



# Revenue Statistics in Asian and Pacific Island Countries

TOWARDS HARMONISED REGIONAL STATISTICS

**Accurate, complete, and reliable statistics** on public revenue, and on taxes in particular, are critical to **tax policy development**. The *Revenue Statistics* publications provide a **harmonised, comparable and reliable foundation** to inform **evidence-based decisions** on tax and customs policies and administrative reforms. *Revenue Statistics in Asian and Pacific Island Countries*, an annual series since 2014, currently has the participation of **Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore** and will include further Asian and Pacific countries in future editions.

*Comparable, indicators*

## OBJECTIVES

- Provide **comparable indicators** for policy makers in Asian and Pacific Island countries, using a tool that is tested with African, Asian & Pacific Island, Latin American & the Caribbean and OECD countries.
- Inform **policy decision-making** on tax reforms and improve the capacity of participating countries to mobilise their own resources.

*Analysis, accuracy, community*

## BENEFITS

- A tool adapted for tax policy analysis, developed by tax policy makers.
  - a **highly-detailed dataset** freely accessible online and ready for analysis,
  - “compare your country”: a **free online interactive tool**,
  - an **annual publication**, available in hard copy and online
  - tailored **reporting tools** based on countries’ needs (e.g. country notes)
- Participation is **free of charge** and at **low resource cost**: maximum 1-2 weeks work a year. Most data compilation tasks are carried out by the OECD.
- **Guaranteed comparability**: a common method for collecting, analysing, aggregating and presenting data across over 70 countries in 4 regions.
- **Guaranteed accuracy**: data validated by national authorities.
- Continuous **dialogue on tax policy** (including standalone seminars) with experts in Asian and Pacific Island countries to share **experiences** and **best practices**.

*Tax-to-GDP, tax mix*

## SCOPE

- Revenue by type of **tax categories** and by **level of government** (in national currency, as **% of GDP** and **% of total tax revenue**):
  - Personal income taxes, corporate income taxes, social security contributions, property taxes, value-added taxes, excises, customs duties and many more.
- A **special feature** in the 2016 publication describes tax administrations and horizontal thematic issues.

## INVOLVEMENT OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

- Countries nominate **focal points** who:
  - provide data from 1990 (or as soon afterwards as practicable).
  - collaborate with the OECD and its partners to resolve classification differences.
  - check and validate final data.
- Strong **support** and **advice** provided by OECD on the classification and data collection.
- An effective means of **capacity building** in national administrations of participating countries and opportunities of secondment at the OECD.

### Regional, international, co-operation

## PARTNERSHIPS

*Revenue Statistics in Asian and Pacific Island Countries* is jointly produced by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Centre for Tax Policy and Administration and the OECD Development Centre, with funding by the European Union and in co-operation with the Asian Development Bank.

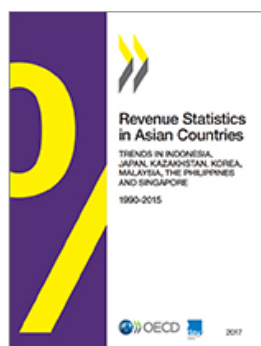
With 35 member countries, the OECD is an intergovernmental organisation that plays a key role in **strengthening international tax co-operation** in order to provide **analytical support** for the development of efficient tax systems, thereby helping to restore growth, create jobs and reduce inequalities. Its Development Centre is a forum where countries share their experience to help decision makers find policy solutions in developing and emerging economies.

Based in Manila, ADB is **owned by 67 members**, including 48 from the region. Its main instruments for helping its developing member countries are **policy dialogue**, loans, equity investments, guarantees, grants, and technical assistance.

### Global, database

## PUBLICATIONS

*Revenue Statistics in Asian and Pacific Island Countries* is an annual publication in a global series which includes four publications and a global database:



### *Asia and Pacific Island Countries*

*Revenue Statistics in Asian Countries* (4<sup>th</sup> edition, published 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017)

### *Other Revenue Statistics publications*

*Revenue Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean* (2017)

*Revenue Statistics in Africa* (2016)

*Revenue Statistics in the OECD* (2016)