Abstract: In the 1990s, economic and financial crises, natural disasters, the EU accession process, inadequacies in public and urban service delivery, changing technology and demands, among others, made it imperative to take the necessary steps to reform the administrative system and to achieve a well functioning public sector in Turkey. Thus, Turkey has gone through comprehensive administrative, political and economic reforms since the late 1990s. These reforms have helped reorganize structures, power, functions and relations of the central government and local administrations, and of the state, market and civil society. As a result of the recent reforms, Turkey has improved its administrative system and strengthened the local, metropolitan and regional administrations. Firstly, this chapter aims to present, discuss and assess the recent wave of the administrative reforms, their contents and driving forces, and their consequences for the local, metropolitan and regional administrations in Turkey. For this purpose, the conceptual and theoretical framework of the reforms and a short review of the administrative system in Turkey are presented and analyzed. Secondly, need and reasons for the administrative reforms are discussed. Thirdly, changes introduced by the reforms in the structures, status, roles and functions of the local, metropolitan and regional administrations are evaluated. Finally, after a short review of these issues, consequences of the reforms for the local, metropolitan and regional administrations in Turkey are discussed along with some recommendations.

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