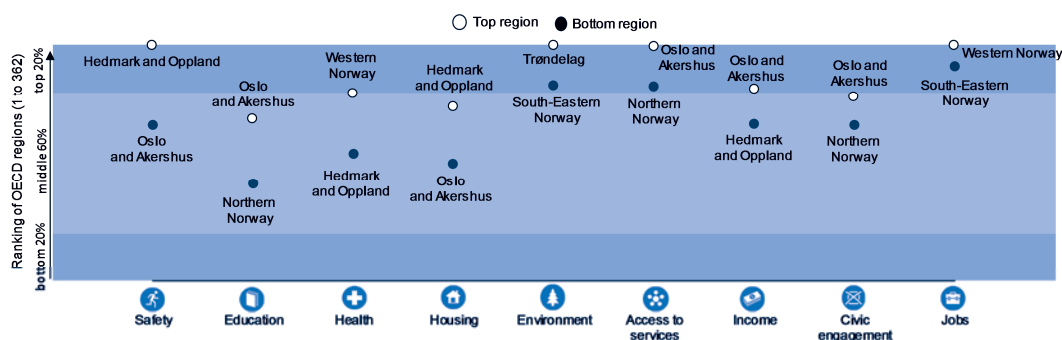


## Norway

All the Norwegian regions are in the top 20% of the OECD regions in the environment, access to services and jobs dimensions. At least one Norwegian region is in the top 20% of OECD regions in every well-being dimension other than education and housing. The country's largest regional disparities are found in the safety dimension: the Hedmark and Oppland region is in the top 15% of the OECD ranking, while the Oslo and Akershus region is in the top 40%.

**Relative performance of Norwegian 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.

Norwegian regions perform better than the OECD average in all of the well-being indicators.

In the high performing Norwegian regions, the share of labour force with at least a secondary degree is 85%, 10 percentage points higher than the OECD average. Household disposable income in the low performing regions is similar to the OECD average.

**How do the top and bottom regions in Norway fare on the well-being indicators?**

	Norwegian regions		Country average	OECD average
	Top 20%	Bottom 20%		
<b>Safety</b>				
Homicide rate (per 100 000 people), 2012	0.3	1.0	0.6	4.2
<b>Education</b>				
Labour force with at least a secondary degree (%), 2013	84.8	76.8	81.2	74.6
<b>Health</b>				
Life expectancy at birth (years), 2012	81.9	80.7	81.4	79.5
Age adjusted mortality rate (per 1 000 people), 2012	7.3	8.1	7.7	8.1
<b>Housing</b>				
Rooms per person, 2012	2.1	1.8	2.0	1.8
<b>Environment</b>				
Level of air pollution (PM <sub>2.5</sub> ) experienced by regional population (µg/m <sup>3</sup> ), 2012	3.0	6.0	4.8	12.3
<b>Access to services</b>				
Households with broadband access (%), 2013	88.1	81.1	84.7	67.2
<b>Income</b>				
Household disposable income per capita (in USD), 2011	22 214	18 992	20 421	18 907
<b>Civic engagement</b>				
Voters in last national election (%), 2013	80.5	74.7	78.2	67.7
<b>Jobs</b>				
Employment rate (%), 2013	79.9	75.5	78.1	66.7
Unemployment rate (%), 2013	2.8	3.6	3.2	8.0

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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 housing (32 countries) and life expectancy at birth (33 countries).

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