

High levels of compensation of employees in the services sectors in the regions of Europe

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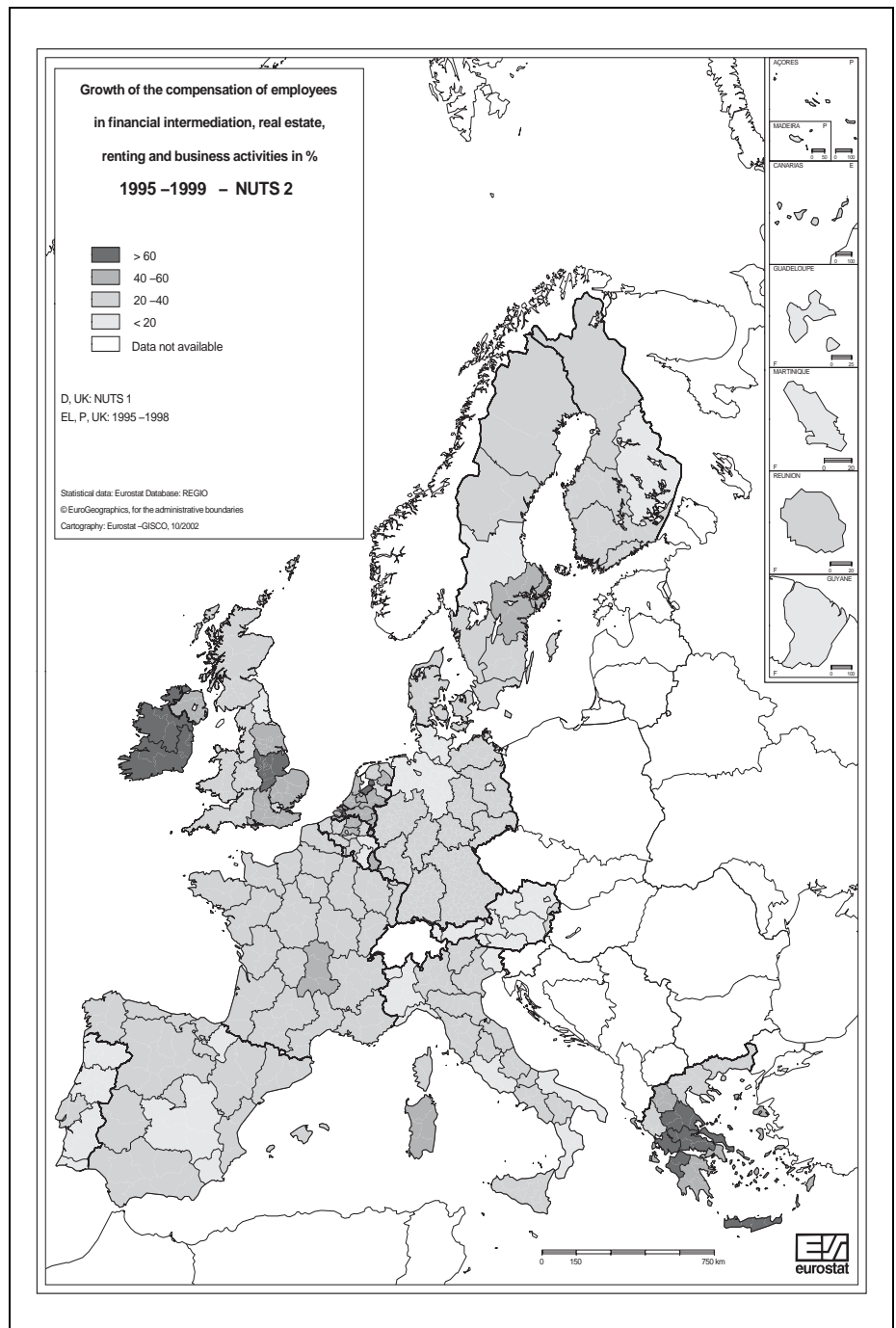


Figure 1: Growth of the compensation of employees in financial intermediation, real estate, renting and business activities in % - 1995-1999 – NUTS 2



This "Statistics in Focus" examines the trend in compensation of employees by branches in the regions of the European Union on the basis of data from 162 regions. Only NUTS 1 data are available for Germany and the United Kingdom. The ranking of the regions by

the absolute level of compensation of employees is, however, not automatically identical to the ranking by disposable income, since the taxes and social security contributions payable on employees' incomes differ from country to country.

