

General government expenditure by function

2007

GDP share of general government expenditure diminished in 2006 and 2007

In 2006 and 2007, gross domestic product (GDP) grew in nominal terms clearly faster than general government expenditure. In 2007, the GDP share of general government consolidated expenditure was 47.3 per cent while in 2005 it was 50.3 per cent. General government consolidated expenditure totalled EUR 85 billion in 2007. Over the 1990-2007 period general government expenditure grew in nominal terms by just short of four per cent per year.

In 2007, the biggest general government expenditure item was social protection with its GDP share of 19.9 per cent. The share of social protection expenditure was the highest in 1994 when the resources general government spent on it amounted to 28.3 per cent of GDP. Since the end of the economic recession of the early 1990s the share of expenditure on social protection has been diminishing steadily. General government spent 6.6 and 6.2 per cent of GDP, respectively, on health and general public services. Expenditure on education amounted to 5.8 per cent of GDP. Expenditure targeted at economic affairs totalled 4.4 per cent of GDP. The main division of economic affairs comprises expenditure on transport, subsidies to various activities, and expenditure on the promotion of applied research and development activity. The GDP shares of expenditure on defence, and public order and safety were 1.4 and 1.2 per cent, respectively. Since the late 1990s, variations in the GDP share of expenditure on defence have mainly been caused by the timing of purchases of defence equipment. Expenditure on recreation and culture totalled 1.1 per cent of GDP. The GDP shares of expenditure on environmental protection, and housing and community amenities were 0.4 and 0.3 per cent, respectively. The relatively small share of general government expenditure on these functions is partly caused by the fact that municipal sewage and other waste management departmental enterprises and corporations are in national accounts classified into the non-financial corporations sector, so expenditure on these services does not show as general government expenditure.

Statistics Finland now publishes for the first time data on general government expenditure by function by a more detailed breakdown than before. The new extended data content is explained in detail in the related pdf publication. More detailed data are published in database tables.

Consolidated Total Expenditures by Function, General Government 2006 - 2007

| Function | Year | Million euro | Ratio to GDP, % |
|--------------------------------------|------|-----------------|--------------------|
| G0 All functions | 2006 | 81 343 | 48.7 |
| | 2007 | 84 979 | 47.3 |
| G01 General public services | 2006 | 10 894 | 6.5 |
| | 2007 | 11 102 | 6.2 |
| G02 Defence | 2006 | 2 413 | 1.4 |
| | 2007 | 2 507 | 1.4 |
| G03 Public order and safety | 2006 | 2 166 | 1.3 |
| | 2007 | 2 243 | 1.2 |
| G04 Economic affairs | 2006 | 7 682 | 4.6 |
| | 2007 | 7 899 | 4.4 |
| G05 Environmental protection | 2006 | 547 | 0.3 |
| | 2007 | 602 | 0.3 |
| G06 Housing and community amenities | 2006 | 489 | 0.3 |
| | 2007 | 629 | 0.4 |
| G07 Health | 2006 | 11 362 | 6.8 |
| | 2007 | 11 904 | 6.6 |
| G08 Recreation, culture and religion | 2006 | 1 844 | 1.1 |
| | 2007 | 1 985 | 1.1 |
| G09 Education | 2006 | 9 954 | 6.0 |
| | 2007 | 10 350 | 5.8 |
| G10 Social protection | 2006 | 33 992 | 20.4 |
| | 2007 | 35 758 | 19.9 |

