# Deficit and indebtedness of local authorities. The Spanish case

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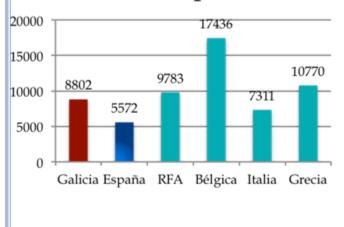




Local public sector. Spain

| TIPOS DE ENTES   | Nº    |
|--|-------|
| Municipios   | 8.112 |
| Ciudades con Estatuto de Autonomía                         | 2     |
| Provincias de Régimen Común (*)                            | 38    |
| Provincias de Régimen Foral                                | 3     |
| Islas (**)   | 11    |
| ENTIDADES LOCALES ( artículos 137 y 141.4 CE )             | 8.166 |
| Mancomunidades   | 1.015 |
| Áreas metropolitanas                                       | 4     |
| Comarcas   | 81    |
| Agrupaciones de municipios                                 | 73    |
| Entidades locales menores                                  | 3.720 |
| ENTIDADES LOCALES (artículo 3.2 LRBRL)                     | 4.893 |
| Organismos autónomos locales                               | 1.751 |
| Entidades públicas empresariales                           | 31    |
| Sociedades mercantiles locales (participadas íntegramente) | 1.291 |
| Sociedades mercantiles participadas mayoritariamente       | 280   |
| Organismos autónomos, entidades públicas y sociedades      | 3.353 |

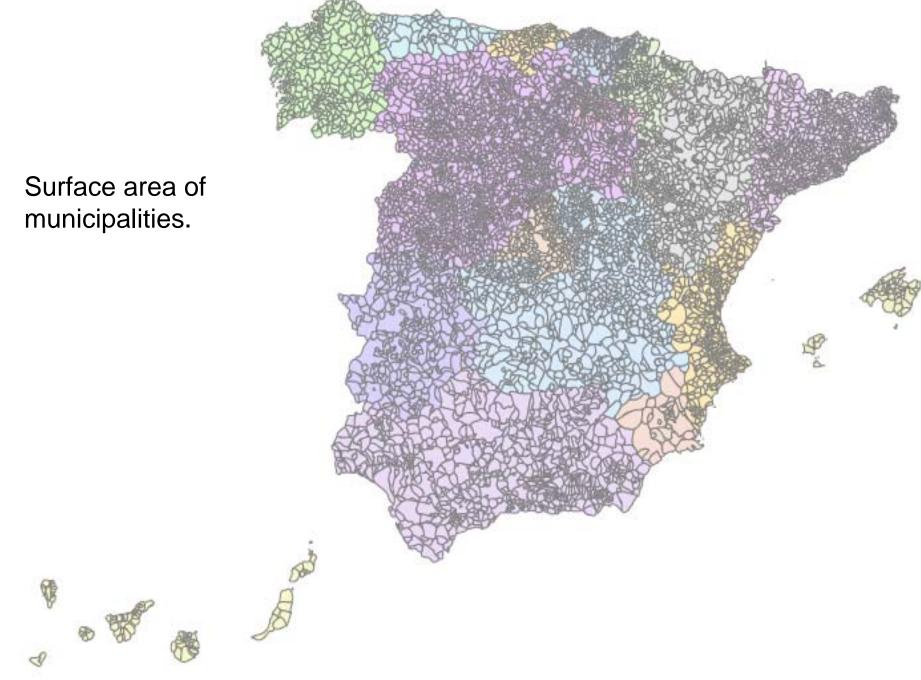
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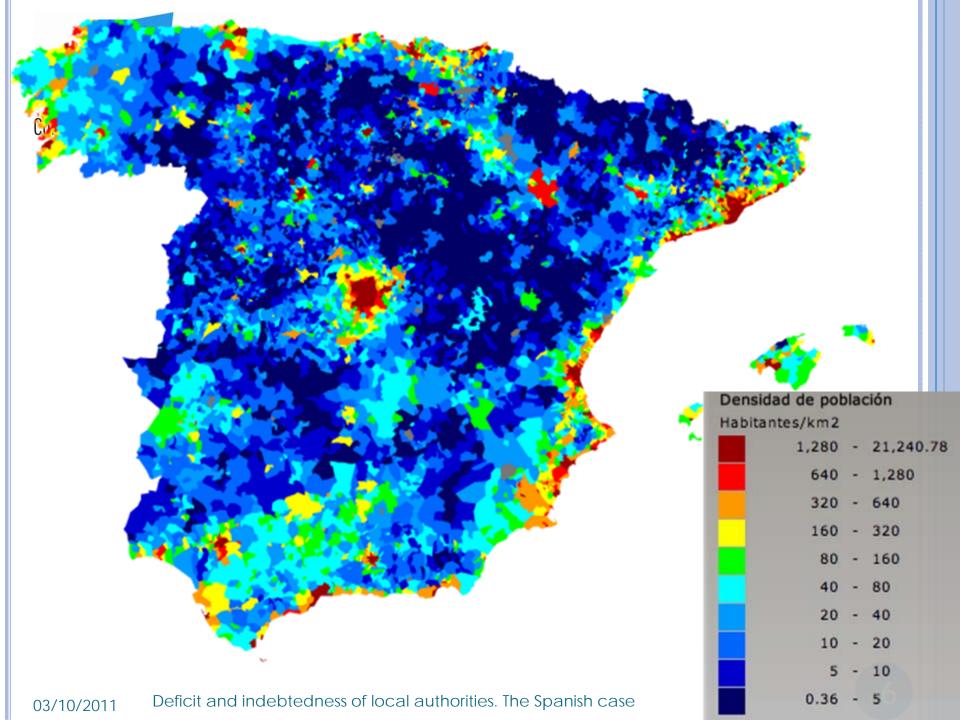


