



Governance of Tax Institutions and Its Impact on Reducing Tax Evasion and Its Reflection on Tax Revenue: An Applied Study at the Iraqi General Tax Authority for the Period 2016–2025

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Abstract: The research aims Search to study effect Governance Institutions tax in Limit from Evasion tax and reflection that on more The outcome Taxation, from during study Applied on Authority public For taxes Iraqi For the period 2016–2025. Start Search from Two hypotheses Two main points : the first It benefits With the presence relationship Positive between quality Governance and limit from Evasion tax, The second It indicates to that to improve Governance Contributes in more Revenue Tax. Approved. Search on Curriculum Descriptive Analytical, Using Data Statistics For the result tax and reports The Authority addition to Surveys Interviews with employees And those obligated. And it was done analysis Data In style decline linear Relations Statistics Test The hypotheses showed Results that there impact positively and tangible For governance on Limit from Evasion tax, where Contributed elements Transparency and accountability and efficiency Organizational in to improve Performance tax For the Authority, And raised The outcome Annual For taxes. Also She showed the study that gaps in application Standards Governance Affect negatively on collection Revenue. Finished. Search to necessity Strengthening Organized censorship Interior, and application Technology Digital in procedures collection Taxes, and development Programs Training For employees Authority To promote Transparency And accountability, to side to improve legislation tax and increase Awareness between Those obligated. And they submitted This is amazing Results Contribution whatever in to understand relationship between Governance Institutions tax and effectiveness Revenue tax in Iraq.

Keywords: Governance Institutions, Tax Evasion, Tax Revenue, Tax Authority Public for Taxes Iraq.

Introduction

Taxes play role pivotal in finance State and investigation Development Economic And social, so Represents Source President For revenues public that He managed governments from presentation Services Basic Implementation Projects Developmental (Arimoro & Musa, 2025). And with that, Faces Institutions tax Challenges large in practical collection Revenues, The most prominent of them Evasion tax, that Forms loss large For resources Finance And limits from capacity State on performance Its tasks (Olasunkanmi et al, 2025). It is considered Governance Institutions tax One Tools Effective To limit from This is amazing The phenomenon, where focus on Strengthening Transparency and accountability

and efficiency in administration Resources and procedures Taxation (Birdayanthi et al, 2025). This consists of importance Governance in situation Policies Clear, Guarantee Commitment By laws And the regulations, and improving censorship Interior, In what Contributes in reduction Opportunities corruption bad Administration, Therefore Limit from Evasion Tax (Hinterleitner et al, 2024). Based on This is amazing the study to hypothesis Its meaning that Strengthening Governance Authority public For taxes Iraqi Contributes in reduction Rates Evasion tax, And reflects that positively on to rise The outcome Tax (Qasim Almosawi& Wahaib,2024). As well. It aims the study to analysis Period (2016–2025) for evaluation bezel effectiveness procedures and policies Approved, Presentation Recommendations practical To promote efficiency Performance Tax (Bristol-Alagbariya et al, 2022). And he earns Search Its importance from Being He treats One Most prominent Challenges Economic that Faces Iraq, It targets presentation Visions Scientific and strategy Contributes in to improve Performance institutional and financial For the Authority public For taxes, In what Enhances Justice tax And it increases from efficiency Resources The general public.

Research Methodology

Research Problem

Form problem Evasion tax challenge Mainly before investigation Revenue public in Iraq, so Reflected In a way direct on capacity State on finance Her projects development Services The basics. And despite efforts exerted from before Authority public For taxes Iraqi To obtain Taxes and increase outcome The state, unless that Rates Evasion tax no Still High relatively, what It indicates to presence failure in mechanisms Administration and censorship Interior weakness application Standards Governance Institutional. This is attributed to This is amazing The problem to several Factors The most prominent of them absence Transparency The complete in procedures Taxation, weakness accountability in performance Employees, loss Training and rehabilitation To keep up Changes Economic And not adequacy Use Technology Modern in tracking Those in charge and verification from Their declarations Tax. Addition to that, Contributes gaps Legislative and lack Awareness tax I have Those in charge in Facilitation Evasion, what leads to loss resources Finance Important She was maybe Investing in it in Development Economic And social. And from here Sources importance study effect Governance Institutions tax in Limit from Evasion tax, Analysis reflection to improve levels Governance on more The outcome Taxation,

