Revenue Statistics in Africa 2019 — Equatorial Guinea

**Tax revenues: tax-to-GDP ratio**

**Tax-to-GDP ratio over time**

The tax-to-GDP ratio in Equatorial Guinea decreased by 0.4 percentage points from 6.3% in 2016 to 5.9% 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 Equatorial Guinea has decreased by 1.9 percentage points, from 7.8% to 5.9%. Since 2005, the highest tax-to-GDP ratio in Equatorial Guinea was 12.8% in 2009, with the lowest being 5.9% in 2017.

### Tax-to-GDP ratio, 2017

Equatorial Guinea's tax-to-GDP ratio in 2017 (5.9%) was lower than the average of the 26 African countries in Revenue Statistics in Africa 2019 (17.2%) by 11.3 percentage points and also lower than the LAC average (22.8%).

*The data for the OECD are for 2016 as the data for 2017 are not available.*

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
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Total non-tax revenues
% of GDP, 2017

Non-tax revenues by category in Equatorial Guinea
% of GDP, 2017

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Non-tax revenues

In 2017, Equatorial Guinea’s non-tax revenues amounted to 11.0% of GDP. This was higher than tax revenues (5.9% of GDP). Rents and royalties represented the largest share of non-tax revenues in 2017, amounting to 6.8% of GDP and 61.4% of non-tax revenues.