Regional distribution of the groups of branches in 1999

The proportion of total compensation of employees in the EU in 1999 accounted for by the individual branches (see Table 2) was lowest for agriculture, forestry and fishing (A_B) and highest for non-market services (L_P), which in 110 regions accounted for a larger proportion of the total compensation of employees in the region than the average calculated for the EU. Similarly, more than half of the regions under consideration had a figure that was above the EU average in agriculture, forestry and fishing (93 regions) and construction (F) (95 regions). The figure in the other branches was below the EU average in more than half the EU regions. The figure in regions that include capital cities, such as Île de France, Luxembourg and London, or that surround industrial centres, such as North-Holland and Hamburg, was highest in financial intermediation and real estate, renting and business activities (J_K).

Regions where the figure was more than twice the EU average were mainly found in agriculture, forestry and fishing (A_B) and construction (F). In the latter branch, these were exclusively regions with a lower per capita

GDP than the EU average (cf. Statistics in Focus, Theme 1 – 1/2002). This category included the five new German *Länder*, Andalusia, Castile-la Mancha and Extremadura in Spain and the islands of Madeira and Crete. Taking all branches and regions together, we can identify certain key points. For example, in the countries of southern Europe, employees' income from agriculture, forestry and fishing (A_B) and non-market services (L_P) tended to account for the largest proportion of the total compensation of employees in a region compared with the other EU countries. In the case of market services (G_I and J_K), a large proportion of the compensation of employees is concentrated in a relatively small number of regions - mainly those in which tourism is important, such as the Balearic and Canary Islands or the winter-sport regions of Salzburg and Tyrol in Austria, as far as G_I are concerned. In the other two groups, construction (F) and industry (C_E), no particular countries or groups of regions predominate. Denmark and the regions of Ireland are in neither the top nor the bottom ten.

Different trends in different sectors between 1995 and 1999

Taking all sectors together, compensation of employees increased in all but one of the NUTS 2 regions examined in this publication between 1995 and 1999. Only in Berlin was there a slight reduction over the

period. The regions where the increase was highest were in Greece, Spain, Ireland and the Netherlands; those where it was lowest were in Germany, Austria, Sweden and France (see Table 1).

If we look at the groups of branches separately, the picture is somewhat different. Only in Denmark and Luxembourg did compensation of employees increase in all the branches under consideration between 1995 and 1999. Greek regions were in the top ten for all six groups of branches and Irish regions for five of them. Most regions, 57 to be precise, where the compensation of employees was falling were in agriculture, forestry and fishing (A_B). They were spread over all the Member States except Belgium, Denmark and Luxembourg. This was the sector with the region that had the greatest reduction in compensation of employees of any sector - Ceuta y Mellila in Spain. In the regions of Germany and Austria the trend in the individual branches tended to be negative. Compensation of employees in regions fell in four groups of branches in Germany and three in Austria. Like France, Denmark, Italy and Luxembourg, no German or Austrian regions were in the top ten.

The difference in percentage points between the highest and lowest figures for all the regions was greatest, at almost 132, in financial intermediation and real estate, renting and business activities (J_K) and smallest, at 80 or so, in public administration and defence etc. (L_P). Except for financial intermediation and real estate, renting and business activities (J_K), all groups of branches had some regions where incomes were falling and some where they were increasing. The biggest increase in the J_K group was in Thessaly in Greece and the smallest in French Guiana. Only in Berlin and Hamburg did incomes fall in the services branches G_I. In non-market services (L_P) a very slight reduction of 0.1 percentage points was found only for Styria in Austria.

