Revenue Statistics in Africa 2020 — Nigeria

Tax revenues: tax-to-GDP ratio

Tax-to-GDP ratio over time

The tax-to-GDP ratio in Nigeria increased by 0.6 percentage points from 5.7% in 2017 to 6.3% in 2018. In comparison, the average* for the 30 African countries increased by just under 0.1 percentage points over the same period, and was 16.5% in 2018. Since 2010, the average for the 30 African countries has increased by 1.4 percentage points, from 15.1% in 2010 to 16.5% in 2018. Over the same period, the tax-to-GDP ratio in Nigeria has decreased by 1.0 percentage points, from 7.3% to 6.3%. The highest tax-to-GDP ratio in Nigeria was 9.6% in 2011, with the lowest being 5.3% in 2016.

The LAC average refers to the Revenue Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean 2020 publication. oe.cd/revenue-statistics-in-latin-america-and-the-caribbean

Tax-to-GDP ratio, 2018

Nigeria's tax-to-GDP ratio in 2018 (6.3%) was lower than the average of the 30 African countries in Revenue Statistics in Africa 2020 (16.5%) by 16.7 percentage points and also lower than the Latin America and the Caribbean (23.1%).

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

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Tax structure refers to the share of each tax in total tax revenues. The highest share of tax revenues in Nigeria in 2018 was contributed by corporate income tax (50%). The second-highest share of tax revenues in 2018 was derived from value added taxes (VAT) (14%).

Non-tax revenues

In 2018, Nigeria's non-tax revenues amounted to 3.1% of GDP. This was lower than the average non-tax revenues for the 30 African countries (6.5% of GDP). Rents and royalties represented the largest share of non-tax revenues in 2018, amounting to 2.0% of GDP and 66.6% of non-tax revenues.

Source: Revenue Statistics in Africa 2020