

WEST REGION

West Region - general features

The West Region lies in the west of Romania, at the border between Hungary and Serbia, consisting of four counties from an administrative-territorial point of view: Arad, Caras- Severin, Hunedoara, and Timis. The West Region has an area of 32.034 km², accounting for 13.4% of the country's area.

Population

In 2011, the West Region had a population of 1.910.469 people, accounting for 8.94% of Romania's population.

Population, counties and region, at July 1st, 2011

County/Development Region	Population	Density (inhabitants/km ²)
Arad	454.073	58.6
Caras-Severin	318.616	37.4
Hunedoara	457.932	64.8
Timis	679.848	78.2
West Region	1.910.469	59.6
ROMÂNIA	21.354.396	89.6

Source: INS - Romanian Statistical Yearbook 2012

Territorial-administrative features

From an administrative-territorial point of view, there are 322 administrative-territorial units in the West Region, which may be divided as follows: 42 cities and towns and 280 communes.

The economic potential

The West Region is considered to be a upwardly moving region, with economic results above the national average, often second only after the Bucharest-Ilfov Region.

GDP, counties and region

- million lei - current prices-

County/Development Region	2008	2009	2010
Arad	11.082,2	10.774,5	11.549,8
Caras-Severin	6.113,7	6.409,6	6.658,6
Hunedoara	9.683,1	9.301,7	9.396,8
Timis	23.514,4	22.714,4	25.378,1
West Region	50.393,4	49.200,2	52.983,3
ROMÂNIA	514.700,0	501.139,4	523.693,3

Source: INS - Romanian Statistical Yearbook 2012

Enterprise activity

There were **40.830** enterprises operating in the West Region in 2011, with those in industry, constructions, and services.

Local units active in industry, construction, trade and other services, territorial, in 2011

County/Development Region	Total	Density
North - West	61.528	22,70
Center	53.349	21,17
North - East	47.707	12,91
South - Muntenia	47.985	17,17
South - East	51.371	15,84
Bucuresti - Ilfov	107.743	47,80
South - West Oltenia	32.500	14,61
West	40.830	21,37
ROMÂNIA	443.013	20,75

Source: INS – Romanian Statistical Yearbook 2012

Workforce

According to statistics, the average number of employees, by activities of national economy, in 2011 is of 464.592 persons, and the unemployment rate at December 31st, 2011, in the West Region was of 3.7%.

Registered unemployed and unemployment rate at December 31st, 2011

County/Development Region	Number of registered unemployed	Recipients of unemployment allowance (unemployed with work experience)	Recipients of unemployment allowance (unemployed without work experience)	Unemployed without allowance	Unemployment rate
Arad	7.241	3.198	430	3.613	3.5
Caras-Severin	6.739	2.795	1.122	2.822	5.6
Hunedoara	11.155	5.403	969	4.783	6.0
Timis	6.280	3.378	838	2.064	1.9
West	31.415	14.774	3.359	13.282	3.7
ROMÂNIA	461.013	143.271	39.267	278.475	5.2

Source: INS – Romanian Statistical Yearbook 2012

Education System

Consequence of demographic trends in recent years, characterized by decline and widening external migration, the school population at all levels has been a continuous reduction.

Graduates on levels of education, school / university year 2010/2011

County/Development Region	Secondary education	High school	Vocational	Post-secondary education and foremen	Higher education
Arad	4.733	4.645	647	312	7.145
Caras-Severin	3.315	3.237	624	193	974
Hunedoara	5.123	5.499	1.001	788	1.192
Timis	6.691	7.168	1.147	516	8.653
West	19.862	20.549	3.419	1.809	17.964
ROMÂNIA	229.609	202.160	34.733	21.311	186.900

Source: INS – Romanian Statistical Yearbook 2012