

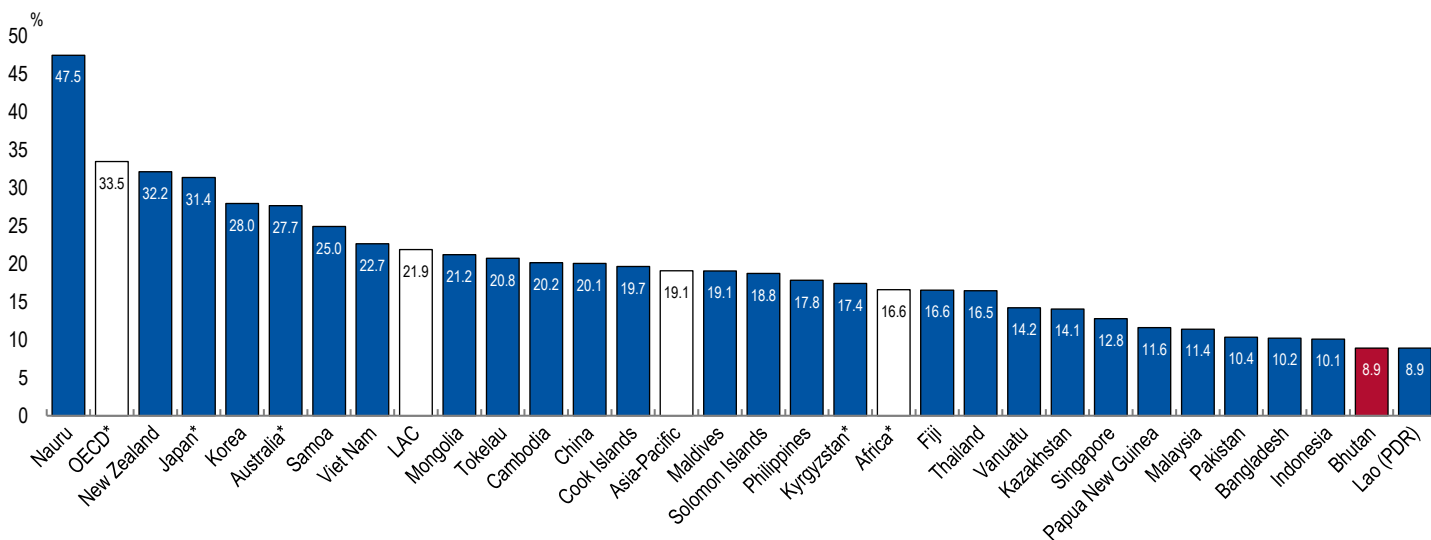


# Revenue Statistics in Asia and the Pacific 2022 – Bhutan

## Tax-to-GDP ratio

### Tax-to-GDP ratio compared to other Asian and Pacific economies and regional averages, 2020

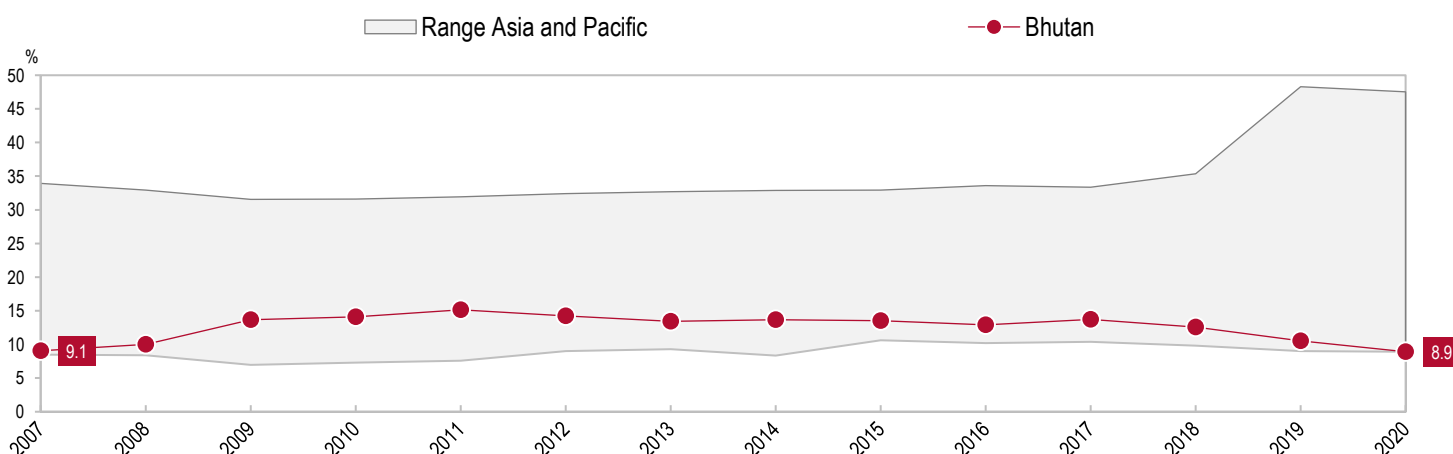
Bhutan's tax-to-GDP ratio was 8.9% in 2020, below the Asia and Pacific (28) average of 19.1% by 10.2 percentage points. It was also below the OECD average (33.5%) by 24.6 percentage points.



