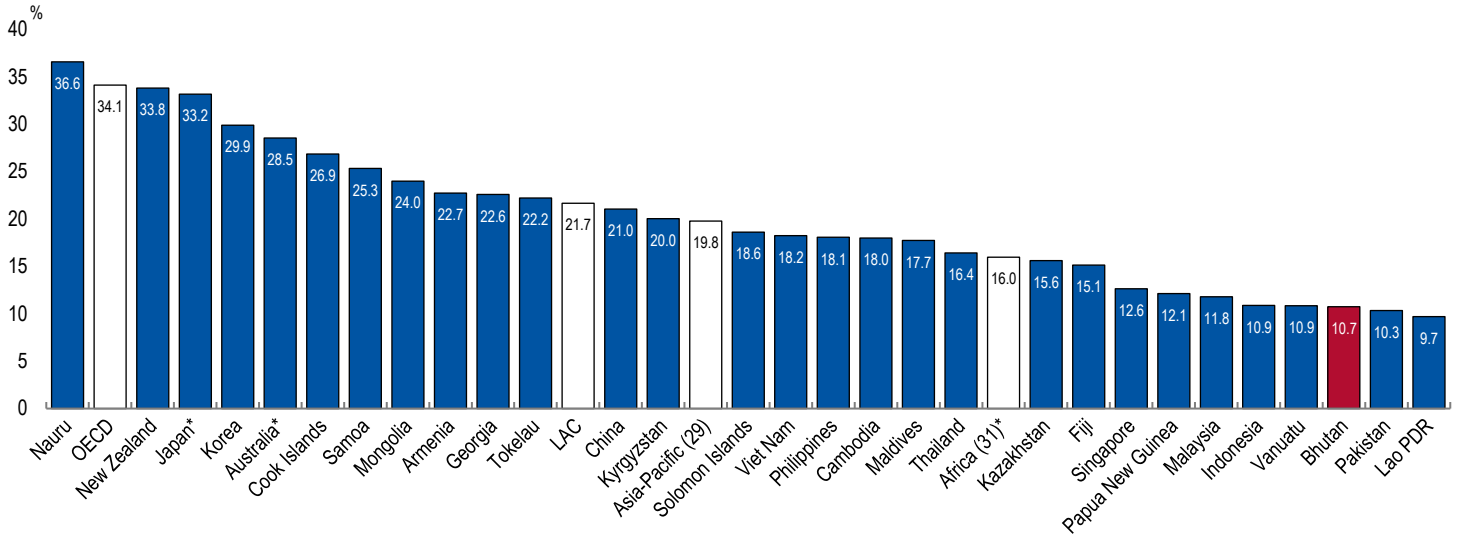


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Tax-to-GDP ratio

Tax-to-GDP ratio compared to other Asian and Pacific economies and regional averages, 2021

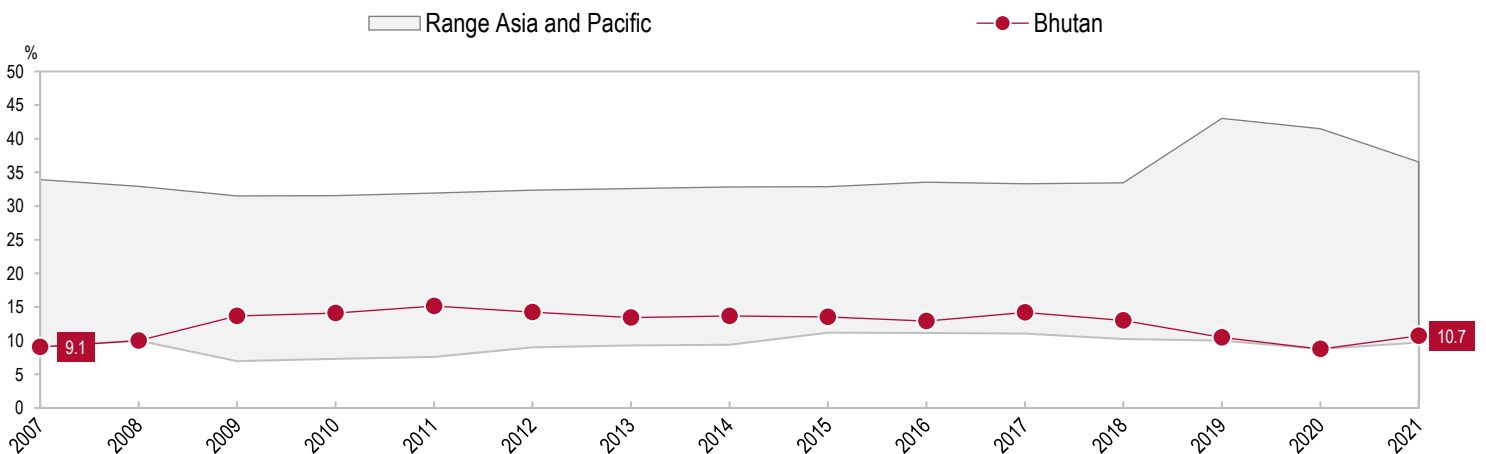
Bhutan's tax-to-GDP ratio was 10.7% in 2021, below the Asia and Pacific (29) average of 19.8% by 9.0 percentage points. It was also below the OECD average (34.1%) by 23.4 percentage points.



