

Per capita GDP in the European Union's regions

The regional Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the year 1993 has now been calculated for all regions of the European Union for the first time, following the adoption of the Nomenclature of territorial units statistics (NUTS) regional classification for Sweden in early 1995.

The territorial distribution of GDP per capita for 1993, expressed in purchasing power standards and as a percentage of the European Union average, still shows considerable differences between the countries of the European Union. However, those countries eligible in their entirety for Objective 1 funding - Greece (63% of the EU average per capita GDP), Portugal (69%) and Ireland (81 %) - have reduced the gap in relation to the EU average. Ireland overtakes Spain (78%) which also has part of its territory eligible for Objective 1 funding. At the other extreme are a group of countries with per capita GDP significantly higher than the EU average such as Luxembourg (160%), still the highest by a clear margin, followed by Belgium (113%), Denmark (112%) and Austria (112%). The remaining countries are not far from the EU average.

The territorial distribution of GDP per capita has been quite stable, with the last few years showing a similar situation to that of 1993. The regions with the highest per capita GDP in relation to the EU average are:

- some capital cities: Brussels 182% (B), Ile de France 166% (F), Wien 161% (A), Luxembourg 160% (L) and Greater London 144% (UK)
- in Germany: Darmstad 164%, Oberbayern 158%, Stuttgart 141%, Karlsruhe 128% and Mittelfranken 127% in the south, plus Hamburg 190%, Bremen 154% and Dusseldorf 123%
- in Italy: Lombardia 131%, Valle d'Aosta 130% and Trentino-Alto Adige 124% in the north plus Emilia Romana 126%, Liguria 120% and Lazio 120%
- in other countries such as Belgium (Antwerpen 136%), the United Kingdom (Grampian 134%), the Netherlands (Groningen 132%), Finland (Aland 126%) and Austria (Salzburg 125%)

The regions with the lowest per capita GDP are still situated in Greece, Portugal, Italy (Calabria), Spain (Galicia, Extremadura and Andalucia), Germany (new Länder) and in France (Overseas Departments -1991 data)

It is noteworthy that the regions with the lowest per capita GDP have experienced an improvement in relation to the EU average in 1993:

- There are now no regions with per capita GDP below 40% of the EU average
- The group of regions with per capita GDP below 50% of the EU average has been significantly reduced in 1993, due to the improvement of some regions in Portugal, Greece and particularly the new Länder in Germany. There are now only six regions in this group: Ipeiros (46%) and Voreio Aigaio (49%) in Greece and Centro (49%), Alentejo (42%), Azores (42%) and Madeira (45%) in Portugal

GDP per capita estimates for Sweden are presented for the first time. They show no large regional variations and are not far from the EU average. Only the region of Stockholm (119%), hosting the capital, is clearly above the rest, with Oestra Mellansverige (89%) being the lowest.

Comparisons for the period 1980 to 1993 have to be made with caution since the European GDP per capita figures do not correspond to the same economic territory (the 1993 figures include the new Member States and the new German Länder). At national level, a convergence towards the EU average is observed, particularly for countries with low per capita GDP such as Ireland which improves 21 points, Portugal 9, and Spain 7. In contrast, Belgium, Denmark and Luxembourg have diverged, having 1993 per capita GDPs further above the Community average than in 1980.

The movements towards the EU average per capita GDP achieved by some countries with low per capita GDP have not always been matched at regional level, where strong variations have occurred. Such is the case for Spain, with seven regions improving by more than 10 points but at the same time with the north-western regions and Rioja having 1993 figures below the 1980 level, and for Portugal, where the general improvement is not followed by Alentejo which falls 10 points, becoming the region with the lowest per capita GDP in the Community in 1993.

Other countries like Greece, Italy and the Netherlands, despite having no significant changes at a national level in per capita GDP in relation to the EU average, have nevertheless experienced considerable changes at a regional level between 1980 and 1993.