Importance of the research

It manifests importance this Search in Being He treats One Challenges Economic Home that Faces State Iraqi, And represented in Evasion tax and its reflection negative on Revenue The general public. Because It is considered Taxes Source Basic To finance Projects development Services The general public, And it affects weakness Governance in Institutions tax In a way direct on efficiency Acquisition Financial. And he seeks Search to Highlight relationship between application Standards Governance in Authority public For

taxes And the ability on Limit from Evasion tax, Therefore Strengthening outcome State from Resources Finance. Also Contributes Search in presentation Visions Scientific and strategy Contributes in to improve Performance Institutional, from during Strengthening Transparency and accountability and efficiency in administration procedures Tax. And he earns Search importance practical also, where maybe that Helps Manufacturers decision in situation Policies Effective To develop Organized censorship Interior, and improving Programs training For employees In what Enhances Justice tax And it increases from Revenues.

Research Objectives

It aims this Search to study effect Governance Institutions tax in Limit from Evasion tax and investigation more tangible in The outcome Taxation, from during the focus on Authority public For taxes Iraqi For the period 2016–2025. It is represented Goals President For research in clarification relationship between quality Governance and effectiveness procedures Taxation, and statement bezel impact Transparency and accountability and efficiency Organizational on reduction lineage Evasion Tax. As well Seeks Search to analysis reflection to improve Organized Governance on Revenue Taxation, That's from during study Data Statistics and reports The Authority addition to evaluation Experiments The process and applied For policies tax The method followed. The aim is Search also to identification on gaps Current in Administration Taxation, whether from where legislation or Awareness or Use Technology, Work on presentation Recommendations practical To promote Performance Institutional. As well. Seeks Search to presentation contribution scientific maybe Benefit From him in Drafting Policies tax more effectiveness,

Research Hypothesis

The research is based on the following hypothesis: improvement Governance Institutions tax in Authority public For taxes Iraqi Contributes In a way positive and tangible in Limit from Evasion tax, And he performs to more The outcome tax during The period 2016–2025.

Research population and sample:

It consists community Search from all Directorates affiliated For the Authority public For taxes Iraqi For the period 2016–2025, Which Represents Units Executive The responsible on collection Revenue tax And follow Commitment tax For those obligated to pay taxes. This includes This is amazing Directorates all Departments Sub The concerned Upon closer examination, censorship, And the collection tax, Which Make it Source Main For data Related In summary tax and indicators Evasion tax, addition to application Standards Governance in the job Institutional. As for sample Research, Lost It was completed Her choice In a way comprehensive per Directorates affiliated For the Authority during period The aforementioned, With the aim study relationship between quality Governance Institutional and limit from Evasion tax, and reflection that on The outcome Taxation. It depends Search on Data Finance And the statistics Official Issued on This is amazing

Directorates, with Use Methods Statistics analytical Study effect Governance on Performance tax Don The need to Surveys or Interviews .

The Theoretical Aspect of the Research

The concept and importance of governance Institutions Taxation:

It is considered Governance Institutions tax Part from Governance public that It aims to Strengthening Transparency and accountability in a job Institutions The general public, and improving administration Resources Finance For the state. Governance tax include situation Policies Clear, to implement procedures Effective For collection tax, Guarantee Commitment By laws and regulations In it, Which Reduces from Opportunities Evasion tax and corruption Administrative. And it depends This is amazing Governance on framework from Principles Administrative like Justice, Efficiency, And accountability, Which It aims to improve performance The Foundation and strengthening trust in charge By system Tax (Gilder, 2020).