Country	Largest change		Smallest change	
	Region	Percentage points	Region	Percentage points
Belgique-Belgie	<i>Brabant Wallon</i>	+21.1	<i>Hainaut</i>	+10.9
Danmark		+22.4		
Deutschland	<i>Thüringen</i>	+7.7	<i>Berlin</i>	- 0.2
Ellada	<i>Thessalia</i>	+61.5	<i>Kentriki Makedonia</i>	+25.4
España	<i>Canarias</i>	+34.5	<i>Ceuta y Mellila</i>	+20.7
France	<i>Corse</i>	+22.6	<i>Basse-Normandie</i>	+ 9.6
Ireland			<i>Border, Midland and Western</i>	+50.0
Italia	<i>Southern and Eastern Sardegna</i>	+19.2	<i>Calabria</i>	+10.4
Luxembourg		+30.5		
Nederland	<i>Flevoland</i>	+38.3	<i>Zeeland</i>	+15.3
Österreich	<i>Vorarlberg</i>	+15.2	<i>Kärnten</i>	+ 6.4
Portugal	<i>Madeira</i>	+29.2	<i>Alentejo</i>	+20.8
Suomi/Finland	<i>Uusimaa</i>	+26.6	<i>Itae-Suomi</i>	+17.2
Sverige	<i>Stockholm</i>	+28.4	<i>Övre Norrland</i>	+ 8.8
United Kingdom	<i>Eastern</i>	+26.9	<i>North East</i>	+10.1

Table 1: NUTS 2 regions with the largest and smallest changes of total compensation of employees between 1995 and 1999 by country in percentage points ⁽¹⁾

(1) Data for Greece, Portugal and the United Kingdom relate to the period 1995-1998

