

Regional Gross Domestic Product in Central European Candidate Countries

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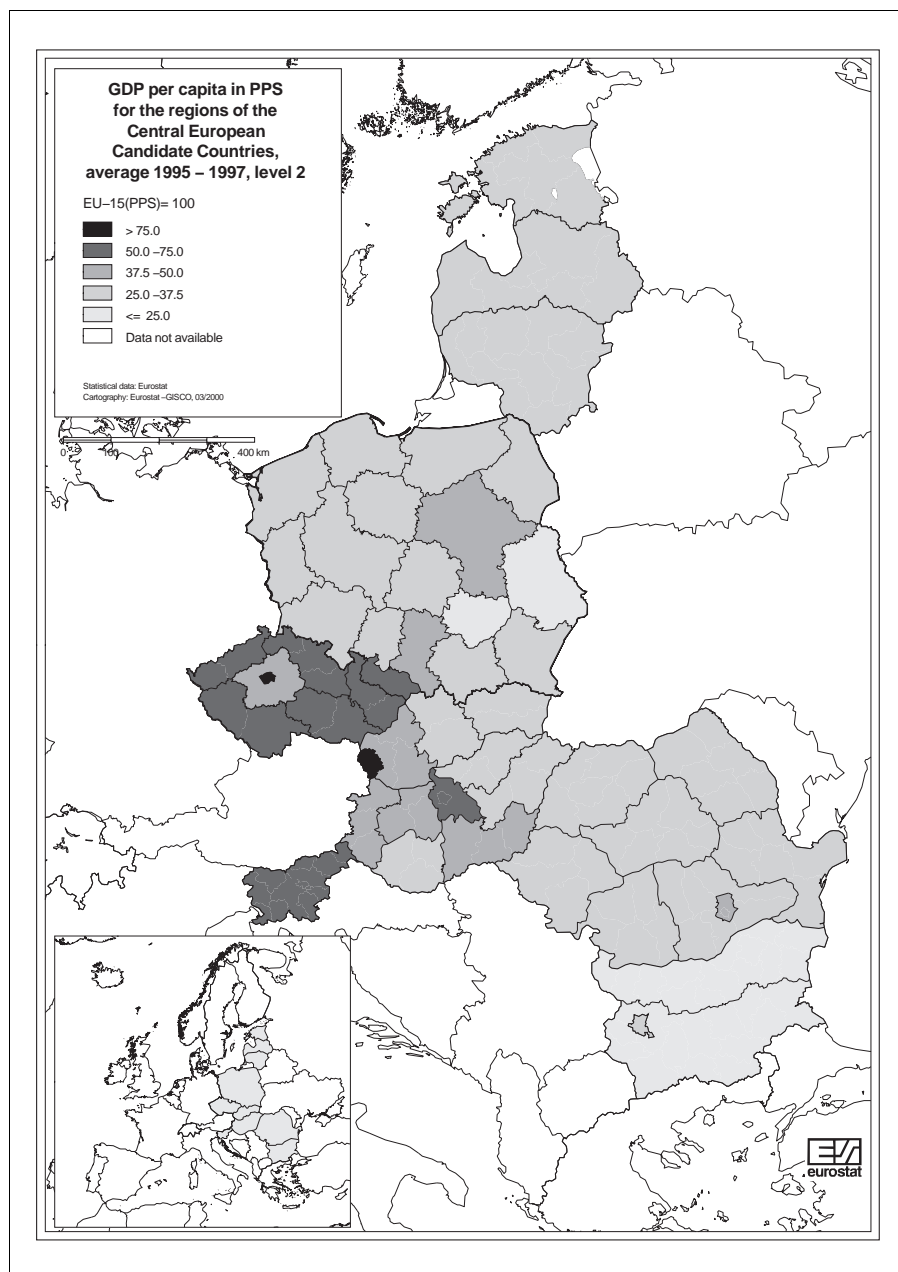


Figure 1: Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita, average 1995-1997, level 2

According to the most recent estimates, for the period 1995 to 1997, average per capita GDP in purchasing power standards (PPS) in 48 of the 50 level-2 regions of the Central European Candidate Countries (CECC) was below 75% of the EU average. Per capita GDP ranged from 4508 PPS (24% of the EU average) for the Polish region of Świętokrzyskie to 17657 PPS (96% of the EU average) for Bratislavský in Slovakia and 21923 PPS (119% of the EU average) for Praha in the Czech Republic.



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Regional differences in per capita GDP – Two outstanding regions

The latest Eurostat estimates of regional per capita GDP in purchasing power standards (PPS) for the 10 Central European Candidate Countries (CECC) for the period 1995 to 1997 show some regional differences and highlight two outstanding regions. In an otherwise relatively uniform distribution, the Czech region of Praha, averaged 21923 PPS and the Slovak region of Bratislavský 17657 PPS, equal to 119% and 96% of the European Union average respectively. These are the only regions that are above 75% of the EU average.