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| Estratos de población                                  | Nº de<br>municipios | %      | Población<br>01/01/2009 | %      | Población<br>01/01/2008 | Δ(%)  |
|--|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| >1.000.000 hab.  | 2                   | 0,02   | 4.877.481               | 10,43  | 4.829.179               | 1,00  |
| De 500.001 a 1.000.000 hab.                            | 4                   | 0,05   | 2.760.036               | 5,90   | 2.739.535               | 0,75  |
| De 100.001 a 500.000 hab.                              | 56                  | 0,69   | 11.035.190              | 23,61  | 10.832.927              | 1,87  |
| De 50.001 a 100.000 hab.                               | 81                  | 1,00   | 5.701.979               | 12,20  | 5.699.427               | 0,04  |
| De 20.001 a 50.000 hab.                                | 249                 | 3,07   | 7.312.406               | 15,64  | 6.997.338               | 4,50  |
| De 5.001 a 20.000 hab.                                 | 910                 | 11,22  | 8.879.796               | 19,00  | 8.855.578               | 0,27  |
| ≤ 5.000 hab.   | 6.810               | 83,93  | 6.026.785               | 12,89  | 6.055.001               | -0,47 |
| Total (excepto Ceuta y Melilla)                        | 8.112               | 99,98  | 46.593.673              | 99,67  | 46.008.985              | 1,27  |
| Ciudades con estatuto de Autonomía<br>(Ceuta y Melila) | 2                   | 0,02   | 152.134                 | 0,33   | 148.837                 | 2,22  |
| TOTAL NACIONAL   | 8.114               | 100,00 | 46.745.807              | 100,00 | 46.157.822              | 1,27  |







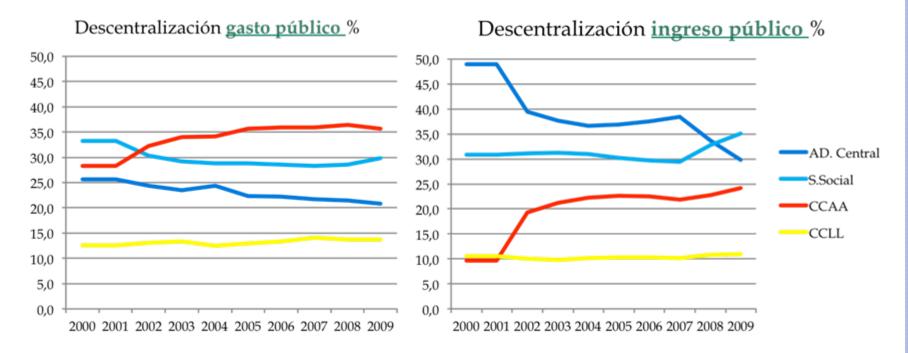
## Local Public Sector in Spain

### o Characteristics:

- Great heterogeneity.
  - > 50,000 inhabitants 143 (1.76 % municipalities) 51.14 % population.
  - <5,000 inhabitants (83 % municipalities) 12 % population.</p>
- Average size: 5572 inhabitants/municipality.
- Inequality in geographical distribution:
  - Smaller size in the central and northern area (Castile-La Mancha).
  - Bigger size in coastal areas. (Galicia 8,800 inhabitants/municipality)
- Tendency towards the creation of inter-municipal systems
  - Associations of local authorities, consortiums, etc.



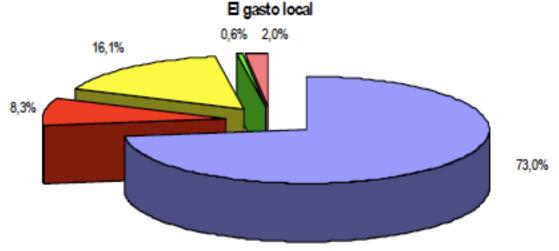
### **Decentralization**



- Minor variations in local decentralization.
- Higher degree of decentralization of spending (14 %) than of income (11%)
- This must be compensated with transfers, especially from the State.