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EUR 15	370348	5903023	5868175	15939	15845	100	:
EUR 12	348572	5517983	5517777	15830	15830	100	100
BELGIQUE-BELGIE	10085	180010	180981	17849	17946	113	107
BRABANT (94)	2267	45367	45612	20009	20117	127	121
REG. BRUXELLES-CAP./BRUS	955	27439	27587	28745	28901	182	167
VLAAMS GEWEST	5833	105235	105803	18042	18139	114	105
<i>Antwerpen</i>	1622	34775	34963	21445	21561	136	131
<i>Limburg (B)</i>	762	13345	13417	17523	17617	111	93
<i>Oost-Vlaanderen</i>	1347	23013	23137	17078	17171	108	97
<i>Vlaams Brabant</i>	984	13793	13868	14020	14095	89	83
<i>West-Vlaanderen</i>	1118	20309	20418	18160	18258	115	106
REGION WALLONNE	3298	47336	47591	14354	14432	91	90
<i>Brabant Wallon</i>	329	4135	4158	12572	12640	80	82
<i>Hainaut</i>	1290	17195	17288	13333	13405	85	84
<i>Liege</i>	1013	16580	16670	16372	16460	104	102
<i>Luxembourg (B)</i>	237	3393	3412	14337	14414	91	84
<i>Namur</i>	430	6031	6064	14038	14114	89	88
DANMARK	5189	115473	92442	22253	17815	112	105
BR DEUTSCHLAND	81180	1629269	1390166	20070	17124	108	118
BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG	10198	242162	206623	23747	20262	128	125
<i>Stuttgart</i>	3823	100445	85704	26272	22416	141	138
<i>Karlsruhe</i>	2625	62165	53041	23679	20204	128	126
<i>Freiburg</i>	2051	42397	36175	20672	17638	111	112
<i>Tübingen</i>	1698	37154	31701	21880	18669	118	114
BAYERN	11819	275361	234949	23299	19879	125	114
<i>Oberbayern</i>	3934	115400	98464	29332	25027	158	141
<i>Niederbayern</i>	1115	20044	17102	17973	15335	97	90
<i>Oberpfalz</i>	1037	19517	16652	18828	16065	101	88
<i>Oberfranken</i>	1097	21827	18624	19890	16971	107	94
<i>Mittelfranken</i>	1647	38937	33223	23640	20171	127	120
<i>Unterfranken</i>	1295	24906	21251	19232	16409	104	95
<i>Schwaben</i>	1693	34731	29634	20512	17502	110	104
BERLIN	3471	63903	54525	18410	15708	99	129
BRANDENBURG	2541	27028	23063	10639	9078	57	:
BREMEN	684	19629	16748	28687	24477	154	157
HAMBURG	1700	59885	51097	35231	30061	190	186
HESSEN	5946	164442	140308	27656	23597	149	130
<i>Darmstadt</i>	3893	118445	101062	30426	25961	164	148
<i>Gießen</i>	1037	19480	16621	18776	16021	101	96
<i>Kassel</i>	1248	26514	22623	21253	18134	114	104
MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN	1852	17851	15232	9636	8223	52	:
NIEDERSACHSEN	7618	146125	124680	19182	16367	103	102
<i>Braunschweig</i>	1673	34255	29228	20470	17466	110	108
<i>Hannover</i>	2116	45703	38996	21600	18430	116	114
<i>Lüneburg</i>	1550	24082	20548	15532	13253	84	82
<i>Weser-Ems</i>	2278	42085	35908	18475	15763	99	98
NORDRHEIN-WESTFALEN	17725	368927	314784	20814	17760	112	117
<i>Düsseldorf</i>	5292	120763	103040	22821	19472	123	129
<i>Köln</i>	4128	87799	74914	21268	18147	115	120
<i>Münster</i>	2540	45309	38659	17841	15223	96	98
<i>Detmold</i>	1967	39050	33319	19855	16941	107	107
<i>Arnsberg</i>	3798	76005	64850	20010	17073	108	113
RHEINLAND-PFALZ	3904	72689	62022	18619	15886	100	104
<i>Koblenz</i>	1455	25139	21450	17283	14747	93	94
<i>Trier</i>	497	8288	7072	16686	14237	90	91
<i>Rheinhausen-Pfalz</i>	1953	39263	33501	20106	17155	108	114
SAARLAND	1085	21597	18428	19909	16988	107	106
SACHSEN	4624	45857	39129	9916	8461	53	:
SACHSEN-ANHALT	2789	27949	23848	10022	8552	54	:
<i>Dessau</i>	579	:	:	:	:	:	:
<i>Halle</i>	993	:	:	:	:	:	:
<i>Magdeburg</i>	1217	:	:	:	:	:	:
SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	2687	51208	43693	19057	16260	103	99
THÜRINGEN	2538	24651	21034	9713	8288	52	:
ELLADA	10363	76737	103609	7405	9998	63	63
VOREIA ELLADA	3341	23352	31530	6990	9437	60	58

