

#46 – The geography of Income inequality in OECD Countries

Short description

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Time span: 2003 -2017

Geographical coverage: 11 OECD countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Sweden, and Switzerland

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Note/Interpretations

This report summarises initial results from a research project that exploits national administrative data from tax registers to shed light on the distribution of incomes within and across geographic areas in OECD and EU countries. In this first stage, the work focuses on levels and trends in median incomes and income distributions of small (TL3) regions in 11 European OECD countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Sweden, and Switzerland. A particular focus lies on urban-rural disparities in income levels and inequalities, as measured by the OECD metropolitan/non-metropolitan typology for small regions. This is, to the authors' knowledge, the first study producing results on regional income distributions at this level for a larger number of countries.

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