Portugal

The largest regional disparities are found in the safety and health dimensions: regarding the former, Alentejo ranks in the top 20% of the OECD regions, while Lisbon is in the bottom 25%. At least one Portuguese region ranks in the top 20% of the OECD regions in safety, environment and housing; and at least one region is in the bottom 20% of the OECD regions in health, jobs, access to services, civic engagement and education.

Bottom region Central Portugal Ranking of OECD regions (1 to 362) middle 60% Jobs 8 3 0 (2) 0 0 0 Safety Health **Environment** Income Education Access to Civic Housing

Relative performance of Portuguese regions by well-being dimensions

Note: Relative ranking of the regions with the best and worst outcomes in the 9 well-being dimensions, with respect to all 362 OECD regions. The nine dimensions are ordered by decreasing regional disparities in the country. Each well-being dimension is measured by the indicators in the table below.

The high performing Portuguese regions fare better than the OECD average in all of the well-being indicators, except unemployment rate, voters in the last election, household disposable income and labour force with at least a secondary degree. In the high performing regions, 52% of the labour force has a secondary degree, 23 percentage points below the OECD average.

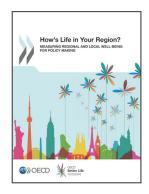
How do the top and bottom regions in Portugal fare on the well-being indicators?

	Portugue	Portuguese regions		OECD
	Top 20%	Bottom 20%	average	average
₹ Safety				
Homicide rate (per 100 000 people), 2012	0.7	2.2	1.1	4.2
- Health				
Life expectancy at birth (years), 2012	80.8	77.0	80.4	79.5
Age adjusted mortality rate (per 1 000 people), 2012	8.1	11.1	8.3	8.1
Jobs				
Employment rate (%), 2013	74.1	59.2	67.1	66.7
Unemployment rate (%), 2013	11.5	16.8	14.9	8.0
Access to services				
Households with broadband access (%), 2013	70.1	51.2	59.7	67.2
Civic engagement				
Voters in last national election (%), 2013	61.0	44.7	58.0	67.7
N Environment				
Level of air pollution (PM _{2.5}) experienced by regional population (µg/m³), 2012	3.8	9.2	8.1	12.3
1 Housing				
Rooms per person, 2012	2.1	1.7	1.9	1.8
Income				
Household disposable income per capita (in USD), 2011	16 710	11 426	13 231	18 907
Education				
Labour force with at least a secondary degree (%), 2013	51.7	31.0	41.1	74.6

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Note: Data in the first two columns refer to average values in regions at the top and the bottom 20% of national ranking. The OECD average is computed for 34 countries except for housing (32 countries) and life expectancy at birth (33 countries).

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