

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PER CAPITA

Governments spend money to provide goods and services and redistribute income. To finance these activities governments raise money in the form of revenues (e.g. taxation) and/or borrowing. The amount of revenues and expenditures per capita provide an indication of the importance of the public sector in the economy across countries. Variations across countries however can also reflect different approaches to the delivery of public services (e.g. such as the use of tax breaks rather than direct expenditures).

### Definition

Data are derived from the OECD *Annual National Accounts*, which are based on the *System of National Accounts (SNA)*, a set of internationally agreed concepts, definitions, classifications and rules for national accounting. The general government sector consists of central, state and local governments and the social security funds controlled by these units. The underlying population estimates are based on the SNA notion of residency. They include persons who are resident in a country for one year or more, regardless of their citizenship, and also include foreign diplomatic personnel, and defence personnel; together with their families and students studying and patients seeking treatment abroad, even if they stay abroad for more than one year. The “one year” rule means that usual residents who live abroad for less than one year are included in the population, while foreign visitors (for

example, vacationers) who are in the country for less than one year are excluded.

### Comparability

Differences in the amounts of government revenues and expenditures per capita in some countries can be related to the fact that individuals may feature as employees of one country (contributing to the GDP of that country via production), but residents of another (with their wages and salaries reflected in the Gross National Income of their resident country). The OECD average does not include Chile and Turkey.

### Overview

On average in the OECD area, governments collected on average USD 14 852 PPP per capita in revenues in 2013, while spending represented USD 16 491 PPP per capita in the same year.

Luxembourg and Norway collected the largest government revenues per capita in the OECD, above USD 30 000 PPP per capita reflecting the large number of cross-border workers and high corporate taxes in Luxembourg and oil revenues in Norway. These two countries also spent the most per citizen (above USD 26 000 PPP).

The governments of Mexico and Turkey collected the smallest revenues per capita; below USD 7 000 PPP. Likewise, government expenditures in these countries were also much lower than average (below USD 7 000 PPP per capita). In general, central European countries also collect comparatively less revenues per capita, and also spend less than most OECD countries.

On average across OECD countries revenues per capita increased, in real terms, at an annual rate of 2.4% between 2009 and 2013 whereas a slight decrease was recorded for expenditures per capita (0.2%) over the same period.

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General government revenues and expenditures per capita

