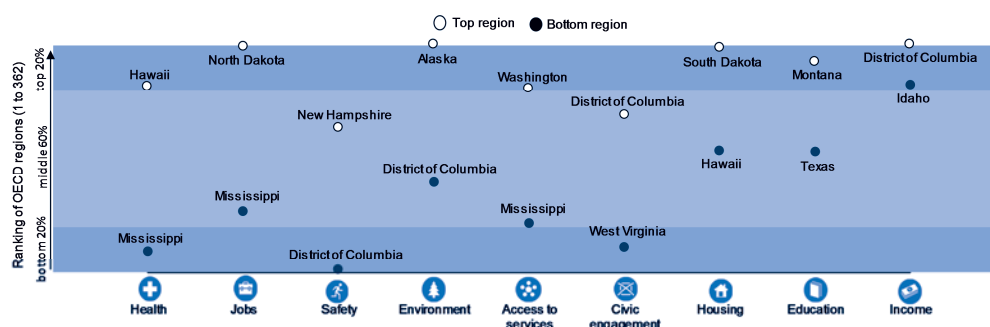


United States

All American regions rank in the top 20% of the OECD regions in the income dimension. In every well-being dimension other than civic engagement and safety, the country has at least one region in the top 20% of the OECD regions. The largest regional disparities are found in the health dimension, the third largest among OECD countries: while Hawaii ranks in the top 20% of OECD regions, Mississippi is in the bottom 10%. Wide disparities are also found in jobs, safety, environment, access to services and civic engagement.

Relative performance of American 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.

In the high performing American regions, disposable income per capita is above USD 36 000 and 91% of the labour force has at least a secondary degree. In the low performing regions, homicide rate is almost double the OECD average and 57% of households have access to broadband connection, 10 percentage points below the OECD average.

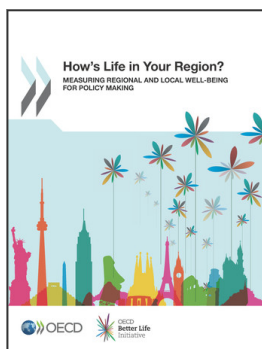
How do the top and bottom regions in the United States fare on the well-being indicators?

| | American regions | | Country average | OECD average |
|---|------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | Top 20% | Bottom 20% | | |
| Health | | | | |
| Life expectancy at birth (years), 2012 | 80.7 | 76.0 | 78.7 | 79.5 |
| Age adjusted mortality rate (per 1 000 people), 2012 | 7.5 | 10.1 | 8.5 | 8.1 |
| Jobs | | | | |
| Employment rate (%), 2013 | 76.8 | 63.6 | 67.7 | 66.7 |
| Unemployment rate (%), 2013 | 5.3 | 9.8 | 8.1 | 8.0 |
| Safety | | | | |
| Homicide rate (per 100 000 people), 2012 | 1.9 | 7.0 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| Environment | | | | |
| Level of air pollution (PM _{2.5}) experienced by regional population (µg/m ³), 2012 | 4.8 | 11.0 | 8.3 | 12.3 |
| Access to services | | | | |
| Households with broadband access (%), 2013 | 75.2 | 57.2 | 72.0 | 67.2 |
| Civic engagement | | | | |
| Voters in last national election (%), 2013 | 71.0 | 55.6 | 68.0 | 67.7 |
| Housing | | | | |
| Rooms per person, 2012 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 1.8 |
| Education | | | | |
| Labour force with at least a secondary degree (%), 2013 | 91.3 | 82.2 | 86.0 | 74.6 |
| Income | | | | |
| Household disposable income per capita (in USD), 2011 | 36 834 | 24 952 | 30 183 | 18 907 |

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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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