



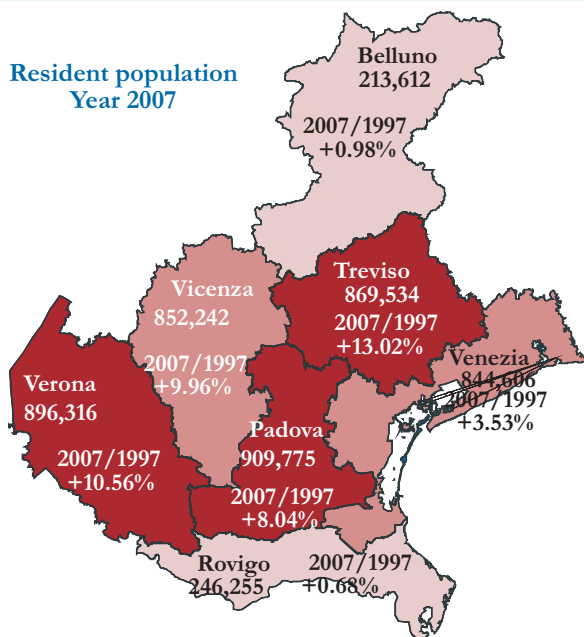
## THE PROVINCES OF VENETO



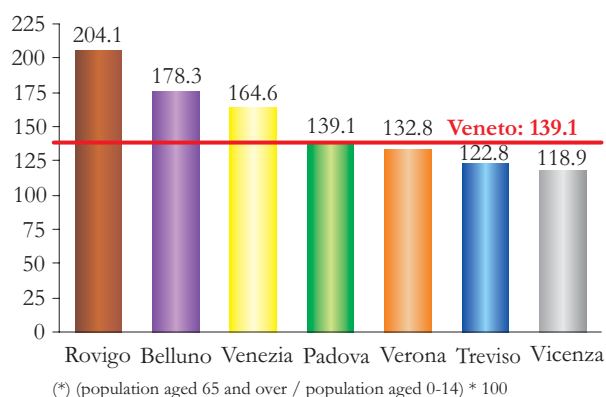
It has become a habit to compare Veneto with other Italian and European regions that can be considered direct competitors. All of these regions are developed economies with high incomes and generally similar social

dynamics. This time our analysis will be of a more "introspective" kind: we will observe what is happening within the boundaries of the Veneto region. We will take a close look at the current state of Veneto's territories, its provinces.

## Demography and society

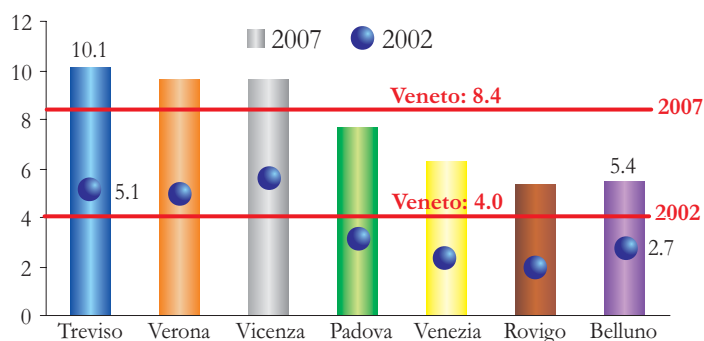
Resident population  
Year 2007

Ageing index(\*) – Year 2007



The demography setting of the seven provinces of Veneto has been characterised by a general population increase over the last ten years, with significant differences within the region: the most populous province is Padova, whilst Treviso has recorded the

most sustained increase in population. Although aging is slower in Veneto than in the rest of Italy, in 2007 there were almost 139 people over 65 years of age for every 100 people aged 0-14, with a minimum of 119 in Vicenza and a maximum of 204 in Rovigo.

