

THE CONTRIBUTION OF REGIONS TO NATIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH AND WELL-BEING: PRESENTATION OF THE OECD REPORT "REGIONS AT A GLANCE"

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Abstract

Income inequality is worsening within many countries, and regional disparities in housing, safety and air quality inside countries are also growing wider in many cases, according to a new OECD report. The report OECD Regions at a Glance 2016 finds most countries are closing the gap between regions in education and Internet access, but disparities in GDP per head, disposable income, safety and air pollution are widening in many. The report, which examines local-level indicators in over 40 countries, shows many regions are struggling to increase the productivity of firms and people and restore employment. The report is accompanied by the [OECD's Regional Well-being website](#), which shows how 395 sub-national regions in the 34 OECD countries perform in 11 areas: income, jobs, education, health, safety, environment, housing, life satisfaction, civic engagement, community and access to services. It gives them a relative score out of 10 for each well-being dimension.