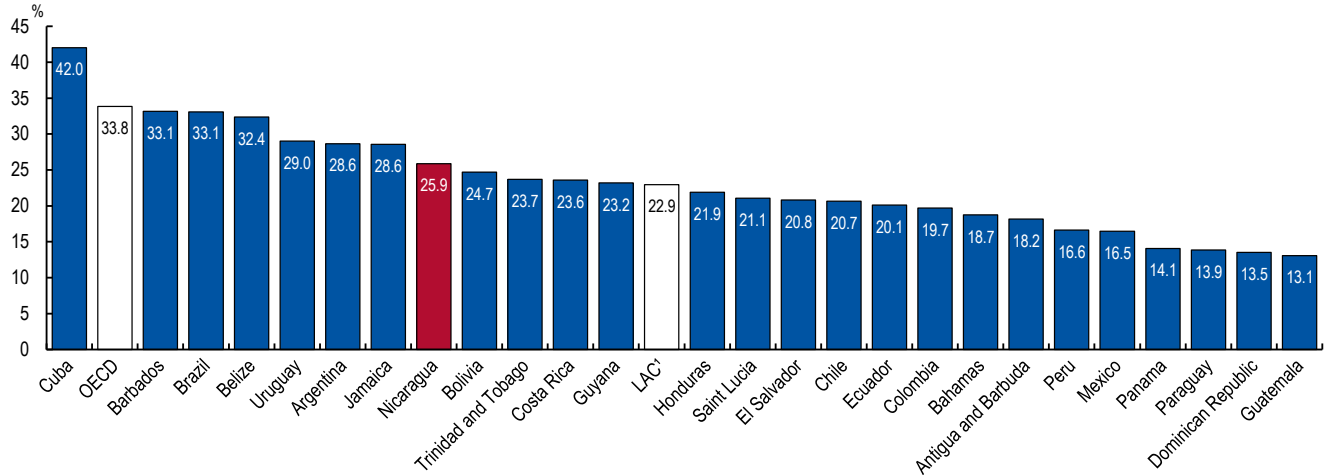


Revenue Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean 2021 - Nicaragua

Tax-to-GDP ratio

Tax-to-GDP ratio compared to other Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries and regional averages, 2019

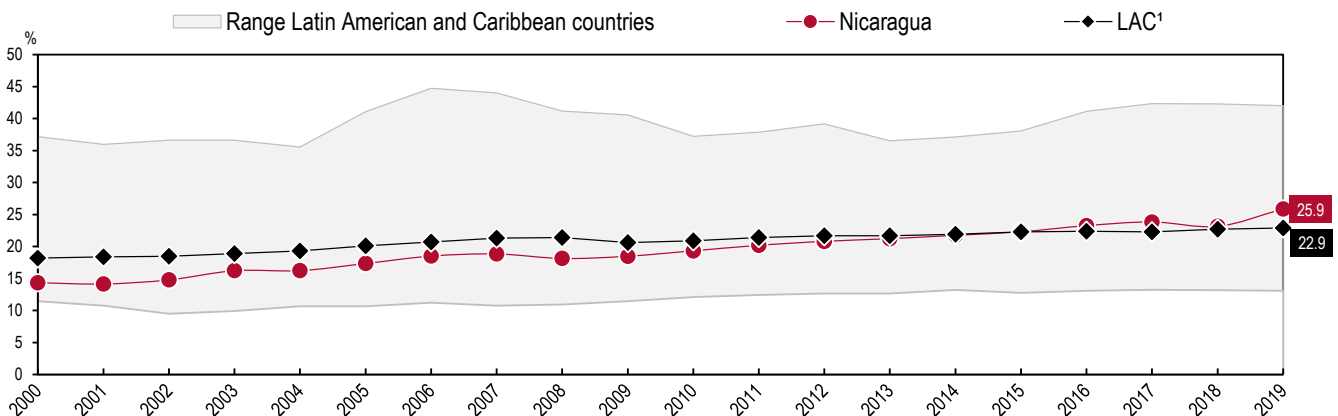
Nicaragua's tax-to-GDP ratio in 2019 (25.9%) was above the LAC average (22.9%)¹ in this year's Revenue Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean publication by 2.9 percentage points and below the OECD average (33.8%).



1. Represents the unweighted average of 26 Latin American and Caribbean countries included in this publication and excludes Venezuela due to data availability issues.

Tax-to-GDP ratio over time

The tax-to-GDP ratio in Nicaragua increased by 2.7 percentage points from 23.2% in 2018 to 25.9% in 2019. In comparison, the LAC average increased by 0.3 percentage points between 2018 and 2019 to 22.9%. Over a longer time period, the LAC average has increased by 4.7 percentage points, from 18.2% in 2000 to 22.9% in 2019, whereas over the same period the tax-to-GDP ratio in Nicaragua has increased by 11.5 percentage points, from 14.3% to 25.9%. Since 2000, the highest tax-to-GDP ratio in Nicaragua was 25.9% in 2019, and the lowest was 14.1% in 2001.



