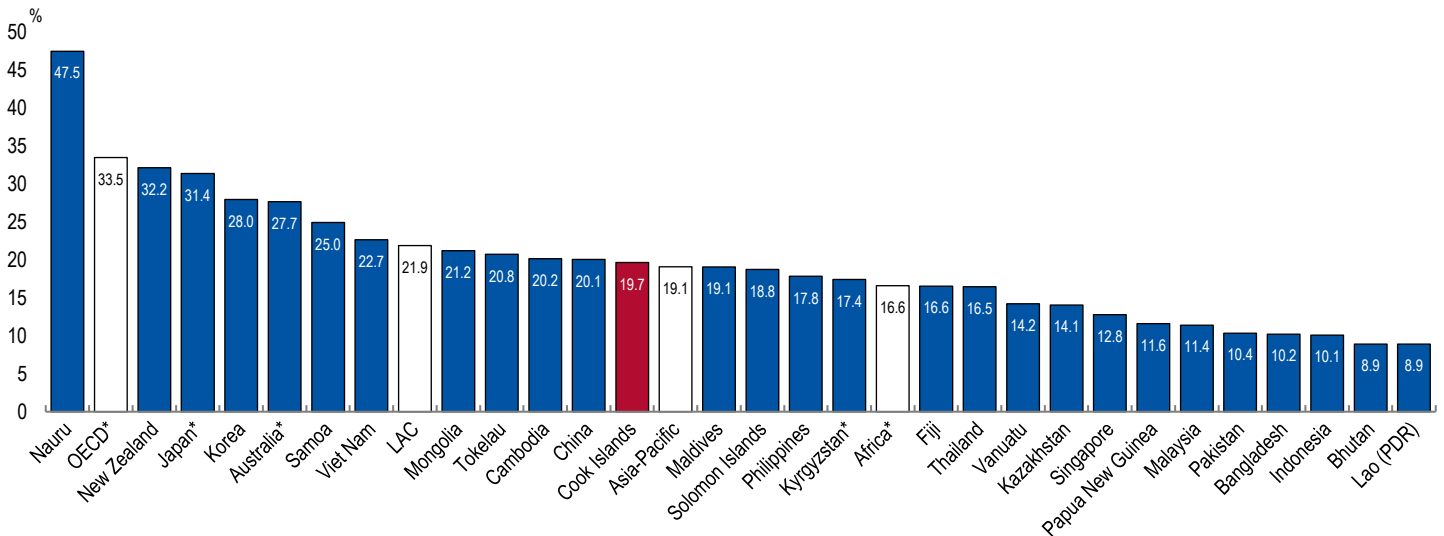


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Tax-to-GDP ratio

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

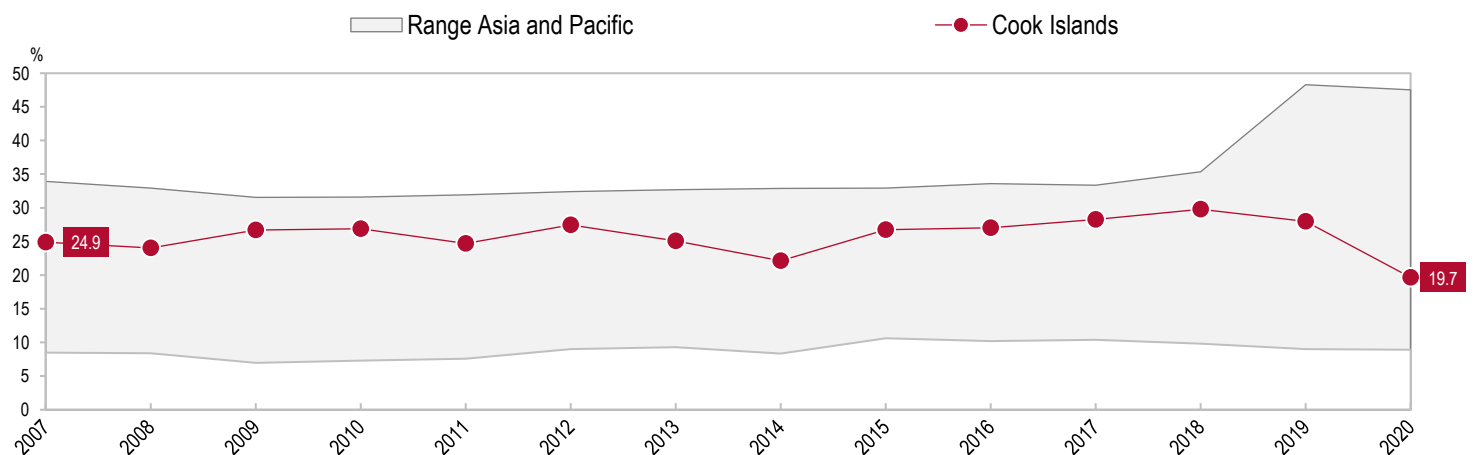
The Cook Islands' tax-to-GDP ratio was 19.7% in 2020, above the Asia and Pacific (28) average of 19.1% by 0.6 percentage points. It was below the OECD average (33.5%) by 13.8 percentage points.



