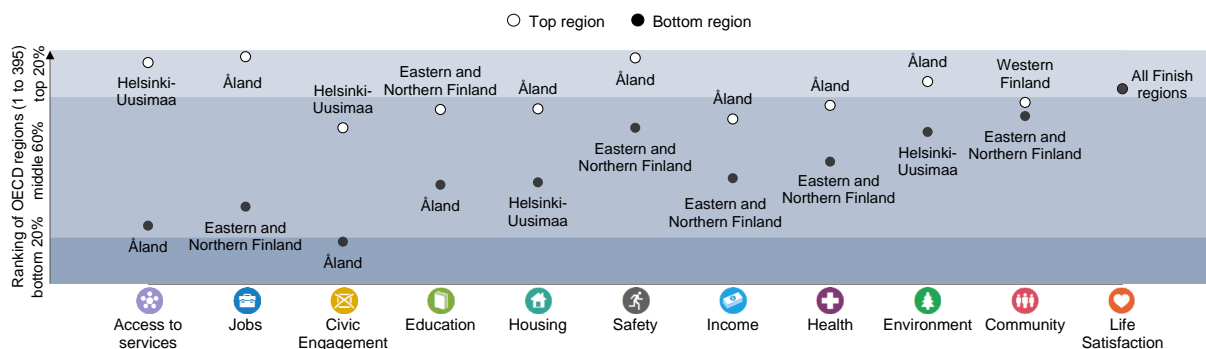


REGIONAL WELL-BEING IN OECD COUNTRIES: FINLAND

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?

	Finnish regions		Country average	OECD average
	Top 20%	Bottom 20%		
 Access to services				
Households with broadband access (%), 2014	93.0	85.5	89.0	69.8
 Jobs				
Employment rate (%), 2014	74.6	66.3	69.7	66.3
Unemployment rate (%), 2014	7.2	10.0	8.9	8.6
 Civic engagement				
Voters in last national election (%), 2015	73.8	63.5	68.9	68.1
 Education				
Labour force with at least upper secondary education (%), 2014	88.1	85.9	86.9	74.3
 Housing				
Rooms per person, 2013	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8
 Safety				
Homicide Rate (per 100 000 people), 2013	0.6	0.9	0.7	3.4
 Income				
Disposable income per capita (in USD PPP), 2013	20 978	16 895	18 529	17 916
 Health				
Life Expectancy at birth (years), 2013	81.7	80.4	81.1	79.7
Age-adjusted mortality rate (per 1 000 people), 2013	7.5	8.0	7.7	8.4
 Environment				
Level of air pollution in PM 2.5 (µg/m³), 2013	4.5	7.8	5.9	10.4
 Community				
Perceived social support network (%), average 2006-14	94.3	93.8	94.2	88.9
 Life satisfaction				
Self-evaluation of life satisfaction (scale from 0 to 10), average 2006-14	7.5	7.5	7.5	6.7

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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