

Incidence of expenditure on the digitalisation of municipalities

Source: REP administrative capacity index on BDAP data (2023 over 2022)

The indicator verifies the Authority's expenditure on digitalisation, measured in terms of the average incidence of expenditure in the last three financial statements allocated for IT systems and statistical programming, accounted for within the budgets of Local Authorities¹.

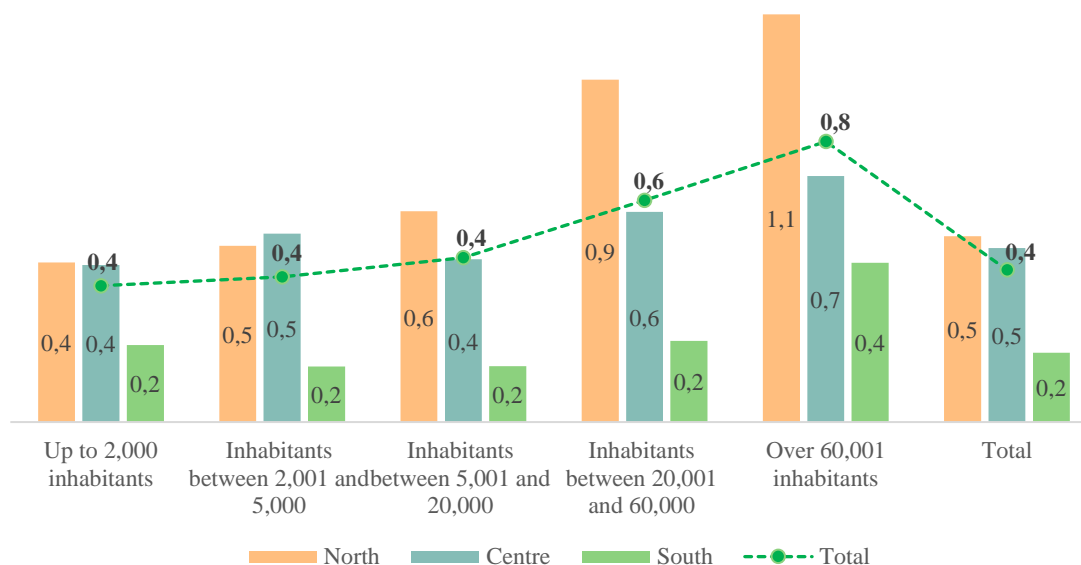
The analysis of the results shows a diversified allocation of public resources both concerning demographic size and the location of Municipalities.

Regarding the first aspect, as supposed, there is a difference in expenditure based on population size:

- on one side, small and medium-sized Municipalities have an average incidence of current expenditure on digitalisation of 0.4%;

- on the other side, larger Municipalities allocate, on average, higher quotas to it, increasing in relation to population size, although generally below the 1% threshold. Municipalities with over 60,000 citizens spend on average, twice as much as less populous Municipalities with up to 20,000 citizens.

Average incidence of expenditure on digitalisation (%)



Value not available for 1.584 Municipalities

Source: Administrative Capacity Index – OpenBDAP data reprocessing (2022) and ISTAT data (31.12.2022)

¹ The indicator, sourced from the Public Administration Database, refers to the data reported in the financial statement for the fiscal year of interest, specifically the total current expenditure related to Program 08 Statistics

and Information Systems, which is included within Mission 01 Institutional, General, and Management Services (commitments).

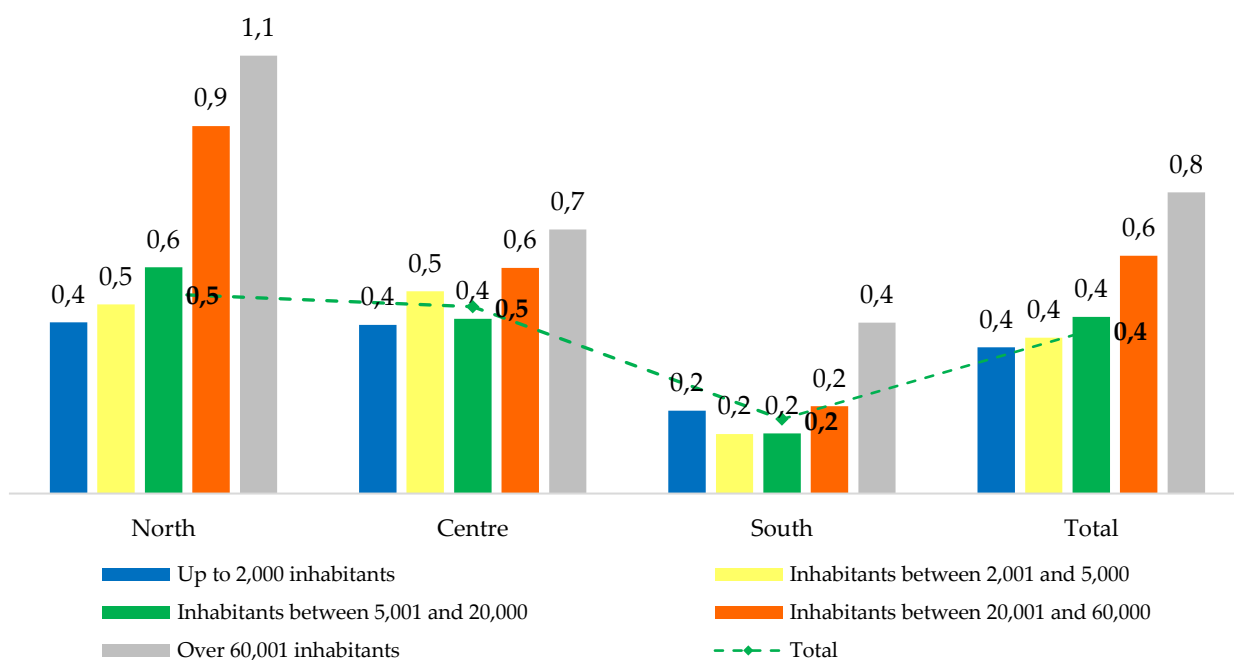
Focusing on the second aspect, the territorial characterization:

- On one hand, the Municipalities in the North and Centre stand out, allocating on average 0.5% of their current resources to the function under study;
- On the other hand, the Municipalities in the South reserve less than half for this purpose: 0.2% (see the following figure).

Distinguishing each geographic area into five demographic bands, it is noted that Municipalities with fewer citizens (up to 2,000) do not always have a lower average three-year incidence of expenditure compared to more populated Municipalities.

Overall, the analysis returns low incidences, which can also be attributed to the fact that for one in three Municipalities the expenditure in question appears in the budgets with a value of zero.

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