Foreign population as a % of the total resident population  
Years 2002 and 2007

Foreign resident population: absolute values, distribution and percentage variation – Year 2007

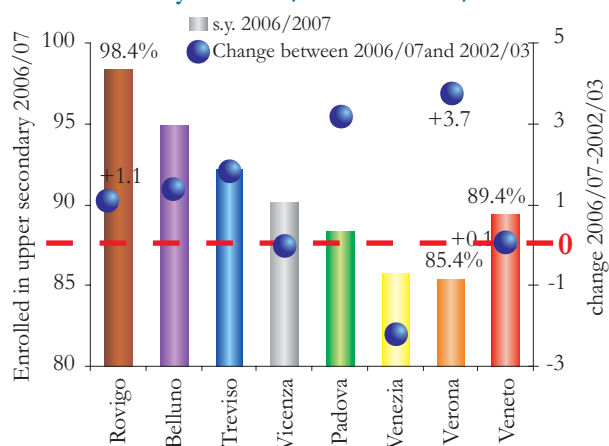
	Absolute values 2007	Distribution in % 2007	% var. 2007/02
Treviso	87,976	21.8	112.1
Verona	86,062	21.3	107.3
Vicenza	82,207	20.3	84.9
Padova	69,321	17.2	156.6
Venezia	53,550	13.3	182.2
Rovigo	13,245	3.3	183.4
Belluno	11,624	2.9	103.1
<b>Veneto</b>	<b>403,985</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>119.7</b>

The number of foreign citizens settling in Veneto has grown and will continue to do so. In 2007 the share of foreign residents in Veneto was 8.4% of the entire population, a significantly higher rate than in Italy as a whole (5.8%). It should be noted that the presence of foreign residents is mainly concentrated in more industrial areas, such as Treviso, Vicenza and Verona, where it might be easier for migrants to find a job and enjoy a better standard of living.

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## Education

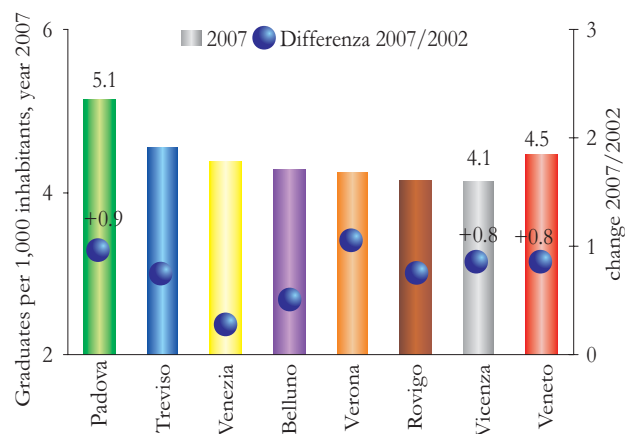
Enrolment rate in upper secondary school(\*)  
School years 2002/2003 and 2006/2007



Foreign students  
as a % of total  
students

Treviso	11.2
Vicenza	10.3
Verona	9.9
Padova	7.8
Venezia	6.8
Rovigo	6.8
Belluno	5.9
<b>Veneto</b>	<b>9.0</b>