## Who spends funds in local public sector?



Ayuntamientos Dip. Reg. Común Dip. Reg. Foral Consejos Insulares Cabildos Insulares

(Importes en miles de €)

| Tipos de entes     | Gastos<br>corrientes | Gastos<br>de capital | Gastos<br>no financieros | Gastos<br>financieros | TOTAL<br>GASTOS |  |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--|
| Ayuntamientos      | 39.603.152           | 17.113.170           | 56.716.322               | 2.365.414             | 59.081.736      |  |
| Dip. Reg. Común    | 4.161.300            | 1.947.897            | 6.109.197                | 581.483               | 6.690.680       |  |
| Dip. Reg. Foral    | 11.726.113           | 1.013.449            | 12.739.562               | 297.580               | 13.037.142      |  |
| Consejos Insulares | 346.467              | 146.335              | 492.802                  | 20.286                | 513.088         |  |
| Cabildos Insulares | 1.107.232            | 393.353              | 1.500.584                | 99.563                | 1.600.147       |  |
| TOTAL NACIONAL     | 56.944.264           | 20.614.203           | 77.558.467               | 3.364.326             | 80.922.793      |  |

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## In which areas are spent funds in the local public sector?

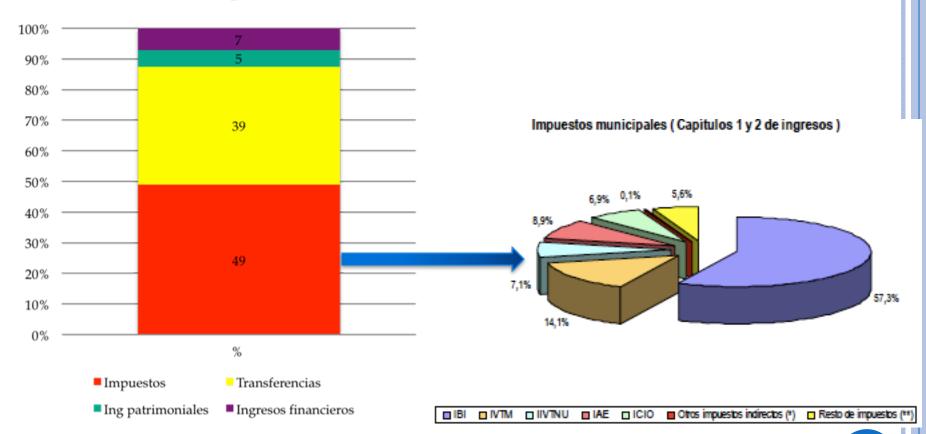


- The small size of Spanish municipalities prevents them from undertaking expenditure functions typically local such as Education, Health and Social services.
- Assumption of inappropiate functions. They represent 30 % of municipal spending.



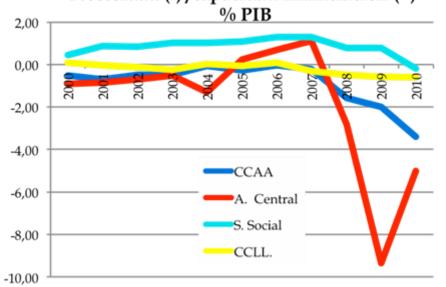
## Local financial resources

## Estructura de ingresos municipales

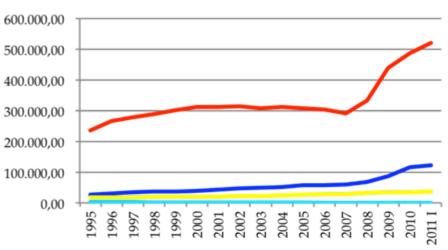


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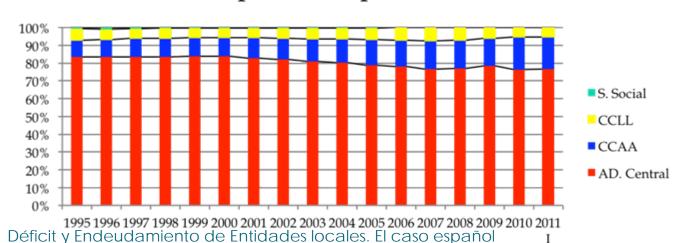




#### Evolución deuda en millones €



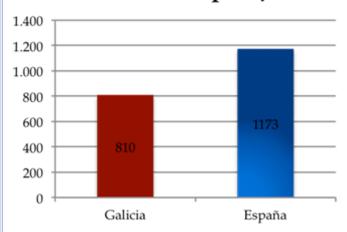
### Deuda pública. % por Administración.





## Some interesting data

### Gasto municipal €/hab



### Deuda Municipal €/hab