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<i>Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki</i>	561	3890	5252	6938	9367	59	49
<i>Kentriki Makedonia</i>	1742	12338	16658	7081	9561	60	62
<i>Dytiki Makedonia</i>	299	2142	2892	7173	9684	61	57
<i>Thessalia</i>	739	4982	6727	6740	9100	57	57
KENTRIKI ELLADA	2531	17433	23538	6887	9299	59	62
<i>Ipeiros</i>	354	1930	2606	5445	7352	46	45
<i>Ionia Nisia</i>	195	1262	1704	6477	8745	55	49
<i>Dytiki Ellada</i>	721	4514	6094	6263	8456	53	54
<i>Stereia Ellada</i>	622	5232	7065	8408	11353	72	86
<i>Peloponnisos</i>	639	4495	6069	7035	9498	60	62
ATTIKI	3495	29355	39634	8399	11341	72	71
NISIA AIGAIΟΥ, KRITI	996	6597	8907	6624	8943	56	51
<i>Voreio Aigaio</i>	188	1088	1469	5777	7800	49	43
<i>Notio Aigaio</i>	260	1890	2552	7270	9815	62	54
<i>Kriti</i>	548	3619	4886	6608	8922	56	52
ESPANA	39141	408414	482625	10434	12330	78	71
NOROESTE	4346	38266	45219	8805	10406	66	67
<i>Galicia</i>	2729	22055	26062	8081	9549	60	61
<i>Asturias</i>	1089	10897	12877	10008	11826	75	77
<i>Cantabria</i>	527	5314	6280	10074	11905	75	78
NORESTE	4063	49524	58523	12190	14405	91	85
<i>Pais Vasco</i>	2088	25780	30465	12348	14592	92	89
<i>Navarra</i>	523	6704	7922	12808	15136	96	90
<i>Rioja</i>	264	3049	3603	11551	13650	86	88
<i>Aragon</i>	1188	13990	16532	11781	13922	88	76
MADRID	5019	65547	77457	13060	15433	97	81
CENTRO (E)	5237	47629	56284	9094	10747	68	62
<i>Castilla - Leon</i>	2521	24859	29377	9859	11651	74	70
<i>Castilla - La Mancha</i>	1660	14945	17661	9003	10639	67	61
<i>Extremadura</i>	1056	7824	9246	7410	8757	55	45
ESTE	10726	126007	148903	11748	13883	88	79
<i>Cataluña</i>	6093	77128	91142	12658	14957	94	83
<i>Comunidad Valenciana</i>	3902	39177	46295	10041	11865	75	71
<i>Baleares</i>	730	9702	11465	13285	15699	99	86
SUR	8225	65960	77945	8019	9476	60	57
<i>Andalucia</i>	7033	54924	64904	7809	9228	58	56
<i>Murcia</i>	1065	9907	11707	9300	10989	69	65
<i>Ceuta y Melilla</i>	126	1129	1334	8932	10555	67	50
CANARIAS	1526	15481	18294	10146	11990	76	58
FRANCE	57327	1068578	999457	18640	17434	110	114
ILE DE FRANCE	10853	305590	285823	28157	26336	166	161
BASSIN PARISIEN	10361	175290	163951	16919	15824	100	108
<i>Champagne-Ardenne</i>	1349	24838	23232	18409	17218	109	118
<i>Picardie</i>	1840	29306	27411	15930	14900	94	108
<i>Haute-Normandie</i>	1753	30507	28533	17404	16278	103	117
<i>Centre</i>	2399	40577	37953	16912	15818	100	106
<i>Basse-Normandie</i>	1402	23714	22180	16912	15818	100	98
<i>Bourgogne</i>	1618	26280	24580	16246	15195	96	103
NORD - PAS-DE-CALAIS	3976	59331	55493	14924	13958	88	99
EST	5044	86698	81090	17187	16075	101	110
<i>Lorraine</i>	2294	36668	34296	15983	14950	94	107
<i>Alsace</i>	1641	31096	29085	18950	17724	112	116
<i>Franche-Comté</i>	1109	18922	17698	17059	15955	101	109
OUEST	7536	118007	110374	15659	14646	92	96
<i>Pays de la Loire</i>	3102	49476	46275	15947	14916	94	100
<i>Bretagne</i>	2821	44068	41217	15622	14611	92	94
<i>Poitou-Charentes</i>	1613	24479	22895	15178	14196	90	92
SUD-OUEST	6010	96664	90411	16085	15045	95	96
<i>Aquitaine</i>	2832	47015	43973	16604	15530	98	103
<i>Midi-Pyrénées</i>	2460	38972	36451	15841	14817	94	92
<i>Limousin</i>	718	10673	9983	14867	13906	88	88
CENTRE-EST	6772	119993	112231	17718	16572	105	109
<i>Rhône-Alpes</i>	5456	99862	93402	18303	17119	108	114
<i>Auvergne</i>	1316	20133	18831	15296	14307	90	92
MEDITERRANEE	6775	107006	100084	15794	14772	93	99
<i>Languedoc-Roussillon</i>	2170	31464	29429	14503	13565	86	87
<i>Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur</i>	4354	72229	67557	16591	15517	98	110
<i>Corse</i>	252	3320	3105	13181	12328	78	:

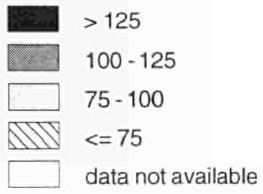
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DEPARTEMENTS D'OUTRE-MER 1)	1499	10849	11007	7238	7343	48	:
<i>Guadeloupe</i>	402	2345	2379	5840	5925	39	:
<i>Martinique</i>	366	2970	3013	8104	8221	54	:
<i>Guyane</i>	119	1058	1073	8871	9000	59	:
<i>Réunion</i>	612	4477	4542	7320	7426	49	:
IRELAND	3563	40365	45699	11329	12826	81	60
ITALIA	58090	847322	942666	14586	16228	102	103
NORD OVEST	6211	103363	114994	16643	18516	117	119
<i>Piemonte</i>	4389	71971	80070	16398	18243	115	121
<i>Valle d'Aosta</i>	120	2213	2462	18511	20594	130	129
<i>Liguria</i>	1702	29179	32463	17144	19073	120	114
LOMBARDIA	9059	168573	187542	18609	20703	131	133
NORD EST	6616	110646	123097	16725	18607	117	113
<i>Trentino-Alto Adige</i>	914	16124	17938	17632	19616	124	121
<i>Veneto</i>	4482	73998	82324	16508	18366	116	110
<i>Friuli-Venezia Giulia</i>	1219	20525	22834	16840	18735	118	117
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	3998	71660	79724	17924	19941	126	133
CENTRO (I)	5892	88862	98861	15082	16779	106	110
<i>Toscana</i>	3599	55604	61861	15451	17190	108	111
<i>Umbria</i>	831	11737	13057	14124	15713	99	104
<i>Marche</i>	1462	21521	23942	14716	16372	103	108
LAZIO	5264	89808	99914	17059	18979	120	107
ABRUZZI-MOLISE	1618	20146	22413	12448	13848	87	85
<i>Abruzzi</i>	1280	16393	18238	12803	14244	90	87
<i>Molise</i>	338	3753	4176	11102	12351	78	77
CAMPANIA	5781	56592	62961	9789	10890	69	68
SUD	6869	67337	74914	9803	10906	69	70
<i>Puglia</i>	4130	43420	48306	10513	11696	74	76
<i>Basilicata</i>	623	5831	6487	9360	10413	66	71
<i>Calabria</i>	2116	18086	20121	8548	9509	60	59
SICILIA	5097	51779	57606	10159	11302	71	69
SARDEGNA	1685	18554	20641	11013	12253	77	73
LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHE)	398	10689	10118	26856	25422	160	115
NEDERLAND	15290	264034	249349	17268	16308	103	108
NOORD-NEDERLAND	1617	27599	26064	17073	16124	102	133
<i>Groningen</i>	559	12358	11671	22094	20865	132	207
<i>Friesland</i>	607	8702	8218	14334	13536	85	87
<i>Drenthe</i>	450	6540	6176	14529	13721	87	101
OOST-NEDERLAND	3130	47484	44843	15169	14326	90	92
<i>Overijssel</i>	1043	16002	15112	15341	14487	91	:
<i>Gelderland</i>	1847	28401	26821	15374	14519	92	:
<i>Flevoland</i>	240	3081	2910	12849	12134	77	:
WEST-NEDERLAND	7167	133301	125888	18599	17564	111	115
<i>Utrecht</i>	1050	20088	18971	19140	18076	114	106
<i>Noord-Holland</i>	2448	47801	45142	19525	18439	116	121
<i>Zuid-Holland</i>	3307	59367	56065	17953	16954	107	114
<i>Zeeland</i>	363	6046	5710	16667	15740	99	102
<i>Zuid-Nederland</i>	3376	55649	52554	16484	15567	98	93
<i>Noord-Brabant</i>	2250	38505	36364	17111	16160	102	95
<i>Limburg (NL)</i>	1126	17144	16190	15230	14383	91	89
OESTERREICH	7991	155452	141582	19453	17718	112	:
OSTOESTERREICH	3368	72855	66355	21630	19700	124	:
<i>Burgenland</i>	275	3399	3095	12347	11245	71	:
<i>Niederoesterreich</i>	1508	25067	22830	16621	15138	96	:
<i>Wien</i>	1585	44389	40429	28008	25509	161	:
SUEDOESTERREICH	1768	27046	24633	15302	13937	88	:
<i>Kaernten</i>	559	8636	7866	15438	14061	89	:
<i>Steiermark</i>	1208	18410	16768	15239	13879	88	:
WESTOESTERREICH	2855	55550	50594	19455	17720	112	:
<i>Oberoesterreich</i>	1370	25272	23017	18447	16801	106	:
<i>Salzburg</i>	498	10838	9871	21765	19823	125	:
<i>Tirol</i>	647	12677	11546	19596	17847	113	:
<i>Vorarlberg</i>	340	6764	6160	19868	18095	114	:
PORTUGAL	9876	72334	107994	7324	10935	69	60
CONTINENTE	9383	70053	104588	7466	11147	70	60
<i>Norte</i>	3495	22847	34110	6538	9761	62	50
<i>Centro (P)</i>	1714	9002	13440	5253	7843	49	47