New graduates per 1,000 inhabitants – Years 2002 and 2007

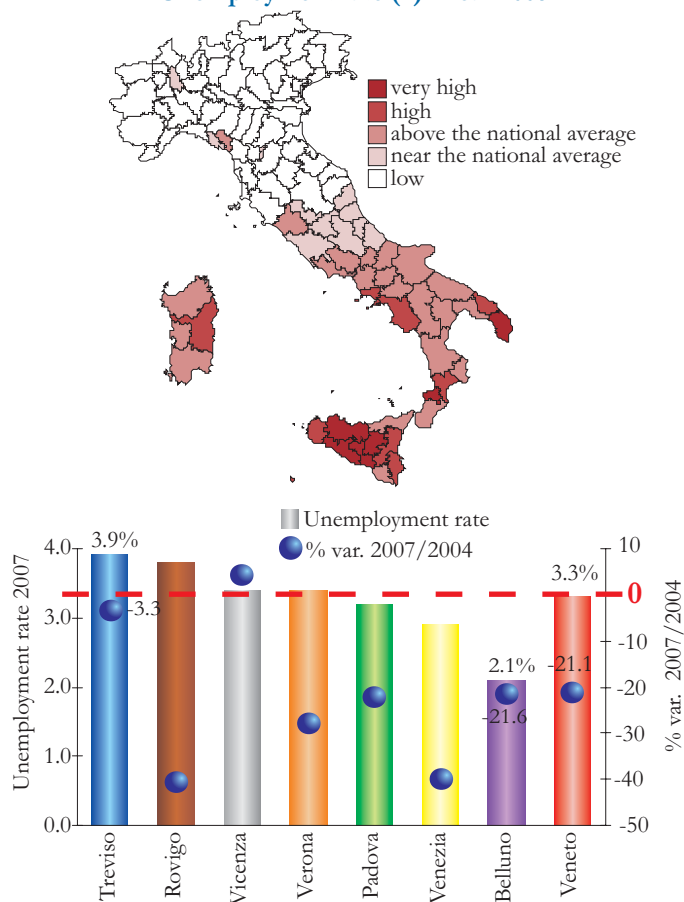


(\*) Students enrolled in secondary school as a percentage of the total population aged 14-18

The educational level in Veneto is constantly improving, the number of people who have a university degree or at least an upper secondary diploma is constantly growing. The region's enrolment rate, i.e. the share of population aged 14-18 enrolled in an upper secondary school, has increased and, in 2007, surpassed 89% with a peak of 98% in Rovigo. In Veneto the rate of students completing university studies is improving: over the six years under observation the universities of Veneto saw an increase of nearly two thirds in the number of graduates, reaching 20,500 in 2007, regardless of the students' origin. When considering only the citizens of the provinces of Veneto, the figure of Padova stands out, with more than 5 new graduates for every 1,000 inhabitants, followed by Treviso with 4.5 graduates for every 1,000 inhabitants.

