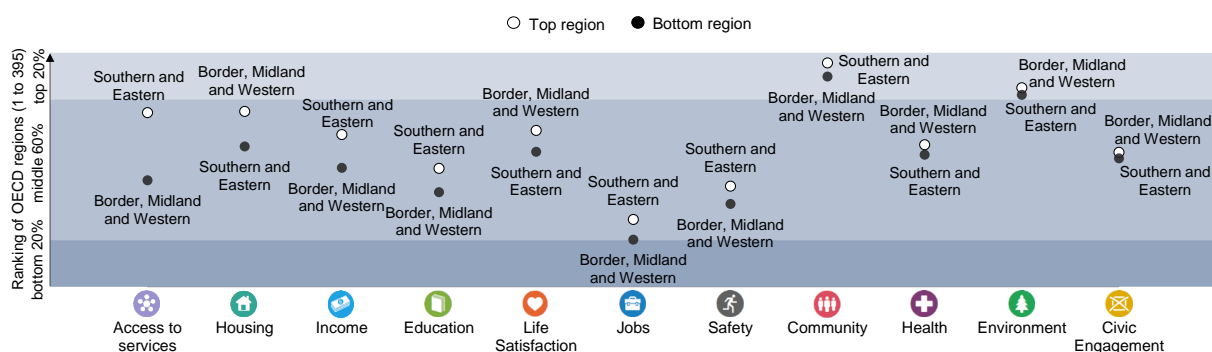


REGIONAL WELL-BEING IN OECD COUNTRIES: IRELAND

The two Irish regions rank among the top 20% of the OECD regions in community and environment. Both regions are above the bottom 20% in all the well-being dimensions, with the exception of the region of Border, Midland and Western, which is among the bottom 20% of the OECD regions in the jobs dimension. The largest regional disparities are found in access to services: the Southern and Eastern region ranks among the top 30% of the OECD regions; while the Border, Midland and Western region ranks among the bottom half.

Relative performance of Irish 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

With the exception of the employment and unemployment rates, both Irish regions perform better than the OECD average in all well-being indicators.

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

	Irish regions		Country average	OECD average
	Top 20%	Bottom 20%		
 Access to services				
Households with broadband access (%), 2014	82.0	74.0	80.0	69.8
 Housing				
Rooms per person, 2013	2.2	2.0	2.1	1.8
 Income				
Disposable income per capita (in USD PPP), 2013	20 620	17 961	19 964	17 916
 Education				
Labour force with at least upper secondary education (%), 2014	82.0	76.4	80.5	74.3
 Life satisfaction				
Self-evaluation of life satisfaction (scale from 0 to 10), average 2006-14	7.2	7.0	7.1	6.7
 Jobs				
Employment rate (%), 2014	64.4	61.2	63.5	66.3
Unemployment rate (%), 2014	10.9	12.2	11.3	8.6
 Safety				
Homicide Rate (per 100 000 people), 2013	1.7	2.1	1.8	3.4
 Community				
Perceived social support network (%), average 2006-14	97.2	96.0	96.8	88.9
 Health				
Life Expectancy at birth (years), 2013	81.3	81.0	81.1	79.7
Age-adjusted mortality rate (per 1 000 people), 2013	7.9	8.0	7.9	8.4
 Environment				
Level of air pollution in PM 2.5 (µg/m³), 2013	4.5	5.2	5.0	10.4
 Civic engagement				
Voters in last national election (%), 2015	70.6	69.6	69.7	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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