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Urban quality of life and addressing inequalities in mining regions – the view from the OECD



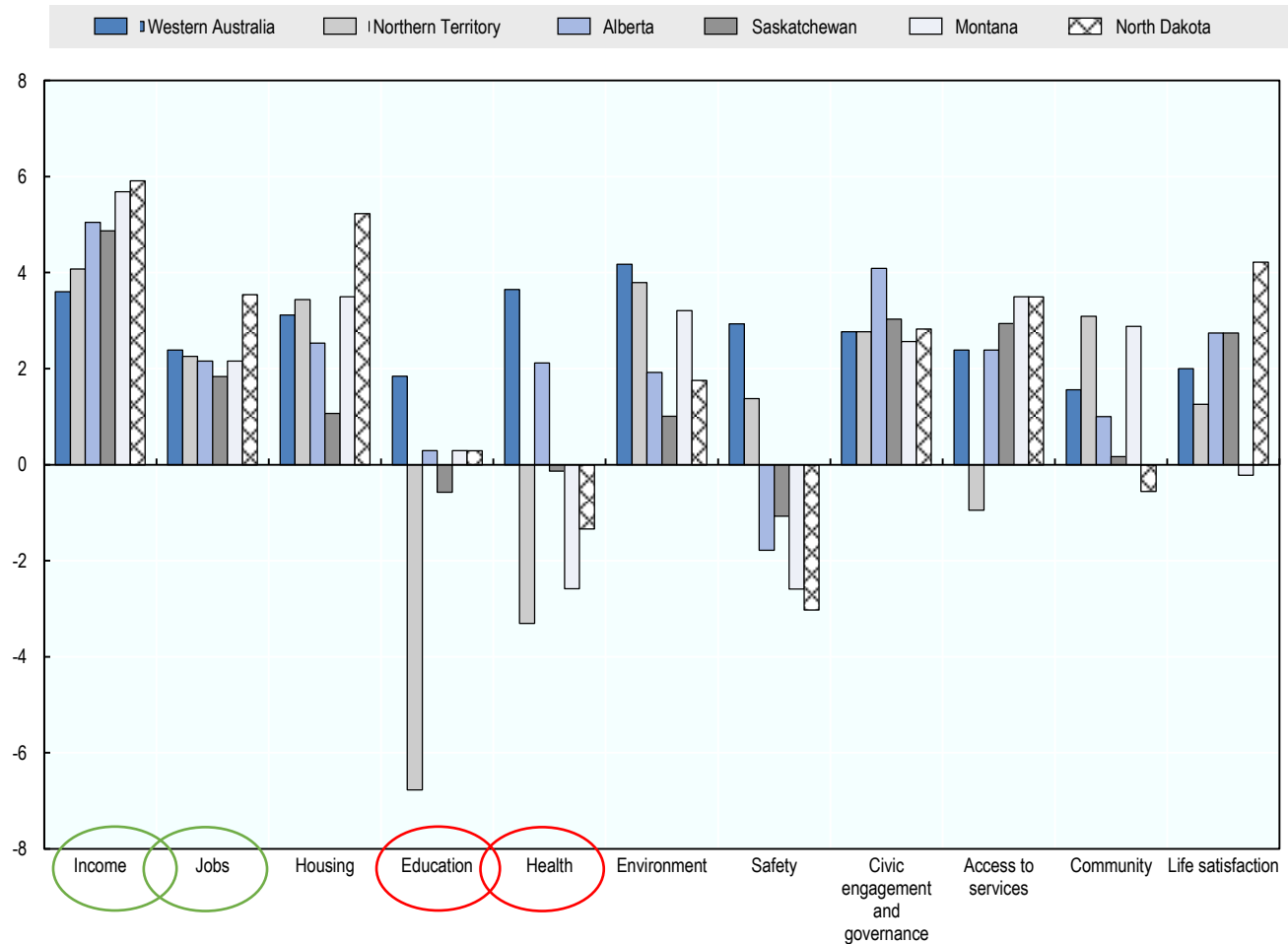
The challenge

- Quality of life encompasses a range of material and non-material factors that are important to the competitiveness of places (e.g. health, safety, jobs, education and housing)
- Urban quality of life is important in terms of attracting and retaining skilled workers, and therefore supporting efforts to increase productivity and foster economic diversification
- Relatively rapid and volatile growth trends experienced by mining cities and their regions can generate challenges in relation to social dislocation and inequalities, particularly in relation to labour and housing markets
- **Policy challenge** = how to improve local quality of life and promote inclusive growth



OECD Regional wellbeing framework and mining regions

OECD Regional Wellbeing Framework – comparing select regions with OECD averages



Source: OECD Regional wellbeing database (<https://www.oecdregionalwellbeing.org/>)



Mining regions: urban development issues

- Strain on land use planning systems (zoning, administrative capacity)
- Increasing land costs, rents, and housing affordability pressures
- Lack of capacity to plan, prioritise, and finance the provision of public infrastructure and services
- Managing land use and transport conflicts - industrial uses versus considerations about residential amenity (dust, noise, and bottlenecks)
- Dealing with legacy costs and regeneration



Policy implications

Key issues	Potential action areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attracting and retaining skilled workers• Migrant integration• Managing the impacts of industrial development on urban amenity• Social impacts of “fly in/ fly out” workforces• Diversifying local employment opportunities• Inclusion of different groups into the labour market (women, youth, and indigenous peoples)• Housing choice and affordability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic land use and infrastructure planning• Traffic management measures for freight• Integrated provision of urban infrastructure and amenities• Monitoring local quality of life• Public-private partnerships to facilitate infrastructure delivery• Active labour market policies and local entrepreneurship support for vulnerable groups• Social housing and land use reforms to facilitate supply



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