

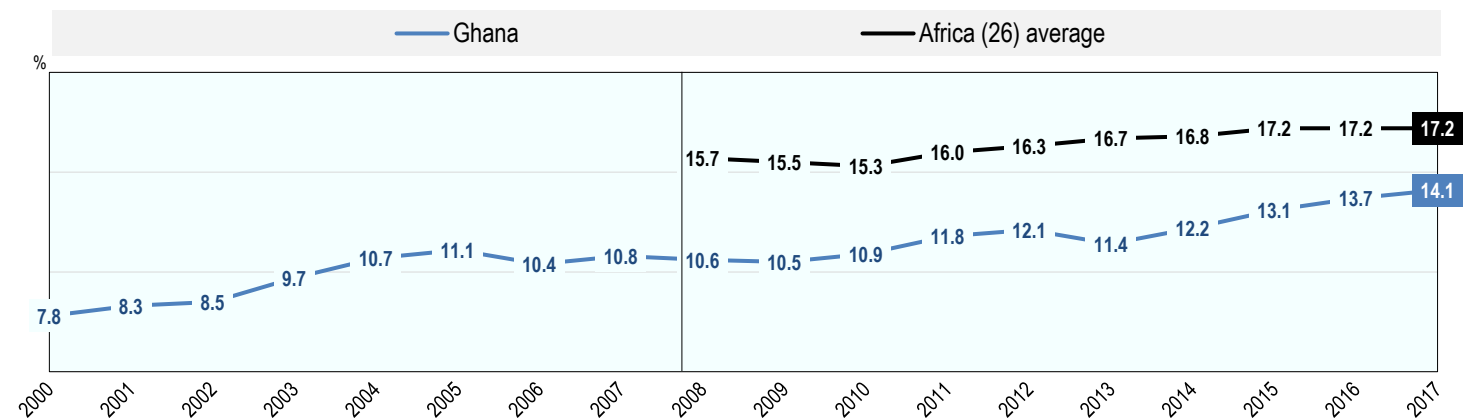


Revenue Statistics in Africa 2019 – Ghana

Tax revenues: tax-to-GDP ratio

Tax-to-GDP ratio over time

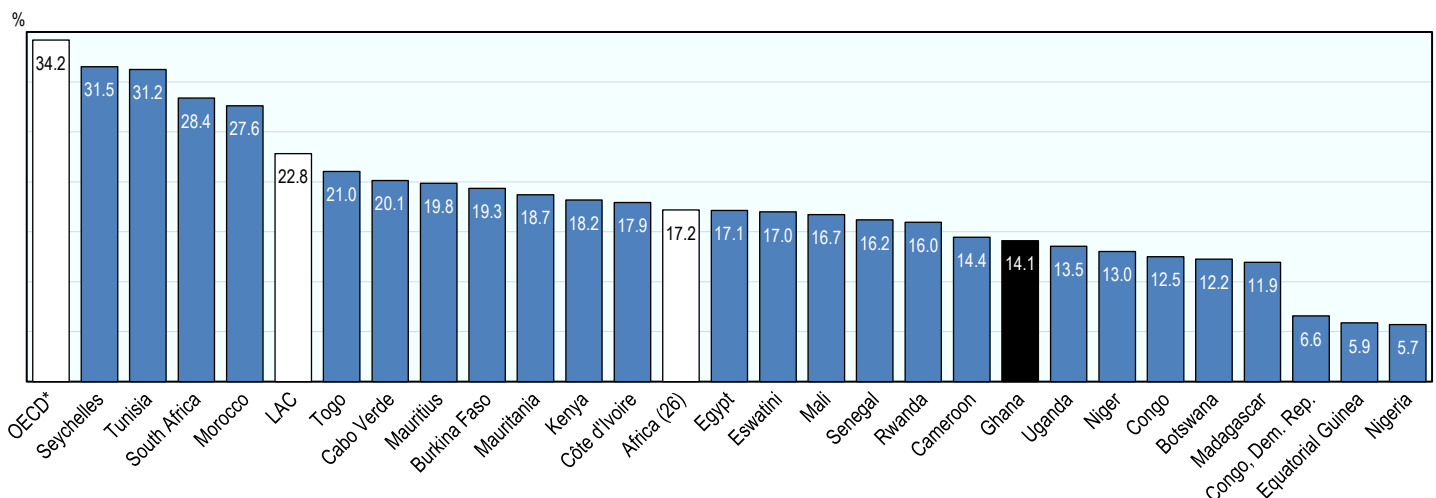
The tax-to-GDP ratio in Ghana increased by 0.4 percentage points from 13.7% in 2016 to 14.1% in 2017. In comparison, the average for the 26 African countries in Revenue Statistics in Africa 2019 remained at 17.2% over the same period. Over a longer time period, the average for the 26 African countries has increased by 1.5 percentage points, from 15.7% in 2008 to 17.2% in 2017. Over the same period, the tax-to-GDP ratio in Ghana has increased by 3.5 percentage points, from 10.6% to 14.1%. Since 2000, the highest tax-to-GDP ratio in Ghana was 14.1% in 2017, with the lowest being 7.8% in 2000.



