

Common term: Metro regions; **Plural:** Metro regions; **Full term:** Metropolitan region/metropolitan regions

Short definition: this typology is applied at the level of [NUTS](#) level 3 regions and identifies metropolitan regions in the [European Union \(EU\)](#). These regions are defined as urban agglomerations (NUTS level 3 regions or groups of NUTS level 3 regions) where at least 50 % of the population lives inside a [functional urban area \(FUA\)](#) that is composed of at least 250 000 inhabitants.

Note that **capital city metropolitan regions** may be identified as a subdivision of metropolitan regions; these refer to the metropolitan region which includes the capital city.

Further information

- See [Chapter 6](#) of Eurostat's *Territorial typologies manual*
- [Metropolitan regions](#)

Related concepts

- [City](#)
- [Commuting zone](#)
- [Functional urban area](#)