Tax paid by country

2024





Unilever files around 450 corporate income tax returns each year. Within the Income Statement of our Annual Report and Accounts, we provide our Group tax charge with accompanying analysis and narrative in the tax note (note 6) to further explain the tax figures in the Income Statement and the Balance Sheet. The table below focuses on the tax paid figure which is in the cash flow statement.

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Tax paid vs tax charge

The 2024 cash tax paid figure of $\[\]$ 2,625m is higher than the tax charge figure in the income statement of $\[\]$ 2,500m.

Tax payments relating to a particular year's profits will typically be due partly in the current year and partly in the following year, so the 2024 tax paid figure includes payments relating to both 2024 and 2023.

The cash tax paid figure for a particular year also frequently includes amounts relating to earlier periods on settlement of issues with tax authorities. These could be either additional payments or refunds.

Where countries show no tax paid this is generally because they have made a loss either in the current period or in previous periods and the local tax legislation allows for offset of brought forward losses against profits of later years. This can also be due to timing differences (see below). There are also some rare cases, such as the United Arab Emirates in 2024, where countries do not have corporation tax.

The tax charge in the income statement includes both current tax and deferred tax, which is an accounting adjustment arising from timing differences. These timing differences occur when an item has to be included in the financial statements in one year but is required by law to be taxed/deducted for tax in another year.

Tax paid by country 2024

		CORPORATE TAX PAID (EUR m)	тот	AL TAX CONTRIBU	TION (EUR m)		OPERATIONS IN COUNTRY			,
	Country	Corporate tax paid (inc. withholding tax)	Total taxes borne	Total taxes collected	Total tax contributed	Average number of employees	Factory	Sales	R&D	Business Group HQ
1	Algeria	4	8	6	14	299	***	4		
2	Argentina	50	140	181	321	3,259	##			
3	Australia	23	30	43	73	1,040	##			
4	Austria	2	7	9	16	160				
5	Bahrain	0	0	0	0	53				
6	Bangladesh	40	76	45	121	1,321	***			
7	Belgium	7	22	26	48	252		4		
8	Bolivia	2	3	3	6	224				
9	Brazil	164	568	662	1,230	11,486		4		
10	Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	142	***			
11	Cambodia	12	13	6	20	144	##			
12	Canada	7	18	61	79	1,050				
13	Chile	11	14	18	32	597	***			
14	China	120	223	226	448	7,017	***		- 📆 -	
15	Colombia	32	45	66	111	1,645				
16	Costa Rica	17	26	7	33	547		4		
17	Cote d'Ivoire	3	8	3	10	172		4		
18	Croatia	0	0	0	0	20	***			
19	Cuba	0	1	0	1	4				
20	Cyprus	0	1	3	4	35	***			

The withholding tax is shown in the paying countries' figures as this is the tax authority which receives the money.

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		CORPORATE TAX PAID (EUR m)	TOTAL TAX CONTRIBUTION (EUR m)				OPERATIONS IN COUNTRY			
	Country	Corporate tax paid (inc. withholding tax)	Total taxes borne	Total taxes collected	Total tax contributed	Average number of employees	Factory	Sales	R&D	Business Group HQ
21	Czech Republic	1	6	10	17	262		4		
22	Denmark	2	14	18	32	188				
23	Dominican Republic	1	5	6	11	49				
24	Ecuador	17	21	18	39	615	***	4		
25	Egypt	4	10	11	22	1,308	***	4		
26	El Salvador	9	11	35	46	515	##	4		
27	Estonia	0	0	3	3	15				
28	Ethiopia	13	17	3	20	319				
29	Finland	0	1	8	9	94				
30	France	20	82	238	320	1,720				
31	Germany	4	62	66	127	2,854		4		
32	Ghana	4	15	6	21	252	***			
33	Greece	(4)	4	11	15	459	##			
34	Guatemala	6	6	4	11	75				
35	Honduras	2	3	4	7	66				
36	Hong Kong	5	5	0	5	149				
37	Hungary	5	20	18	38	1,182	***			
38	India	378	428	735	1,163	20,667			- 🕁 -	
39	Indonesia	100	114	114	228	5,128	***			
40	Iran	8	8	5	14	281	****			

