

# Norway

**Table NO.1: Tax Revenue**

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Ranking 2019	Revenue 2019 (billion euros)
<b>A. Structure by type of tax</b>															
<b>as % of GDP</b>															
<b>Indirect taxes</b>	12.2	10.9	11.7	11.8	11.4	11.2	11.3	11.4	12.0	12.6	12.5	12.2	12.3		44.4
VAT	8.0	7.1	7.7	7.8	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.8	8.2	8.7	8.6	8.4	8.6		31.2
Taxes and duties on imports excluding VAT	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1		0.3
Taxes on products, except VAT and import duties	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.7		9.8
Other taxes on production	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9		3.2
<b>Direct taxes</b>	21.3	21.9	20.0	20.8	21.5	21.1	19.2	17.5	16.2	15.8	16.2	17.5	17.1		61.7
Personal income taxes	9.3	8.9	9.9	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.9	9.9	10.8	10.7	10.3	10.0	10.4		37.6
Corporate income taxes	10.8	12.0	9.0	9.9	10.7	10.3	8.3	6.6	4.5	4.1	4.9	6.5	5.8		20.7
Other	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9		3.4
<b>Social contributions</b>	8.7	8.6	9.6	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.5	9.9	10.5	10.7	10.3	10.1	10.6		38.3
Employers'	5.3	5.2	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.0	5.9	6.2		22.4
Households'	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.4		15.9
<b>Less: capital transfers (1)</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
<b>Total</b>	42.2	41.4	41.3	42.0	42.1	41.6	40.0	38.9	38.6	39.1	38.9	39.7	40.1		144.4
<b>B. Structure by level of government</b>															
<b>as % of total taxation</b>															
<b>Central government</b>	87.5	88.2	86.1	86.4	87.9	87.5	86.8	86.1	84.7	83.9	84.2	84.8	84.5		122.1
<b>State government (2)</b>	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
<b>Local government</b>	12.5	11.8	13.9	13.6	12.1	12.5	13.2	13.9	15.3	16.1	15.8	15.2	15.5		22.4
<b>Social security funds</b>	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
<b>EU institutions</b>	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
<b>C. Structure by economic function</b>															
<b>as % of GDP</b>															
<b>Consumption</b>	11.7	10.5	11.3	11.4	10.9	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.4	12.0	11.8	11.5	11.6		41.8
<b>Labour</b>	16.2	15.8	17.6	17.3	17.0	17.2	17.5	17.9	18.9	19.2	18.5	18.1	18.9		68.2
of which on income from employment	15.1	14.8	16.3	16.0	15.9	16.0	16.3	16.6	17.1	17.5	17.1	16.7	17.5		63.2
Paid by employers	5.3	5.2	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.3		22.7
Paid by employees	9.8	9.5	10.5	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.7	11.0	11.2	11.0	10.7	11.2		40.5
Paid by non-employed	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.4		5.0
<b>Capital</b>	14.2	15.1	12.4	13.2	14.1	13.6	11.7	10.1	8.3	7.8	8.7	10.2	9.6		34.5
Income of corporations	5.7	5.8	4.9	5.2	5.4	5.1	4.3	3.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.5	3.4		12.3
Income of households	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2		4.4
Income of self-employed	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0		3.5
Stock of capital	6.7	7.6	5.5	6.1	6.8	6.6	5.4	4.3	3.2	2.7	3.6	4.5	4.0		14.2

