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## 2020 GOVERNMENT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

### GOVERNMENT POSTS A 9.4 TRILLION WON SURPLUS FOR 2020

The government ran a 9.4 trillion won surplus in 2020, which reflects 2.3 trillion won expenditures carried over to 2021. The general and special accounts revenues amounted to 465.5 trillion won, and expenditures amounted to 453.8 trillion won.

#### 2020 Revenues and Expenditures

(trillion won)

	Revenue Target (A)	Revenues (B)	Revenue Surplus (B-A)	Spending (C)	Surplus (B-C)	Spending Transferred (D)	Balance (B-C-D)	Unused
Total	460.0	465.5	5.5	453.8	11.7	2.3	9.4	6.6
-General accounts	389.1	392.4	3.2	385.2	7.1	1.4	5.7	3.8
-Special accounts	70.8	73.1	2.3	68.6	4.5	0.9	3.6	2.9

Total revenues amounted to 465.5 trillion won, an increase of 63.5 trillion won from the previous year and 5.5 trillion won more than the revenue target. The general account revenues amounted to 392.4 trillion won, exceeding the target by 3.2 trillion won (0.8 percent)<sup>1</sup>. The special account revenues totaled 73.1 trillion won, going beyond the target by 2.3 trillion won (3.2 percent)<sup>2</sup>.

#### 2020 Revenues

(trillion won)

	2019 Tax Revenues	2020 Tax Revenues				2019 Nontax Revenues	2020 Nontax Revenues				Total Revenues	
		Target (A)	Revenues (B)	Difference from 2019 (C)	Difference from Target (B-A, D)		Target (E)	Revenues (F)	Difference from 2019 (G)	Difference from Target (F-E, H)	Difference from 2019 (G+C)	Difference from Target (H+D)
Total	293.5	279.7	285.5	-7.9	5.8	108.5	180.3	180.0	71.4	-0.3	63.5	5.5
-General accounts	286.0	271.9	276.3	-9.8	4.4	46.2	117.2	116.1	69.9	-1.2	60.1	3.2
-Special accounts	7.4	7.8	9.3	1.8	1.4	62.3	63.0	63.9	1.5	0.9	3.4	2.3

A total of 453.8 trillion won (98.1%)<sup>3</sup> was spent out of the 462.8 trillion won spending target<sup>4</sup>, expenditures rising 5.6 trillion won from the previous year.

<sup>1</sup> National tax revenues (+4.4 trillion won): income tax (+4.6 trillion won), stock transaction tax (+3.8 trillion won), inheritance and gift tax (+2.0 trillion won), corporate tax (-3.0 trillion won) and others

Non-tax revenues (-1.2 trillion won): withholding taxes and contributions (-1.2 trillion won), penalties (-0.4 trillion won), transferred from the previous year (1.3 trillion won) and others

<sup>2</sup> National tax revenues (+1.4 trillion won): liquor tax (-0.2 trillion won) and special tax for rural development (+1.6 trillion won)

Non-tax revenues (+0.9 trillion won): transferred from the previous year (1.5 trillion won), revenues from postal services (-0.4 trillion won) and others

<sup>3</sup> 385.2 trillion won in general accounts (98.7% to the target of 390.4 trillion won) + 68.6 trillion won in special accounts (94.8% to the target of 72.4 trillion won)

<sup>4</sup> 462.8 trillion won = 460.0 trillion won (2020 budget spending) + 2.8 trillion won (transferred from 2019)

Out of the 9.4 trillion won surpluses of 2020, general account surpluses worth 5.7 trillion won will be used, under Article 90 of the National Finance Act, to pay subsidies to local governments, finance public funds and supplementary budgets, and repay government debt.

A total of 6.6 trillion won<sup>5</sup>, 1.4 percent of the spending target, was left unused in 2020, a decrease of 1.3 trillion won from the previous year and the smallest amount since the government launched its budget information system, d-brain, in 2007.

Amount Left Unused, 2016 - 2020

*(trillion won)*

	2007-2015 Average	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Average for most recent 3 years
Total (% to spending target)	8.7 (3.1)	11.0 (3.2)	7.1 (2.0)	8.6 (2.3)	7.9 (1.9)	6.6 (1.4)	7.7 (1.9)

Based on the 2020 revenues and expenditures, the government will work on the 2020 national financial statement and submit it to the National Assembly by the end of May.

<sup>5</sup> 6.6 trillion won = 462.8 trillion won (spending target) - 453.8 trillion won (total spending) - 2.3 trillion won (transferred to 2021)  
6.6 trillion won = 3.8 trillion won in general accounts + 2.9 trillion won in special accounts