

International Benchmarking Database: Regional Coverage

The International Benchmarking Database (IBD) provides detailed time series for a manifold set of regions, sub regions and regional aggregates. The concept of the regional decomposition is based on the one hand on the idea of comparability of the IBD to national and international sources. Therefore, the international regional concepts are applied. On the other hand, the idea of Functional Urban Regions (FUR) is more helpful when it comes to analyse regions in an international context. This enables to build comparable Metropolitan Areas and display FURs with the data. The IBD applies the Eurostat-concept for the decomposition (NUTS, Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics) for all European Regions. Regions in other countries follow similar concepts. For all countries with regional decomposition manifold regional aggregates and metropolitan areas are available.

The following table shows the countries covered by the IBD as well as their regions and subregions (if available).

Regional decomposition in the IBD

COUNTRY	NUTS 1	NUTS 2	NUTS 3	Remarks
AUSTRIA	Groups of States	States	Groups of Districts	*
BELGIUM	Regions	Provinces	Counties (Arrondissements)	*
CROATIA	-	Regions	Counties	
CZECH REPUBLIC	-	Groups of Regions (Oblasti)	Regions	
DENMARK	-	Regions	Municipalities (Amter)	*
FINLAND	Mainland	Large Areas	Regions	*
	Åland	-	-	
FRANCE	ZEAT ¹	Regions	Departments	
	ZEAT - Overseas	Overseas Regions	Overseas Departments	
GERMANY	States	Government Regions	Districts	Also available: IHK-Regions, Labour Office Districts, Metropolitan Regions
GREECE	Groups of development regions	Peripheries	Prefectures (Nomoi)	
HUNGARY	Statistical Large Regions	Planning and Statistical Regions	Counties	
			Budapest	
IRELAND	-	Regions	Regional Authority Regions	*
ITALY	Groups of Regions	Regions	Provinces	*
JAPAN **	Groups of Prefectures	Prefectures	-	
LUXEMBOURG	-	-	-	*
NETHERLANDS	Regions (Landsdelen)	Provinces	COROP Regions ²	*
NORWAY	-	Regions	Counties	
POLAND	Regions	Provinces (Voivodeships)	Subregions	
PORTUGAL	Continent	Regional Coordination	Groups of Municipali-	

		Commissions	ties (Concelhos)	
	Azores and Madeira	Autonomous Regions		
SPAIN	Groups of autonomous communities	Autonomous Communities and Cities	Provinces and Islands	*
		Ceuta and Melilla	-	
SWITZERLAND	-	BfS ³ -Regions	Cantons	More disaggregated data available: MS ⁴ -Regions, Districts, Communities
SLOVAKIA	-	-	Statistical Regions	
SLOVENIA	-	Macroregions (Oblasti)	Regions (Kraje)	
SWEDEN	-	National Areas (Riksområden)	Counties (Län)	*
UNITED KINGDOM	Regions of England	Groups of unitary Authorities	Unitary Authorities (UA)	City regions are partly defined based on Local Authorities Districts (LADs), *
	Wales	Groups of unitary Authorities	Unitary Authorities (UA)	
	Scotland	Groups of unitary Authorities	Unitary Authorities (UA)	
	North Ireland	Groups of unitary Authorities	Unitary Authorities (UA)	
UNITED STATES **	States	Counties	-	*

¹ Zones d'études et d'aménagement du territoire

² Coördinatie Commissie Regionaal Onderzoeks Programma

³ Bundesamt für Statistik (Federal Office for Statistics)

⁴ Mobilité spatiale (micro-regional labour district concept)

* Also included in the IBD: Metropolitan Areas.

** The NUTS classification is a statistical concept of Eurostat and therefore does not apply on the United States and Japan.

However, the available data corresponds to the mentioned NUTS levels.

Note: Please note that data on the regional level (below NUTS3 or corresponding) can not be ordered as part of IBP data services but only with special agreement.

Source: BAKBASEL

Legend:

Not (yet) covered Partly covered Fully covered

Based on this regional diversity, BAKBASEL is able to build flexible and consistent regions based on functional relationships or given third-party definitions, within national boundaries as well as cross border.