The Africa (26) average is not available before 2008 due to missing data in some countries.

Tax-to-GDP ratio, 2017

Ghana's tax-to-GDP ratio in 2017 (14.1%) was lower than the average of the 26 African countries in Revenue Statistics in Africa 2019 (17.2%) by 3.1 percentage points and also lower than the LAC average (22.8%).



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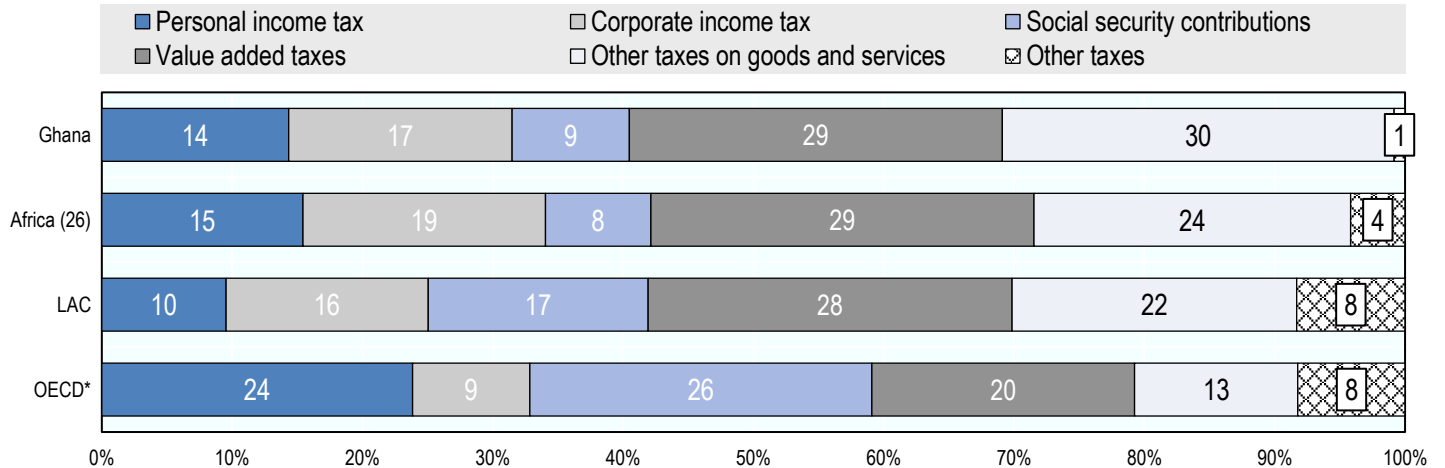
In the OECD classification the term "taxes" is confined to compulsory unrequited payments to general government. Taxes are unrequited in the sense that benefits provided by government to taxpayers are not normally in proportion to their payments. Non-tax revenues are all other government revenues that are not classified as taxes. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/tax-policy/oecd-classification-taxes-interpretative-guide.pdf>

