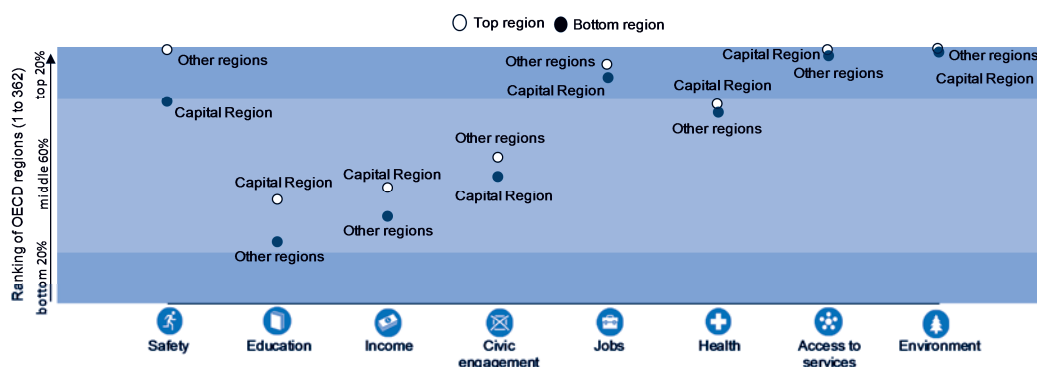


## Iceland

Both Icelandic regions are in the top 20% of OECD regions in safety, jobs, access to services and environment dimensions. Iceland's weakest well-being dimension is education.

### Relative performance of Icelandic regions by well-being dimensions



*Note:* Relative ranking of the regions with the best and worst outcomes in the 9 well-being dimensions, with respect to all 362 OECD regions. The nine dimensions are ordered by decreasing regional disparities in the country. Each well-being dimension is measured by the indicators in the table below. Data on housing are not available.

In Icelandic regions, well-being indicators are on average higher than in the OECD with the exception of the household disposable per capita income and the share of the labour force with at least a secondary degree for the low performing region.

### How do the top and bottom regions in Iceland fare on the well-being indicators?

		Icelandic regions		Country average	OECD average
		Top 20%	Bottom 20%		
	<b>Safety</b>				
	Homicide rate (per 100 000 people), 2012	0.0	0.8	0.6	4.2
	<b>Education</b>				
	Labour force with at least a secondary degree (%), 2013	76.1	62.1	67.0	74.6
	<b>Income</b>				
	Household disposable income per capita (in USD), 2011	15 320	13 162	14 793	18 907
	<b>Civic engagement</b>				
	Voters in last national election (%), 2013	70.3	67.7	69.3	67.7
	<b>Jobs</b>				
	Employment rate (%), 2013	80.5	78.9	80.0	66.7
	Unemployment rate (%), 2013	4.6	6.9	6.2	8.0
	<b>Health</b>				
	Life expectancy at birth (years), 2012	-	-	-	79.5
	Age adjusted mortality rate (per 1 000 people), 2012	7.1	7.3	7.2	8.1
	<b>Access to services</b>				
	Households with broadband access (%), 2013	93.0	91.0	92.0	67.2
	<b>Environment</b>				
	Level of air pollution (PM <sub>2.5</sub> ) experienced by regional population (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ), 2012	2.3	2.5	2.4	12.3

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*Note:* Data in the first two columns refer to average values in regions at the top and the bottom 20% of national ranking. The OECD average is computed for 34 countries except for life expectancy at birth (33 countries).

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