

Municipality of Thessaloniki (GR)
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"Thessaloniki, an inspiring, dynamic coastal city that ensures the well-being of its people, nurtures its human talent while strengthening its urban economy and respecting its natural resources."



Municipal population
324.766

Metropolitan population: **1.12 million**



150,000 students each year - largest student population in the Balkan



2 million+ visitors per year, with 1.5 million from international locations



2,300 year history
31 museums & 15 UNESCO monuments



50 km coastal front

- BASIC AREAS OF JURISDICTION:**
- MUNICIPALITY**
- Municipal police
 - Maintenance of school infrastructure
 - Town planning
 - Waste treatment
 - Parks, sports and leisure facilities
 - Urban systems
 - Environmental Protection
 - Municipal taxes
 - Zoning
- REGION**
- Civil Protection
 - Large scale urban systems (ie. city ring-road)
 - Regional planning
 - Waste treatment
 - Environmental Protection
 - Civil Protection and Emergency Response
- CENTRAL GOVERNMENT**
- Taxation
 - General Police,
 - Fire Department
 - Justice System
 - Educational System
 - Business Licensing
 - Business licensing and building codes
 - Health system

The Municipality of Thessaloniki manages a budget of **411** million for 2020.

Main revenue sources of the Municipality consists of governmental funding (50%) of total budget, while the remaining 50% consists of tax fees, rental fees and other minor local sources. By law, the State funds first level governments on the basis of a fixed formula: 20% of legal persons' income tax, 50% of traffic duties and 3% of property transfer duties. Local governments are required to direct any property or resource fees to related expenses (e.g. street lighting fees must go towards the maintenance and improvement of the street lighting system). Other forms of local taxation or fines (e.g. parking fees) can be used wherever the government deems necessary.

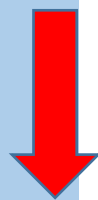
Paradoxes:

- The city is responsible for parks, sports and leisure facilities but not the seashore and the Thermaikos Gulf.
- The city is responsible for specific urban road systems while others are under the regional jurisdiction.
- The city is responsible for maintaining the school buildings but has no authority over educational policy, curriculum, or resource allocation.
- The city is responsible for licensing business enterprises related to sanitary facilities only

COVID-19

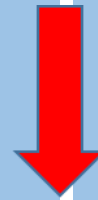
-72,82% (1/2020-4/2020)

Revenues' Percentage change



March 2020- Oct 2020

**Business' Closure
713**



**Tourism
Jan-Aug 2019
1,5 m.**

**Jan- Aug 2020
532.000**

**International Fair cancelled.
Predicted 50 million that the city will loose for this year.**



**45.000 Students came back-
Real estate decline (AirBnB decline though)**