



# LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE OVERVIEW

Expenditure as a % of National Expenditure across Commonwealth nations

| Country       | Latest %        | Previous %      |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Africa</b> |                 |                 |
| Botswana      | 10.1% (2019/20) | 12.0% (2014/15) |
| Cameroon      | 2.7% (2021/22)  | 2.9% (2015/16)  |
| Eswatini      | 1.6% (2019/20)  | 1.6% (2019/20)  |
| Gabon         | n.d.a (2023/24) | n.d.a           |
| The Gambia    | 2.5% (2020)     | n.a.d           |
| Ghana         | 0.6% (2021/22)  | 1.8% (2020)     |
| Kenya         | 13.8% (2020/21) | 13.5% (2016/17) |
| Lesotho       | 2.8% (2020/21)  | 3.9% (2013/14)  |
| Malawi        | 2.0% (2024est)  | 3.1% (2013/14)  |
| Mauritius     | 4.8% (2025/26)  | 5.9% (2016/17)  |
| Mozambique    | 6.6% (2024)     | 1.8% (2005/06)  |
| Namibia       | 21.9% (2014/15) | 21.9% (2014/15) |
| Nigeria       | n.d.a (2023/24) | -               |
| Rwanda        | 25.6% (2019/20) | 21.3% (2013/14) |
| Seychelles    | N/A (2023/24)   | N/A (2013/14)   |
| Sierra Leone  | 0.9% (2024)     | 1.5% (2020)     |
| South Africa  | 9.1% (2022/23)  | 8.8% (2013/14)  |
| Tanzania      | n.d.a (2023/24) | n.d.a           |
| Togo          | n.d.a (2023/24) | n.d.a           |
| Uganda        | 14.5% (2022/23) | 15.7% (2013/14) |
| Zambia        | 1.2% (2021/22)  | 0.9% (2012)     |



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|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Asia                |                 |                 |
| Bangladesh          | 0.9% (2019/20)  | 8.0% (2016/17)  |
| Brunei Darussalam   | N/A             | N/A             |
| India               | 16.9% (2021/22) | 3.3% (2020/21)  |
| Malaysia            | n.d.a (2023/24) | n.d.a (2016/17) |
| Maldives            | n.d.a (2023/24) | n.d.a           |
| Pakistan            | 11.4% (2024/25) | <1% (2002/03)   |
| Singapore           | N/A             | N/A             |
| Sri Lanka           | 8.7% (2021/22)  | n.d.a           |
| Europe              |                 |                 |
| Cyprus              | 4.6% (2024)     | 3.1% (2018)     |
| Malta               | 1.1% (2024)     | 0.9% (2016)     |
| United Kingdom      | 18.6% (2024/25) | 22.7% (2016/17) |
| North America       |                 |                 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 1.2% (2024)     | 2.0% (2017)     |
| Bahamas             | 1.0% (2019/20)  | 0.8% (2015)     |
| Barbados            | 0.2% (2021/22)  | 0.1% (2017)     |
| Belize              | 3.8% (2020/21)  | 6.8% (2013/14)  |
| Canada              | 25.9% (2024)    | 31.9% (2007/08) |
| Dominica            | 1.2% (2021/22)  | 0.9% (2014/15)  |
| Grenada             | N/A             | N/A             |
| Jamaica             | 3.0% (2024/25)  | 12.5% (2016/17) |



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| North America               |                 |                |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis       | 25.9% (2020)    | 24.5% (2018)   |
| Saint Lucia                 | 0.01% (2023/24) | 2.0% (2015/16) |
| St Vincent & the Grenadines | N/A             | N/A            |
| Trinidad and Tobago         | 7.5% (2025)     | 7.0% (2015/16) |
| South America               |                 |                |
| Guyana                      | n.d.a (2023/24) | -              |
| Oceania                     |                 |                |
| Australia                   | 4.5% (2021/22)  | 5.7% (2015/16) |
| Fiji                        | 0.2% (2020/21)  | 1.5% (2014)    |
| Kiribati                    | 1.5% (2021)     | 1.0% (2015/16) |
| Nauru                       | N/A             | N/A            |
| New Zealand                 | 2.3% (2022/23)  | 9.8% (2015/16) |
| Papua New Guinea            | 6.1% (2021/22)  | 1.4% (2019)    |
| Samoa                       | 0.6% (2025/26)  | 1.5% (2021/22) |
| Solomon Islands             | 1.2% (2025)     | 2.4% (2015/16) |
| Tonga                       | 2.9% (2020/21)  | n.d.a          |
| Tuvalu                      | 0.3% (2015/26)  | 0.2% (2016)    |
| Vanuatu                     | 2.2% (2022)     | 3.3% (2017)    |