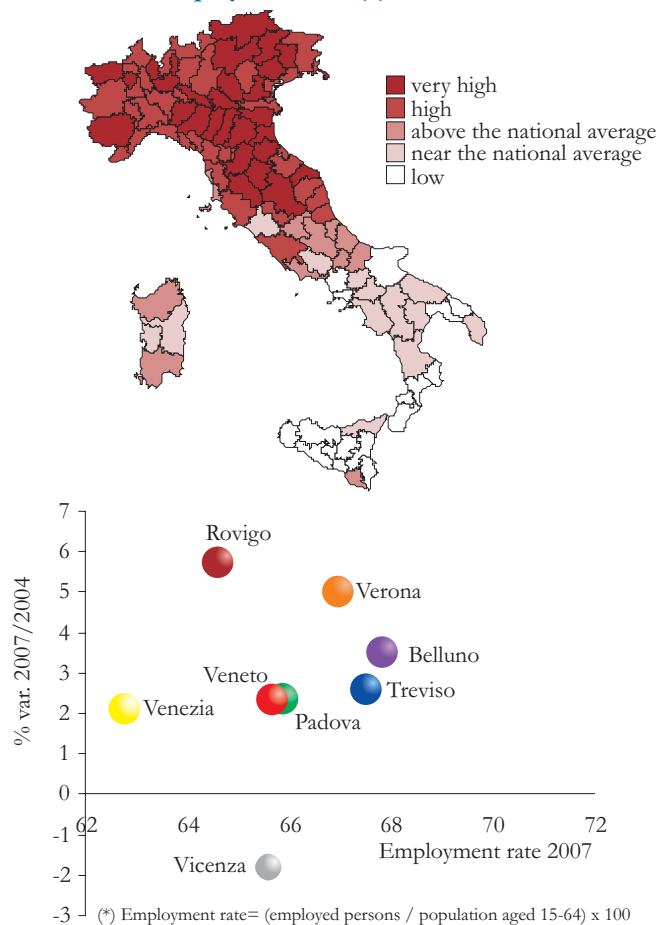
## Work

Unemployment rate (\*)– Year 2007



(\*) Unemployment rate = (persons seeking employment / labour force) x 100

Employment rate (\*)– Year 2007



(\*) Employment rate = (employed persons / population aged 15-64) x 100

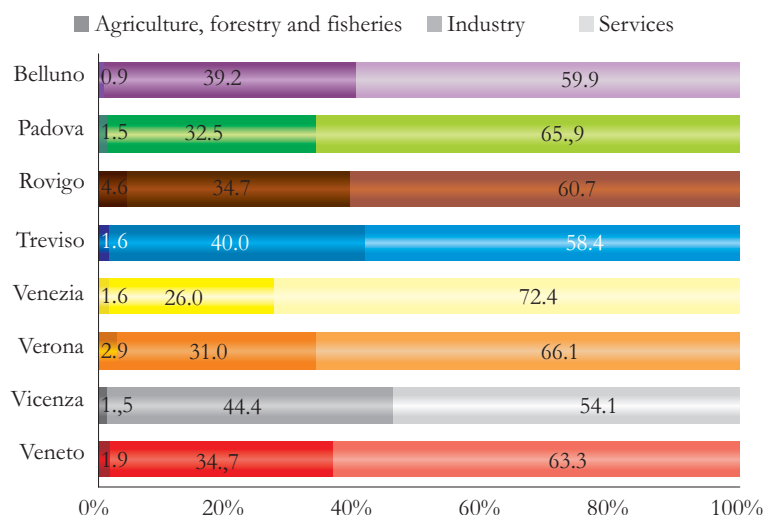
The unemployment rate in Veneto was 3.3% in 2007, which is significantly below that recorded on the national level at 6.1%. Veneto has managed to maintain its privileged position among the Italian regions, with the fourth lowest unemployment rate.

Comparing the provinces, the highest rate was found in Treviso, where the rate was 3.9%, while the province with the lowest unemployment was Belluno with 2.1%.

In 2007 also the employment rates were on the increase, even if they were still far from the objectives set by the Lisbon strategy, which calls for the countries of the European Union to reach an employment level of 70% by 2010. The provinces of Veneto nearest the European target are Belluno and Treviso, where the percentage of the employed population between 15 and 65 years of age is 67.8% and 67.5% respectively, compared to the regional average of 65.8%.

## Economy

### Added value per economic sector: % share Year 2007

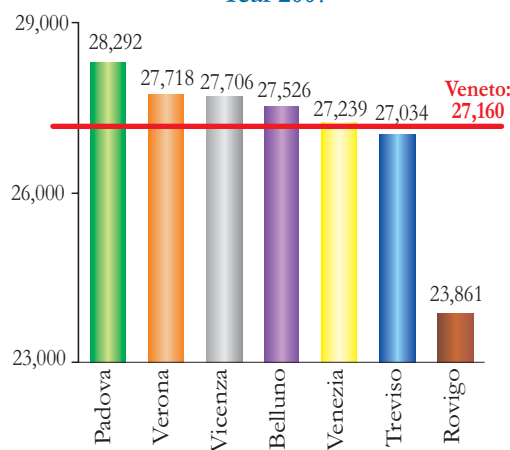


Veneto and its provinces clearly maintain their place at the top of the Italian economy.

From 2001 to 2007 the determining factor in the growth in added value has been the service sector which has increased by 10.2% in Veneto. It must be underlined that there is a considerable transformation under way. The provinces of Veneto are traditionally strong in manufacturing, but also extremely flexible and have seen the reduction of several activities with lower technological or creative content in favour of the development of more specialized or qualified activities. Value added per capita represents the average wealth produced by the entire economy of an area per resident. It is a good indicator for the quality of life and economic development, and it influences broadly both how much is consumed and the quality of consumption.

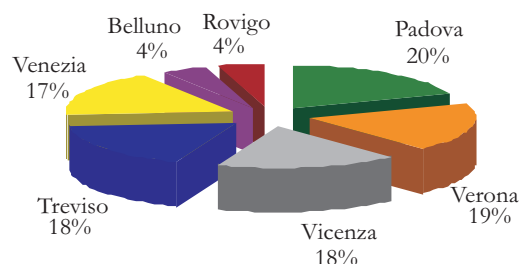
In 2007, the value added per inhabitant in Veneto was estimated at 27,160 euros and varies from 28,292 euros in Padova to 23,861 euros in Rovigo. All figures for Veneto provinces are above the national average of 23,104 euros.

