OECD Regions at a Glance 2013 – New Zealand Profile

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Did you know?

In 2012, New Zealand had the lowest regional disparities in GDP among OECD countries.

Investment carried out by sub-national governments in New Zealand was 1.7% of GDP in 2012.

Regional dynamics

GDP per capita, 2010

New Zealand had the lowest regional disparities in GDP per capita in OECD countries.

Unemployment rate, 2012

Since 2007, the unemployment rate has increased in both regions. In 2012, the highest unemployment rate was in North Island (7.1%). In 2012, the youth unemployment rate reached 17.8% in North Island and 13.7% in South Island.

Source: OECD Regional database. GDP per capita data are based on USD constant PPP, constant prices (year 2005).
Regional dynamics

How do the richest and poorest regions fare on social and environmental dimensions?

North Island and South Island fare better than the OECD median region for innovation, labour, education, and health; and below for income and environment.

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<th>Dimensions</th>
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<th>North Island</th>
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<th>New Zealand</th>
<th>OECD average</th>
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<td>Income</td>
<td>Household income per capita, 2010 (USD PPP per capita)</td>
<td>13 772</td>
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<td>14 233</td>
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<td>Labour</td>
<td>Unemployment rate, 2012 (%)</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>Share of work force with tertiary education, 2012 (%)</td>
<td>38.3</td>
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<td>Health</td>
<td>Life expectancy, 2006 (years)</td>
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<td>Environment</td>
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<td>Innovation</td>
<td>No. of patents per million people, 2010</td>
<td>70.8</td>
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Source: OECD Regional database. Household disposable income per capita data are based on USD constant PPP, constant prices (year 2005). Note: OECD regions refer to the first administrative tier of sub-national government; New Zealand is composed by 2 regions (Groups of regional councils).
Sub-national governments have a key role in public investment

Sub-national government public investment per capita, 2010

In New Zealand 50% of the total public investment was carried out by sub-national governments (SNG) compared to 72% in the OECD area. SNG investment has decreased in New Zealand from USD 515 per capita in 2007 to USD 499 per capita in 2010.

Source: OECD National Accounts database.