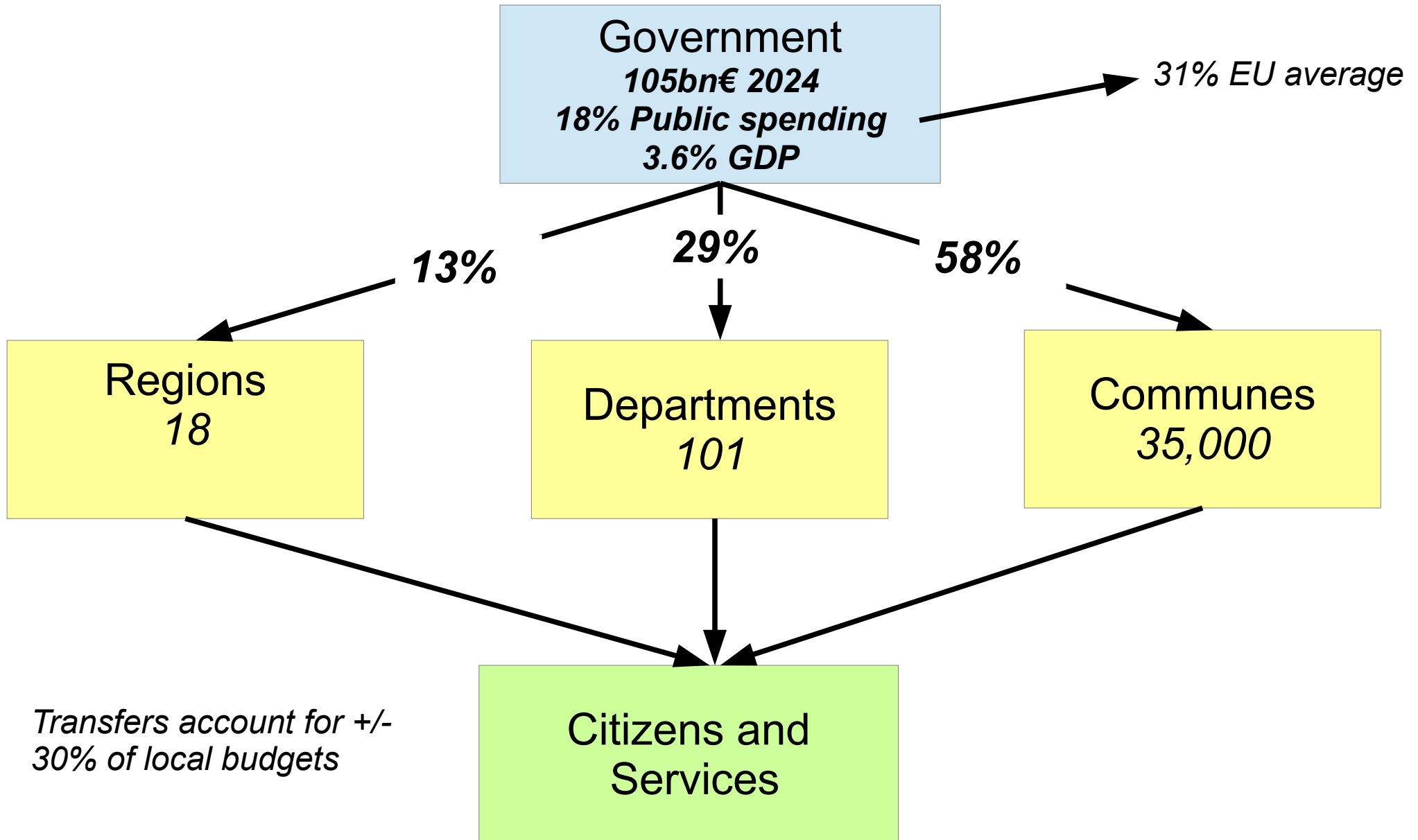


Financial Transfers from the State to Local Government



Responsibilities of French Local Government Levels

Regions

High schools (lycées)
Vocational training & apprenticeships
Regional trains (TER) & intercity buses
Economic development & EU funds
Regional planning & environment
Culture & heritage (regional level)

Departments

Social services (child welfare, elderly, disabled)
Income support (RSA)
Middle schools (collèges)
Local roads & transport (school buses)
Fire & rescue services (SDIS)
Local cultural & sports facilities (departmental level)

Communes

Primary schools
Urban planning & local roads
Water, waste, sanitation
Local police & safety
Municipal libraries, sports halls, cultural centers
Civil registry (birth, marriage, death)

The Reduction of Transfers has led to increased local taxes and decreased public services

July 2017 Macron announced a reduction of transfers of 10bn€ (10%)

2025 Budget included 2.2bn€ in cuts. Removed a 3bn€ Reserve Fund

Housing Tax (Taxe d'Habitation) has increased from 106bn€ in 2018 to 2.4bn€ in 2024 in order to offset decreased transfers from the state

Since the early 2000s, closures of essential services—such as post offices, maternity wards, emergency units, and regional train lines—have left many citizens traveling longer to reach services. This trend has fueled territorial alienation and boosted support for the far-right Rassemblement National.

Services (education, culture, health, mobility) have contracted, particularly in rural or less affluent areas.

The World Bank's [Government Effectiveness Score](#), which includes public service quality among its factors, has declined steadily—from 1.75 in 2004 to 1.16 in 2022

Government Effectiveness: Estimate - France

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Pays de La Loire

- Government requested PDLL to reduce spending by 40m€. ([LeMonde](#))
- The Region reduced spending (2025 budget) by 82m€ ([TF1 Info](#))
- This includes a 73% cut in Culture, Sport and Associations ([Rapports de Force](#))
- La Folle Journée (Nantes) lost €180,000
- Premier Plans (Angers) cut by €104,500
- Festival Le Chaînon Manquant (Mayenne) lost €161,000
- Missions Locales (supporting ~45,000 young people) endured a loss of €3 million in subsidies.
- 100 regional positions (across administration and lycée staff) are slated for suppression before 2028, as part of broader efforts to reduce operating costs.