Tax-to-GDP ratio over time

The tax-to-GDP ratio in Eswatini decreased by 0.3 percentage points from 18.3% in 2019 to 18.0% 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 Eswatini has increased by 4.1 percentage points, from 13.9% to 18.0%. The highest tax-to-GDP ratio in Eswatini was 18.3% in 2019, with the lowest being 10.5% in 2001.

Tax-to-GDP ratio, 2020

Eswatini's tax-to-GDP ratio in 2020 (18.0%) was higher than the average of the 31 African countries in Revenue Statistics in Africa 2022 (16.0%) by 2.0 percentage points.

* 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 Eswatini in 2020 was contributed by personal income tax (30%). The second-highest share of tax revenues in 2020 was derived from value added taxes (VAT) (26%).

Non-tax revenues

In 2020, Eswatini’s non-tax revenues amounted to 15.1% of GDP. This was lower than the average non-tax revenues for the 31 African countries (6.8% of GDP). Miscellaneous and unidentified revenue¹ represented the largest share of non-tax revenues in Eswatini in 2020, amounting to 12.6% of GDP and 83.7% of non-tax revenues.

* The data for the OECD are for 2019 as the data for 2020 are not available.

¹ The majority of the 'Miscellaneous and unidentified revenue' category comes from the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) revenue-sharing agreement.