



Balance of budget execution 2012

General Government closed 2012 with an overall deficit of 6.74% of GDP

Without financial the General Government ended the year with a deficit of -3.83%, the Regional Governments with -1.73%, local entities with -0.20% and the Social Security with 0.96%

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- The 2012 Budget was fulfilled, and these figures show the major efforts made by, both citizens and administrations, to reduce the deficit
- These figures are a major boost to the credibility of the Spanish accounts and point the way out of the crisis, while contributing to recovering confidence

~~28-February~~ the 28th 2013. The General Government concluded 2012 with a deficit of 70,822 million euros, representing 6.74% of GDP, according to the preliminary budget execution data presented today by the Minister of Finance and Public Administrations, Cristóbal Montoro, and which the Government has reported to the European Union.

According to the, these figures "highlight how, thanks to the efforts made by, both citizens and General government, Spain ha been able to take a major step towards the credibility of Spanish accounts and recovering confidence."

The 2012 Budget was fulfilled in a difficult economic scenario aggravated by the economic crisis. In contrast with the 2011 yearend closing, when General Government reached 95,276 million euros over the budget, 8.96% of GDP, net of one-offs measures to the financial sector.

This confirms an important improvement in the imbalance of the public accounts of more than 2% compared to the 2011 yearend closing, i.e., more than 24 billion euros less, and just a slight deviation of 0.44% from the target of 6.30% of GDP agreed with Brussels.

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These figures once again prove that "Spain is a country which can make sacrifices and overcome the most difficult situation, an effort which has definitely been worthwhile and which is pointing the way out of the crisis," according to the minister.

In particular, the Central Government recorded a deficit of 40,311 million euros, the equivalent of 3.83% of GDP. In 2011 this administration ended the year with a deficit of 5.13% of GDP, 54,511 million euros.

The Social Security concluded 2012 with a deficit in terms of national accounting of 10,131 million euros, 0.96% of GDP.

One-off capital injections into the financial sector had a deficit-increasing effect of up to 3.25% of GDP in 2012.

Regional Governments and Local Entities

Regional Governments made an extraordinary fiscal consolidation adjustment in 2012. All of them ended 2012 with a deficit of 1.73% of GDP after the funding system settlement, compared to a deficit of 35.20 billion euros in 2011, 3.31% of GDP. 2011 data are net of the financial impact of settlements in order to avoid skewing the comparisons.

Extremadura saw the best results with a deficit of 0.69% of GDP. Asturias reached a deficit of 1.04%, La Rioja 1.04%, the Madrid Region 1.07% and Cantabria 1.13%, while Galicia reached 1.19%.

The Canary Islands reached 1.23%, Navarra 1.34%, Castilla y León 1.40%, the Basque Country 1.39% and Aragon 1.47%.

Castilla La Mancha ended 2012 with a deficit equivalent to 1.53% of GDP, after reducing it from 7.87% in 2011.

Well above the goal of 1.5%, the Balearic Islands achieved 1.83%, down from a deficit of 4.19% in 2011; Catalonia with 1.96%, down from 4.02% in 2011, and Andalucía with 2.02%.

Next, Murcia hit a deficit equivalent to 3.02% of GDP, down from 4.53% in 2011, and the Community of Valencia reached 3.45%, down from 5% in 2011.

Meanwhile, local Governments concluded the year with a deficit of 2.15 billion euros, 0.20% of GDP, an improvement of 0.10% compared to the goal of 0.30% of GDP. In 2011 the deficit reached 4.78 billion euros, 0.45% of GDP.

- [Government deficit in 2012 \(PPT\)](#)
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