

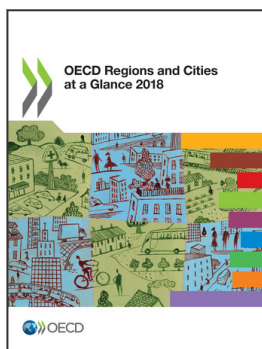
Foreword

OECD Regions and Cities at a Glance shows how regions and cities are progressing toward stronger economies, better lives for people, and more inclusive societies. The report provides a comparative picture of trends in economic growth, productivity and entrepreneurship across regions and metropolitan areas. It also assesses how people's well-being is changing across regions, both within and across countries, including progress on closing gender gaps. This edition updates more than 40 region-by-region indicators to measure disparities within countries and their evolution since the turn of the millennium. The report covers all OECD member countries and, where data are available, Brazil, Peru, the Russian Federation, Tunisia and South Africa.

There are several new areas of subnational data in this 2018 edition. The report now includes a chapter entirely focused on metropolitan areas. The title of the publication, which now includes the term "cities", reflects the increasing interest of readers in this scale of analysis. New indicators of inequality and poverty rates at this metropolitan scale are included. To assess the extent to which migrants are integrated locally, education and labour market outcomes of migrants at the regional scale have been created. Internationally comparable data on the creation and destruction of firms and the associated changes in employment at regional level is another new aspect of this edition.

The report is organised into five chapters plus statistical annexes. Chapter 1 provides an assessment of regional disparities in GDP, productivity and entrepreneurship. Chapter 2 paints a picture of well-being outcomes across OECD regions in a range of dimensions that matter for people. Chapter 3 focuses on demographic changes and integration of migrants in regions and includes sections on gender gaps. Chapter 4 provides an assessment of economic and social conditions in metropolitan areas, while Chapter 5 focuses on trends in investment and expenditure by subnational governments.

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