Governance Institutions tax importance manifests in Her ability on to lift efficiency collection Revenue and strengthening Justice Taxation. Because It indicates Studies to that application Standards Governance Reduces from gap Revenue tax And it Increases from commitment Those in charge By paying Taxes, as Enhances Transparency in distribution burden Tax. In addition. to that, It works Governance on to improve censorship Interior in Institutions tax and development procedures Operational, what leads to reduction cases Evasion Tax (Alfred) (Zloty, 2019).

Include Governance Institutions tax also Use Technology Modern in collection Data tax Monitoring Obligations, where Contributes Systems Digital in Strengthening Accuracy and reduce Mistakes Humanity, In addition to tracking Those in charge In a way Ongoing. From during digitization maybe analysis behavior Those in charge and recognition on Risks potential To evade, what Enhances capacity Authority on Taking procedures Preventive and improvement In a way fast And effective (Klaus et al, 2021).

It is considered accountability and transparency from Most important elements Governance Institutions Taxation, where impose accountability on employees Commitment By laws and application procedures In a way fair, while Allows Transparency For those obligated to pay taxes examining on Rights and duties Taxation, Which Reduces from Conflicts And it increases from trust between Those in charge The authority confirms Studies that absence This is amazing elements leads to weakness Performance tax Height Rates Evasion (Jenkins, 2020).

Play Governance Institutions tax role strategically in to support Stability Financial For the state. Since that Strengthening Efficiency and transparency in collection Taxes Guarantees flow Resources Finance Necessary For spending The year, And reduces Accreditation on Borrowing or returns Oil, Which Enhances from Sustainability Finance. Also that Governance Contributes in building system My tax flexible able on Adaptation with Changes Economic and pressures social, In what Reflected positively on Development Economic (Bird, 2021).

It is considered Governance Institutions tax tool To reduce corruption Administrative And financial, where challenge from Exploitation Personal For jobs And strengthen application Standards Ethics Professionalism in the job Tax. As well Help Governance on to improve performance employees from during situation Indicators measurement Performance and rewards on Commitment By laws And the results The investigator Which Raise from level Efficiency Institutional And it guarantees investigation Goals collection Revenue (Forlorn, 2022).

The concept of evasion tax Its impact in The outcome Taxation :

Evasion tax its knows on that it group Actions that He does In it The assigned To avoid to push part or complete Obligations tax The scheduled Legally, whether In ways not Legitimate or from during hide Information Finance The truth. Includes Evasion tax non Report on Income Completely, amplification Discounts, or Use companies fake to hide Profits. It is considered Evasion tax One Most important Challenges that Faces Systems Finance around the world, where leads to loss Resources Necessary For spending Year And weakens capacity State on finance Her projects Developmental (Sherrod & Weber, 2019).

Produces on Evasion tax decrease marked in The outcome Taxation, He is what obstructs stability Budget public And it increases from The need to Borrowing or Accreditation on sources not stable For revenue. Also leads Evasion to create nonequivalent between Those responsible, so He endures The committed taxpayers burden greater To compensate losses resulting on Evasion, Which Weakens Justice tax And it affects negatively on trust in order Tax (Polar, 2020: 54).

There are many Reasons Evasion tax, And include Complexity in legislation Taxation, weakness censorship, and absence Transparency, In addition to decrease Awareness tax I have Those obligated. And they Showed Studies that presence system My tax not clear or difficult The app He increases from Opportunities Evasion, as that weakness censorship Interior And not adequacy Resources Humanity and technology I have Authorities tax Contributes In a way big in more Rates Evasion tax, what Reflected directly on decrease The outcome (Pleven et al, 2020).

Maybe to evade tax that Effects on The outcome tax In ways not directly also, so leads to reduction capacity the government on finance Projects public Services Basic, like health Education And the structure Infrastructure, what creates gaps Economic And social. As well. He encourages Evasion not The fighter on spread behaviors not Legal between Those in charge Others, Which He increases the pressure on order tax And weakens Compliance Voluntary (Johansson & Human, 2019).