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| Function | Million euro | Ratio to GDP, % |
|--|--------------|-----------------|
| G0 All functions | 84 979 | 47.3 |
| G0101 Executive and legislative organs, financial, fiscal and external affairs | 2 518 | 1.4 |
| G0102 Foreign economic aid | 556 | 0.3 |
| G0103 General services | 4 299 | 2.4 |
| G0104 Basic research | 819 | 0.5 |
| G0105 R&D general public services | 0 | 0.0 |
| G0106 General public services, not elsewhere classified | 35 | 0.0 |
| G0107 Public debt transactions | 2 875 | 1.6 |
| G0108 Transfers of a general character between different levels of government | 0 | 0.0 |
| G0201 Military defence | 2 321 | 1.3 |
| G0202 Civil defence | 47 | 0.0 |
| G0203 Foreign military aid | 126 | 0.1 |
| G0204 R&D defence | 0 | 0.0 |
| G0205 Defence, not elsewhere classified | 13 | 0.0 |
| G0301 Police services | 923 | 0.5 |
| G0302 Fire-protection services | 490 | 0.3 |
| G0303 Law courts | 435 | 0.2 |
| G0304 Prisons | 225 | 0.1 |
| G0305 R&D Public order and safety | 0 | 0.0 |
| G0306 Public order and safety, not elsewhere classified | 170 | 0.1 |
| G0401 General economic, commercial and labour affairs | 1 163 | 0.6 |
| G0402 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 1 930 | 1.1 |
| G0403 Fuel and energy | 39 | 0.0 |
| G0404 Mining, manufacturing, construction | 165 | 0.1 |
| G0405 Transport | 3643 | 2.0 |
| G0406 Communications | 33 | 0.0 |
| G0407 Other industries | 0 | 0.0 |
| G0408 R&D Economic affairs | 727 | 0.4 |
| G0409 Economic affairs, not elsewhere classified | 199 | 0.1 |
| G0501 Waste management | 167 | 0.1 |
| G0502 Waste water management | 0 | 0.0 |
| G0503 Pollution abatement | 170 | 0.1 |
| G0504 Protection of biodiversity and landscape | 61 | 0.0 |
| G0505 R&D Environmental protection | 56 | 0.0 |
| G0506 Environmental protection, not elsewhere classified | 148 | 0.1 |
| G0601 Housing development | -18 | -0.0 |
| G0602 Community development | 451 | 0.3 |
| G0603 Water supply | 31 | 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 | 165 | 0.1 |
| G0701 Medical products, appliances and equipment | 1 153 | 0.6 |
| G0702 Outpatient services | 5 188 | 2.9 |
| G0703 Hospital services | 4 960 | 2.8 |
| G0704 Public health services | 36 | 0.0 |
| G0705 R&D Health | 169 | 0.1 |
| G0706 Health, not elsewhere classified | 398 | 0.2 |
| G0801 Recreational and sporting services | 787 | 0.4 |
| G0802 Cultural services | 870 | 0.5 |
| G0803 Broadcasting and publishing services | 14 | 0.0 |
| G0804 Religious and other community services | 309 | 0.2 |
| G0805 R&D Recreation, culture and religion | 2 | 0.0 |
| G0806 Recreation, culture and religion, not elsewhere classified | 3 | 0.0 |
| G0901 Pre-primary and primary education | 2 030 | 1.1 |
| G0902 Secondary education | 4 696 | 2.6 |
| G0903 Post-secondary, non-tertiary education | 0 | 0.0 |
| G0904 Tertiary education | 2 891 | 1.6 |
| G0905 Education not definable by level | 435 | 0.2 |

| | Million euro | Ratio to GDP, % |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| G0906 Subsidiary services to education | 37 | 0.0 |
| G0907 R&D Education | 0 | 0.0 |
| G0909 Education, not elsewhere classified | 261 | 0.1 |
| G1001 Sickness and disability | 7 588 | 4.2 |
| G1002 Old age | 15 969 | 8.9 |
| G1003 Survivors | 1 287 | 0.7 |
| G1004 Family and children | 4 535 | 2.5 |
| G1005 Unemployment | 3 764 | 2.1 |
| G1006 Housing | 431 | 0.2 |
| G1007 Social exclusion, not elsewhere classified | 1 066 | 0.6 |
| G1008 R&D Social protection | 29 | 0.0 |
| G1009 Social protection, not elsewhere classified | 1 089 | 0.6 |

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