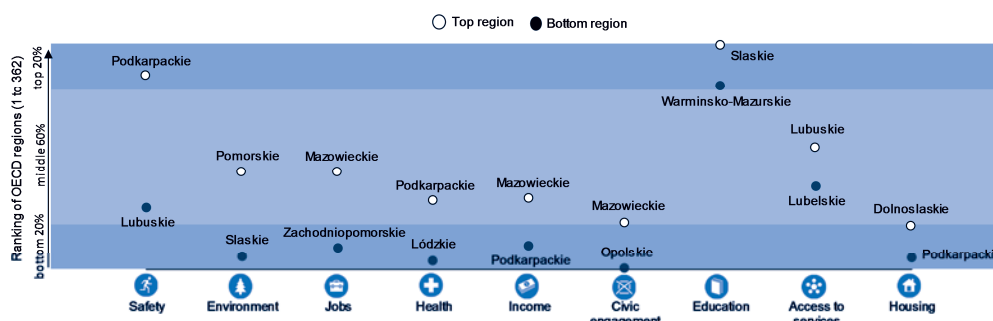


Poland

Polish regions are all in the top 20% of the OECD regional ranking in the education dimension, and in the bottom 20% in the housing dimension. The largest regional disparities are in the safety dimension, with Podkarpackie ranking in the top 15% of the OECD regions and Lubuskie in the bottom 27%. Large disparities also exist in environment and jobs. At least one Polish region is in the bottom 20% of the OECD regions in the environment, jobs, health, income, civic engagement and housing dimensions.

Relative performance of Polish 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.

Both in the high and low performing Polish regions, the share of labour force with at least a secondary degree is at least 15 percentage points higher than the OECD average. The high performing Polish regions fare worse than the OECD average in the well-being indicators related to material conditions: Employment and unemployment rates, household disposable income and number of rooms per person; also air pollution and health outcomes are worse than the OECD average.

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

	Polish regions		Country average	OECD average
	Top 20%	Bottom 20%		
Safety				
Homicide rate (per 100 000 people), 2012	1.0	2.5	1.8	4.2
Environment				
Level of air pollution (PM _{2.5}) experienced by regional population (µg/m ³), 2012	13.5	20.6	17.7	12.3
Jobs				
Employment rate (%), 2013	66.1	47.9	56.9	66.7
Unemployment rate (%), 2013	8.4	12.5	10.0	8.0
Health				
Life expectancy at birth (years), 2012	78.0	75.7	76.8	79.5
Age adjusted mortality rate (per 1 000 people), 2012	9.8	11.1	10.5	8.1
Income				
Household disposable income per capita (in USD), 2011	10 914	7 334	9 274	18 907
Civic engagement				
Voters in last national election (%), 2013	53.4	42.5	48.9	67.7
Education				
Labour force with at least a secondary degree (%), 2013	94.2	89.6	92.4	74.6
Access to services				
Households with broadband access (%), 2013	68.5	62.7	65.7	67.2
Housing				
Rooms per person, 2012	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.8

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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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