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41	Ireland	5	7	22	28	132				
42	Israel	7	15	54	70	1,806	***			
43	Italy	1	37	147	184	2,087	***	4		
44	Japan	11	15	17	32	419	##			
45	Kazakhstan	(0)	1	0	1	26				
46	Kenya	2	8	5	13	422	***			
47	Laos	4	5	2	6	50				
48	Latvia	0	0	3	4	31				
49	Lithuania	1	1	6	7	136	****	4		
50	Malawi	0	0	0	0	0				
51	Malaysia	15	21	2	23	390		4		
52	Mexico	161	203	(6)	197	7,525				
53	Morocco	0	2	6	8	109				
54	Myanmar	2	3	5	8	816	<u></u>			
55	Nepal	3	9	4	13	235				
56	Netherlands	227	302	161	463	2,724	***		- 🕁 -	
57	New Zealand	5	6	7	13	71				
58	Nicaragua	4	7	6	13	62		4		
59	Niger	0	0	0	0	0				
60	Nigeria	2	6	3	9	602		4		

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61	Norway	0	1	7	8	24		4		
62	Oman	0	0	0	1	94				
63	Pakistan	75	83	94	177	1,728	##			
64	Panama	1	3	2	5	48				
65	Paraguay	4	5	2	6	100				
66	Peru	5	6	11	17	91				
67	Philippines	98	114	101	215	1,924	==			
68	Poland	(10)	9	(17)	(7)	2,540	==			
69	Puerto Rico	8	9	0	9	16				
70	Romania	4	7	24	30	1,459				
71	Russia	21	34	44	78	1,316	***			
72	Saudi Arabia	7	22	10	32	322	***			
73	Serbia	0	0	0	0	5				
74	Singapore	11	17	(5)	12	527				
75	Slovakia	2	4	18	22	87				
76	South Africa	38	47	55	102	2,534		4		
77	South Korea	12	15	4	18	258				
78	Spain	2	19	77	96	651	***			
79	Sri Lanka	11	26	24	49	872	***			
80	Sweden	(1)	11	46	58	369				

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81	Switzerland	225	239	20	259	530	***	4		
82	Taiwan	4	6	3	9	377				
83	Tanzania	(0)	(0)	0	(0)	0				
84	Thailand	85	89	81	171	2,949				
85	Trinidad and Tobago	1	1	1	2	31				
86	Tunisia	1	3	2	5	193	<u></u>			
87	Turkey	33	56	92	148	2,454	<u></u>	4		
88	UAE	0	3	4	6	689		4		
89	Uganda	4	6	4	9	29		4		
90	Ukraine	1	2	2	4	91				
91	United Kingdom	4	115	164	279	6,706			- 🖫 -	
92	United States of America	386	498	355	853	9,376		4	-``	<u> </u>
93	Uruguay	9	10	9	19	92				
94	Venezuela	2	17	5	22	226	<u></u>			
95	Vietnam	56	60	43	103	1,504	<u></u>	4		
96	Zimbabwe	1	2	1	3	27		4		

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UK and Netherlands tax paid

As can be seen from the Table of taxes, both the Netherlands and the UK have an operating business (factory, sales) and R&D centres, as well as being home to the Business Group headquarters of the Unilever group. The headquarters of Unilever's Nutrition and Ice Cream Business Groups are based in the Netherlands and the Home Care and Personal Care Business Groups are headquartered in the UK. The Beauty & Wellbeing Business Group is based partly in the US and partly in the UK.

In the UK there was a significant reduction in taxable profits in 2024, mainly due to increased interest costs, residual central group costs, and utilisation of losses brought forward, resulting in lower tax payments.

Corporate income tax paid in the Netherlands in 2024 is at a similar level to 2023. Both years include payments related to the year itself and earlier years. Additionally, 2024 cash tax includes an element connected to (taxed) pension refunds.



Negative taxes collected

The taxes collected figure is negative tax for Mexico as a result of higher creditable VAT on purchases of raw materials taxed at 16% and the sale of certain products at 0% VAT.

The taxes collected figure for Poland is negative due to refunds of VAT received from the Polish tax authorities in 2024. Our products sold in Poland are taxed at a mix of VAT rates (23%, 8%, 5%) whilst input costs are at the standard 23% rate, resulting in large VAT balances to be refunded.

The taxes collected figure for Singapore is negative due to GST refunds received from the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore in 2024. The majority of the goods and services supplied by UAPL are exported with 0% GST whilst most of the goods and services procured locally are subject to GST at the standard rate of 9% in 2024, 8% in 2023, and 7% prior to 2023, resulting in a net GST refundable position.

