Tax revenues: tax-to-GDP ratio

Tax-to-GDP ratio over time

The tax-to-GDP ratio in Senegal increased by 0.9 percentage points, from 21.1% in 2015 to 22.0% in 2016. In comparison, the average for the 21 African countries in Revenue Statistics in Africa 2018 remained at 18.2% over the same period. The tax-to-GDP ratio in Senegal has increased since 2000, when it was 16.8%. Over the same period, the average for the 21 African countries increased from 13.1% in 2000 to 18.2% in 2016. Across this period, the highest tax-to-GDP ratio in Senegal was 22.0% in 2016, with the lowest being 16.8% in 2000 and 2001.

Tax-to-GDP ratio, 2016

Senegal's tax-to-GDP ratio in 2016 (22.0%) was higher than the average of the 21 African countries in Revenue Statistics in Africa (18.2%) by 3.8 percentage points but lower than the LAC average (22.7%).

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 2018 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 Senegal in 2016 was contributed by value added taxes (34%). The second-highest share of tax revenues in 2016 was derived from other taxes on goods and services (28%).

Non-tax revenues

In 2016, Senegal’s non-tax revenues amounted to 5.8% of GDP. This was lower than tax revenues (22.0% of GDP). Grants represented the largest share of non-tax revenues in 2016, amounting to 2.8% of GDP and 48.6% of non-tax revenues.

Total non-tax revenues, % of GDP, 2016

Non-tax revenues by category in Senegal, % of GDP, 2016

Source: Revenue Statistics in Africa 2018 oe.cd/revenue-statistics-in-africa

For further information, please see: oe.cd/revenue-statistics-in-africa