\* The 2019 Africa (30) average is shown. The 2020 average for Asia-Pacific (28) and the OECD is calculated using 2019 data for Australia and Japan. For Australia and Japan the 2019 data are shown as 2020 data are not available. Note by the ADB: The ADB recognises "Kyrgyzstan" as the "Kyrgyz Republic".

### Tax-to-GDP ratio over time

The tax-to-GDP ratio in Bhutan decreased by 1.6 percentage points from 10.5% in 2019 to 8.9% in 2020. From 2007 to 2020, the tax-to-GDP ratio in Bhutan decreased by 0.2 percentage points from 9.1% to 8.9%. The highest tax-to-GDP ratio in this period was 15.1% in 2011, and the lowest 8.9% 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 (30)) refer to the 2022 edition for Revenue Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean, and to the 2021 editions of the Revenue Statistics (OECD), and Revenue Statistics in Africa. [oe.cd/global-rev-stats-database](http://oe.cd/global-rev-stats-database)

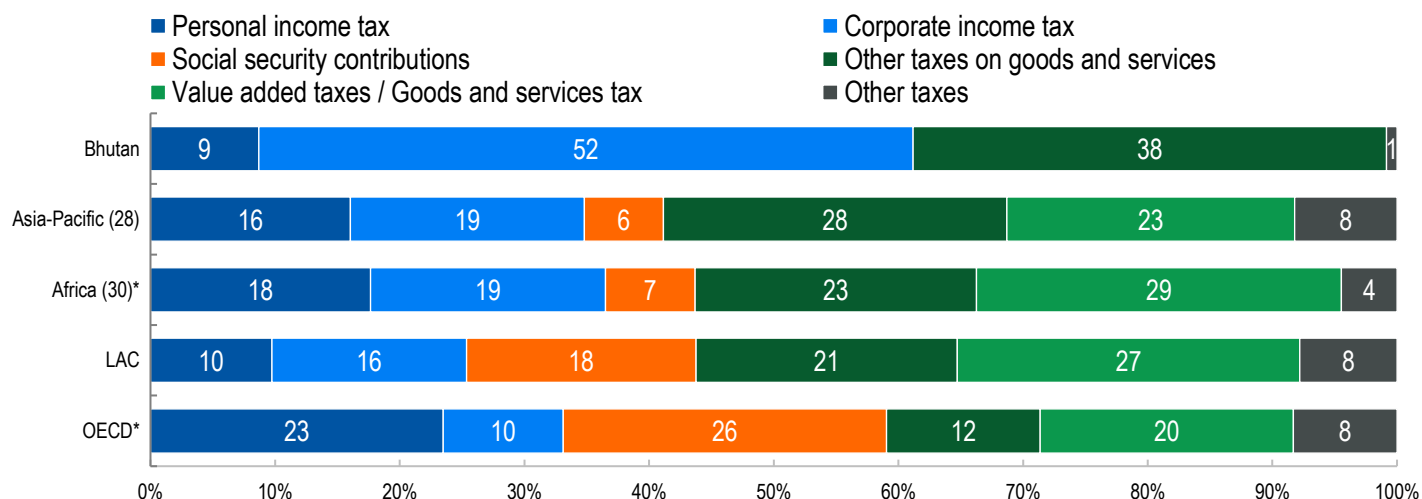


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## Tax structures

### 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 2020 was derived from corporate income tax (52.5%). The second-highest share of tax revenues in 2020 was derived from other taxes on goods and services (38.0%).



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### Summary of the tax structure in Bhutan

	Tax Revenues in national currency Bhutanese ngultrum, Millions			Tax structure in Bhutan % in GDP		
	2020	2019	Δ	2020	2019	Δ
Taxes on income, profits and capital gains	9 632	10 941	- 1 309	5.5	6.3	- 0.8
<i>of which</i>						
Personal income, profits and gains	1 367	2 291	- 923	0.8	1.3	- 0.5
Corporate income and gains	8 265	8 651	- 386	4.7	4.9	- 0.2
Social security contributions	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Taxes on goods and services	5 980	7 462	- 1 482	3.4	4.3	- 0.9
<i>of which</i>						
Value added taxes / Goods and services tax	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Taxes on specific goods and services	1 490	2 196	- 705	0.8	1.3	- 0.5
<i>of which</i>						
Excises	342	803	- 461	0.2	0.5	- 0.3
Customs and import duties	1 149	1 280	- 132	0.7	0.7	0.0
Other taxes	133	6	+ 138	0.1	0.0	+ 0.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15 744</b>	<b>18 398</b>	<b>- 2 653</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>- 1.6</b>

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).

For further information, please see: [oe.cd/revenue-statistics-in-asia-and-pacific](https://oe.cd/revenue-statistics-in-asia-and-pacific)



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