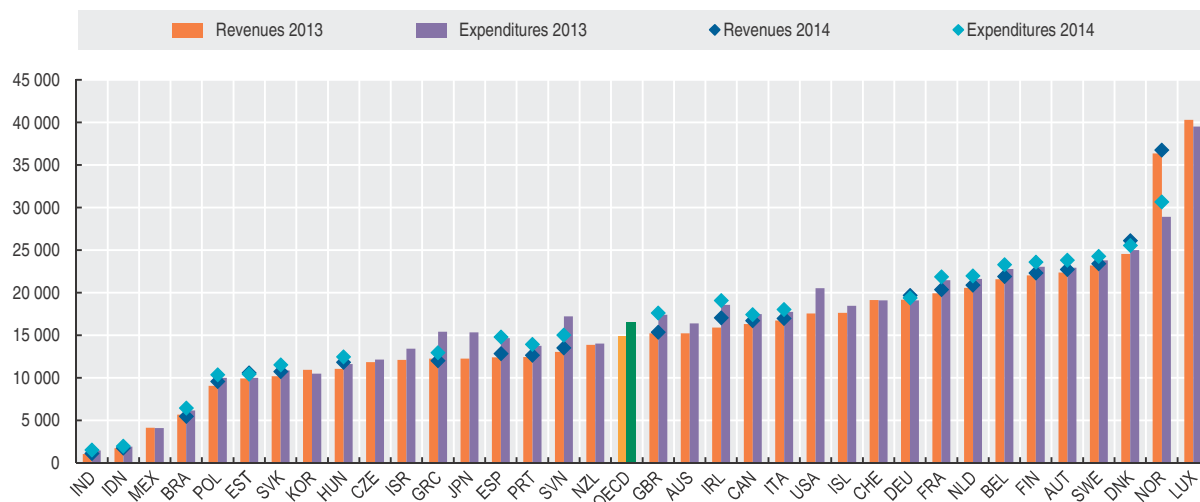
US dollars, current prices and PPPs

	General government revenues per capita				General government expenditures per capita			
	2009	2011	2013	2014	2009	2011	2013	2014
Australia	13 402	14 279	15 216	..	15 730	16 197	16 379	..
Austria	19 824	21 247	22 352	22 733	21 985	22 375	22 931	23 830
Belgium	18 028	20 323	21 578	21 894	20 092	22 010	22 800	23 285
Canada	15 153	15 785	16 338	16 715	16 904	17 343	17 503	17 441
Chile	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Czech Republic	10 248	11 364	11 832	..	11 731	12 138	12 168	..
Denmark	21 392	23 727	24 534	26 108	22 506	24 624	24 998	25 551
Estonia	8 850	9 221	9 938	10 589	9 288	8 941	9 993	10 422
Finland	19 610	21 470	22 022	22 308	20 561	21 879	23 033	23 576
France	17 279	18 982	19 913	20 340	19 774	20 886	21 448	21 851
Germany	16 465	18 393	19 171	19 695	17 590	18 756	19 107	19 400
Greece	11 791	11 683	12 257	12 011	16 443	14 408	15 422	12 942
Hungary	9 610	10 010	11 044	11 822	10 568	11 245	11 618	12 459
Iceland	15 394	15 845	17 636	..	19 129	17 954	18 466	..
Ireland	13 957	15 050	15 913	17 066	19 746	20 775	18 563	19 079
Israel	9 986	11 381	12 094	..	11 525	12 377	13 424	..
Italy	15 546	16 195	16 720	16 965	17 331	17 433	17 747	18 036
Japan	10 531	11 341	12 273	..	13 349	14 364	15 338	..
Korea	9 531	10 439	10 951	..	9 905	10 133	10 509	..
Luxembourg	35 569	38 995	40 295	..	36 000	38 639	39 518	..
Mexico	3 294	3 867	4 144	..	3 380	3 880	4 128	..
Netherlands	18 973	19 801	20 554	20 894	21 398	21 809	21 605	21 975
New Zealand	11 971	12 861	13 892	..	12 835	13 982	14 036	..
Norway	31 715	35 925	36 341	36 740	25 904	27 488	28 905	30 660
Poland	7 254	8 614	9 052	9 585	8 655	9 695	10 004	10 378
Portugal	10 597	11 478	12 446	12 665	13 167	13 461	13 774	13 935
Slovak Republic	8 274	9 136	10 186	10 732	10 100	10 167	10 871	11 524
Slovenia	11 636	12 415	13 033	13 539	13 322	14 193	17 232	15 010
Spain	11 420	11 773	12 418	12 834	15 014	14 851	14 668	14 805
Sweden	20 779	22 449	23 182	23 406	21 064	22 484	23 795	24 270
Switzerland	16 785	18 360	19 132	..	16 409	17 948	19 086	..
Turkey	5 306	6 470	..	..	6 249	6 612	..	..
United Kingdom	14 116	14 330	15 214	15 345	18 044	17 120	17 410	17 598
United States	14 188	15 354	17 564	..	20 135	20 632	20 513	..
EU 28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
OECD	12 729	13 747	14 852	..	15 683	16 214	16 491	..
Brazil	4 521	5 291	5 685	5 471	4 946	5 663	6 173	6 474
China	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
India	756	921	1 079	1 134	1 155	1 313	1 473	1 553
Indonesia	1 222	1 537	1 736	1 768	1 352	1 591	1 938	1 997
Russian Federation	7 282	9 192	..	..	8 058	8 339	..	..
South Africa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

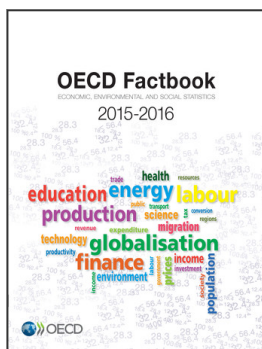
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