Revenue Statistics 2022 - Italy

**Tax-to-GDP ratio**

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

The OECD’s annual Revenue Statistics report found that the tax-to-GDP ratio in Italy increased by 0.6 percentage points from 42.7% in 2020 to 43.3% in 2021. Between 2020 and 2021, the OECD average increased from 33.6% to 34.1%. The tax-to-GDP ratio in Italy has increased from 40.5% in 2000 to 43.3% in 2021. Over the same period, the OECD average in 2021 was above that in 2000 (34.1% compared with 32.9%). During that period, the highest tax-to-GDP ratio in Italy was 43.8% in 2013, with the lowest being 39.0% in 2005.

**Tax-to-GDP ratio compared to the OECD, 2021**

Italy ranked 4th¹ out of 38 OECD countries in terms of the tax-to-GDP ratio in 2021. In 2021, Italy had a tax-to-GDP ratio of 43.3% compared with the OECD average of 34.1%. In 2020, Italy was ranked 3rd out of the 38 OECD countries in terms of the tax-to-GDP ratio.

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¹ In this note, the country with the highest level or share is ranked first and the country with the lowest level or share is ranked 38th.

* Australia and Japan are unable to provide provisional 2021 data, therefore their latest 2020 data are presented within this country note.

Note: In the OECD classification the term “taxes” is confined to compulsory unrequited payments to general government or to a supranational authority. Taxes are unrequited in the sense that benefits provided by government to taxpayers are not normally in proportion to their payments.
Tax structures

Tax structure compared to the OECD average, 2020

The structure of tax receipts in Italy compared with the OECD average is shown in the figure below.

Relative to the OECD average, the tax structure in Italy is characterised by:

» Higher revenues from taxes on personal income, profits & gains; social security contributions; and goods & services taxes (excluding VAT/GST).

» Equal to the OECD average from property taxes.

» A lower proportion of revenues from taxes on corporate income & gains and value-added taxes.

» No revenues from payroll taxes.

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<td>Taxes on income, profits and capital gains¹</td>
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<td>759</td>
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Tax revenue includes net receipts for all levels of government; figures in the chart and table may not sum to the total due to rounding.

¹ Includes income taxes not allocable to either personal or corporate income.

Source: OECD Revenue Statistics 2022

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