Revenue Statistics in Africa 2020 — Equatorial Guinea

Tax revenues: tax-to-GDP ratio

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

The tax-to-GDP ratio in Equatorial Guinea¹ decreased by 0.3 percentage points from 6.6% in 2017 to 6.3% in 2018. In comparison, the average* for the 30 African countries increased by just under 0.1 percentage points over the same period, and was 16.5% in 2018. Since 2010, the average for the 30 African countries has increased by 1.4 percentage points, from 15.1% in 2010 to 16.5% in 2018. Over the same period, the tax-to-GDP ratio in Equatorial Guinea has decreased by 1.3 percentage points, from 7.6% to 6.3%. The highest tax-to-GDP ratio in Equatorial Guinea was 12.8% in 2009, with the lowest being 6.3% in 2018.

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*The Africa (30) average was 16.5% in both 2017 and 2018 due to rounding. The Africa (30) average is not available before 2009 due to missing data in some countries. In 2009, it is calculated based on estimated tax-to-GDP ratios for Chad and Nigeria in that year, as data were not available prior to 2010 in these countries.

¹ The tax-to-GDP ratio of Equatorial Guinea includes social security contributions from 2013. For previous years, the data are not available.

**Tax-to-GDP ratio, 2018**

Equatorial Guinea's¹ tax-to-GDP ratio in 2018 (6.3%) was lower than the average of the 30 African countries in Revenue Statistics in Africa 2020 (16.5%) by 10.2 percentage points and also lower than the Latin America and the Caribbean (23.1%).

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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 2020 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 Equatorial Guinea¹ in 2018 was contributed by corporate income tax (55%). The second-highest share of tax revenues in 2018 was derived from personal income tax (12%).

Non-tax revenues

In 2018, Equatorial Guinea's non-tax revenues amounted to 13.1% of GDP. This was higher than the average non-tax revenues for the 30 African countries (6.5% of GDP). Rents and royalties represented the largest share of non-tax revenues in 2018, amounting to 8.0% of GDP and 60.9% of non-tax revenues.

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Source: Revenue Statistics in Africa 2020