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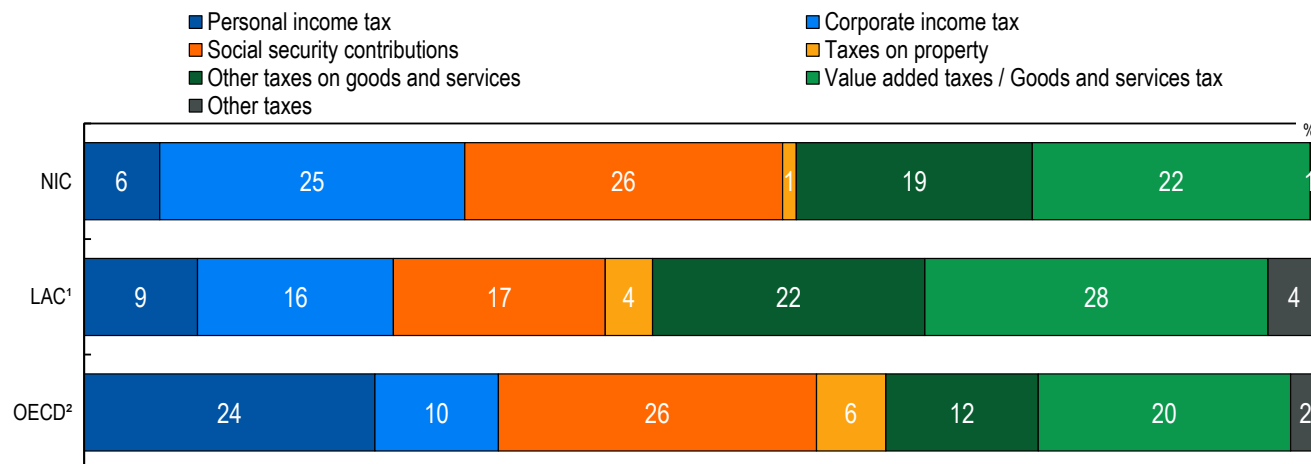
In the OECD classification the term "taxes" is confined to compulsory unrequited payments to general government. Taxes are unrequited in the sense that benefits provided by government to taxpayers are not normally in proportion to their payments. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/tax-policy/oecd-classification-taxes-interpretative-guide.pdf>



Tax structures

Tax structure compared to the regional averages

Tax structure refers to the share of each tax revenue category in total tax revenues. The highest share of tax revenues in Nicaragua in 2019 was derived from social security contributions (25.7%). The second-highest share of tax revenues in 2019 was derived from corporate income tax (24.7%).



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2. Data for 2018 are used for the OECD average as the 2019 data are not available. All figures within the chart are rounded.

Summary of the tax structure in Nicaragua

	Tax revenues in national currency			Tax structure in Nicaragua		
	Nicaraguan Cordoba, Millions			% in GDP		
	2018	2019	Δ	2018	2019	Δ
Taxes on income, profits and capital gains ¹	29 258	33 036	+ 3 778	7.1	8.0	+ 0.9
<i>of which</i>						
Personal income, profits and gains	6 780	6 561	- 219	1.6	1.6	-
Corporate income, profits and gains	22 478	26 475	+ 3 997	5.5	6.4	+ 0.9
Social security contributions	24 624	27 586	+ 2 961	6.0	6.7	+ 0.7
Taxes on property	961	1 196	+ 234	0.2	0.3	+ 0.1
Taxes on goods and services	39 815	44 608	+ 4 793	9.7	10.8	+ 1.1
<i>of which</i>						
Value added taxes / Goods and services tax	21 905	24 116	+ 2 211	5.3	5.8	+ 0.5
Taxes on specific goods and services	12 990	15 741	+ 2 752	3.2	3.8	+ 0.6
<i>of which</i>						
Excises	10 931	13 616	+ 2 685	2.7	3.3	+ 0.6
Customs and import duties	2 058	2 125	+ 66	0.5	0.5	-
Other taxes ²	798	907	+ 109	0.2	0.2	-
TOTAL	95 457	107 333	+ 11 876	23.2	25.9	+ 2.7

1. The revenue from taxes on income, profits and gains may not add up to the sum of revenue from personal income tax and corporate income tax due to revenue that could not be allocated to these categories.

2. In this country note, "other taxes" is calculated as total tax minus taxes on income, profits and capital gains, social security contributions, taxes on property and taxes on goods and services. It includes taxes on payroll and workforce, and other taxes (as defined in the OECD Interpretative Guide).

Tax revenue includes net receipts for all levels of government; figures in the table may not sum to the total indicated due to rounding.



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