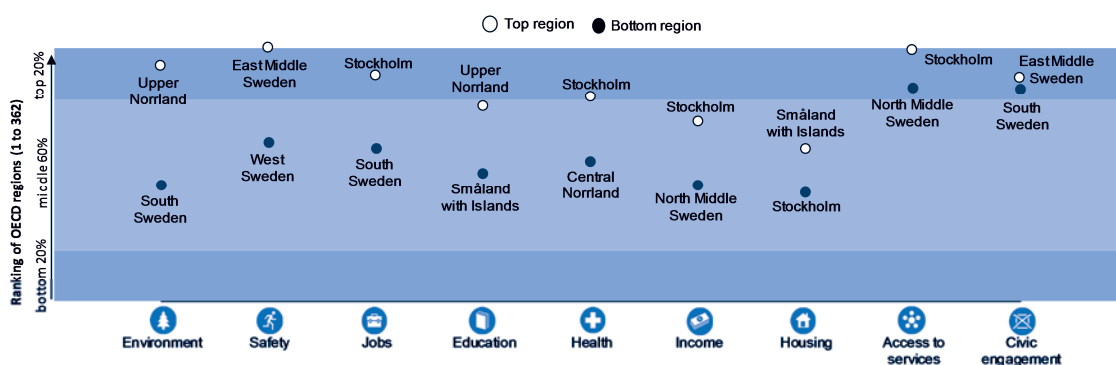


Sweden

All Swedish regions rank in the top 20% of the OECD regions in the civic engagement and access to services dimensions. Regional disparities are generally low, the widest ones being in environment. The country has at least one region that ranks in the top 20% of the OECD regions in 6 out of 9 well-being dimensions: environment, safety, jobs, health, access to services and civic engagement.

Relative performance of Swedish 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.

High and low performing Swedish regions fare better than the OECD average in all of the well-being indicators, except the household disposable per capita income and the unemployment rate in the low performing regions. About 90% of households in the high performing regions and 82% in the low performing ones have access to broadband connection.

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

	Swedish regions		Country average	OECD average
	Top 20%	Bottom 20%		
Environment				
Level of air pollution (PM _{2.5}) experienced by regional population (µg/m ³), 2012	3.6	10.1	7.2	12.3
Safety				
Homicide rate (per 100 000 people), 2012	0.5	1.1	0.9	4.2
Jobs				
Employment rate (%), 2013	78.8	73.8	76.3	66.7
Unemployment rate (%), 2013	6.9	9.3	8.0	8.0
Education				
Labour force with at least a secondary degree (%), 2013	85.7	81.1	83.1	74.6
Health				
Life expectancy at birth (years), 2012	82.1	81.0	81.7	79.5
Age adjusted mortality rate (per 1 000 people), 2012	7.2	8.1	7.5	8.1
Income				
Household disposable income per capita (in USD), 2011	18 732	15 562	16 989	18 907
Housing				
Rooms per person, 2012	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.8
Access to services				
Households with broadband access (%), 2013	89.3	81.8	86.5	67.2
Civic engagement				
Voters in last national election (%), 2013	85.3	83.4	84.6	67.7

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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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