Led Evolution Technological and digitization to appearance Methods New to evade tax, especially via Transactions Electronic and activities via The borders. And Showed Studies that Evasion tax International or via Platforms Digital exacerbates Challenges before Authorities tax And it affects negatively on The outcome Nationalism, where It is difficult track him And comparing it In transactions Local traditional, Which Requires development tools analytical and technologies Monitoring Modern To combat Evasion (Johansson et al, 2021).

To reduce impact Evasion tax on The result, She indicated Studies to that Strengthening Governance Institutional, to improve censorship Interior, and increase Transparency maybe that Raise from efficiency Acquisition Tax. In addition. to that, for adoption Policies Motivational For those obligated to pay taxes The committed ones, and application sanctions strict on The dissenters, Contributes in reduction Rates Evasion, Which Reflected positively on more The outcome tax and stability Resources Finance For the state (Bird et al, 2020).

Governance role Institutions tax in Limit from Evasion tax and visit The outcome Taxation

Governance Institutions tax play role Basic in Strengthening Compliance voluntary For those obligated to pay taxes and reduce Rates Evasion tax, so that Institutions that apply Standards Governance In a way effective Enjoy With structures clear For censorship And accountability. This Structures Allow By tracking procedures tax Monitoring performance Employees, what Reduces from Mistakes and corruption internal, And it increases from Commitment tax For those obligated to pay taxes, Which Reflected In a way direct on more The outcome Taxes help. Governance tax in Limit from Evasion from during Strengthening Transparency in Policies and procedures Tax. When He is system Acquisition clear Easy Understanding For those obligated to pay taxes, Reduce odds Evasion, And becomes Those in charge more In preparation To fulfill With their commitments Tax. As well. that Disclosure on Data and procedures tax He increases from trust Those in charge in order, Which leads to collection greater For taxes and improving The outcome National (Molds et al, 2020).

One mechanisms Effective For governance tax she censorship Interior and analysis Continuous For data Taxation. Allows This is amazing censorship discovery violations and evasion in time early, and guidance procedures Corrective In a way Quick. This Type from censorship Reduces from accumulation Obligations not Outcome And strengthens efficiency Performance Institutional, Which Reflected positively on level Revenue that Check it The Authority (Pared & Slot, 2021).

Contributes Governance also in application Technology Digital and systems Electronic in collection Taxes, like rules Data Unified and systems Billing Electronic. This Tools Reduce from Evasion tax on road Track Transactions accurately, Analysis Patterns suspicious, and issuing Alerts early For those obligated to pay taxes And the employees. And from then, It increases Effectiveness in collection Revenue Taxation, what leads to more The outcome Total (Johannes et al, 2021).

Bonus on that, Contributes Governance in Strengthening accountability and justice between Those responsible, so It is treatment everyone According to For standards itself Don Discrimination. Leads to this to reduction friction between Those in charge And the Authority, And motivates Commitment voluntary With taxes, And limits from spread behaviors not Legal, Which Raise from level Acquisition tax And it increases from The outcome Total For the state (Alamosa, 2020).

Finally, maybe Saying that Governance Institutions tax Represents strategy Basic To ensure Sustainability Finance For the state. From during to merge principles Transparency and accountability and efficiency Institutional, maybe For organizations tax investigation balance between collection Revenue and combat Evasion, what Enhances capacity State on finance projects Development Sustainable. As well. Confirms Studies that countries that apply Governance strong in Its institutions tax verification outcome higher Efficiently greater comparison In countries that lack For this Standards (Weirido & Weber, 2020: 91).

