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Seven capital regions among the ten most prosperous on Europe

GDP per capita in the EU in 2013

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USPA NEWS - In 2013, regional GDP per capita, expressed in terms of purchasing power standards, ranged from 27% of the EU28 average in the French overseas department of Mayotte, to 325% of the average in Inner London in the United Kingdom, according Eurostat.

The leading regions in the ranking of regional GDP per capita in 2013, after Inner London in the United Kingdom (325% of the average), were the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (258%), Bruxelles in Belgium (207%), Hamburg in Germany (195%), Groningen in the Netherlands (187%), Bratislava in Slovakia (184%), Stockholm in Sweden (179%), ÃŽle de France in France (175%) and Praha in the Czech Republic (173%). After Mayotte in France (27%), the lowest regions in the ranking were all in Bulgaria and Romania: Severozapaden (30%), Severen tsentralen (31%) and Yuzhen tsentralen (32%) in Bulgaria, and Nord-Est in Romania (34%).

It should be noted, however, that in some European regions the GDP per capita figures can be significantly influenced by commuter flows. Net commuter inflows in these regions push up production to a level that could not be achieved by the resident active population on its own. In Europe there is a corresponding effect in regions with commuter outflows.

In Spain, in 2013, GDP was 1,049,181 millions Euro or 22,500 Euro per capita, a 94% of the EU28 average. The richest Spanish region are Madrid (128% of the average), followed by Basque Country (122%), Navarra (116%) and Catalonia (111%). In the Northeast territory of Spain, where are Basque Country and Navarra, also they are Aragon (103%) and La Rioja (102%). The lowest Spanish regions were all in the Southern: Andalusia and the Autonomous Town of Melilla (70%), and Extremadura (65%). Madrid and South area they lost wealth in 2013 from a year earlier, while, overall, the rest of the Spanish territory maintained its income.

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