

# Regional Gross Domestic Product in Candidate Countries 1999

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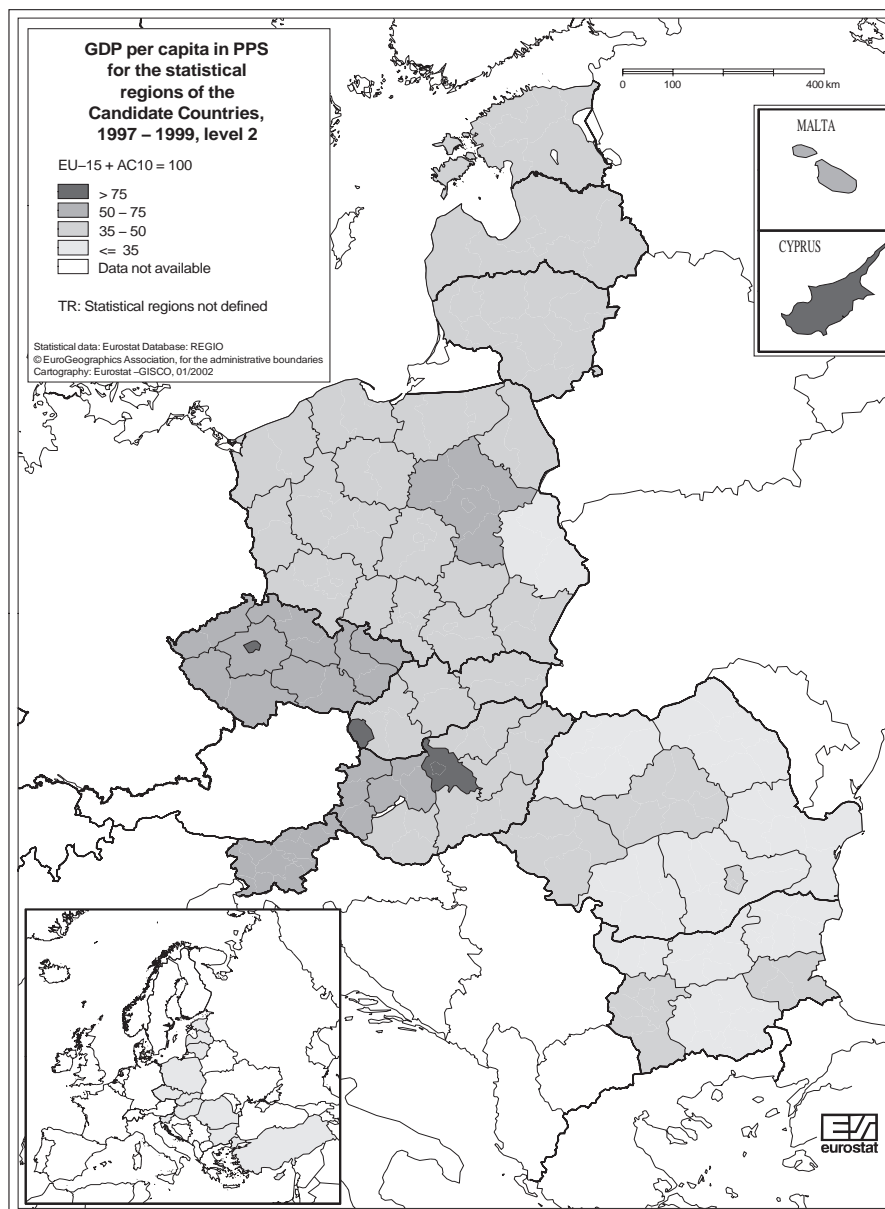
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According to the most recent estimates, taking into account the 1997-1999 average, per capita GDP in purchasing power standards (PPS) in 52 of the 56 level 2 regions of the Candidate Countries was below 75% of an average including EU Member States and the 10 Candidate Countries named in the presidency conclusions of the Laeken summit. Per capita GDP ranged from 3 871 PPS (21% of this average) for the Romanian region of Nord-Est to 19 902 PPS (108 % of this average) for Bratislavský in Slovakia and 24 730 PPS (134 % of this average) for Praha in the Czech Republic. Compared to the average of the current EU, per capita GDP ranged between 18 % and 122 %.