* 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 the Cook Islands decreased by 8.3 percentage points from 28.0% in 2019 to 19.7% in 2020. From 2007 to 2020, the tax-to-GDP ratio in the Cook Islands decreased by 5.2 percentage points from 24.9% to 19.7%. The highest tax-to-GDP ratio in this period was 29.8% in 2018, and the lowest 19.7% 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 (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](https://www.oecd.org/global-rev-stats-database)

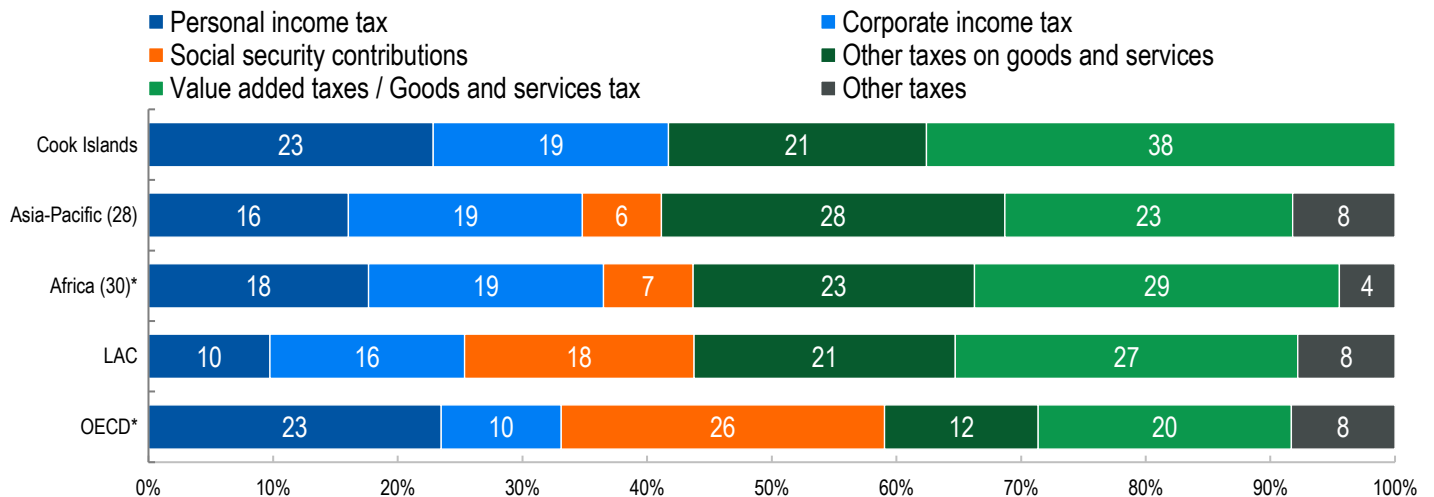


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Tax structures

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 the Cook Islands in 2020 was derived from value added taxes / goods and services tax (37.6%). The second-highest share of tax revenues in 2020 was derived from personal income tax (22.8%).



* Data for 2019 are used for the Africa (30) average. The 2019 OECD average is used as Australia and Japan 2020 data are not available.

Summary of the tax structure in the Cook Islands

	Tax Revenues in national currency New Zealand Dollar, Thousands			Tax structure in the Cook Islands % in GDP		
	2020	2019	Δ	2020	2019	Δ
Taxes on income, profits and capital gains	35 414	47 495	- 12 081	8.2	9.4	- 1.2
<i>of which</i>						
Personal income, profits and gains	19 395	30 025	- 10 629	4.5	5.9	- 1.4
Corporate income and gains	16 019	17 470	- 1 451	3.7	3.5	+ 0.2
Social security contributions	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Taxes on goods and services	49 489	93 911	- 44 423	11.5	18.6	- 7.1
<i>of which</i>						
Value added taxes / Goods and services tax	31 918	68 579	- 36 661	7.4	13.6	- 6.2
Taxes on specific goods and services	16 365	24 516	- 8 151	3.8	4.8	- 1.0
<i>of which</i>						
Excises	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Customs and import duties	13 408	15 407	- 1 999	3.1	3.0	+ 0.1
Other taxes	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	84 902	141 406	- 56 504	19.7	28.0	- 8.3

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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