The applied aspect of the research

An overview of the research sample

Sample Search It is In the directorates affiliated For the Authority public For taxes Iraqi For the period 2016–2025 , where It is This is amazing Directorates Units Executive President The responsible on collection Revenue tax Monitoring Commitment tax For those obligated to pay (Najaf et al, 2025). It represents Sample all Directorates that Participate in Operations tax Daily, In what in that Parts Auditing, censorship, Collection, Management Data Tax. And it has It was completed to choose This is amazing Sample In a way comprehensive With the aim acting all Activities and operations tax that Affect In a way direct on The outcome tax and effectiveness Combat Evasion (Rulandari et al, 2022). Focus. Sample on analysis Data Finance And the statistics Issued on This is amazing Directorates, In what in that The outcome Annual For taxes, Indicators Evasion tax, and data Compliance voluntary For those obligated to pay taxes (Haque& Mainul,2023). It allows this the focus study relationship between quality Governance Institutional in Directorates and effectiveness collection Revenues, Evaluation bezel impact application Standards Governance like Transparency, Accountability, and efficiency Organizational on Limit from Evasion tax and increase The result (Azinogo& Erasmus,2025). As well Availability This is amazing Sample Basically strong For analysis Quantitative And the applied one, Don The need to questionnaires or Interviews, Which Reflects Performance actual For the Authority during period Specific And allows extraction results minute maybe Reliance To her in presentation Recommendations practical To promote Governance tax and increase Revenues .

Measuring research variables (governance) Institutions Tax evasion Tax revenue (tax) in Authority public For taxes Iraqi For the period 2016-2025:

It is considered measurement Variables Basic For research step pivotal To understand nature relationship between Governance Institutions Taxation, Evasion tax, The result Taxation, so It represents basis Scientific that maybe researcher from evaluation bezel impact Policies Institutional on Performance tax For the Authority public For taxes Iraqi. It aims this Measurement to presentation image minute Comprehensive on reality the job tax, from during analysis Indicators Main For governance like Transparency, Accountability, and efficiency Organizational, Which Reflect bezel capacity Authority on administration Resources Finance Effectively And raised efficiency Operations Collection. As well Includes Measurement to set rate Evasion tax annual, Which It is Indicator decisive on bezel commitment Those in charge By laws tax And on efficiency censorship Interior.

For analysis This is amazing relationship accurately, It was completed collection Data Annual For the Authority public For taxes during period From 2016 to 2025 , It is period that Witnessed developments Note in Policies Governance Operations Collection. This includes Data group Various from Indicators Quantity And finance, like The outcome Annual from Taxes In various Its types, and level Commitment voluntary from Those responsible, addition to Indicators Performance institutional per Directorate. Allows this Assembly Comprehensive For data comparison Performance annual and determining Trends on bezel a contract complete, what He provides a base Durable Test hypotheses Search. From during this Measurement, maybe Monitoring relationship Causality between to improve Standards Governance and reduce Rates Evasion tax, addition to Its impact Live on more The outcome Taxation. All to improve in Transparency or accountability or Efficiency Organizational Reflected In a way tangible on Compliance tax And the collection actual For revenue. Therefore, for analysis This is amazing Variables Allows For the researcher extraction Conclusions minute around effectiveness Governance in Strengthening Revenue Governmental, Presentation Recommendations practical For the Authority public For taxes To maximize Its outcome and improving Sustainability Resources Finance For the state. It is possible. clarification that from during Table The following :

Table 1.

Tax Institution Governance Indicators for the Iraqi General Authority for Taxes 2016–2025

Year	Transparency(%)	Accountability(%)	Organizational efficiency(%)
2016	65	60	62
2017	68	63	64
2018	70	65	66
2019	72	68	69
2020	75	70	71
2021	77	73	74
2022	79	75	76
2023	80	77	78
2024	82	79	80
2025	85	82	83

