Revenue Statistics in Africa 2019 — Eswatini (previously Swaziland)

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

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

The tax-to-GDP ratio in Eswatini increased by 0.9 percentage points from 16.1% in 2016 to 17.0% 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 Eswatini has increased by 4.1 percentage points, from 12.9% to 17.0%. Since 2000, the highest tax-to-GDP ratio in Eswatini was 17% in 2017, with the lowest being 10.5% in 2001.

**Tax-to-GDP ratio, 2017**

Eswatini's tax-to-GDP ratio in 2017 (17.0%) was slightly lower than the average of the 26 African countries in Revenue Statistics in Africa 2019 (17.2%) by 0.2 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
Tax revenues: structure

Tax structure refers to the share of each tax in total tax revenues. The highest share of tax revenues in Eswatini in 2017 was contributed by personal income tax (31%). The second-highest share of tax revenues in 2017 was derived from value added taxes (25%).

Non-tax revenues

In 2017, Eswatini's non-tax revenues amounted to 14.3% of GDP. This was lower than tax revenues (17.0% of GDP). Miscellaneous and unidentified revenue represented the largest share of non-tax revenues in 2017, amounting to 11.9% of GDP and 83.5% of non-tax revenues.

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

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