Revenue Statistics in Africa 2023 — Rwanda

Tax revenues: tax-to-GDP ratio

Tax-to-GDP ratio over time

The tax-to-GDP ratio in Rwanda decreased by 0.1 percentage points from 17.1% in 2020 to 17.0% in 2021. In comparison, the average* for the 33 African countries within the Revenue Statistics in Africa 2023 publication has remained unchanged over the same period, and was 15.6% in 2021. Since 2010, the average for the 33 African countries has increased by 1.5 percentage points, from 14.1% in 2010 to 15.6% in 2021. Over the same period, the tax-to-GDP ratio in Rwanda has increased by 4.7 percentage points, from 12.3% to 17.0%. The highest tax-to-GDP ratio reported for Rwanda since 2000 was 17.3% in 2019, with the lowest being 8.5% in 2000.

![Graph showing tax-to-GDP ratio over time for Rwanda and Africa (33)](image)

* The Africa (33) 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, Gabon and Nigeria in that year, as data were not available prior to 2010 in these countries. Annual changes are rounded to one decimal place. Due to rounding, sums and differences of reported figures might differ from the actual values.

Tax-to-GDP ratio, 2021

Rwanda's tax-to-GDP ratio in 2021 (17.0%) was higher than the average of the 33 African countries in 2023 (15.6%) by 1.4 percentage points.

![Graph showing tax-to-GDP ratio for 2021 for Rwanda and Africa (33)](image)

* The Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and the Asia-Pacific (29) averages refer to the respective 2023 regional publications. For more information see https://oe.cd/revstatslac and https://oe.cd/revstatsap.

In the OECD classification the term “taxes” is defined as 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. For more information, see [https://www.oecd.org/tax/tax-policy/oecd-classification-taxes-interpretative-guide.pdf](https://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 Rwanda in 2021 was contributed by value added taxes (VAT) (30%). The second-highest share of tax revenues in 2021 was derived from personal income tax (22%).

Non-tax revenues

In 2021, Rwanda's non-tax revenues amounted to 8.5% of GDP. This was higher than the average non-tax revenues for the 33 African countries (5.8% of GDP). Grants¹ represented the largest share of non-tax revenues in Rwanda in 2021, amounting to 5.5% of GDP and 64.3% of non-tax revenues.

¹ Miscellaneous and unidentified revenue could not be disaggregated to allocate them to the relevant non-tax revenue categories.