It was completed measurement Governance Institutions tax in Authority public For taxes Iraqi from during three Indicators Main Represents Pillars Basic For governance Effective, These are : transparency, Accountability, and efficiency Organizational. It was completed. Allocation lineage centenary per index Based on to Evaluation Interior that It is being done Authority periodically and data Annual Available per Directorate Tax, In what Reflects bezel Commitment Through practices Administrative The ideal. It is considered index Transparency One Most important The elements where measures bezel clarity Policies and procedures Taxation, and making available Information For those obligated to pay taxes In a way It is easy On them to understand Their obligations and their rights, Which Enhances trust And reduces from Opportunities Evasion. As for index Accountability, Focus on capacity Authority on tracking performance Its employees And make sure from application Policies In a way fair And fair, with presence mechanisms Regulatory Effective

To monitor Mistakes or The violations, what Limits from corruption Administrative And it guarantees quality Collection. Regarding Reflects index Efficiency Organizational bezel capacity Directorates on administration Resources and operations tax Effectively, In what Includes speed to treat Data, to organize Invoices, And follow Those in charge In ways methodology An organization that aims to ... This is amazing Indicators Together to presentation evaluation comprehensive For the extent commitment Authority Through practices Administrative Good and its effect on effectiveness the job tax, so that to rise lineage Indicators Reflects to improve Performance Institutional, And strengthens capacity Authority on Limit from Evasion tax and increase The outcome Taxation, as He provides Basically scientifically Test hypotheses Related Badr Governance in to improve Performance Financial For the Authority. The table above shows that all governance indicators have shown continuous improvement during the period 2016–2025. For example, transparency increased from 65% in 2016 to 85% in 2025, while accountability increased from 60% to 82%, and organizational efficiency from 62% to 83%. This improvement indicates the Authority's enhanced capacity to regulate collection procedures and follow up with taxpayers, thus providing a suitable environment for reducing tax evasion and increasing tax revenue . The ratio can be explained Evasion tax in Authority public For taxes Iraqi 2016–2025 from during Table The following :

Table 2.
Tax evasion rate in the Iraqi General Tax Authority 2016–2025

Year	Tax evasion rate(%)
2016	22
2017	20
2018	18
2019	16
2020	14
2021	12
2022	11
2023	10
2024	9
2025	7

It was completed measurement Evasion tax in Authority public For taxes Iraqi As a percentage centenary from total Obligations tax Annual that did not It is Obtaining it from Those responsible, whether They were individuals or Companies. And it is considered this Index from Most important Measurements To assess effectiveness order tax and ability Authority on a guarantee Compliance tax, so Reflects In a way direct bezel commitment Those in charge By laws and regulations tax Maamoul It is included. Calculation ratio Annual to evade from during comparison Revenue due with Revenue Outcome virtually, So that Show the difference between Obligations Legal Payments Actual, He is what He provides image minute on size losses resulting on Evasion Tax. Reflects this Index also effectiveness procedures Regulatory Followed inside Directorates Taxation, In what in that censorship Interior, review the accounts, Operations Auditing, And follow behavior Those

obligated. Whenever She was rate Evasion Low, Del that on that Systems Regulatory more effectiveness, and that Those in charge more commitment By laws, as It indicates to that procedures Preventive and corrective that Follow it Authority Effective in Limit from Evasion. And on On the contrary, to rise rate Evasion It indicates to presence flaw in Governance or weakness in censorship Interior, or loss in Transparency that may You pay some Those in charge to Abstention on to push Taxes. In addition. to that, He provides measurement Evasion tax a base Scientific To understand relationship between to improve Governance Institutions tax and effectiveness collection Revenues, so maybe Monitoring how Affects Strengthening Transparency and accountability and efficiency Organizational on decrease rate Evasion. As well. maybe this Index from Comparison between years different and determining Trends The general public, like retreat gradual to evade tax From 22% in In 2016 , it rose to 7%. 2025 , He is what Reflects success Policies Followed in to improve Compliance tax and increase efficiency The outcome Taxation.

The table above shows a gradual decrease in tax evasion from 22% in 2016 to 7% in 2025. This decrease coincides with a marked improvement in governance indicators (see Table 1), reflecting how enhanced transparency, accountability, and regulatory efficiency have significantly contributed to reducing evasion rates and increasing tax compliance. For example, every 5–6 point increase in transparency and accountability corresponds to a 2–3 point decrease in tax evasion, indicating a direct impact of improved governance on compliance.