* Data for 2020 are shown for Australia, Japan and Africa (31) average as 2021 data are not available. Note by the ADB: The ADB recognises "Kyrgyzstan" as the "Kyrgyz Republic". LAC refers to the average for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Tax-to-GDP ratio over time

The tax-to-GDP ratio in Bhutan increased by 2.0 percentage points from 8.7% in 2020 to 10.7% in 2021. From 2007 to 2021, the tax-to-GDP ratio in Bhutan increased by 1.7 percentage points from 9.1% to 10.7%. The highest tax-to-GDP ratio in this period was 15.1% in 2011, and the lowest 8.7% in 2020.



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. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/tax-policy/oecd-classification-taxes-interpretative-guide.pdf>

Regional averages (OECD, LAC, Africa (31)) refer to the 2023 edition of Revenue Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean, and to the 2022 editions of Revenue Statistics (OECD), and Revenue Statistics in Africa. oe.cd/global-rev-stats-database

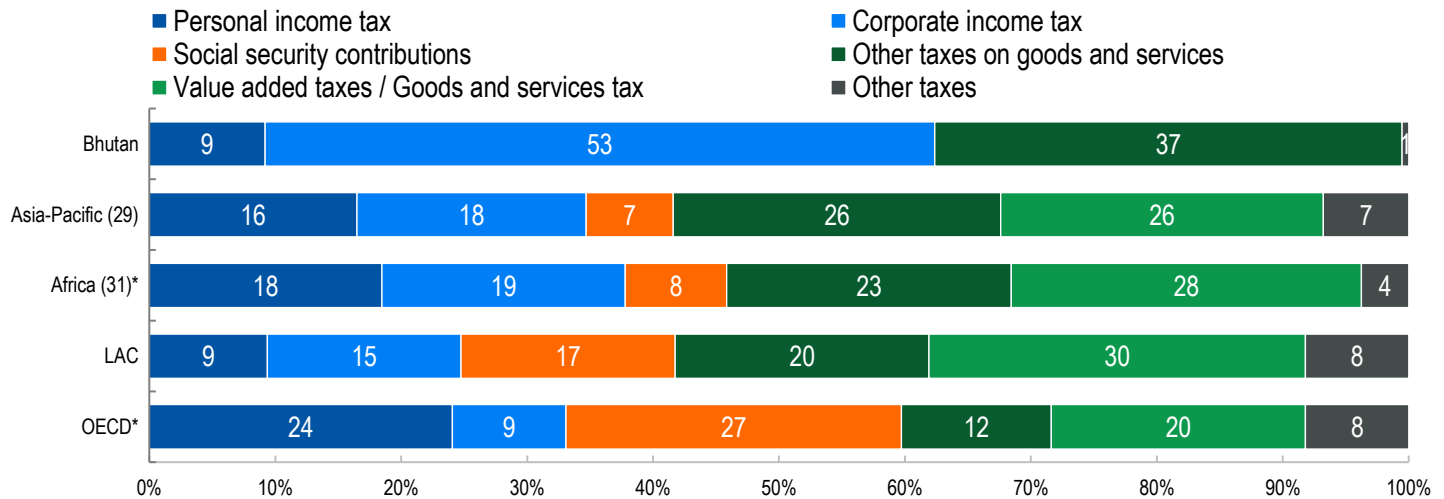


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Tax structures

Tax structure compared to the regional averages

Tax structure refers to the share of each tax in total tax revenues. The highest share of tax revenues in Bhutan in 2021 was derived from corporate income tax (53.2%). The second-highest share of tax revenues in 2021 was derived from other taxes on goods and services (37.1%).



Other taxes may include income taxes unallocable to PIT or CIT.

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Summary of the tax structure in Bhutan

	Tax revenues in local currency			Tax structure in Bhutan		
	Bhutanese ngultrum, Millions			% of GDP		
	2020	2021	Δ	2020	2021	Δ
Taxes on income, profits and capital gains	9 632	13 326	+ 3 694	5.4	6.7	+ 1.3
<i>of which</i>						
Personal income, profits and gains	1 367	1 964	+ 596	0.8	1.0	+ 0.2
Corporate income and gains	8 265	11 362	+ 3 097	4.6	5.7	+ 1.1
Social security contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Taxes on goods and services	5 983	7 930	+ 1 947	3.3	4.0	+ 0.7
<i>of which</i>						
Value added taxes / Goods and services tax	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Taxes on specific goods and services	1 494	1 898	+ 404	0.8	1.0	+ 0.2
<i>of which</i>						
Excises	342	386	+ 44	0.2	0.2	0.0
Customs and import duties	1 149	1 502	+ 354	0.6	0.8	+ 0.2
Other taxes	133	114	- 19	0.1	0.1	0.0
TOTAL	15 748	21 369	+ 5 621	8.7	10.7	+ 2.0

Tax revenue includes net receipts for all levels of government; figures in the table may not sum to the total indicated due to rounding.

In this country note, "other taxes" is calculated as total tax minus taxes on income, profits and capital gains, social security contributions and taxes on goods and services. It includes taxes on payroll and workforce, taxes on property and other taxes (as defined in the OECD Interpretative Guide).

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