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Financial inclusion is the process of integrating financial services into the daily economic activities of the population, which can contribute to economic growth to the extent that it reduces financing and transaction costs and offers secure and efficient management of resources. The measurement of financial inclusion encompasses different dimensions of access and use of financial products. This edition of the report addresses regional and local aspects of financial inclusion and access to financial services in Colombia. For this purpose, we use information on credit portfolio and deposits at the municipality level published quarterly by the Financial Superintendency of Colombia (SFC in Spanish) for the period between 2006 and 2018. This information is complemented with the estimates for value added (Gross Domestic Product, GDP) at the municipal level published by DANE in order to serve as a scale variable.