Revenue Statistics in Africa 2021 — Mauritania

Tax revenues: tax-to-GDP ratio

Tax-to-GDP ratio over time

The tax-to-GDP ratio in Mauritania decreased by 2.0 percentage points from 16.0% in 2018 to 14.0% 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 Mauritania has increased by 4.2 percentage points, from 9.8% to 14.0%. The highest tax-to-GDP ratio in Mauritania was 16% in 2018, with the lowest being 9.8% in 2010.

*The Africa (30) 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.

Tax-to-GDP ratio, 2019

Mauritania's tax-to-GDP ratio in 2019 (14.0%) was lower than the average of the 30 African countries in Revenue Statistics in Africa 2021 (16.6%) by 2.7 percentage points.
The data for Senegal are for 2018 as the data for 2019 are incomplete.

Source: Revenue Statistics in Africa 2021

In 2019, Mauritania’s non-tax revenues amounted to 5.5% of GDP. This was lower than the average non-tax revenues for the 30 African countries (6.3% of GDP). Rents and royalties represented the largest share of non-tax revenues in Mauritania in 2019, amounting to 3.6% of GDP and 66.9% of non-tax revenues.

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Source: Revenue Statistics in Africa 2021

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