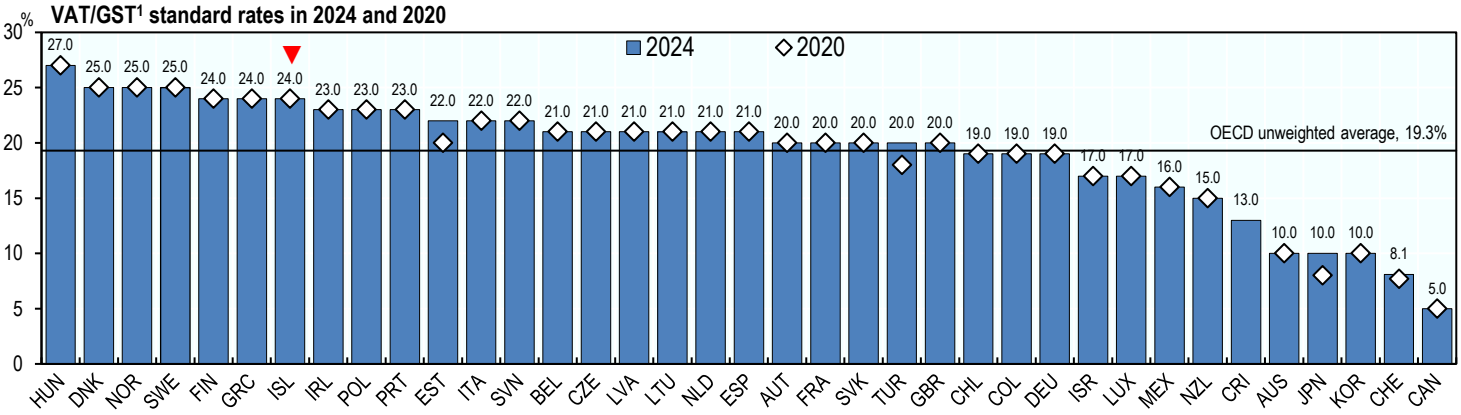
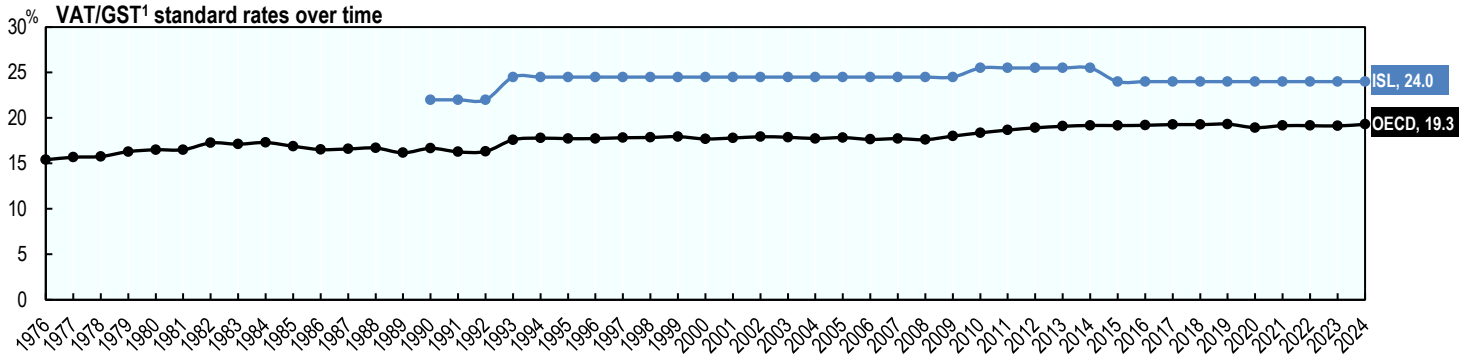
Consumption Tax Trends* - Iceland

VAT rate 2024

The Icelandic standard VAT rate is 24.0%, which is above the OECD average. The average VAT/GST[1] standard rate in the OECD was 19.3% as of 31 December 2024. The previous standard VAT rate in Iceland was 25.5% in 2014. It changed to the current level in 2015. Iceland also applies reduced VAT rates of 0.0% and 11.0% to a number of goods and services. VAT was introduced in Iceland in 1990 at a standard rate of 22.0%. Since then the minimum and maximum standard rates have been at 22.0% and 25.5% respectively.



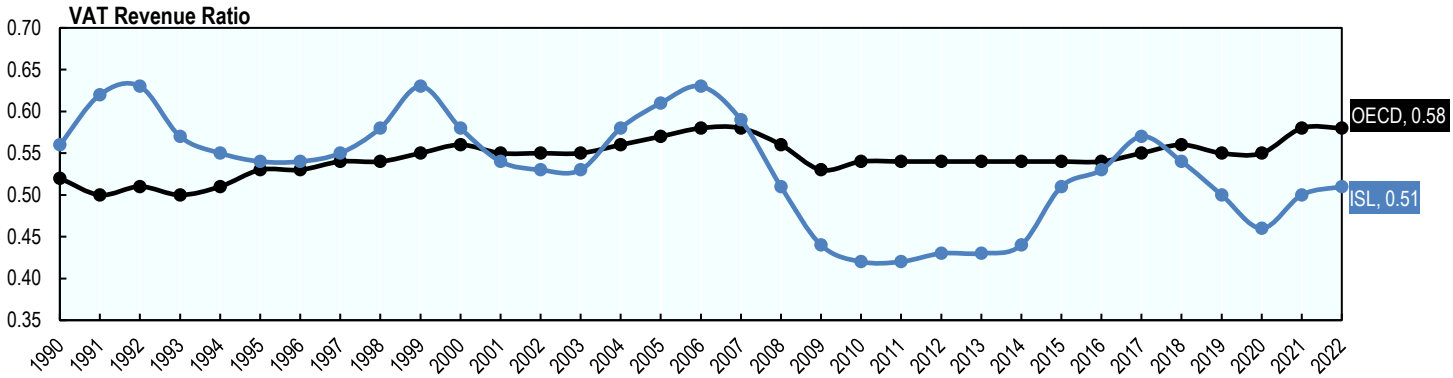


1. VAT/GST refers to value added tax/goods and services tax

Source: Consumption Tax Trends 1st January 2024

VAT Revenue Ratio

The VAT Revenue Ratio (VRR) for Iceland was 0.51 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 Icelandic VRR increased from 0.50 in 2021 to 0.51 in 2022. The lowest VRR was recorded in the years 2010 and 2011 at 0.42 and the highest level in 1992, 1999 and 2006 at 0.63.



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