If the average were recalculated to take account of a possible enlargement of the European Union with these 10 countries, four regions would range above 75%, 11 between 50% and 75%, 16 between 37.5% and 50% and 19 below 37.5%.

Of the 50 level 2 regions under consideration, 8 score above 50% but below 75% of the current EU average. Six of these are located within the Czech Republic. The remaining two are Slovenia (66% of the average) and the capital region of Hungary (Közép Magyarországnak), with 69% of the EU average.

There are four regions with a regional GDP that is below 25% of the EU-15 average. Two of them are in Poland and two in Bulgaria.

In terms of the development of per capita GDP in relation to the EU average over the years 1995 to 1997 seven countries are catching up. Exceptions are the Czech Republic and Romania, where the development trend reversed in 1997, although on quite different levels. Furthermore, in Bulgaria one can observe that the relative figure is falling over the whole period. There are almost no regional differences in the development over time within countries at this regional level.

Whereas in the development over time there are no regional differences, some countries show huge regional differences in the level, e.g. the regional GDP of Praha is more than double the figure for

| Region | GDP per capita in PPS as % of the EU-15 average (1995-1997) |
|---------------------------|---|
| ŚWIĘTOKRZYSKIE (PL) | 24 |
| SEVERNA BĂLGARIJA (BG) | 25 |
| YUZHNA BĂLGARIJA (BG) | 25 |
| LUBELSKIE (PL) | 25 |
| PODLASKIE (PL) | 25 |
| LATVIJA (LV) | 25 |
| NORD-EST (RO) | 26 |
| PODKARPACKIE (PL) | 26 |
| WARMIŃSKO-MAZURSKIE (PL) | 26 |
| SOFIA, STOLISTA GRAD (BG) | 27 |
| : | : |
| : | : |
| STŘEDNI MORAVA (CZ) | 54 |
| SEVEROVÝCHOD (CZ) | 55 |
| JIHOVÝCHOD (CZ) | 57 |
| SEVEROZÁPAD (CZ) | 58 |
| OSTRAVSKO (CZ) | 61 |
| JIHOZÁPAD (CZ) | 61 |
| SLOVENIJA (SI) | 66 |
| KÖZÉP MAGYARORSZÁG (HU) | 69 |
| BRATISLAVSKÝ (SK) | 96 |
| PRAHA (CZ) | 119 |

Table 1 :The regions of the CECC with the highest/lowest GDP per capita (in PPS), average 1995-1997, level 2

Střední Čechy, the poorest region of the Czech Republic, while Bratislavský boasts almost triple the value for Východné Slovensko, the poorest region of Slovakia.

The Baltic countries, considered here as single level 2 regions, range from 25% of the EU average in Latvia to 29% in Lithuania and 34 % in Estonia.

Methodological Notes

At the level 2 regional breakdown considered in this publication, there are 50 regions in the CECC. The data presented in the annexed table represent the average 1995 – 1997, individual years and figures at a level 3 regional breakdown are available on request.

The data presented in this publication were supplied by the CECC to Eurostat in December 1999 and they take account of corrections up to March 2000. National level figures were provided by Eurostat national accounts division and reflect the situation in March 2000.

GDP is not synonymous with income available to private households, because commuter flows into regions increase the regional GDP of those regions.

The CECC data are not yet fully in line with EU standards, particularly due to some weaknesses of CECC basic statistics. However, intensive co-operation between Eurostat and the CECCs over recent years make reasonable comparisons between the CECC and the EU Member States possible.

The methodology to estimate regional GDP is based on the European System of Accounts (ESA95) and on a corresponding Eurostat document: "Regional accounts methods: Gross value-added and gross fixed capital formation by activity".