Region	Groups of economic branches in %						Total of branches 1995-99 1995=100
	A_B	C_E	F	G_I	J_K	L_P	
EU-15	1.0	25.2	5.9	21.2	16.0	30.4	117.6
BELGIQUE-BELGIE	0.3	23.4	5.0	21.1	16.2	34.0	115.4
REG.BRUXELLES-CAP	0.0	9.8	2.4	23.3	29.3	35.1	116.8
VLAAM S GEWEST	0.4	28.7	5.8	21.6	14.2	29.3	115.8
ANTWERPEN	0.3	30.9	5.5	21.9	15.8	25.6	114.7
LIMBURG (B)	0.5	34.2	7.1	15.2	10.2	32.8	115.5
OOST-VLAANDEREN	0.5	29.6	7.1	18.2	11.0	33.6	113.5
VLAAMS BRABANT	0.3	17.7	3.2	32.2	21.0	25.7	123.2
WEST-VLAANDEREN	0.7	31.6	6.6	18.1	10.2	32.8	113.4
REGION WALLONNE	0.3	22.7	5.3	18.4	10.0	43.4	113.9
BRABANT WALLON	0.3	20.7	4.4	23.5	15.1	36.0	121.1
HAINAUT	0.2	24.7	5.1	17.6	9.4	43.1	110.9
LIEGE	0.2	25.2	5.7	17.8	9.6	41.5	113.2
LUXEMBOURG (B)	0.4	17.6	7.0	18.3	6.2	50.5	113.1
NAMUR	0.5	15.1	5.0	17.2	9.8	52.4	118.3
DANMARK	1.2	19.1	6.4	23.5	13.3	36.5	122.4
DEUTSCHLAND	0.9	30.2	6.3	20.0	14.2	28.4	105.8
BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG	0.6	41.0	5.2	16.8	13.0	23.4	107.4
BAYERN	0.7	34.1	5.6	20.4	14.2	25.1	107.5
BERLIN	0.2	17.9	6.4	17.1	19.2	39.2	99.8
BRANDENBURG	3.0	17.4	13.3	18.7	10.2	37.5	104.5
BREMEN	0.2	27.6	4.5	26.6	13.9	27.3	102.8
HAMBURG	0.2	20.3	4.0	26.6	22.7	26.0	103.8
HESSEN	0.6	28.5	4.5	22.2	19.8	24.5	105.1
MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN	3.5	12.8	12.3	20.5	11.2	39.7	102.9
NIEDERSACHSEN	1.2	29.3	6.3	20.3	12.2	30.7	105.8
NORDRHEIN-WESTFALEN	0.6	32.2	4.9	20.8	14.1	27.4	106.3
RHEINLAND-PFALZ	1.0	32.2	5.7	19.1	10.8	31.3	106.3
SAARLAND	0.3	34.9	4.9	18.9	13.5	27.5	107.4
SACHSEN	1.9	20.5	12.8	18.1	13.1	33.5	104.0
SACHSEN-ANHALT	2.6	17.7	14.1	18.2	10.8	36.6	100.6
SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	1.5	22.6	6.1	24.1	12.1	33.8	104.8
THÜRINGEN	2.6	20.6	12.1	18.4	10.6	35.6	107.7
ELLADA	1.9	20.6	6.2	19.6	9.3	42.4	136.4
VOREIA ELLADA	2.9	25.2	5.9	17.1	7.2	41.7	132.5
ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	4.9	23.2	5.7	14.9	5.3	46.0	128.2
KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	2.2	25.5	5.6	19.2	8.0	39.6	125.4
DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	2.2	40.2	7.7	10.7	4.7	34.5	129.2
THESSALIA	3.7	19.2	6.1	16.2	7.4	47.4	161.5
KENTRIKI ELLADA	4.2	19.9	9.0	19.2	6.1	41.6	141.6
IPEIROS	2.5	19.3	9.7	15.9	5.7	46.9	139.1
IONIA NISIA	4.3	11.4	10.0	27.7	6.1	40.5	133.9
DYTIKI ELLADA	4.1	13.6	9.1	19.7	7.5	46.0	149.5
STEREA ELLADA	3.9	30.2	9.4	17.0	5.3	34.3	144.9
PELOPONNISOS	5.6	20.7	7.8	19.8	5.4	40.8	134.4
ATTIKI	0.2	19.1	4.8	20.0	12.3	43.6	135.7
NISIA AIGAIU, KRITI	3.1	13.9	8.6	27.2	6.7	40.4	144.2
VOREIO AIGAIU	2.7	12.9	9.0	23.8	6.1	45.4	156.5
NOTIO AIGAIU	1.1	17.7	11.9	32.9	6.1	30.3	130.7
KRITI	4.3	12.3	6.8	25.5	7.2	43.9	148.1
ESPANA	1.4	24.3	9.8	18.9	12.3	28.9	129.2
NOROESTE	2.2	25.4	11.7	17.2	9.9	30.4	126.4
GALICIA	3.0	23.9	11.7	16.8	10.0	31.2	127.3
ASTURIAS	0.8	28.2	11.7	17.5	9.6	29.4	121.7
CANTABRIA	1.0	26.4	11.4	18.4	9.7	29.0	131.6
NORESTE	0.7	34.1	7.8	14.6	11.1	27.9	129.9
PAIS VASCO	0.5	34.5	7.7	13.3	11.9	27.6	132.5
NAVARRA	0.4	39.6	7.3	14.1	8.4	27.4	128.7
RIOJA	1.7	37.4	7.4	14.9	9.6	26.1	124.3
ARAGON	0.8	29.6	8.2	17.5	11.2	29.1	126.3
MADRID	0.2	18.2	8.4	19.7	19.0	28.3	129.2
CENTRO (E)	1.8	22.7	11.9	16.2	9.7	35.2	124.9
CASTILLA-LEON	1.0	25.5	10.7	16.5	9.7	34.5	124.7
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA	2.2	24.1	12.4	16.1	9.4	33.5	125.0
EXTREMADURA	3.5	10.5	14.7	15.5	10.2	40.6	125.6
ESTE	0.9	30.5	9.1	19.8	12.1	23.5	130.9
CATALUNA	0.6	33.8	8.4	17.1	13.0	22.8	130.6
COMUNIDAD VALENCIANA	1.7	28.2	10.3	21.1	10.6	24.4	132.9
BALEARES	0.6	10.4	9.8	38.5	11.9	25.5	125.6

