Revenue Statistics in Africa 2022 — The Democratic Republic of the Congo

Tax revenues: tax-to-GDP ratio

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

The tax-to-GDP ratio in the Democratic Republic of the Congo¹ decreased by 0.4 percentage points from 7.7% in 2019 to 7.3% in 2020. In comparison, the average* for the 31 African countries within the publication 2022 has decreased by 0.2 percentage points over the same period, and was 16.0% in 2020. Since 2010, the average for the 31 African countries has increased by 1.6 percentage points, from 14.4% in 2010 to 16.0% in 2020. Over the same period, the tax-to-GDP ratio in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has decreased by 1.3 percentage points, from 8.6% to 7.3%. The highest tax-to-GDP ratio in the Democratic Republic of the Congo was 10.8% in 2012, with the lowest being 1.1% in 2000.

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**Tax-to-GDP ratio, 2020**

The Democratic Republic of the Congo's¹ tax-to-GDP ratio in 2020 (7.3%) was lower than the average of the 31 African countries in Revenue Statistics in Africa 2022 (16.0%) by 8.7 percentage points.

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1 The tax-to-GDP ratio of the Democratic Republic of Congo excludes social security contributions prior 2012 as the data are not available.

* The Africa (31) 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.

* The Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and the Asia-Pacific (28) averages refer to the respective 2022 regional publication. For more information see oe.cd/revstatslac and oe.cd/revstatsap.

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
Tax revenues: structure

Tax structure refers to the share of each tax in total tax revenues. The highest share of tax revenues in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2020 was contributed by value added taxes (VAT) (32%). The second-highest share of tax revenues in 2020 was derived from taxes on goods & services other than VAT (19%).

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Non-tax revenues

In 2020, the Democratic Republic of the Congo's non-tax revenues amounted to 2.3% of GDP. This was lower than the average non-tax revenues for the 31 African countries (6.8% of GDP). Grants represented the largest share of non-tax revenues in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2020, amounting to 1.0% of GDP and 43.9% of non-tax revenues.

Source: Revenue Statistics in Africa 2022

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