Revenue Statistics in Africa 2018 — Mauritius

Tax revenues: tax-to-GDP ratio

Tax-to-GDP ratio over time

The tax-to-GDP ratio in Mauritius increased by 0.1 percentage points, from 19.9% in 2015 to 20.0% 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 Mauritius has slightly increased since 2000, when it was 19.3%. 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 Mauritius was 20.2% in 2009, with the lowest being 16.7% in 2002.

Tax-to-GDP ratio, 2016

Mauritius's tax-to-GDP ratio in 2016 (20.0%) was higher than the average of the 21 African countries in Revenue Statistics in Africa (18.2%) by 1.8 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
**Non-tax revenues**

In 2016, Mauritius's non-tax revenues amounted to 2.8% of GDP. This was lower than tax revenues (20.0% of GDP). Property income excluding rents and royalties represented the largest share of non-tax revenues in 2016, amounting to 1.0% of GDP and 34.6% of non-tax revenues.