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## Regional differences in per capita GDP – Five outstanding regions

The latest Eurostat estimates of regional per capita GDP in purchasing power standards (PPS) for the Candidate Countries for 1997-1999 show some regional differences and highlight five outstanding regions. In an otherwise relatively uniform distribution, the Czech region of Praha averaged 24 730 PPS and the Slovak region of Bratislavský 19 902 PPS, equal to 134 % and 108 % of an average that would result from the EU's enlargement to include the 10 countries<sup>(1)</sup> named in the presidency conclusion of the Laeken summit as candidates for the next enlargement round. Cyprus and Közép-Magyarország, the capital region of Hungary, are also above 75 % of the average. Slightly below 75 % comes Slovenia (74 %).

Region	GDP per capita (in PPS) as % of the EU15+AC10 average
NORD-EST (RO)	21
SUD (RO)	25
NORD-VEST (RO)	25
SUD-VEST (RO)	26
YUZHEN TSENTRALEN (BG)	26
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SLOVENIJA	74
KÖZÉP MAGYARORSZÁG (HU)	80
CYPRUS	92
BRATISLAVSKÝ (SK)	108
PRAHA (CZ)	134

*Table 1: Gross domestic product (GDP) per capita 1997-1999, level 2*

Again making use of this average, four regions range above 75 %, 12 between 50 % and 75 %, 21 between 35 % and 50 % and 19 below 35 %.

Out of the 12 regions between 50% and 75 %, seven are located within the Czech Republic. The remaining five are Slovenia (74 %), two regions of Hungary (Nyugat Dunántúl and Közép-Dunántúl with 59 % and 51 % of the average, respectively), the Polish capital region of Mazowieckie (61 %) and Malta.

All Bulgarian and Romanian regions, except Bucuresti, range below 35 % of the average.

In terms of the development of per capita GDP in relation to the average over the years 1997 to 1999, it is striking that most of the capital regions are catching up. Especially in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland, the value for 1999 lies significantly above the 1997-1999 average. This indicates strong development focused on the economic centres.

Some countries show huge regional GDP differences, e.g. the regional GDP of Praha is 2.5 times higher than the figure for Středni Čechy, the poorest region of the Czech Republic. Bratislavský is separated by a similar gap from Východné Slovensko, the poorest region of Slovakia.

The Baltic countries, considered here as single level 2 regions, range from 31 % of the average in Latvia to 37 % in Lithuania and 41 % in Estonia.

For Turkey, no regional breakdown has yet been agreed, and therefore the national figure (31 %) is displayed.

### ➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

At the level 2 regional breakdown considered in this publication, there are 56 regions in the candidate countries. The data presented in the annexed table represent the year 1999 and the average 1997-1999; individual years and figures at a level 3 regional breakdown (200 regions) are available on request from the Eurostat Data Shop network.

The data presented in this publication were supplied by the candidate countries to Eurostat in December 2001. National level figures were provided by Eurostat national candidate countries division and reflect the situation in January 2002.

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

The candidate countries data are for most of the countries almost fully in line with EU standards. Intensive co-operation between Eurostat and the candidate countries over recent years makes reasonable comparisons between the candidate countries and the EU Member States possible. There are still some weaknesses of candidate countries basic statistics.

The methodology to estimate regional GDP is the same as for EU countries and 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".

<sup>1</sup> Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Slovenia, Slovakia (AC10 = 10 Accession Countries).

