Taxing Wages - Slovenia

Tax on labour income

The tax wedge is a measure of the tax on labour income, which includes the tax paid by both the employee and the employer.

**TAX WEDGE ON LABOUR INCOME**

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\text{Tax wedge} = \left( \frac{\text{Personal income tax} + \text{employee and employer social security contributions (SSCs)} - \text{Family Benefits}}{\text{Total labour costs (gross wages + employer SSCs)}} \right) 
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**Single worker**

The tax wedge for the average single worker in Slovenia increased by 0.4 percentage points from 43.2 in 2018 to 43.6 in 2019. The OECD average tax wedge in 2019 was 36.0 (2018, 36.1). In 2019 Slovenia had the 8th highest tax wedge among the 36 OECD member countries, occupying the same position in 2018.

In Slovenia, income tax and employer social security contributions combine to account for 56% of the total tax wedge, compared with 76% of the total OECD average tax wedge.

**Average tax wedge: average single worker, no children**

In Slovenia, the tax wedge for a worker with children may be lower than for a worker on the same income without children, since most OECD countries provide benefits to families with children through cash transfers and preferential tax provisions.

Slovenia had the 18th highest tax wedge in the OECD for an average married worker with two children at 28.5% in 2019, which compares with the OECD average of 26.4%. The country occupied the 22nd lowest position in 2018.

Child-related benefits and tax provisions tend to reduce the tax wedge for workers with children compared with the average single worker. In Slovenia in 2019, this reduction (15.1 percentage points) was greater than the OECD average (9.6 percentage points).

**Average tax wedge: One-earner married couple at average earnings, 2 children**

OECD Average, 36.0

OECD Average, 26.4
**Employee tax on labour income**

The employee net average tax rate is a measure of the net tax on labour income paid directly by the employee.

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**Average tax wedge over time for a single worker**

Since 2009, the tax wedge for the average single worker increased by 1.4 percentage points in Slovenia. During this same period, the tax wedge for the average single worker across the OECD increased by 0.5 percentage points.

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**Employee net average tax rate**

In Slovenia, the average single worker faced a net average tax rate of 34.5% in 2019, compared with the OECD average of 25.9%. In other words, in Slovenia the take-home pay of an average single worker, after tax and benefits, was 65.5% of their gross wage, compared with the OECD average of 74.1%.

Taking into account child related benefits and tax provisions, the employee net average tax rate for an average married worker with two children in Slovenia was reduced to 16.9% in 2019, which is the 13th highest in the OECD, and compares with 14.6% for the OECD average. This means that an average married worker with two children in Slovenia had a take-home pay, after tax and family benefits, of 83.1% of their gross wage compared to 85.4% for the OECD average.