

socio-economic, *adj.*

Pronunciation: ² Brit. /,səʊf(i)əʊ,i:kə'nɒmɪk/, /,səʊsiəʊ,i:kə'nɒmɪk/, /,səʊf(i)əʊ,ɛkə'nɒmɪk/, /,səʊsiəʊ,ɛkə'nɒmɪk/, U.S. /',sɒʊsiəʊ,ikə'nəmɪk/, /',sɒʊf(i)əʊ,ikə'nəmɪk/, /',sɒʊsiəʊ,ɛkə'nəmɪk/, /',sɒʊf(i)əʊ,ɛkə'nəmɪk/

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Etymology: < SOCIO- *comb. form* + ECONOMIC *adj.*

Social and economic; that derives from or is concerned with the interaction of social and economic factors.

- 1883 L. F. WARD *Dynamic Sociol.* I. vii. 525 It is not from an anthropological or ethnological stand-point that our treatise proceeds but rather from a strictly sociological or socio-economic one.
- 1913 *Jrnl. Royal Anthropol. Inst.* 43 682 The marriage of near kin..may have been induced by socio-economic factors.
- 1937 L. B. MURPHY *Social Behavior & Child Personality* i. 32 Although the socio-economic status was important..it was by no means directly correlated with the educational stimulus which the children received.
- 1966 C. BEREITER & S. ENGELMANN *Teaching Disadvantaged Children Preschool* i. 3 Studies of three- to five-year old children from lower socio-economic backgrounds have shown them to be retarded..in every intellectual ability.
- 2008 *Independent* 12 Jan. (Mag.) 5/2 There was a time when you couldn't blink without someone coming up with some new socioeconomic cult. Metrosexuals? So last century. Trustafarians? So 1980s.

DERIVATIVES

socio-eco'nomically *adv.*

- 1934 *Jrnl. Educ. Sociol.* 7 346 Socio-economically one [school] is slightly superior, two are average, and two below average.
- 2003 P. GOYEN *Live Well, live Long* i. 23 Mental health problems are more common in socioeconomically disadvantaged young people.