Table 2: Share of compensation of employees by economic branch on total compensation per region in 1999

Region	Groups of economic branches in %						Total of branches 1995-99 1995=100
	A_B	C_E	F	G_I	J_K	L_P	
SUR	3.4	15.6	12.3	19.4	9.4	35.5	128.6
ANDALUCIA	3.3	14.9	12.6	19.4	9.7	35.4	127.9
MURCIA	4.6	21.4	11.3	18.8	8.2	32.2	133.9
CEUTA Y MELILLA	0.2	2.6	5.8	20.8	4.6	63.4	120.7
CANARIAS	2.3	8.5	9.9	30.6	8.6	32.5	134.5
FRANCE	1.0	21.2	5.1	20.9	20.2	31.6	114.0
ILE DE FRANCE	0.1	15.7	4.1	22.2	32.6	25.3	112.9
BASSIN PARISIEN	2.0	27.5	5.4	18.9	13.5	32.6	113.2
CHAMPAGNE-ARDENNE	4.1	26.9	5.0	18.5	12.5	33.0	116.2
PICARDIE	1.8	29.7	5.0	18.7	12.8	32.0	112.2
HAUTE-NORMANDIE	0.9	29.3	5.9	19.1	14.9	30.0	111.0
CENTRE	1.5	27.0	5.6	18.2	14.9	32.8	115.6
BASSE-NORMANDIE	2.0	25.1	6.0	18.6	12.8	35.4	109.6
BOURGOGNE	2.6	26.2	5.1	20.5	12.0	33.6	113.2
NORD-PAS-DE-CALAIS	0.7	24.9	5.4	19.6	16.1	33.3	112.9
EST	0.9	28.7	5.8	18.7	13.4	32.5	112.7
LORRAINE	0.8	26.6	5.9	18.4	12.3	36.0	111.1
ALSACE	0.8	28.1	6.3	20.4	15.5	28.9	114.4
FRANCHE-COMTE	1.1	34.2	4.8	16.0	11.6	32.2	112.7
OUEST	2.0	23.1	5.9	19.7	15.3	34.0	116.3
PAYS DE LA LOIRE	1.7	26.2	6.2	19.0	16.3	30.5	117.4
BRETAGNE	2.3	20.0	5.9	20.4	14.5	36.9	115.7
POITOU-CHARENTES	2.2	21.8	5.4	19.8	14.7	36.1	115.2
SUD-OUEST	1.9	19.7	5.4	21.4	14.7	36.8	116.9
AQUITAINE	2.5	18.8	5.4	22.2	14.7	36.4	117.3
MIDI-PYRENEES	1.4	20.4	5.5	20.7	15.8	36.3	116.8
LIMOUSIN	1.4	21.5	5.4	20.7	11.0	40.0	115.1
CENTRE-EST	0.7	27.3	5.5	19.6	16.6	30.3	114.6
RHONE-ALPES	0.5	27.4	5.6	19.8	17.6	29.1	114.5
AUVERGNE	1.3	27.2	5.1	18.2	11.6	36.5	115.2
MEDITERRANEE	1.2	13.1	5.4	24.4	16.2	39.7	114.2
LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON	2.0	12.8	5.6	23.8	14.3	41.5	119.7
PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D'AZUR	0.9	13.6	5.3	24.5	17.1	38.7	111.7
CORSE	1.1	6.7	6.1	27.6	12.8	45.7	122.6
DEPARTEMENTS D'OUTRE-MER	1.5	8.8	5.1	23.1	12.7	48.8	117.0
GUADELOUPE	1.7	7.6	4.3	27.2	13.0	46.3	117.7
MARTINIQUE	1.6	8.8	4.0	24.3	12.9	48.3	113.9
GUYANE	2.1	9.5	7.0	17.5	15.7	48.3	120.9
REUNION	1.1	9.5	5.8	21.1	11.7	50.8	117.7
IRELAND	1.0	22.6	9.4	22.9	14.1	30.0	152.8
BORDER, MIDLAND AND WESTERN	1.9	24.6	10.5	18.8	8.1	36.1	150.0
SOUTHERN AND EASTERN	0.7	22.1	9.1	24.0	15.6	28.5	153.6
ITALIA	1.5	28.1	4.4	20.1	13.5	32.4	115.1
NORD OVEST	0.4	33.7	3.9	20.1	14.4	27.6	113.4
PIEMONTE	0.3	39.3	3.6	17.7	14.7	24.4	113.1
VALLE D'AOSTA	0.9	15.9	7.7	24.2	8.4	42.9	113.2
LIGURIA	0.4	19.2	4.3	26.8	13.9	35.3	114.2
LOMBARDIA	0.4	38.1	4.0	21.0	15.7	20.8	115.1
NORD EST	1.2	34.0	4.7	21.6	11.2	27.4	116.2
TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE	1.7	19.8	5.9	27.3	10.4	34.9	117.9
VENETO	1.1	38.5	4.6	20.5	10.9	24.4	116.6
FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA	0.9	29.9	3.9	20.7	13.0	31.6	113.1
EMILIA-ROMAGNA	1.5	36.1	4.5	20.9	12.5	24.6	117.0
CENTRO (I)	0.7	30.5	3.9	20.7	12.1	32.0	115.0
TOSCANA	0.7	29.0	3.7	22.0	12.9	31.7	114.3
UMBRIA	1.2	28.2	5.6	19.0	11.3	34.7	114.7
MARCHE	0.7	35.8	3.6	18.1	10.5	31.3	117.0
LAZIO	0.8	14.3	4.1	19.9	19.0	41.9	112.2
ABRUZZO-MOLISE	1.3	27.7	6.2	17.2	8.6	39.0	115.0
ABRUZZO	1.3	28.8	6.2	18.3	8.4	36.9	114.5
MOLISE	1.2	22.9	6.5	12.4	9.3	47.6	117.0
CAMPANIA	2.5	17.8	4.6	19.2	11.4	44.4	117.4
SUD	6.3	15.6	5.7	16.2	10.2	46.0	115.1
PUGLIA	5.6	18.3	5.4	16.2	10.7	43.8	117.0
BASILICATA	4.0	20.5	8.1	12.7	10.1	44.6	117.3
CALABRIA	8.6	8.2	5.3	17.3	9.3	51.4	110.4
SICILIA	3.9	11.9	4.6	18.1	11.9	49.6	115.3
SARDEGNA	2.1	14.1	5.1	21.5	11.7	45.5	119.2

