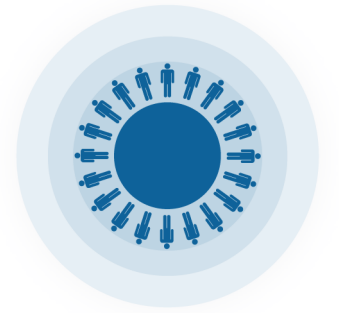Source: OECD (2021) Caregiving in Crisis: Gender inequality in paid and unpaid work during Covid-19 - http://oe.cd/covid-caregiving-rtm.

Prevalence of symptoms of anxiety and depression for selected OECD countries July 2021, young people vs. adults

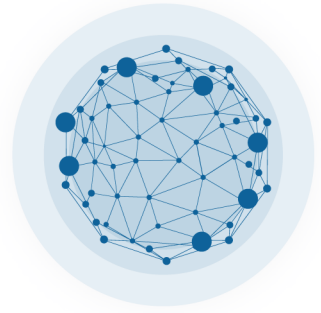Source: OECD (2021), Fitter Minds, Fitter Jobs.

People and well-being at the centre of recovery

- Learn the lessons from Covid-19
- Understand risk characteristics and protective factors and how they can change
- Promote resiliency
- Build public trust and confidence
- Understand what matters most to people
- Engage people in the problem and in the solution
- Involve a diverse range of actors in the solutions

How data can help

- Vast quantities of data are being created
- Greater engagement of policymakers with data and evidence
- Use data, analytics and technology to:
  - Pinpoint the problem(s)
  - Take a longer-term focus
  - Co-design effective social policies and programmes
  - Find innovative solutions
  - Measure progress (with a well-being lens)

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