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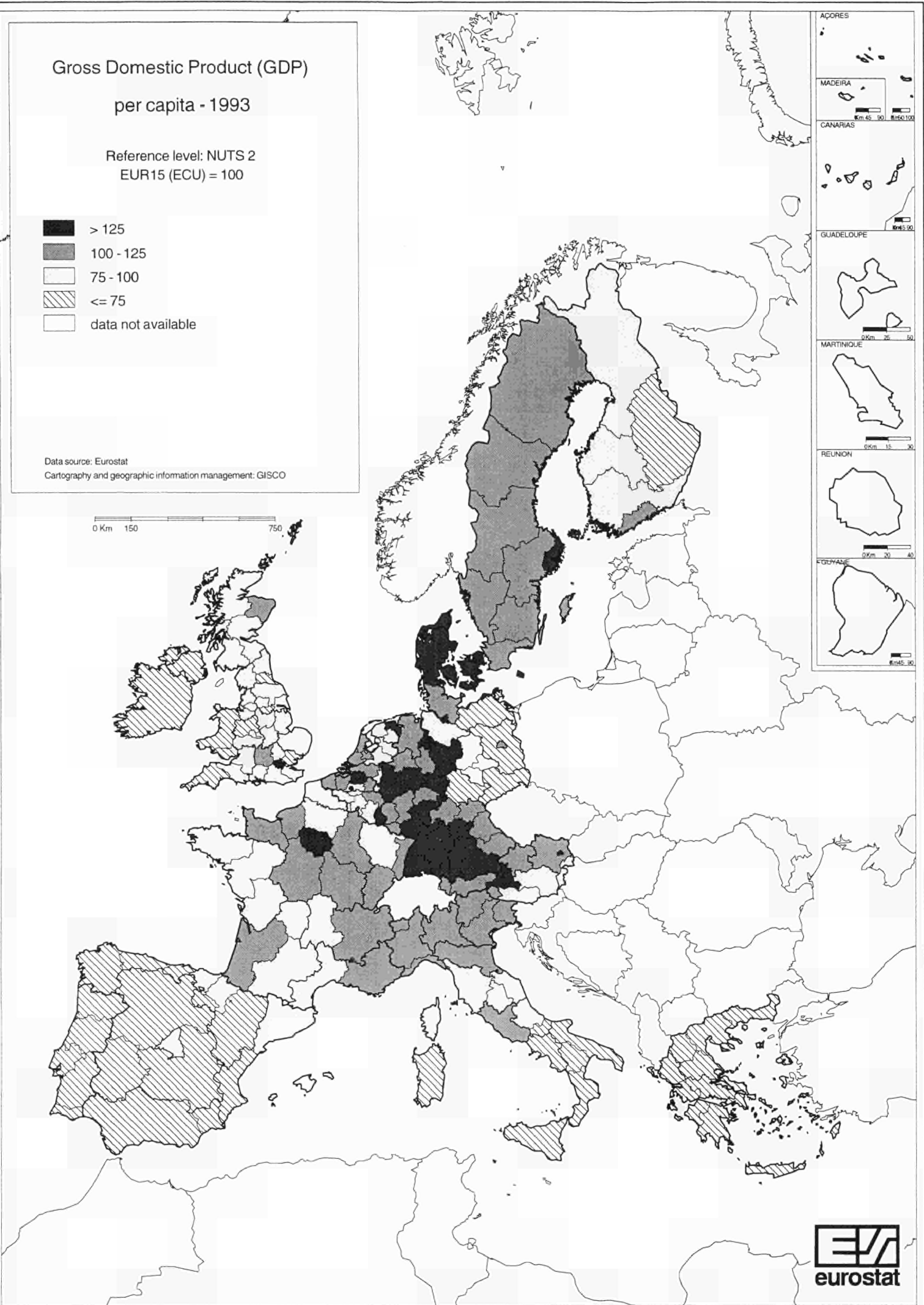
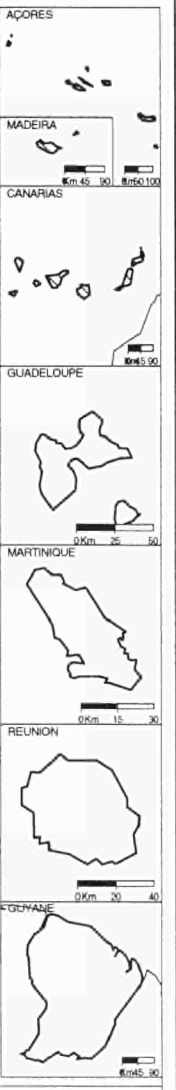
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Lisboa e Vale do Tejo	3296	33641	50226	10206	15237	96	79
Alentejo	535	2403	3588	4490	6703	42	52
Algarve	343	2160	3225	6295	9399	59	55
ACORES	239	1067	1593	4474	6679	42	:
MADEIRA	255	1214	1812	4769	7120	45	:
SUOMI /FINLAND	5066	71481	72885	14110	14387	91	:
MANNER-SUOMI	5041	70990	72384	14083	14359	91	:
Uusimaa	1286	23653	24117	18397	18758	118	:
Etelä-Suomi	1788	23856	24324	13340	13602	86	:
Itä-Suomi	709	7888	8043	11129	11347	72	:
Välf-Suomi	705	8696	8867	12332	12574	79	:
Pohjois-Suomi	553	6897	7032	12473	12717	80	:
AHVENANMAA / ÅLAND	25	491	501	19607	19992	126	:
SVERIGE	8719	158108	135930	18134	15590	98	:
Stockholm	1678	36879	31706	21976	18894	119	:
Oestra Mellansverige	1485	24344	20930	16398	14098	89	:
Smaaland Med Oearna	790	13756	11827	17422	14978	95	:
Sydsverige	1242	21579	18552	17379	14941	94	:
Vaestsverige	1740	30549	26264	17559	15096	95	:
Norra Mellansverige	865	14563	12520	16840	14478	91	:
Mellersta Norrland	397	7170	6164	18073	15538	98	:
Oevre Norrland	524	9267	7967	17696	15214	96	:
UNITED KINGDOM	58070	804758	912672	13858	15717	99	96
NORTH	3096	38494	43656	12434	14102	89	87
Cleveland, Durham	1165	13457	15262	11555	13105	83	:
Cumbria	489	7609	8629	15555	17641	111	:
Northumberland, Tyne and Wear	1442	17427	19763	12084	13705	86	:
YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE	5004	63702	72244	12731	14438	91	88
Humberside	883	11797	13379	13367	15159	96	:
North Yorkshire	720	10005	11346	13890	15753	99	:
South Yorkshire	1303	14529	16477	11146	12641	80	:
West Yorkshire	2097	27369	31039	13050	14800	93	:
EAST MIDLANDS	4074	52937	60036	12993	14735	93	91
Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire	1975	24928	28271	12621	14313	90	:
Leics., Northamptonshire	1499	20691	23465	13802	15653	99	:
Lincolnshire	600	7319	8301	12196	13831	87	:
EAST ANGLIA	2090	29553	33516	14143	16040	101	92
SOUTH EAST (UK)	17733	288479	327163	16268	18450	116	113
Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire	1536	21779	24699	14180	16081	101	:
Berks., Bucks., Oxfordshire	1997	32281	36610	16164	18332	116	:
Surrey, East-West Sussex	2473	33064	37497	13372	15165	96	:
Essex	1557	17908	20309	11501	13043	82	:
Greater London	6919	139571	158287	20173	22879	144	:
Hampshire, Isle of Wight	1715	24041	27265	14019	15899	100	:
Kent	1536	19833	22493	12908	14639	92	:
SOUTH WEST (UK)	4758	62739	71152	13186	14954	94	89
Avon, Gloucs., Wiltshire	2096	30684	34798	14640	16604	105	:
Cornwall, Devon	1523	17628	19991	11574	13126	83	:
Dorset, Somerset	1139	14426	16361	12663	14361	91	:
WEST MIDLANDS	5279	67162	76167	12723	14430	91	88
Hereford-Worcs., Warwicks.	1186	14646	16610	12350	14006	88	:
Shropshire, Staffordshire	1464	17479	19823	11936	13536	85	:
West midlands (County)	2628	35036	39734	13331	15118	95	:
NORTH WEST (UK)	6399	80030	90761	12507	14184	90	92
Cheshire	970	13905	15770	14337	16260	103	:
Greater Manchester	2574	32999	37424	12823	14542	92	:
Lancashire	1418	18238	20683	12864	14589	92	:
Merseyside	1438	14886	16882	10353	11741	74	:
WALES	2900	34029	38592	11732	13305	84	79
Clwyd, Dyfed, Gwynedd, Powys	1125	12754	14464	11335	12855	81	:
Gwent, Mid-S-W Glamorgan	1775	21273	24126	11983	13590	86	:
SCOTLAND	5110	69601	78934	13622	15448	97	91
Bord.-Centr.-Fife-Loth.-Tay.	1875	25597	29030	13655	15486	98	:
Dumfr. - Galloway, Strathclyde	2430	30693	34808	12633	14327	90	:
Highlands, Islands	278	3423	3882	12297	13946	88	:
Grampian	527	9887	11213	18761	21276	134	:
NORTHERN IRELAND	1628	18033	20451	11074	12559	79	73

