

General government expenditure by function

2009

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The share of total general government expenditure of gross domestic product (GDP) was 56.3 per cent in 2009. The share of total general government expenditure of GDP has last been this big in 1997. In 2008 the share was 49.3 per cent. The share of total general government expenditure of GDP was increased by both a considerable, over seven per cent fall in nominal GDP and by the still continuing growth in general government total expenditure. General government total expenditure increased by 5.7 per cent in 2009.

Consolidated Total Expenditures by Function, General Government, 2008–2009

Function	Year	Million euro	Ratio to GDP, %
G0 All functions	2008	91 121	49,3
	2009	96 300	56,3
G01 General public services	2008	12 191	6,6
	2009	12 694	7,4
G02 Defence	2008	2 770	1,5
	2009	2 851	1,7
G03 Public order and safety	2008	2 451	1,3
	2009	2 571	1,5
G04 Economic affairs	2008	8 672	4,7
	2009	8 653	5,1
G05 Environmental protection	2008	586	0,3
	2009	608	0,4
G06 Housing and community amenities	2008	778	0,4
	2009	890	0,5
G07 Health	2008	13 005	7,0
	2009	13 668	8,0
G08 Recreation, culture and religion	2008	2 079	1,1
	2009	2 090	1,2
G09 Education	2008	10 935	5,9
	2009	11 357	6,6
G10 Social protection	2008	37 654	20,4
	2009	40 918	23,9

In 2009 the biggest general government expenditure item was social protection with its GDP share of nearly 24 per cent. Over EUR 32 billion of social expenditure were social benefits. In 2009 nearly ten per cent more social benefits were paid than in the previous year. The second largest share of expenditure, or eight per cent of GDP went to health care.

General government consumption expenditure grew by 3.9 per cent in 2009, i.e. clearly slower than total expenditure. Consumption expenditure depicts current expenses incurred to general government from production of services.

General government total expenditure here refers to general government consolidated expenditure. Consolidated expenditure excludes property expenditure, capital transfers and income transfers between general government sub-sectors. Since total expenditure is in nature gross expenses, it includes in the case of the local government sector, for instance, acquisitions made by municipalities from their own municipal enterprises. These acquisitions are correspondingly visible in total revenue as well.

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G0 All functions	96 300	56,3
G0101 Executive and legislative organs, financial, fiscal and external affairs	2 870	1,7
G0102 Foreign economic aid	712	0,4
G0103 General services	5 365	3,1
G0104 Basic research	1 017	0,6
G0105 R&D general public services	11	0,0
G0106 General public services, not elsewhere classified	16	0,0
G0107 Public debt transactions	2 703	1,6
G0108 Transfers of a general character between different levels of government	0	0,0
G0201 Military defence	2 615	1,5
G0202 Civil defence	75	0,0
G0203 Foreign military aid	124	0,1
G0204 R&D defence	0	0,0
G0205 Defence, not elsewhere classified	37	0,0
G0301 Police services	1 022	0,6
G0302 Fire-protection services	560	0,3
G0303 Law courts	507	0,3
G0304 Prisons	243	0,1
G0305 R&D Public order and safety	3	0,0
G0306 Public order and safety, not elsewhere classified	236	0,1
G0401 General economic, commercial and labour affairs	1 333	0,8
G0402 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	1 937	1,1
G0403 Fuel and energy	44	0,0
G0404 Mining, manufacturing, construction	198	0,1
G0405 Transport	4 136	2,4
G0406 Communications	47	0,0
G0407 Other industries	15	0,0
G0408 R&D Economic affairs	843	0,5
G0409 Economic affairs, not elsewhere classified	100	0,1
G0501 Waste management	169	0,1
G0502 Waste water management	0	0,0
G0503 Pollution abatement	132	0,1
G0504 Protection of biodiversity and landscape	70	0,0
G0505 R&D Environmental protection	53	0,0
G0506 Environmental protection, not elsewhere classified	184	0,1
G0601 Housing development	247	0,1
G0602 Community development	477	0,3
G0603 Water supply	28	0,0
G0604 Street lighting	0	0,0
G0605 R&D Housing and community amenities	0	0,0
G0606 Housing and community amenities, not elsewhere classified	138	0,1
G0701 Medical products, appliances and equipment	1 260	0,7
G0702 Outpatient services	5 972	3,5
G0703 Hospital services	5 859	3,4
G0704 Public health services	41	0,0

Function	Million euro	Ratio to GDP, %
G0705 R&D Health	124	0,1
G0706 Health, not elsewhere classified	412	0,2
G0801 Recreational and sporting services	820	0,5
G0802 Cultural services	975	0,6
G0803 Broadcasting and publishing services	5	0,0
G0804 Religious and other community services	287	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	2 209	1,3
G0902 Secondary education	5 214	3,0
G0903 Post-secondary, non-tertiary education	0	0,0
G0904 Tertiary education	3 178	1,9
G0905 Education not definable by level	400	0,2
G0906 Subsidiary services to education	38	0,0
G0907 R&D Education	18	0,0
G0909 Education, not elsewhere classified	300	0,2
G1001 Sickness and disability	9 472	5,5
G1002 Old age	17 140	10,0
G1003 Survivors	1 427	0,8
G1004 Family and children	4 903	2,9
G1005 Unemployment	4 892	2,9
G1006 Housing	482	0,3
G1007 Social exclusion, not elsewhere classified	1 379	0,8
G1008 R&D Social protection	26	0,0
G1009 Social protection, not elsewhere classified	1 197	0,7

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