

## Banská Bystrica region



The Banská Bystrica region is the largest and the least densely populated region of Slovakia. It is situated in the southern part of Central Slovakia and is formed by lowlands in the south and mountains in the north.

The region shares a common national border only with Hungary. It shares its remaining borders with five other regions of Slovakia: Nitra, Trenčín, Žilina, Prešov and Košice. The region has several types of settlements, ranging from the city of Banská Bystrica itself, to medium-sized cities, towns, villages and small settlements throughout the mountains and lowlands. The region is divided into 13 districts.

Some strong points of the region are: an abundance of the workforce; high education level in regional centers; the big base of raw materials for many sectors, good position in export of metallurgy (aluminum), wood processing, glass processing, ceramic and chemical industry; affluence of brown and greenfields suitable for building of industrial parks; favorable climate and cultural conditions for the development of tourism with the source of the mineral, thermal and healing springs. Some main foreign investors in the region are Continental Automotive, Kronospan and Nemak.

Mainly because of the region's long mining tradition, its dominant industry is metallurgy, which represents more than 60% of all industrial exports and is the primary area of activity of the region's largest enterprises. Other important sectors are woodwork, engineering, chemistry, pharmacy and food processing. The regional centre of Banská Bystrica, meanwhile, which once aspired to being the administrative centre for the whole of Slovakia, is becoming more service and trade oriented.

For more detailed information please consult the [complete regional analysis](#) [1] on this page.

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