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# BUDGET DECENTRALIZATION AS A TOOL FOR STRENGTHENING THE FINANCIAL CAPACITY OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT

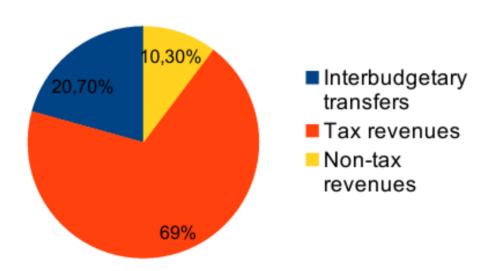
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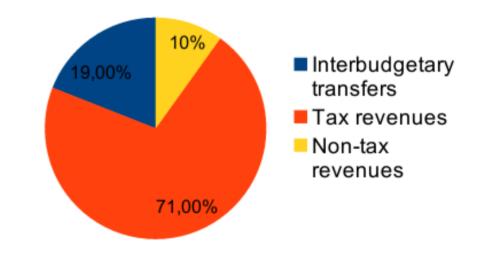
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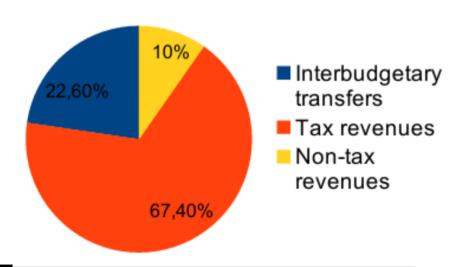


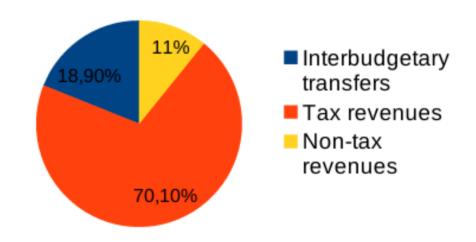


Local budget revenues in Ukraine in 2020

Local budget revenues in Ukraine in 2021

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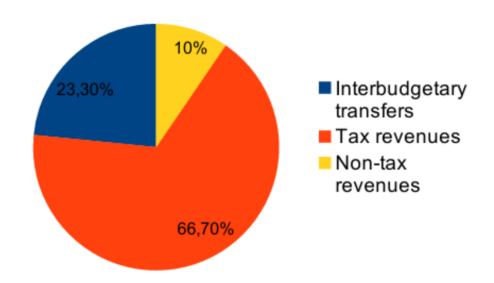




Local budget revenues in Ukraine in 2022

Local budget revenues in Ukraine in 2023

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Local budget revenues in Ukraine in 2024

### Interbudgetary transfers from the state budget to local budgets of Ukraine in 2020–2024

Year	Volume of intergovernmental transfers, billion UAH	Growth rates, %
2020	160.2	
2021	170	+6.1
2022	175	+2.9
2023	184	+5.1
2024	187.9	+2.1

#### Endogenous determinants that are formed directly within territorial communities

- Systemic reduction of the revenue base of local budgets due to the cessation of enterprise activities and the decline in the population's tax capacity.
- Exponential growth of expenditures on social protection of the population including support for internally displaced persons and those affected by military actions.
- Widespread destruction of economic infrastructure that leads to a reduction in the production potential of territories.
- Intensive population movement that changes the demographic structure of communities and impacts on the volume of budgetary needs.

## Exogenous determinants formed outside the boundaries of territorial communities

- Fundamental transformation of the interbudgetary relations system through the redistribution of financial resources in favor of defense needs.
- Overall macroeconomic instability that is characterized by inflationary processes, devaluation of the national currency and decrease in GDP.
- Adaptation of regulatory and legal support for the functioning of local finances to the conditions of martial law.
- Activation of processes of attracting international financial assistance through grant funds and technical support from international donor organizations.

## Practical recommendations for strengthening the financial capacity of territorial communities under martial law and economic instability

- 1. Comprehensive diagnostics of the financial condition of territorial communities.
- 2. Medium-term budget forecasting in crisis conditions.
- 3. Implementation of effective mechanisms for financial equalization and support of depressed areas in wartime conditions.
- 4. Establishment of effective system of financial control and audit.
- 5. Conceptualization of the theoretical foundations of adaptive financial management in crisis conditions.

#### Comprehensive assessment of the financial condition of territorial communities

- Assessment of the financial condition of communities
- Taking into account the specifics of each community, its demographic, socio-economic and geographical characteristics
- Identifying potential risks that could negatively affect the financial stability of communities, first of all, dependence on transfers from the state budget

#### Medium-term budget forecasting in crisis conditions

- The use of comprehensive scenario-based approach with econometric methods involving the analysis of macroeconomic indicators
- Development of alternative scenarios of event evolution. The forecast horizon should be 3-5 years with the possibility of adaptive adjustment through a system of continuous monitoring and rapid response to changes in the external environment.

#### Conclusions

- Implementation of effective mechanisms for financial equalization and support of depressed areas through the revision of the formula for the allocation of basic grants and subsidies from the state budget.
- Establishment of efficient system of financial control and audit of the use of budget fund.
- Development and implementation of integrated local development strategies based on a comprehensive consideration of local socioeconomic, demographic and geographic characteristics.
- Intensification of multi-vector international cooperation with leading financial institutions and donor organizations to mobilize additional investment resources for the development of territorial communities.

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