Glossary:Urban-rural typology

Statistics Explained

Short definition: the urban-rural typology is applied to NUTS level 3 regions: it identifies three types of region based on the share of the rural population, namely, predominantly rural regions , intermediate regions and predominantly urban regions .

The urban-rural typology is a classification based on the following three categories:

- **predominantly urban regions** , NUTS level 3 regions where more than 80 % of the population live in urban clusters ;

- **intermediate regions** , NUTS level 3 regions where more than 50 % and up to 80 % of the population live in urban clusters;

- **predominantly rural regions** , NUTS level 3 regions where at least 50 % of the population live in rural grid cells .

Further information

- See Chapter 5 of Eurostat's *Territorial typologies manual*

- Rural development

Related concepts

- Predominantly urban region

- Intermediate region

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