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	A_B	C_E	F	G_I	J_K	L_P	
LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHÉ)	0.3	16.0	7.3	20.4	31.0	25.0	130.5
NEDERLAND	1.2	18.5	6.9	22.5	21.5	29.3	123.9
NOORD-NEDERLAND	1.5	22.2	7.7	18.2	17.2	33.2	120.3
GRONINGEN	0.7	21.8	6.7	18.4	17.1	35.4	117.9
FRIESLAND	2.1	21.2	8.3	18.2	18.6	31.6	122.1
DRENTHE	1.8	23.9	8.4	17.9	15.7	32.2	121.3
OOST-NEDERLAND	1.2	21.6	7.7	20.9	18.1	30.5	123.6
OVERIJSEL	0.8	25.2	8.8	20.5	16.0	28.8	120.2
GELDERLAND	1.1	20.6	7.3	20.5	18.8	31.7	123.8
FLEVOLAND	3.0	14.7	6.9	25.6	21.6	28.2	138.3
WEST-NEDERLAND	1.1	13.3	6.3	24.6	25.0	29.6	124.7
UTRECHT	0.4	11.1	6.8	22.5	30.5	28.7	128.5
NOORD-HOLLAND	0.8	12.8	4.8	26.7	26.7	28.1	126.2
ZUID-HOLLAND	1.5	13.5	7.4	24.0	22.3	31.3	122.8
ZEELAND	1.8	26.8	7.0	21.8	14.2	28.5	115.3
ZUID-NEDERLAND	1.2	27.3	7.6	20.7	17.7	25.5	123.9
NOORD-BRABANT	1.1	26.9	8.1	21.2	18.2	24.5	124.8
LIMBURG (NL)	1.5	28.2	6.4	19.5	16.7	27.8	121.9
ÖSTERREICH	0.4	24.6	8.4	25.2	11.7	29.7	110.8
OSTÖSTERREICH	0.4	19.8	7.8	26.5	14.0	31.4	110.6
BURGENLAND	0.6	21.5	11.0	20.5	9.2	37.2	111.1
NIEDERÖSTERREICH	0.5	26.8	9.1	28.7	7.5	27.4	113.8
WIEN	0.3	15.8	6.9	25.8	18.0	33.2	108.9
SÜDÖSTERREICH	0.4	29.0	8.8	22.2	9.8	29.7	108.9
KÄRNTEN	0.4	24.3	9.2	24.7	10.0	31.4	106.4
STEIERMARK	0.4	31.2	8.6	21.0	9.7	29.0	110.0
WESTÖSTERREICH	0.3	28.6	8.9	25.1	9.6	27.5	112.1
OBERÖSTERREICH	0.2	34.0	9.5	19.6	9.4	27.3	112.7
SALZBURG	0.4	19.9	7.6	31.5	10.9	29.6	112.2
TIROL	0.5	22.4	9.3	31.2	9.6	27.0	108.8
VORARLBERG	0.2	32.6	7.6	25.2	8.5	25.9	115.2
PORTUGAL	1.3	21.8	7.5	22.0	11.5	35.8	124.0
CONTINENTE	1.3	22.4	7.5	21.9	11.7	35.2	123.8
NORTE	1.0	31.4	8.6	19.2	7.7	32.0	123.7