**Table NO.1: Tax Revenue** (continued)

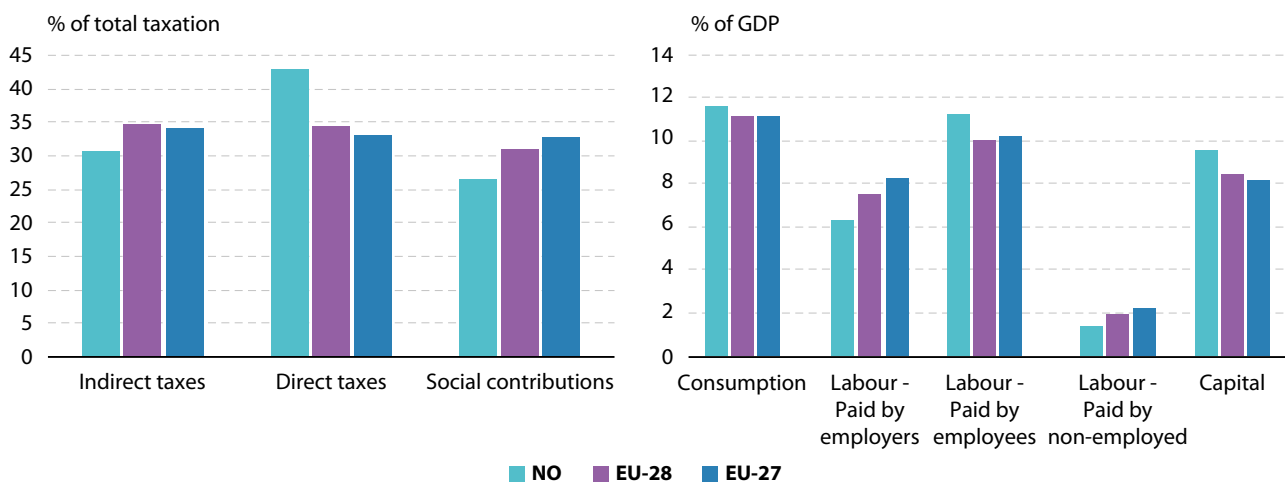
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Ranking 2019	Revenue 2019 (billion euros)
<b>D. Environmental taxes</b> <span style="float: right;">as % of GDP</span>															
<b>Environmental taxes</b>	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1		7.6
Energy	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3		4.7
of which transport fuel taxes	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	:		
Transport	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7		2.6
Pollution and resources	0.16	0.12	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08		0.3
<b>E. Property taxes</b> <span style="float: right;">as % of GDP</span>															
<b>Taxes on property</b>	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2		4.2
Recurrent taxes on immovable property	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4		1.5
Other taxes on property	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8		2.7
<b>F. Implicit tax rates</b> <span style="float: right;">%</span>															
<b>Consumption</b>	25.4	23.9	23.1	23.4	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.4	23.0	23.0	23.1	23.2	22.1		
<b>Labour</b>	35.9	35.5	35.6	36.1	36.2	36.2	36.2	36.2	35.9	35.9	36.0	35.9	35.8		
<b>G. Payable tax credits</b> <span style="float: right;">as % of GDP</span>															
<b>Total payable tax credits</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1		0.4
Tax expenditure component	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1
Transfer component	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1		0.3
<b>Total tax revenue adjusted for payable tax credits</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>40.1</b>		<b>144.4</b>

(1) Representing taxes assessed but unlikely to be collected.

(2) This level refers to the *Länder* in Austria and Germany, the *gewesten and gemeenschappen / régions et communautés* in Belgium, and the *comunidades autónomas* in Spain.

Source: European Commission, DG Taxation and Customs Union, based on Eurostat data

**Figure NO.1: Tax revenues by main taxes, 2019**  
(in % of total taxation (left graph) and in % of GDP (right graph))



Source: European Commission, DG Taxation and Customs Union, based on Eurostat data

