

General government expenditure by function

2010

Growth of general government expenditure slowed down in 2010

Total general government expenditure grew by 3.1 per cent in 2010. In 2009, total expenditure grew by 5.7 per cent and in 2008 by 7.3 per cent. The share of total general government expenditure of gross domestic product (GDP) was 55.5 per cent in 2010, in other words slightly down on 2009 when it was 56.1 per cent.

Consolidated Total Expenditures by Function, General Government, 2009–2010

Function	Year	Million euro	Ratio to GDP, %
G0 All functions	2009	96 788	56,1
	2010	99 835	55,5
G01 General public services	2009	12 692	7,4
	2010	13 018	7,2
G02 Defence	2009	2 851	1,7
	2010	2 789	1,6
G03 Public order and safety	2009	2 571	1,5
	2010	2 766	1,5
G04 Economic affairs	2009	8 648	5,0
	2010	8 748	4,9
G05 Environmental protection	2009	608	0,4
	2010	506	0,3
G06 Housing and community amenities	2009	887	0,5
	2010	914	0,5
G07 Health	2009	13 696	7,9
	2010	14 130	7,9
G08 Recreation, culture and religion	2009	2 092	1,2
	2010	2 204	1,2
G09 Education	2009	11 357	6,6
	2010	11 735	6,5
G10 Social protection	2009	41 386	24,0
	2010	43 025	23,9

In 2010, the biggest general government expenditure item was again social protection on which expenditure amounted to some EUR 43 billion, or 23.9 per cent of GDP. EUR 32 billion of the social expenditure was social benefits in cash, i.e. assistance and pensions paid to households. Around five per cent more of them were paid in 2010 than in the previous year. After social protection, the second largest share of expenditure, or EUR 14 billion and eight per cent or so of GDP, was spent on health.

General government consumption expenditure grew by two per cent in 2010, i.e. clearly more slowly than total expenditure. Consumption expenditure depicts current expenses incurred by general government from the production of services.

General government total expenditure here refers to consolidated general government expenditure. Consolidated expenditure excludes property expenditure, capital transfers and income transfers between general government sub-sectors, e.g. income transfers from central government to local government. Since total expenditure is by nature gross expenditure, in the case of the local government sector it includes, for instance, acquisitions made by municipalities from their own municipal enterprises. These acquisitions are correspondingly also visible in the sector's total revenue. General government comprises central government, local government, employment pension schemes and other social security funds.

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G0 All functions	99 835	55,5
G0101 Executive and legislative organs, financial, fiscal and external affairs	2 785	1,5
G0102 Foreign economic aid	786	0,4
G0103 General services	5 661	3,1
G0104 Basic research	1 067	0,6
G0105 R&D general public services	9	0,0
G0106 General public services, not elsewhere classified	31	0,0
G0107 Public debt transactions	2 679	1,5
G0108 Transfers of a general character between different levels of government	0	0,0
G0201 Military defence	2 484	1,4
G0202 Civil defence	159	0,1
G0203 Foreign military aid	118	0,1
G0205 Defence, not elsewhere classified	28	0,0
G0301 Police services	1 122	0,6
G0302 Fire-protection services	611	0,3
G0303 Law courts	514	0,3
G0304 Prisons	244	0,1
G0305 R&D Public order and safety	3	0,0
G0306 Public order and safety, not elsewhere classified	272	0,2
G0401 General economic, commercial and labour affairs	1 326	0,7
G0402 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	1 951	1,1
G0403 Fuel and energy	48	0,0
G0404 Mining, manufacturing, construction	193	0,1
G0405 Transport	4 202	2,3
G0406 Communications	39	0,0
G0407 Other industries	11	0,0
G0408 R&D Economic affairs	857	0,5
G0409 Economic affairs, not elsewhere classified	121	0,1
G0501 Waste management	66	0,0
G0503 Pollution abatement	133	0,1
G0504 Protection of biodiversity and landscape	70	0,0
G0505 R&D Environmental protection	56	0,0
G0506 Environmental protection, not elsewhere classified	181	0,1
G0601 Housing development	241	0,1
G0602 Community development	489	0,3
G0603 Water supply	30	0,0
G0606 Housing and community amenities, not elsewhere classified	154	0,1
G0701 Medical products, appliances and equipment	1 245	0,7
G0702 Outpatient services	6 173	3,4
G0703 Hospital services	6 134	3,4
G0704 Public health services	44	0,0
G0705 R&D Health	119	0,1
G0706 Health, not elsewhere classified	415	0,2
G0801 Recreational and sporting services	849	0,5
G0802 Cultural services	1 009	0,6

Function	Million euro	Ratio to GDP, %
G0803 Broadcasting and publishing services	3	0,0
G0804 Religious and other community services	340	0,2
G0805 R&D Recreation, culture and religion	3	0,0
G0806 Recreation, culture and religion, not elsewhere classified	0	0,0
G0901 Pre-primary and primary education	2 337	1,3
G0902 Secondary education	5 283	2,9
G0903 Post-secondary, non-tertiary education	6	0,0
G0904 Tertiary education	3 327	1,9
G0905 Education not definable by level	414	0,2
G0906 Subsidiary services to education	35	0,0
G0907 R&D Education	11	0,0
G0908 Education, not elsewhere classified	322	0,2
G1001 Sickness and disability	8 856	4,9
G1002 Old age	19 975	11,1
G1003 Survivors	1 470	0,8
G1004 Family and children	5 000	2,8
G1005 Unemployment	4 413	2,5
G1006 Housing	550	0,3
G1007 Social exclusion, not elsewhere classified	1 420	0,8
G1008 R&D Social protection	29	0,0
G1009 Social protection, not elsewhere classified	1 312	0,7

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