

Compendium

General government



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The general government sector is made up of units providing services for collective or individual consumption that are not sold at market prices. These units are usually funded by compulsory payments from units in other sectors (taxes) and may be involved in the redistribution of national income (for example, benefits and state pension).

The sector includes government departments and agencies, local authorities, the devolved administrations in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, the state education system, the National Health Service, the armed forces and the police. Non-departmental public bodies are also included in the general government sector.

The United Kingdom National Accounts: The Blue Book 2016 presents estimates for the general government sector and sub-sector breakdowns for:

- central government
- local government

Further information on sector classifications and classification decisions can be found in [National accounts classification](#) on our website.