The outcome can be explained tax Annual For the Authority public For taxes Iraqi 2016–2025 during Table The following :

Table 3.
Annual tax revenue of the Iraqi General Authority for Taxes 2016–2025

Year	Annual tax revenue (billion Iraqi dinars)
2016	120
2017	135
2018	150
2019	165
2020	185
2021	200
2022	220
2023	240
2024	260
2025	285

It was completed measurement The outcome tax Annual For the Authority public For taxes Iraqi Using Data Official Issued on Directorates The different ones, with the focus on all Types Revenue The result, whether from Taxes Live or not Direct, In what in that Taxes on Income, Companies, And sales. It is considered this Index reflection live For success Policies Governance in to improve Performance tax, so Reflects capacity Authority on to organize Operations Collection, tracking Those responsible, And make sure from Compliance For the laws Tax. All more in The outcome tax Annual It indicates to effectiveness procedures Regulatory Governance Institutional Applied, and low lineage

Evasion tax, Which Enhances Sustainability Resources Finance For the state. As Allow measurement The outcome By comparison Performance annual For the Authority on orbit The period 2016–2025 , Which Allows Monitoring Changes resulting on Improvements in Indicators Governance, like Transparency and accountability and efficiency Organizational. For example, more The outcome out of 120 billion Dinar Iraqi in In 2016, it reached 285 billion. Dinar in The year 2025 indicates on effect Improvement Continuous For governance on Strengthening Acquisition tax, and reduce Evasion, and increase Commitment voluntary from Those obligated. And it is considered this Index Basically scientifically Test Hypothesis Research that Assumes that to improve Governance Institutions tax Contributes in Limit from Evasion tax and increase The result, And provides Data minute maybe Accreditation On it in Analysis statistician and taking Decisions The strategy. The table above illustrates a significant increase in tax revenue from 120 billion Iraqi dinars in 2016 to 285 billion dinars in 2025, representing a 137.5% increase. This rise coincides with improved governance indicators and a decrease in tax evasion, as shown in Tables 1 and 2, demonstrating the positive role of governance in enhancing collection efficiency and increasing revenue. For example, the reduction in evasion from 22% to 7% led to an increase in annual revenue with an average annual growth rate of approximately 14%, reflecting the direct relationship between improved governance and effective tax collection.

Testing the research hypothesis

This Part aims to test the basic research hypothesis, which states: "Improving the governance of tax institutions in the Iraqi General Tax Authority contributes positively and tangibly to reducing tax evasion and leads to an increase in tax revenue during the period 2016–2025 ." To test this hypothesis, appropriate statistical methods, particularly simple and multiple linear regression analysis, were used to study the effect of the tax institution governance variable (independent variable) on the tax evasion and tax revenue variables (dependent variables). The values used in the regression represent annual data for the period 2016–2025, as shown in the preceding tables. The results can be illustrated as follows: decline linear To analyze impact Governance Institutions tax on Evasion tax The result Taxes are shown in the following table:

Table 4.

Results of linear regression analysis of the impact of tax institution governance on tax evasion and tax revenue

dependent variable	Regression coefficient(β)	value oft	Significance level(p)	R ²
Tax evasion(%)	-0.85	-6.12	0.001	0.92
Tax revenue (billion dinars)	2.75	7.34	0.001	0.95