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita - 1993

Reference level: NUTS 2
EUR15 (ECU) = 100








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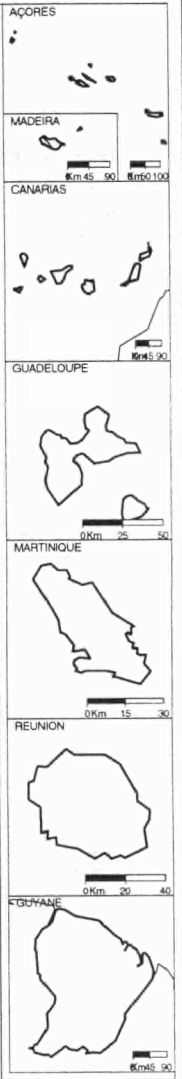
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita - 1993

Reference level: NUTS 2
EUR15 (PPS) = 100

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-  100 - 125
-  75 - 100
-  <= 75
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Data source: Eurostat
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Method used to estimate regional GDP

GDP shows the end-result of a region's productive activity. Per capita GDP provides a measure of the level of economic development, but it cannot be interpreted as an indicator of the income of resident households.

1. Starting point: estimates of national GDP

National GDP is calculated at market prices in ECU and PPS. The estimates are made on a harmonized basis in accordance with the rules of the ESA, so that comparisons between the Member States are possible. The European Currency Unit (ECU) is based on exchange rates, whereas the purchasing power standard (PPS) is a unit of measurement which expresses an identical volume of goods and services for each country, taking account of differences in price levels.

2. Regional estimates

The national GDP in ECU and PPS is regionalized for each country on the basis of the latest available data on the regional structure of gross value added (GVA) at factor cost (at market prices in the case of Austria and Portugal).

The estimates of regional GDP in 1993 for the various countries are based on the regional structure of GVA in the following years: 1993 - DK, GR, E, S, NL, FIN; 1992 - D, F, I, A, S, UK; 1990 - P; 1988 - B

The national estimates of population (ESA) are regionalized on the basis of the latest available data on the regional structure of the annual average population.

3. Comparisons at regional level

In order to compare the GDP in regions of different size, the per capita GDP is calculated. To obtain a more straightforward comparison, these per capita figures are also expressed as a percentage of the European Union average.

The regional estimates of GDP must be treated with a certain amount of caution on account of the specific situations that can arise in some regions. The most significant examples are as follows:

Hamburg: per capita GDP is very high due to the large number of non-residents working in the region;

Flevoland and Lueneburg : the other extreme, with a large number of residents working outside the region;

Groningen: The GDP per capita for 1980, is given a substantial boost by the value of the production of gas, which is extracted in this region.

4. Territory

The overseas "départements" (DOM) in France could not be included neither at national nor at Community level.

For further information

- Eurostat publications
 - National Accounts ESA Aggregates
 - REGIONS Statistical Yearbook
- REGIO data base: Apart from the data in this publication, REGIO contains estimates of regional GDP at NUTS III level and other national accounts aggregates classified by branch of activity at NUTS II level.

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