

Basque Administration current expenditure increased by 6.6% in 2005, one point less than in 2004

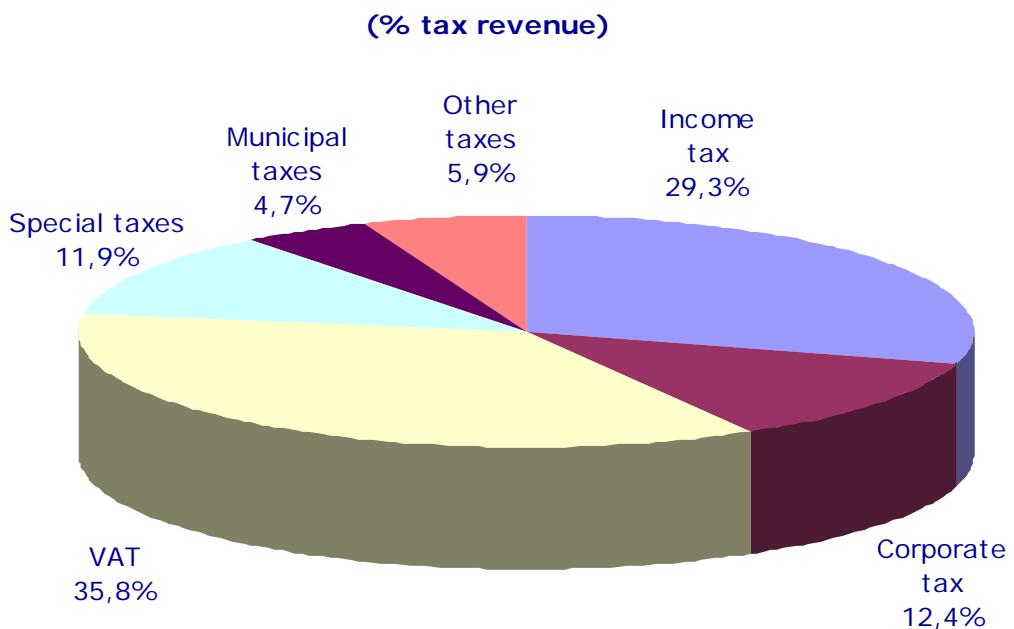
Outstanding financial debt came to 6.2% of the GDP.

Current expenditure of the Basque administration –made up of the Basque Government, Provincial Councils and Municipal Administrations, together with their corresponding Autonomous Bodies and supra-municipal Organizations- increased by 6.6% in 2005, according to EUSTAT data. Total expenditure came to 10,186.3 million euros, while current income amounted to 12,726 million, with an annual growth rate of 9.9%, on the same period in 2004

From the evolution of the above we can deduce that the balance of current operations (current income minus current expenditure) came to 2.539.8 million, 25.0% up on the position a year before, where the balance stood at 2.032.2 million.

Tax revenues, which represented almost 90% of total current income, had a positive variation of 13.0%. Among these, income from corporate tax registered the greatest interannual growth and came to 26.2%.

Distribution of Basque Administration Tax Revenue. 2005.



Source: EUSTAT

Income from VAT increased by 14.2% and income tax grew by 11.4%. Both municipal taxes and special taxes recorded lower growth, with 6.7% and 4.3% respectively

In the area of current expenditure, Current Transfers (subsidies and sinking fund subsidies) registered the highest growth with 7.2%. Lowest growth was registered by Personnel Costs, with 5.8%. Other current expenditure -operating costs- registered an intermediate evolution with 6.6%. Overall, current costs increased by 6.6%, which given the greater growth of current income (9.9%), generated a current operating balance in 2005 of 25.0%.

To move from the balance of current operations to the non-financial budgetary balance, it is necessary to take into account income and expenditure from capital operations. In 2005, capital revenue registered 48.3% growth and capital expenditure (real investment plus capital transfers) grew more discretely by 3.1%, but was positive, compared to the fall in the previous year (-1.8%). Therefore, the non-financial budgetary balance stood at 937.1 million euros, 571.4 million more than in 2004.

Consolidated Liquidation of the Basque Administration. 2005-2004

thousand euros	2.004	2.005	Δ%
TOTAL INCOME	12.442.799	13.615.119	9,4%
Current transactions	11.584.487	12.726.379	9,9%
-Tax revenue	10.382.350	11.734.499	13,0%
Income tax	3.091.369	3.443.850	11,4%
Corporate tax	1.148.605	1.449.546	26,2%
VAT	3.675.433	4.196.628	14,2%
Special taxes	1.344.756	1.402.078	4,3%
Municipal taxes	517.250	551.904	6,7%
Other taxes	604.937	690.493	14,1%
-Other current income	1.202.137	991.880	-17,5%
Capital Transactions	256.323	380.252	48,3%
Total Non-financial Transactions	11.840.810	13.106.631	10,7%
Financial transactions	601.989	508.488	-15,5%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	12.093.699	12.809.913	5,9%
Current Transactions	9.552.250	10.186.569	6,6%
Expenditure on Personnel	2.518.879	2.664.596	5,8%
Current Transfers	3.638.877	3.901.873	7,2%
Other Current Expenditure	3.394.494	3.620.100	6,6%
Capital Investment and Transactions	1.922.833	1.982.934	3,1%
Total Non-financial Transactions	11.475.083	12.169.503	6,1%
Financial transactions	618.616	640.410	3,5%
BALANCE OF CURRENT TRANSACTIONS	2.032.237	2.539.810	25,0%
NON-FINANCIAL BUDGETARY BALANCE	365.727	937.128	156,2%

Source: EUSTAT

Basque administration outstanding debt came to 3,596.5 million euros in 2005, 3.3% more than in 2004. Over the last year, 371.6 million in outstanding debt was repaid but 520.6 million new debt was incurred. Therefore, the final outstanding debt increased, even though less than for the previous period, by 4.4%.

In addition, Basque administration financial debt in relation to GDP fell from 6.56% in 2004 to 6.25% in 2005.

Consolidated Data of the Basque Administration. 2005.

					thousand euros
	CONSOLIDATED TOTAL	BASQUE GOVT	ALAVA	BIZKAIA	GIPUZKOA
CURRENT INCOME	12.726.379	7.396.815	2.146.042	6.505.403	4.126.667
CURRENT EXPENDITURE	10.186.569	6.086.556	1.961.895	5.913.181	3.673.485
BALANCE OF CURRENT TRANSACTIONS	2.539.810	1.310.259	184.147	592.222	453.182
CAPITAL INCOME	380.252	71.789	67.708	206.461	180.132
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	1.982.934	842.437	149.962	640.843	495.530
NON-FINANCIAL BUDGETARY BALANCE	937.128	539.611	101.893	157.840	137.784
 OUTSTANDING DEBT <u>(Pending repayment 31-12-05)</u>	 3.596.556	 2.033.467	 135.732	 1.041.832	 385.525

Source: EUSTAT

The Basque Administrations employed 95,288 people in 2005, 67.03% of whom worked for the public sector of the General Administration of the Autonomous Community, 9.95% for the public sector of the Provincial Administrations and the remaining 23.02% for the public sector of the Local Administrations. Out of the total, 81.3% were permanent employees.

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