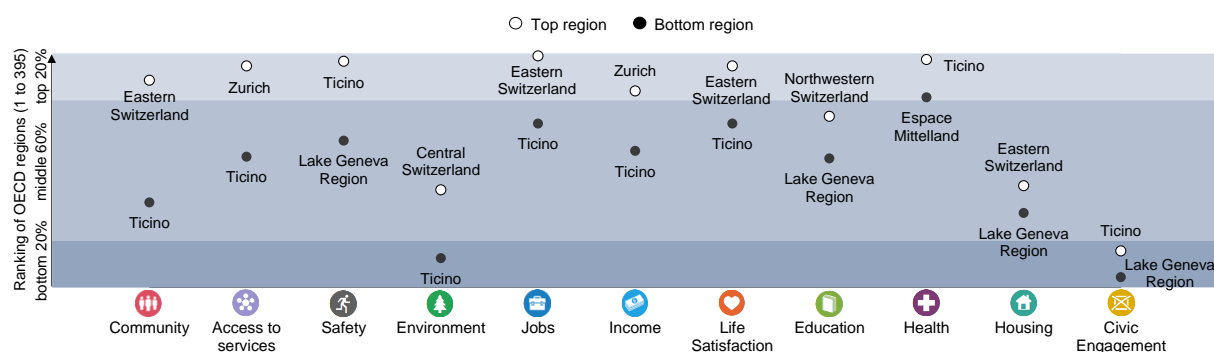


REGIONAL WELL-BEING IN OECD COUNTRIES: SWITZERLAND

All seven Swiss regions rank among the top 20% of the OECD regions in health, and among the bottom 20% for voter turnout (civic engagement). The largest regional disparities are found in community, access to services, safety and environment.

Relative performance of Swiss 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

Both high and low performing Swiss regions fare better than the OECD average in all 13 well-being indicators, except for air pollution, voters in the last election and, for the low performing regions, number of rooms per person. The employment rate is 75% in the low performing Swiss regions, 8 percentage points above the OECD average.

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

	Swiss regions		Country average	OECD average
	Top 20%	Bottom 20%		
 Community				
Perceived social support network (%), average 2006-14	95.7	92.7	94.7	88.9
 Access to services				
Households with broadband access (%), 2014	92.3	80.1	86.0	69.8
 Safety				
Homicide Rate (per 100 000 people), 2013	0.3	1.0	0.7	3.4
 Environment				
Level of air pollution in PM 2.5 (µg/m³), 2013	12.0	16.3	14.6	10.4
 Jobs				
Employment rate (%), 2014	85.8	74.8	82.2	66.3
Unemployment rate (%), 2014	3.3	6.7	4.5	8.6
 Income				
Disposable income per capita (in USD PPP), 2013	25 579	19 836	21 849	17 916
 Life satisfaction				
Self-evaluation of life satisfaction (scale from 0 to 10), average 2006-14	7.8	7.4	7.6	6.7
 Education				
Labour force with at least upper secondary education (%), 2014	87.2	83.3	85.2	74.3
 Health				
Life Expectancy at birth (years), 2013	83.3	82.5	82.9	79.7
Age-adjusted mortality rate (per 1 000 people), 2013	6.6	7.1	6.8	8.4
 Housing				
Rooms per person, 2013	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.8
 Civic engagement				
Voters in last national election (%), 2015	51.9	47.0	48.5	68.1

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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