CENTRO (P)	1.5	28.1	7.8	17.5	5.0	40.2	125.0
LISBOA E VALE DO TEJO	0.8	16.4	6.8	24.7	17.1	34.3	123.6
ALENTEJO	5.6	17.8	5.9	17.1	5.4	48.3	120.8
ALGARVE	4.8	6.5	7.1	34.2	8.7	38.7	127.0
ACORES	4.0	10.4	7.1	22.1	7.8	48.5	123.3
MADEIRA	1.7	8.5	12.3	28.7	7.8	41.2	129.2
SUOMI/FINLAND	1.5	26.3	6.8	20.4	11.8	33.3	122.8
MANNER-SUOMI	1.5	26.4	6.8	20.3	11.8	33.2	122.8
ITÄ-SUOMI	3.6	23.7	5.9	16.3	6.8	43.6	117.2
VÄELI-SUOMI	2.7	31.7	6.0	15.6	7.2	36.8	123.4
POHJOIS-SUOMI	1.8	27.7	7.4	16.5	7.2	39.4	123.8
UUSIMAA (SUURALUE)	0.3	18.9	7.1	26.2	18.5	29.0	126.6
ETELÄ-SUOMI	1.7	33.7	6.8	17.3	8.6	32.0	119.9
ÅLAND	3.0	8.3	4.2	43.7	5.6	35.1	123.9
SVERIGE	0.9	23.1	5.4	21.0	15.6	34.1	118.5
STOCKHOLM	0.2	13.3	4.1	26.2	26.8	29.3	128.4
ÖSTRA MELLANSVERIGE	1.0	27.9	6.0	16.5	12.4	36.2	114.7
SYDSVERIGE	1.2	24.6	6.0	21.2	12.3	34.7	119.3
NORRA MELLANSVERIGE	1.4	28.0	6.7	16.9	9.0	38.0	110.3
MELLERSTA NORRLAND	1.9	20.4	6.2	19.0	11.4	41.1	109.6
ÖVRE NORRLAND	1.3	20.7	6.6	17.6	9.6	44.2	108.8
SMÅLAND MED ÖARNA	1.2	33.1	5.1	18.3	8.1	34.1	115.1
VÄSTSVRIGE	0.7	26.9	5.3	21.6	12.8	32.6	118.2
UNITED KINGDOM	0.7	24.1	4.4	23.7	18.3	28.8	120.1
NORTH EAST	0.5	31.4	5.8	19.3	9.6	33.3	110.1
NORTH WEST (INC MERSEYSIDE)	0.5	29.5	4.4	23.8	14.0	27.8	115.2
YORKSHIRE & THE HUMBER	0.8	30.5	4.7	22.8	12.8	28.5	118.7
EAST MIDLANDS	1.0	33.9	4.7	21.8	12.4	26.1	120.8
WEST MIDLANDS	0.8	34.4	4.5	20.8	13.3	26.2	116.9
EASTERN	0.8	20.5	4.0	25.9	23.1	25.7	126.9
LONDON	0.0	11.8	3.5	27.3	31.0	26.3	126.2
SOUTH EAST	0.4	18.0	4.3	26.2	23.5	27.6	125.0
SOUTH WEST	1.6	24.0	4.3	22.3	14.2	33.6	120.1
WALES	0.9	31.8	4.7	19.5	9.4	33.7	117.0
SCOTLAND	1.2	25.5	6.1	21.5	13.3	32.4	112.8
NORTHERN IRELAND	1.1	23.2	4.8	19.1	9.0	42.8	116.2