Linear regression analysis was used to study the relationship between the level of governance in the directorates of the General Authority for Taxes (independent) and both the tax evasion rate and tax revenue (dependent variables). The regression coefficient represents β The extent to which a change in a single governance unit affects changes in both tax evasion and revenue. The R² value was also included to illustrate the extent to which the independent variable explains the fluctuations in the dependent variables, while

the p- value determines the level of statistical significance of the results. The table above shows that the governance of tax institutions has a significant and negative impact on tax evasion, where the regression coefficient is... $\beta = -0.85$, meaning that each one-unit increase in governance level leads to a 0.85 percentage point decrease in tax evasion, with a statistical significance level of 0.001, indicating a strong relationship. Regarding tax revenue, the regression coefficient is shown. $\beta = 2.75$, which means that every one-unit increase in governance increases the annual tax revenue by 2.75 billion Iraqi dinars, with a significance level of 0.001 as well, and $R^2 = 0.95$, reflecting that 95% of the changes in revenue can be explained by improved governance. The results clearly demonstrate the validity of the research's main hypothesis, as the statistical analysis shows that improving the governance of tax institutions contributes positively and tangibly to reducing tax evasion and increasing tax revenue during the period 2016–2025. These results support the causal relationship between governance and tax performance, and highlight the importance of applying transparency, accountability, and efficiency standards in tax directorates to achieve the highest efficiency in revenue collection .

Conclusions

Based on the research findings, several conclusions can be drawn:

1. Leads Strengthening Indicators Governance Institutions Tax to decrease tangible in Rates Evasion Tax. Lost It decreased Evasion From 22% in In 2016 , it rose to 7%. 2025 , what Confirms that application Standards Governance creates environment tax more commitment And it increases from trust between Those in charge And the Authority .
2. To improve Governance effect direct on more The outcome Taxation, where It rose Revenue Annual out of 120 billion Dinar Iraqi In 2016 to 285 billion Dinar In 2025. This Reflects that Institutions tax The organization and transparent verification efficiency greater in collection Resources Finance For the state .
3. The app helps systems censorship Interior and digitization in collection Data tax and its analysis Contributes in discovery violations early and reduce Mistakes Humanity, Which Supports Performance institutional And limits from Evasion tax Effectively .
4. That Strengthening Justice and transparency in The transaction between Those in charge Reduces from behaviors not Legal And it increases from Commitment voluntary By paying Taxes, what Supports Sustainability The outcome tax And strengthens effectiveness order tax In a way general .
5. Contributes to improve Governance in Strengthening Stability Financial For the state, from during flow Resources Finance regularly and reduce Accreditation on Borrowing or Revenue not stable, what Supports ability on finance Projects development Services The general public .
6. That Governance Not merely tool Administrative, but rather strategy Comprehensive To reduce corruption and improving Performance Institutional. Where that Collection between Transparency, Accountability, and efficiency Organizational Investigates balance between collection Revenue and combat Evasion, And it guarantees investigation Goals Development Sustainable For the state .

Based on the results presented above, several recommendations can be made:

1. Continuation in development Policies Transparency, like to publish Information tax and procedures The followed, and making available Access to Data Obligations and rights tax For those obligated to pay. This Enhances trust And it increases from commitment Those responsible, Which Limits from Evasion Tax .
2. Construction mechanisms minute For accountability inside Directorates Taxation, include Indicators performance clear For employees, and reviews patrol For results Acquisition. The existence system tracking strict Reduces from Mistakes and corruption Administrative And strengthens Efficiency Institutionalization .
3. Investment in Systems Digital For billing , rules Data Unified, and software analysis Risks To track behavior Those responsible. Usage. Effective For technology Contributes in Discovery early on cases Evasion, And it increases from efficiency collection Revenue Taxation .
4. Necessity treatment all Those in charge according to same Standards Taxation, Don discrimination, and application Policies Motivational For individuals and companies The committed one. This Policies Enhance Compliance voluntary And challenge from behaviors not Legal between Those responsible .
5. Development Programs Training For employees through training employees on principles Governance, administration Risks, Use Systems Digital, Ways Dealing with Those in charge and improving efficiency employees Raise from quality Acquisition And it guarantees application Policies Governance Effectively .
6. The necessity that be Governance Part from strategy Comprehensive For the Authority public For taxes, In what Guarantees Sustainability Resources Finance, to support Stability Financial, And the ability on finance Projects development Services public Efficiently High.

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