### Value added per capita in current euros Year 2007



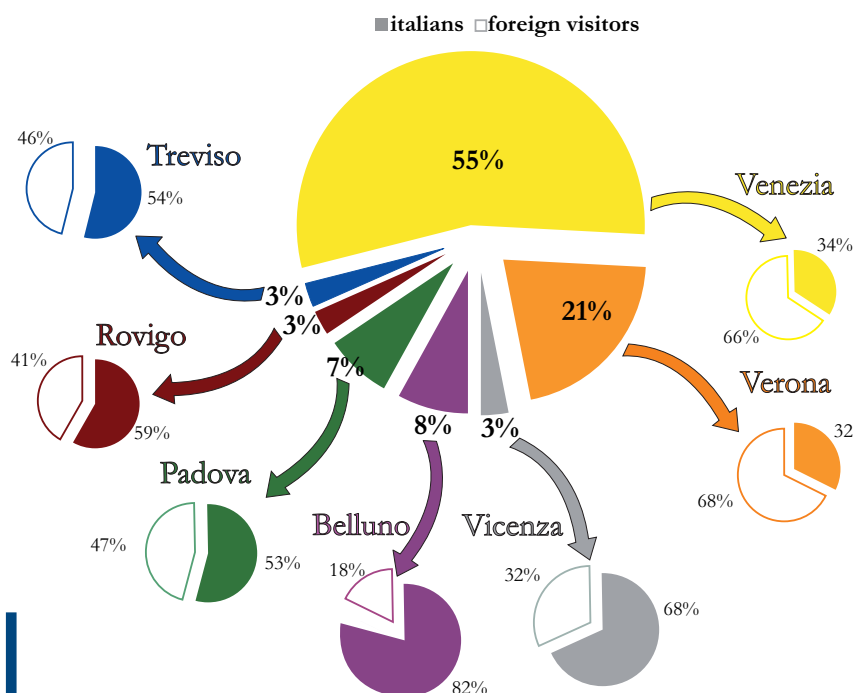
### Value added: Absolute values (in millions of current euros) and % distribution Year 2007

	2007
Padova	25,571
Verona	24,598
Vicenza	23,501
Treviso	23,345
Venezia	22,897
Belluno	5,861
Rovigo	5,860
<b>Veneto</b>	<b>130,449</b>



### Nights spent by tourists - Year 2007

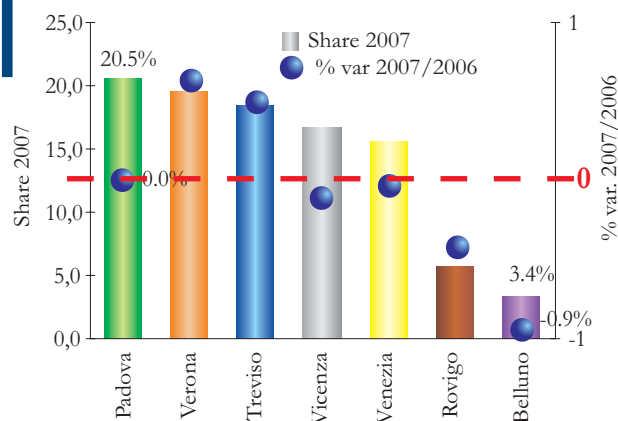
#### Nights spent by Italian and foreign tourists: % distribution Year 2007



	Nights spent 2007			% var. 2007/06
	Italians	International visitors	Total	
Belluno	4,083,076	904,203	4,987,279	0.5
Padova	2,466,455	2,145,034	4,611,489	3.4
Rovigo	1,017,267	714,488	1,731,755	-2.9
Treviso	919,016	796,148	1,715,164	6.1
Venezia	11,433,974	22,122,572	33,556,546	4.8
Verona	4,206,646	8,831,532	13,038,178	3.5
Vicenza	1,288,011	601,626	1,889,637	-1.7
<b>Veneto</b>	<b>25,414,445</b>	<b>36,115,603</b>	<b>61,530,048</b>	<b>3.7</b>

Within the Italian context, Veneto has been Italy's leading region for tourism, over the last few years it has registered the most nights spent of all regions (more than 16% of the national total). Furthermore, 2007 was the best year for Veneto in the last decade. The region surpassed the threshold of 14 million tourists, who booked 61 and a half million nights. Over half of the total was reached in the province of Venice and another 21% in Verona.