Region	GDP, 1999, (Mio. Euro)	GDP, 1999, (Mio. PPS)	GDP per capita 1999, (PPS)	GDP per capita, 1999, EU-15 = 100 (PPS)	GDP per capita, 1997 - 1999, (PPS)	GDP per capita, 1997 - 1999, EU-15 = 100 (PPS)	GDP per capita, 1997 - 1999, EU-15+AC10 = 100 (PPS)
EU 15	8016482	8016482	21258	100	20322	100	..
EU 15 + AC-10	8328673	8722540	19294	..	18429	..	100
<b>BALGARIJA</b>	<b>11645</b>	<b>47210</b>	<b>5750</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5447</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>
SEVEROZAPADEN	717	2906	4929	23	4526	22	25
SEVEREN TSENTRALEN	1482	6009	4879	23	4588	23	25
SEVEROIZTOCHEN	1661	6735	4997	24	4913	24	27
YUGOZAPADEN	4103	16635	7765	37	6917	34	38
YUZHEN TSENTRALEN	2465	9993	4821	23	4852	24	26
YUGOIZTOCHEN	1216	4932	5962	28	5969	29	32
<b>CYPRUS</b>	<b>8654</b>	<b>12006</b>	<b>18055</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>17033</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>CESKÁ REPUBLIKA</b>	<b>51166</b>	<b>127933</b>	<b>12439</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>12245</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>66</b>
PRAHA	12547	31373	26358	124	24730	122	134
STREDNÍ ČECHY	4564	11411	10280	48	9864	49	54
Jihozápad	5424	13562	11507	54	11456	56	62
SEVEROZÁPAD	4706	11766	10396	49	10483	52	57
SEVEROVÝCHOD	6296	15741	10561	50	10515	52	57
Jihovýchod	7175	17940	10808	51	10739	53	58
STREDNÍ MORAVA	4975	12440	10023	47	10110	50	55
MORAVSKOSLEZKO	5479	13699	10679	50	10966	54	60
<b>EESTI</b>	<b>4878</b>	<b>11284</b>	<b>7820</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7531</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>MAGYARORSZÁG</b>	<b>45075</b>	<b>106316</b>	<b>10561</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>9859</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>53</b>
KÖZÉP-MAGYARORSZÁG	19288	45494	15960	75	14729	72	80
KÖZÉP-DUNÁNTÚL	4660	10991	9906	47	9455	47	51
NYUGAT-DUNÁNTÚL	5073	11965	12142	57	10888	54	59
DÉL-DUNÁNTÚL	3403	8026	8212	39	7644	38	41
ÉSZAK-MAGYARORSZÁG	3780	8916	7006	33	6622	33	36
ÉSZAK-ALFÖLD	4383	10338	6773	32	6593	32	36
DEL-ALFÖLD	4489	10587	7870	37	7509	37	41
<b>LIETUVA</b>	<b>10006</b>	<b>25795</b>	<b>6972</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6889</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>LATVIJA</b>	<b>6247</b>	<b>14524</b>	<b>6080</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5726</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>MALTA</b>	<b>3420</b>	<b>4542</b>	<b>11729</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>11127</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>POLSKA</b>	<b>145506</b>	<b>319615</b>	<b>8269</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>7766</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>
DOLNOSLASKI E	11470	25194	8455	40	7902	39	43
KUJAWSKO-POMORSKIE	7016	15410	7337	35	7040	35	38
LUBELSKIE	5881	12918	5774	27	5602	28	30
LUBUSKIE	3495	7678	7505	35	7085	35	38
ŁÓDZKIE	9114	20019	7533	35	6966	34	38
MAŁOPOLSKI E	10835	23800	7395	35	6998	34	38
MAZOWIECKIE	28467	62529	12345	58	11205	55	61
OPOLSKIE	3430	7535	6921	33	6808	34	37
PODKARPACKIE	5870	12894	6071	29	5858	29	32
PODLASKIE	3350	7358	6017	28	5897	29	32
POMORSKIE	8346	18333	8376	39	7706	38	42
ŚLĄSKIE	20255	44491	9127	43	8783	43	48
ŚWIĘTOKRZYSKIE	3895	8555	6461	30	6014	30	33
WARMINSKO-MAZURSKIE	4275	9390	6412	30	6033	30	33
WIELKOPOLSKIE	13284	29178	8702	41	8168	40	44
ZACHODNIOPOMORSKIE	6524	14332	8274	39	7702	38	42
<b>ROMÂNIA</b>	<b>32998</b>	<b>112175</b>	<b>4995</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5037</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>
NORD-EST	4299	14613	3813	18	3871	19	21
SUD-EST	4359	14818	5029	24	5081	25	28
SUD	4598	15630	4480	21	4518	22	25
SUD-VEST	3340	11355	4700	22	4741	23	26
VEST	3430	11662	5742	27	5755	28	31
NORD-VEST	3854	13103	4601	22	4637	23	25
CENTRU	4375	14872	5631	26	5671	28	31
BUCUREȘTI	4743	16124	7150	34	7162	35	39
<b>SLOVENIJA</b>	<b>18760</b>	<b>28823</b>	<b>14516</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>13588</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>SLOVENSKÁ REPUBLIKA</b>	<b>18479</b>	<b>55219</b>	<b>10234</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>9779</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>
BRATISLAVSKÝ	4189	12518	20286	95	19902	98	108
ZÁPADNÉ SLOVENSKO	5979	17868	9521	45	8990	44	49
STREDNÉ SLOVENSKO	3999	11951	8819	41	8448	42	46
VÝCHODNÉ SLOVENSKO	4311	12882	8328	39	7848	39	43
<b>TURKEY</b>	<b>172955</b>	<b>360448</b>	<b>5602</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5687</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>

Table 2: Gross domestic product and derived indicators in candidate countries regions

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