| Average 95-97 Region | GDP (million ECU) | GDP (million PPS) | GDP per capita (PPS) | GDP per capita PPS); CECC-10=100 | GDP per capita (PPS); EU-15=100 | GDP per capita (PPS); EU-15 + CECC-10=100 |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| EU-15 | 6917129 | 6917129 | 18463 | : | 100 | : |
| CECC-10 | 274259 | 730666 | 6950 | 100 | : | : |
| EU-15 + CECC-10 | 7191388 | 7647795 | 15940 | : | : | 100 |
| BĂLGARIJA | 8918 | 38592 | 4616 | 66 | 25 | 29 |
| SOFIA STOLISTA GRAD | 1357 | 5872 | 4917 | 71 | 27 | 31 |
| SEVERNA BĂLGARIJA | 3429 | 14837 | 4562 | 66 | 25 | 29 |
| YUZHNA BĂLGARIJA | 4133 | 17884 | 4569 | 66 | 25 | 29 |
| ČEZKÁ REPUBLIKA | 43960 | 121336 | 11761 | 169 | 64 | 74 |
| PRAHA | 9593 | 26472 | 21923 | 315 | 119 | 138 |
| STŘEDNI ČECHY | 3641 | 10051 | 9085 | 131 | 49 | 57 |
| JIHOZÁPAD | 4794 | 13232 | 11197 | 161 | 61 | 70 |
| SEVEROZÁPAD | 4384 | 12105 | 10708 | 154 | 58 | 67 |
| SEVEROVÝCHOD | 5510 | 15208 | 10188 | 147 | 55 | 64 |
| JIHOVÝCHOD | 6315 | 17429 | 10478 | 151 | 57 | 66 |
| STŘEDNI MORAVA | 4503 | 12429 | 9988 | 144 | 54 | 63 |
| OSTRAVSKO | 5221 | 14409 | 11170 | 161 | 61 | 70 |
| EESTI | 3414 | 9146 | 6220 | 90 | 34 | 39 |
| MAGYARORSZAG | 36685 | 87867 | 8621 | 124 | 47 | 54 |
| KÖZÉP MAGYARORSZÁG | 15259 | 36540 | 12661 | 182 | 69 | 79 |
| KÖZÉP DUNÁNTÚL | 3731 | 8931 | 8009 | 115 | 43 | 50 |
| NYUGAT DUNÁNTÚL | 3747 | 8974 | 9005 | 130 | 49 | 56 |
| DÉL DUNÁNTÚL | 2847 | 6823 | 6869 | 99 | 37 | 43 |
| ÉSZAK MAGYAROSZÁG | 3240 | 7765 | 6002 | 86 | 33 | 38 |
| ÉSZAK ALFÖLD | 3894 | 9328 | 6054 | 87 | 33 | 38 |
| DÉL ALFÖLD | 3966 | 9505 | 6954 | 100 | 38 | 44 |
| LIETUVA | 6425 | 19707 | 5311 | 76 | 29 | 33 |
| LATVIJA | 4139 | 11731 | 4708 | 68 | 25 | 30 |
| POLSKA | 111858 | 242229 | 6272 | 90 | 34 | 39 |
| DOLNOŚLĄSKIE | 8247 | 17870 | 5985 | 86 | 32 | 38 |
| KUJAWSKO-POMORSKIE | 5274 | 11432 | 5458 | 79 | 30 | 34 |
| LUBELSKIE | 4760 | 10309 | 4597 | 66 | 25 | 29 |
| LUBUSKIE | 2577 | 5584 | 5491 | 79 | 30 | 34 |
| ŁÓDZKIE | 7445 | 16132 | 6021 | 87 | 33 | 38 |
| MAŁOPOŁSKIE | 8259 | 17885 | 5594 | 80 | 30 | 35 |
| MAZOWIECKIE | 21106 | 45643 | 9020 | 130 | 49 | 57 |
| OPOLSKIE | 2752 | 5962 | 5461 | 79 | 30 | 34 |
| PODKARPACKIE | 4660 | 10094 | 4782 | 69 | 26 | 30 |
| PODLASKIE | 2628 | 5694 | 4658 | 67 | 25 | 29 |
| POMORSKIE | 6385 | 13831 | 6369 | 92 | 34 | 40 |
| ŚLASKIE | 16573 | 35901 | 7328 | 105 | 40 | 46 |
| ŚWIĘTOKRZYSKIE | 2765 | 5992 | 4508 | 65 | 24 | 28 |
| WARMIŃSKO-MAZURSKIE | 3234 | 7003 | 4810 | 69 | 26 | 30 |
| WIELKOPOLSKIE | 10336 | 22374 | 6704 | 96 | 36 | 42 |
| ZACHODNIOPOMORSKIE | 4858 | 10523 | 6102 | 88 | 33 | 38 |
| ROMÂNIA | 28684 | 132580 | 5863 | 84 | 32 | 37 |
| NORD-EST | 3861 | 17843 | 4713 | 68 | 26 | 30 |
| SUD-EST | 3743 | 17301 | 5867 | 84 | 32 | 37 |
| SUD | 4152 | 19196 | 5468 | 79 | 30 | 34 |
| SUD-VEST | 2830 | 13083 | 5387 | 78 | 29 | 34 |
| VEST | 2818 | 13027 | 6267 | 90 | 34 | 39 |
| NORD-VEST | 3408 | 15755 | 5485 | 79 | 30 | 34 |
| CENTRU | 3757 | 17362 | 6506 | 94 | 35 | 41 |
| BUCUREȘTI | 4114 | 19012 | 8204 | 118 | 44 | 51 |
| SLOVENIJA | 15094 | 24190 | 12164 | 175 | 66 | 76 |
| SLOVENSKÁ REPUBLIKA | 15082 | 43288 | 8049 | 116 | 44 | 50 |
| BRATISLAVSKÝ | 3810 | 10928 | 17657 | 254 | 96 | 111 |
| ZÁPADNÉ SLOVENSKO | 4630 | 13288 | 7080 | 102 | 38 | 44 |
| STREDNÉ SLOVENSKO | 3253 | 9341 | 6911 | 99 | 37 | 43 |
| VÝCHODNÉ SLOVENSKO | 3390 | 9731 | 6356 | 91 | 34 | 40 |

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