Table 2: Share of compensation of employees by economic branch on total compensation per region in 1999

➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

1. Definition of the indicator

"Compensation of employees" is defined as the total remuneration, in cash or in kind, payable by an employer to an employee in return for work done by the latter during the reference period. It comprises

- wages, salaries, either in cash or in kind and
- employers' social contributions.

2. NACE Rev.1 Categories (branches)

The regional accounts data were collected in accordance with Council Regulation 2223/96 (on ESA 95). Data collection began in 1995 and covered 16 branches. Data by individual branches are available for 1995 to 1998 on request. The data have been aggregated into six groups for the purpose of this publication.

- A_B Agriculture, forestry and fishing.
- C_E Mining and quarrying, manufacturing and electricity.
- F Construction.
- G_I Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods; Hotels and restaurants; Transport, storage and communication.
- J_K Financial intermediation; Real estate, renting and business activities (G-I and J-K together are also referred to as "market services").
- L_P Public administration and defence; compulsory social security; Education; Health and social work; Other community, social and personal service activities; Private households with employed persons (also referred to as "non-market services").

3. Notes on the Tables

This study took account only of data that were available to Eurostat by the end of July 2002.

All the figures for Greece, Portugal and the United Kingdom relate to 1998. For those countries, therefore, the "trend since 1995" means the trend between 1995 and 1998. In the case of Spain, the data for groups G_I, J_K and L_P relate to 1998.

There are 211 regions at NUTS 2 level, to which this publication relates. However, since data for Germany and the United Kingdom were available only at NUTS 1 level, this study covers only 162 regions.

Discrepancies between the sum of the regional figures and the figure for a country as a whole result from the fact that regions outside the national territory, such as embassies and military bases, were also included in the national figure. Differences between the total and the sum of the branches for a region or country result from the use of figures for different years in some branches (in Spain, for example).

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