OECD Regions at a Glance 2013 - Turkey Profile

Did you know?

Among OECD countries, Turkey had the 10th largest regional disparities in unemployment rate in 2012.

In Turkey, only 36% of the total public investment is carried out by sub-national governments, compared to 72% in the OECD area.

Regional dynamics

Unemployment rate, 2012

Turkey
Region max: Izmir
14.7%

OECD
Country max: Spain
25%

Country min: Norway
3.1%

Region min:
Manisa, Afyonkarahisar, Kütahya, Usak
4.7%

National averages

Youth unemployment rate, 15-24 years old, 2007-11

The difference of 10 percentage points between the highest unemployment rate in Izmir with 14.7% and the lowest (4.7%) put Turkey in the top 10 countries with the highest regional disparities among OECD countries.

Source: OECD Regional database.
How the regions with the highest and lowest employment opportunities fare on social and environmental dimensions?

The region of Kastamonu, Çankiri, Sinop fares better than the OECD median region for labour and environment, but below for health and education. The region of Mardin, Batman, Sirnak, Siirt, which has the lowest unemployment rate in the country, ranks below for education health and labour.

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Source: OECD Regional database.

Note: Regions refer to the first administrative tier of sub-national government; Turkey is composed by 26 Regions.
Sub-national governments have a key role in public investment
Sub-national government public investment per capita, 2011

In Turkey 36% 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 Turkey from USD 262 per capita in 2007 to USD 182 per capita in 2011.

Source: OECD National Accounts database.

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