

Turkey

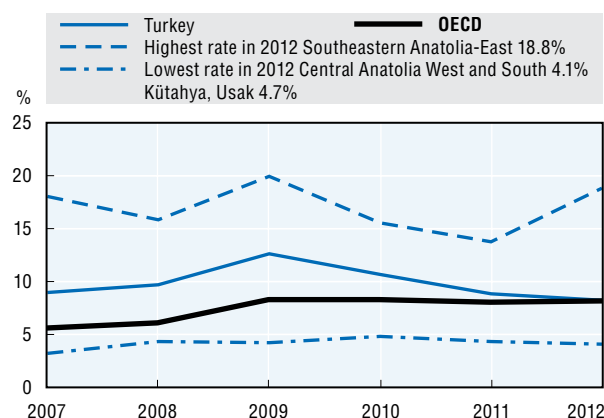
Recent policy developments

- The Tenth National Development Plan (2014-18) has recently been published and establishes the medium-term priorities of Turkey in terms of regional policy. Under the plan, regional development policies will contribute to national development, competitiveness and employment by increasing the productivity of regions, while addressing the basic objective of reducing regional and rural-urban disparities. Priority areas include: increasing the consistency and effectiveness of policies at the central level, creating a development environment based on local dynamics, increasing institutional capacity at the local level and accelerating rural development.
- The draft National Strategy for Regional Development (2014-23) seeks to: ensure national level co-ordination for regional development and regional competitiveness, strengthen the linkages between spatial and socio-economic development policies and establish a general framework for sub-scale plans. Regional plans for the period of 2014-23 for all 26 NUTS 2 regions within the framework of the National Strategy for Regional Development and regional planning guidelines are being produced under the co-ordination of regional development agencies.
- Turkey has institutionalised the 26 development agencies of its regions, now fully operational.
- The Supreme Regional Development Council (chaired by the Prime Minister with participation of related ministers) and Regional Development Committee (technical consultation by under-secretaries of related ministries) were established to support greater central government co-ordination on regional development issues.

Government structure	Municipal-level governments	Intermediate-level governments	Regional or state-level governments
Unitary	2 950		81
Regional development policy			
Lead ministry(ies) or committees	Ministry of Development; Supreme Regional Development Council		
Regional development framework	The Tenth National Development Plan (2014-18) and the draft National Strategy for Regional Development (2014-23) determine the medium-term priorities for regional policy.		
Urban development policy			
Lead ministry(ies) or committees	Ministry of Environment and Urbanisation		
Urban policy framework or strategy	The Integrated Urban Development Strategy and Action Plan (<i>Kentsel Gelişme Stratejisi ve Eylem Planı</i> , KENTGES) of 2010 focuses on a wide range of issues, from infrastructure, housing and disaster management to social policies and economic development.		
Rural development policy			
Lead ministry(ies) or committees	Ministry of Development		
Rural policy framework or strategy	Rural Development Plan (2010-13)		

Note: The functional urban areas have not been identified in Turkey.

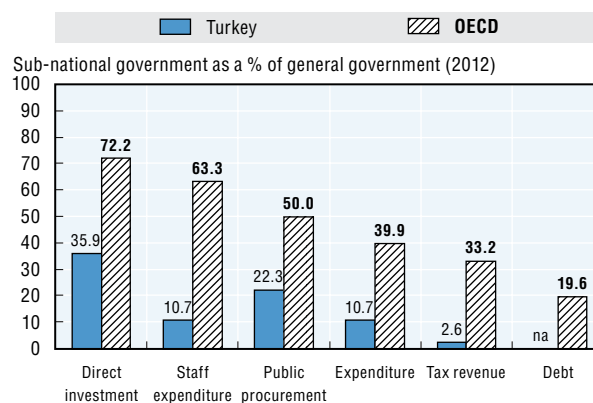
Regional disparities in unemployment trends



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

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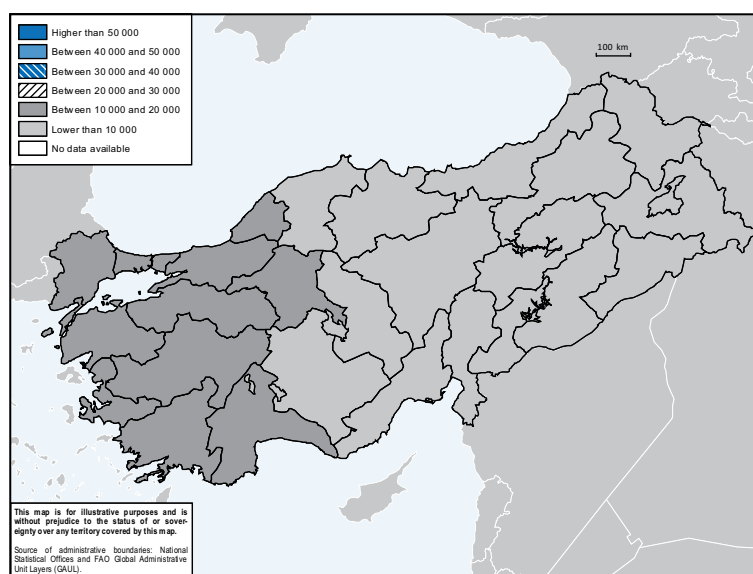
The role of sub-national governments in public finance



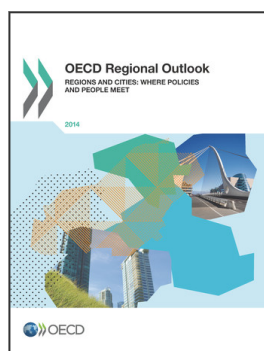
In Turkey, 36% of the total public investment was carried out by SNGs, compared to 72% in the OECD area. SNG investment has decreased in Turkey from USD 262 per capita in 2007 to USD 182 per capita in 2011.

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Regional differences in GVA per capita levels



Regional GVA for Turkey corresponds to reference year 2001.



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