REGIONAL WELL-BEING IN OECD COUNTRIES: FINLAND

In 5 out of the 11 well-being dimensions, at least one Finnish region ranks in the top 20% of the OECD regions. Finland has large regional disparities in access to services and jobs; for the latter Åland ranks in the top 5% of the OECD regions, while the Eastern and Northern Finland region finds itself in the bottom third. All Finnish regions are in the top 20% regarding self-evaluation of life satisfaction.

Relative performance of Finnish regions by well-being dimension

Note: Relative ranking of the regions with the best and worst outcomes in the 11 well-being dimensions, with respect to all 395 OECD regions. The eleven dimensions are ordered by decreasing regional disparities in the country. Each well-being dimension is measured by the indicators in the table below.

Source: OECD Regional Well-Being Database: www.oecdregionalwellbeing.org

The high performing Finnish regions fare better than the OECD average for all the well-being indicators. The low performing regions fare better than the OECD average in 10 out of the 13 indicators and worse than the OECD average for unemployment rate, voter turnout, and income per capita.

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

Note: Data in the first two columns refer to average values of top and bottom regions of national ranking and until the equivalent of 20% of the national population is reached.

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