Table NO.2: Latest tax reforms

Description of measure	Change	Date
<b>Personal income tax: Earned income</b>		
Increase the lower income limit for paying employee's social security contributions from NOK 55 000 to NOK 60 000.	Base decrease	Announcement: 07-10-2020 Legislation: 18-12-2020 In force from: 01-01-2021
Increase the rate of the minimum allowance by 1 percentage point (from 45 to 46 pct. for wage income/social security, and from 31 to 32 for pensions)	Rate decrease; base decrease	Announcement: 07-10-2020 Legislation: 18-12-2020 In force from: 01-01-2021
Reduce the bracket tax by 0.2 percentage point in brackets 1 and 2 and reduce the threshold of bracket 3 by NOK 2 600	Rate decrease	Announcement: 07-10-2020 Legislation: 18-12-2020 In force from: 01-01-2021
Max. tax-free benefit (price discount) for employees buying shares in the employer company increased from NOK 5 000 to NOK 7 500, and increase the max. discount rate from 20 to 25 pct.	Base decrease	Announcement: 07-10-2020 Legislation: 18-12-2020 In force from: 01-01-2021
Max. tax-free benefit (price discount) for employees buying shares in the employer company increased from NOK 3 000 to NOK 5 000	Base decrease	Announcement: 29-05-2020 Legislation: 19-06-2020 In force from: 23-06-2020
Further improvements of the option scheme for start-ups. Permanent change	Base decrease	Announcement: 12-05-2020 Legislation: 19-06-2020 In force from: 25-06-2020
Increase the cap on tax-exempted gifts from NOK 2 000 to NOK 5 000	Base decrease	Announcement: 07-10-2020 Legislation: 18-12-2020 In force from: 01-01-2021
<b>Personal income tax: Savings</b>		
Focus the home investment savings scheme for people below the age of 34 years (BSU) on those who do not own a home and increase the maximum annual savings from NOK 25 000 to NOK 27 500	Base increase	Announcement: 07-10-2020 Legislation: 18-12-2020 In force from: 01-01-2021
Expanded deduction scheme for investments in start ups	Base decrease	Announcement: 29-05-2020 Legislation: 15-06-2020 In force from: 15-06-2020
<b>Social security contributions: Employer</b>		
Reduced rate with 4 pct. points. 3rd term (May-June)	Rate decrease	Announcement: 12-05-2020 Legislation: 15-06-2020 In force from: 01-05-2020
<b>Corporate income tax</b>		
To prevent profit shifting a 15-pct. withholding tax is introduced on the payment of interest, royalties and rent on certain physical assets from enterprises with activities in Norway to associated enterprises in low-tax jurisdiction. The changes will enter into effect on 1 July 2021 in order to give the Tax Administration and businesses more time to prepare.	Rate increase; base increase	Announcement: 07-10-2020 Legislation: 18-12-2020 In force from: 01-07-2021
Loss carryback for companies. Losses in 2020 can be deducted against profits in 2018 and 2019	Neutral	Announcement: 13-03-2020 Legislation: 19-03-2020 In force from: 01-01-2020
Temporary initial depreciation allowances of 10 pct. on machinery and equipment	Base decrease	Announcement: 12-05-2020 Legislation: 15-06-2020 In force from: 15-06-2020
Deferred payments of CIT 2. term	Neutral	Announcement: 20-03-2020 Legislation: 21-03-2020 In force from: 15-04-2020
<b>Other corporate taxes</b>		
Convert the resource rent tax on hydropower plants into a cash flow tax (for new investments). Hydropower enterprises may immediately deduct new investment costs instead of gradually deducting these through depreciation and uplift.	Neutral	Announcement: 07-10-2020 Legislation: 18-12-2020 In force from: 01-01-2021
Temporary amendments to the Petroleum taxation act: Immediate deduction in the special tax base for certain investment costs and an increased uplift. Cash payouts for losses in 2020/2021.	Base decrease	Announcement: 12-05-2020 Legislation: 15-06-2020
<b>Value-added tax</b>		
Reduced low rate in the VAT from 12 to 6 pct. (in two steps)	Rate decrease	Announcement: 20-03-2020 Legislation: 21-03-2020 In force from: 21-03-2020

Description of measure	Change	Date
Deferred payments of VAT 1st term	Neutral	Announcement: 20-03-2020 Legislation: 21-03-2020 In force from: 14-04-2020
<b>Other excise duties</b>		
Tax rate on non-alcoholic beverages reduced by 50 pct. in real terms	Rate decrease	Announcement: 01-12-2020 Legislation: 15-12-2020 In force from: 01-01-2021
Abolish the excise duty on chocolate- and sugar products	Rate decrease	Announcement: 01-12-2020 Legislation: 15-12-2020 In force from: 01-01-2021
Further reductions in tax rates on non-alcoholic beverages: (i) Beverages only added artificial sweeteners, reduced by 30 pct.; (ii) beverages containing more than 0 to 5 grams sugar per 100 ml, reduced by 20 pct.; (iii) beverages containing more than 5 to 8 grams sugar per 100 ml, reduced by 10 pct.	Rate decrease	Announcement: 07-10-2020 Legislation: 15-12-2020 In force from: 01-07-2021
Tax rate on alcoholic beverages (i) over 0.7 up to and including 2.7 volume percent; (ii) over 2.7 up to and including 3.7 volume percent; (iii) over 3.7 up to and including 4.7 volume percent; (iiii) over 4.7 up to and including 22 volume percent, reduced by 10 pct. in real terms.	Rate decrease	Announcement: 01-12-2020 Legislation: 15-12-2020 In force from: 01-01-2021
Tax rate on snuff reduced by 25 pct. in real terms.	Rate decrease	Announcement: 01-12-2020 Legislation: 15-12-2020 In force from: 01-01-2021
Tax rate on non-alcoholic beverages reduced by 28,6 pct. in real terms	Rate decrease	Announcement: 11-06-2020 Legislation: 19-06-2020 In force from: 01-07-2020
Temporary abolishment of the air passenger and aviation tax for 2020 and 2021	Rate decrease; base decrease	Announcement: 13-03-2020 Legislation: 19-03-2020
<b>Recurrent taxes on (net) wealth</b>		
Increase in the valuation discount for shares and operating assets and associated debt from 25% to 35%	Base decrease	Announcement: 29-05-2020 Legislation: 19-06-2020 In force from: 01-01-2020
Increase in the valuation discount for shares and operating assets and associated debt from 35% to 45%	Base decrease	Announcement: 07-10-2020 Legislation: 18-12-2020 In force from: 01-01-2021
Deferred payment of net wealth tax for owners of companies with expected loss in 2020.	Neutral	Announcement: 13-03-2020 Legislation: 19-03-2020 In force from: 19-03-2020