The LAC average refers to the Revenue Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean 2019 publication. oe.cd/revenue-statistics-in-latin-america-and-the-caribbean



Tax revenues: structure

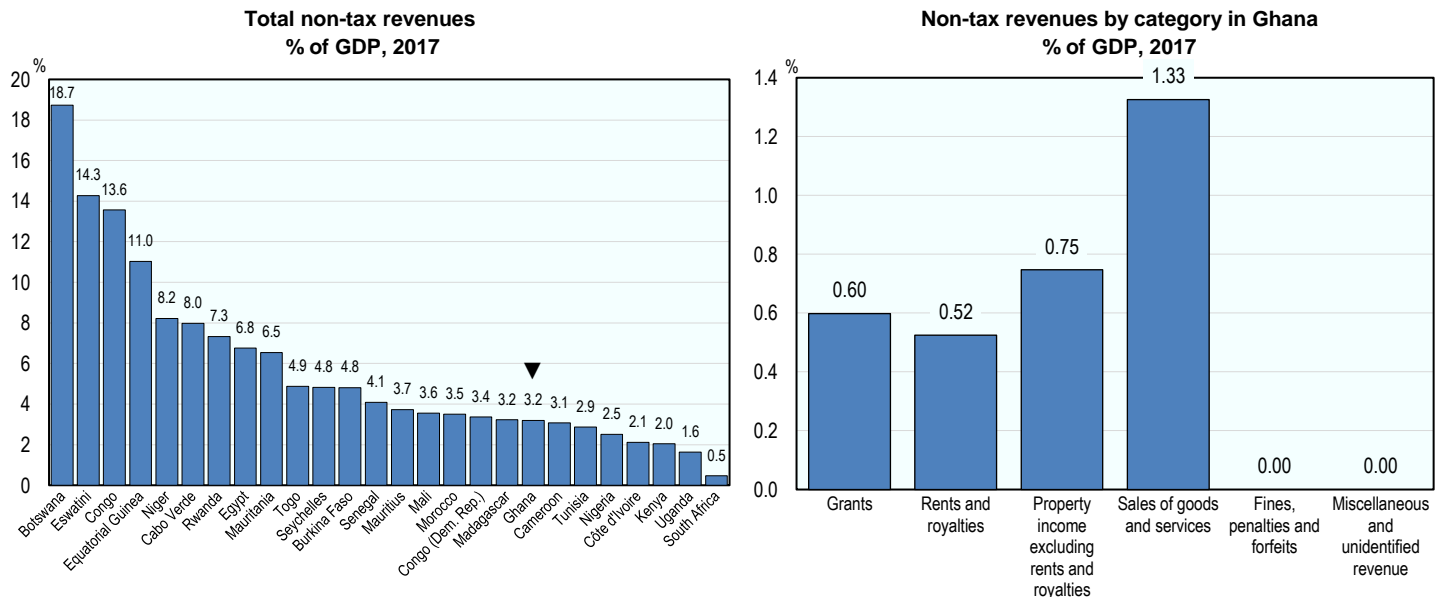
Tax structure refers to the share of each tax in total tax revenues. The highest share of tax revenues in Ghana in 2017 was contributed by other taxes on goods and services (30%). The second-highest share of tax revenues in 2017 was derived from value added taxes (29%).



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Non-tax revenues

In 2017, Ghana's non-tax revenues amounted to 3.2% of GDP. This was lower than tax revenues (14.1% of GDP). Sales of goods and services represented the largest share of non-tax revenues in 2017, amounting to 1.3% of GDP and 41.5% of non-tax revenues.



Source: Revenue Statistics in Africa 2019 oe.cd/revenue-statistics-in-africa



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