

Annex C. Subnational governments in the OECD

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Table A C.1. Type and numbers of subnational governments in the OECD: Country by country, 2017-18

	Municipal level	Intermediate level	Regional or state level
Federations and quasi-federations			
Australia	562 (local government areas)		8 (6 states + 2 territories)
Austria	2 098 (municipalities)		9 (<i>Bundesländer</i>)
Belgium	589 (municipalities)	10 (provinces)	6 (3 regions + 3 communities)
Canada	3 959 (census subdivisions)		13 (provinces and territories)
Germany	11 054 (municipalities)	401 (294 rural districts and 107 district-free cities)	16 (<i>länder</i>)
Mexico	2 463 (municipalities)		32 (31 states + federal district)
Spain	8 124 (municipalities)	50 (provinces)	17 (autonomous communities)
Switzerland	2 222 (municipalities)		26 (<i>cantons</i>)
United States	35 879 (municipalities, towns and townships)	3 031 (counties)	50 (states)
Unitary countries			
Chile	345 (municipalities)		16 (regions)*
Czech Republic	6 258 (municipalities)		14 (regions)
Denmark	98 (municipalities)		5 (regions)
Estonia	79 (municipalities)		
Finland	311 (municipalities)		1 (autonomous region of Åland)
France	35 357 (municipalities)	101 (<i>départements</i>)	18 (regions)
Greece	325 (municipalities)		13 (regions)
Hungary	3 178 (municipalities)		19 (counties)
Iceland	74 (municipalities)		
Ireland	31 (county and city councils)		
Israel	255 (local governments)		
Italy	7 960 (municipalities)		20 (regions)
Japan	1 741 (municipalities)		47 (prefectures)
Korea	229 (cities, counties and autonomous districts)		17 (regional-level entities)
Latvia	119 (municipalities)		
Luxembourg	102 (municipalities)		
Netherlands	390 (municipalities)		12 (provinces)
New Zealand	67 (territorial authorities)		11 (regional councils)
Norway	422 (municipalities)		18 (counties)
Poland	2 478 (municipalities)	380 (314 counties and 66 cities having the status of county)	16 (regions)
Portugal	308 (municipalities)		2 (Azores and Madeira)
Slovak Republic	2 930 (municipalities)		8 (higher territorial units)
Slovenia	212 (municipalities)		

Sweden	290 (municipalities)		21 (county councils)
Turkey	1 397 (municipalities)		81 (provinces and metropolitan municipalities)
United Kingdom	391 (local councils)	27 (county counties, only in England)	3 (Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales)
OECD35	132 287	4 000	519
EU28	86 840	969	263

Note: There are 589 municipalities to date in Belgium. From 2019 onwards, some mergers of municipalities are foreseen (in the Flemish Region), that will result in 581 municipalities.

Sources: Adapted from OECD (2018^[5]), *Subnational Governments in OECD Countries: Key Data (brochure)*, <http://www.oecd.org/regional/regional-policy>; OECD (2017^[6]), *Multi-level Governance*

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