### Active enterprises: share and annual percentage variation – Year 2007



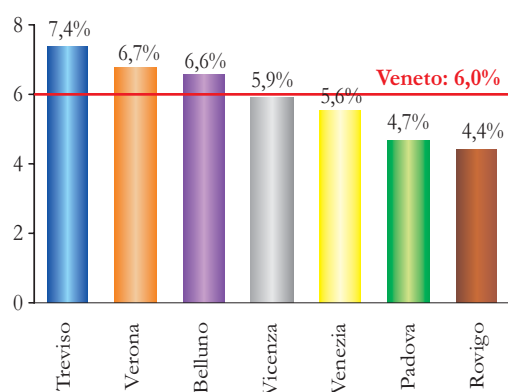
### Number of active enterprises

	2007
Padova	94,255
Verona	90,246
Treviso	85,184
Vicenza	76,904
Venezia	71,478
Rovigo	26,367
Belluno	15,584
<b>Veneto</b>	<b>460,018</b>

In 2007 the number of active enterprises in Veneto surpassed 460,000, 60% of which are concentrated in Padova, Verona and Treviso.

In the last year, the development of active enterprises was fairly stable throughout the provinces of Veneto and did not vary much from the regional average (+0.1%). Verona was the province with the greatest growth in active enterprises (+0.6%), followed by Treviso (+0.5%), whereas there was a slight decline in Belluno (-0.9%) and Rovigo (-0.4%).

### Foreign entrepreneurs as a % of total entrepreneurs – Year 2007

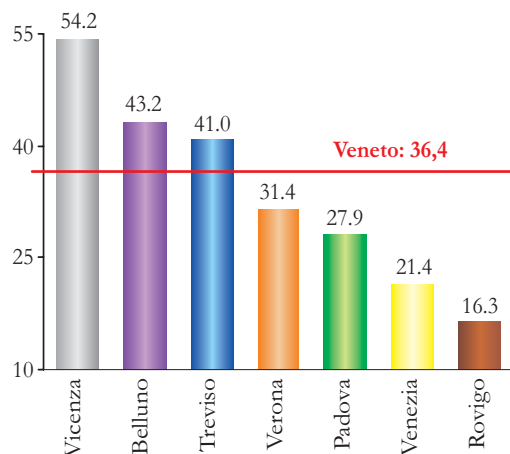


	Foreign entrepreneurs 2007	% out of total foreigners
Treviso	10,309	13.2
Verona	9,683	13.3
Vicenza	7,716	15.7
Padova	7,025	10.2
Venezia	6,523	12
Belluno	1,705	14.5
Rovigo	1,695	17.1
<b>Veneto</b>	<b>44,656</b>	<b>12.7</b>

The growing integration of foreigners in the region can be seen from the analysis of the number of foreign entrepreneurs which is increasing constantly: + 34.3% in the last three years in Veneto, equalling 6% of the total entrepreneurs in our region. The highest figure of foreign entrepreneurs in all the provinces of Veneto is found in Treviso (7.4%), which has registered a rise of 26% in the last three-year period.

The immigrant entrepreneurs preferably set up self-employed activities in the sectors of construction, trade and manufacturing.

### Export propensity(\*) – Year 2007



### Exports: values expressed in millions of euros, % share and % variation - Years 2006:2007

	Export 2007 (*) in mln. euros	% Share	% var. (**) 2007/06
Vicenza	13,327	28.0	9.9
Treviso	9,931	20.9	6.1
Verona	8,067	17.0	5.5
Padova	7,424	15.6	7.7
Venezia	5,127	10.8	15.2
Belluno	2,651	5.6	10.8
Rovigo	998	2.1	5.0
<b>Veneto</b>	<b>47,525</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.4</b>

(\*) provisional data

(\*\*) annual % var. comparing the 2007 provisional figure and the 2006 provisional figure

A measure of the strength of the system of firms may be seen in the degree of penetration in international markets. Foreign trade represents a good means for measuring the extent of this internationalisation.

Vicenza is certainly the province that stands out for by its high export propensity, with a share of the regional total that reaches 28 percent (followed by Treviso with a figure of approx. 21 percent) and with a ratio between the value of exports and the total value added above 54%.

(\*) Exports/Value added, provisional data

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