Revenue Statistics in Africa 2021 – Cabo Verde

Tax revenues: tax-to-GDP ratio

Tax-to-GDP ratio over time

The tax-to-GDP ratio in Cabo Verde decreased by 0.7 percentage points from 21.3% in 2018 to 20.6% in 2019. In comparison, the average* for the 30 African countries increased by 0.3 percentage points over the same period, and was 16.6% in 2019. Since 2010, the average for the 30 African countries has increased by 1.8 percentage points, from 14.8% in 2010 to 16.6% in 2019. Over the same period, the tax-to-GDP ratio in Cabo Verde has increased by 2.2 percentage points, from 18.4% to 20.6%. The highest tax-to-GDP ratio in Cabo Verde was 21.3% in 2018, with the lowest being 15.6% in 2000.

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 Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and the Asia-Pacific (24) averages refer to the respective 2021 regional publication. For more information see oe.cd/revenue-statistics-in-asia-and-pacific and 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 Cabo Verde in 2019 was contributed by value added taxes (VAT) (37%). The second-highest share of tax revenues in 2019 was derived from taxes on goods & services other than VAT (29%).

Non-tax revenues

In 2019, Cabo Verde’s non-tax revenues amounted to 8.2% of GDP. This was lower than the average non-tax revenues for the 30 African countries (6.3% of GDP). Grants represented the largest share of non-tax revenues in Cabo Verde in 2019, amounting to 3.1% of GDP and 38.3% of non-tax revenues.

The data for Senegal are for 2018 as the data for 2019 are incomplete.

Source: Revenue Statistics in Africa 2021