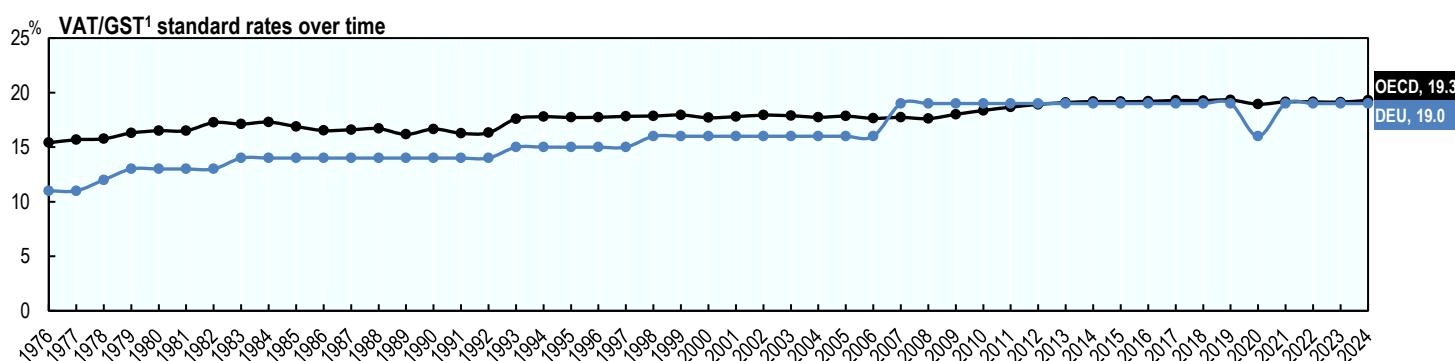
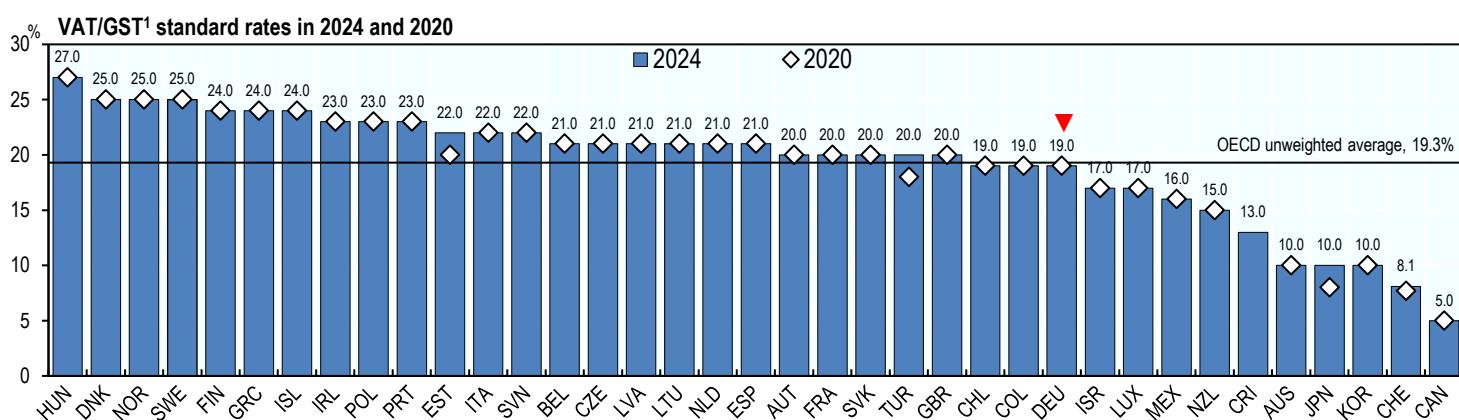


## Consumption Tax Trends\* - Germany

### VAT rate 2024

The German standard VAT rate is 19.0%, which is just below the OECD average. The average VAT/GST<sup>1</sup> standard rate in the OECD was 19.3% as of 31 December 2024. The previous standard VAT rate in Germany was 16.0% in 2020. It changed to the current level in 2021. Germany also applies reduced VAT rates of 0.0% and 7.0% to a number of goods and services. VAT was introduced in Germany in 1968 at a standard rate of 11.0%. Since then the minimum and maximum standard rates have been at 11.0% and 19.0% respectively. The standard VAT rate was reduced from 19% to 16% and the reduced rate from 7% to 5% from 1 July to 31 December 2020.

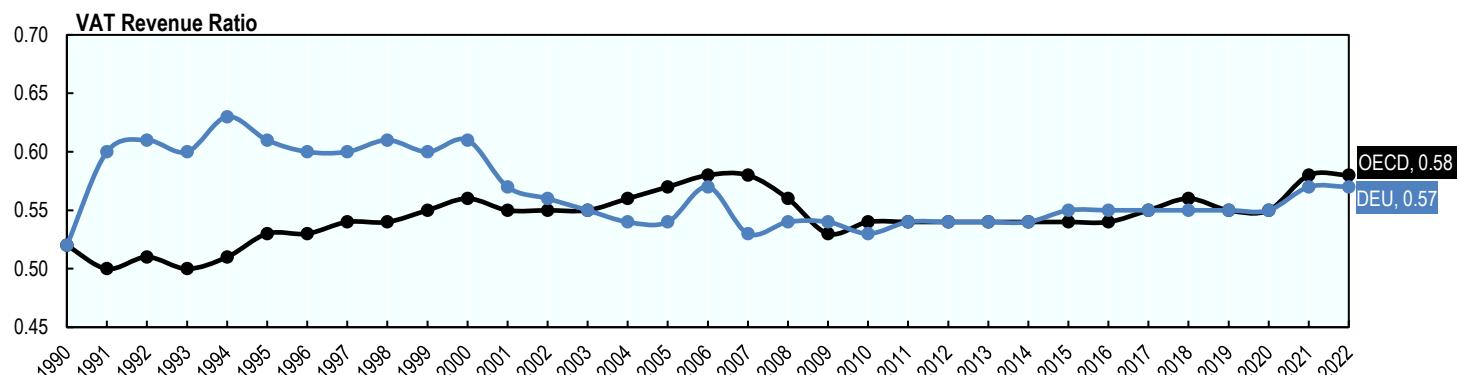


1. VAT/GST refers to value added tax/goods and services tax

Source: Consumption Tax Trends 1st January 2024

### VAT Revenue Ratio

The VAT Revenue Ratio (VRR) for Germany was 0.57 in 2022 below the OECD average of 0.58. The VRR is a measure of the revenue raising performance of a VAT system. A ratio of 1 would reflect a VAT system that applies a single VAT rate to a comprehensive base of all expenditure on goods and services consumed in an economy - with perfect enforcement of the tax. The German VRR remained stable at 0.57 between 2021 and 2022. The lowest VRR was recorded in the year 1990 at 0.52 and the highest level in 1994 at 0.63.



The figures may not present the difference to the second decimal point accurately due to rounding

\* Information presented on this page is only a summary of more detailed information available in the Tax Database and Consumption Tax Trends publication

Source: OECD Consumption Tax Trends 2024

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