Carbon pricing in Norway

Share of greenhouse gas emissions subject to a positive price by instrument, 2018-2021

In 2021, explicit carbon prices in Norway consist of emissions trading system (ETS) permit prices and carbon taxes, which cover 80.8% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in CO$_2$e. In total, 82.9% of GHG emissions in Norway are subject to a positive Net Effective Carbon Rate (ECR) in 2021, down from 83.5% in 2018. Fuel excise taxes, an implicit form of carbon pricing, cover 26.5% of emissions in 2021, unchanged since 2018.

Note: Percentages are rounded to the first decimal place.

Average effective carbon prices by instrument, real 2021 EUR, 2018-2021

Explicit carbon prices have increased to an average of EUR 60.32 per tonne of CO$_2$e, up by EUR 22.77 (60.6%) since 2018. In 2021, fuel excise taxes amounted to EUR 33.21 on average, down by EUR 5.38 (13.9%) relative to 2018.

Note: Prices are rounded to the nearest eurocent.

Percentage change in the average Net ECR by reference price, 2018-2021

The change in carbon prices in Norway was affected by exchange rate depreciation and inflation. The average Net ECR on GHG emissions has increased by 22.8% since 2018 when measured in real 2021 euros. In real Norwegian kroner (NOK), which has depreciated relative to the euro between 2018 and 2021, the average Net ECR has increased by 30%. In nominal NOK, devalued by inflation, the average Net ECR has increased by 39.2% since 2018.
Distribution of effective carbon prices across GHG emissions, 2021

Less than 53.6% of GHG emissions have a Net ECR above EUR 60 per tonne of CO$_2$e, a mid-range estimate of current carbon costs.

![Graph showing distribution of effective carbon prices across GHG emissions, 2021.](image)

Note: Simplified for illustration (the average price for each percentile bracket is shown).

Average effective carbon prices (left axis) and GHG emissions (right axis) by sector, 2021

Net effective carbon rates are highest in the road transport sector, which accounts for 18.7% of the country's total GHG emissions. The Net ECR is positive in all sectors.

![Graph showing average effective carbon prices by sector, 2021.](image)

Want to know more?

- Which domestic policy instruments are included as carbon pricing instruments? View the background information: [www.oecd.org/tax/tax-policy/carbon-pricing-background-notes.pdf](http://www.oecd.org/tax/tax-policy/carbon-pricing-background-notes.pdf)

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