

The Global Competitiveness Report 2007-2008



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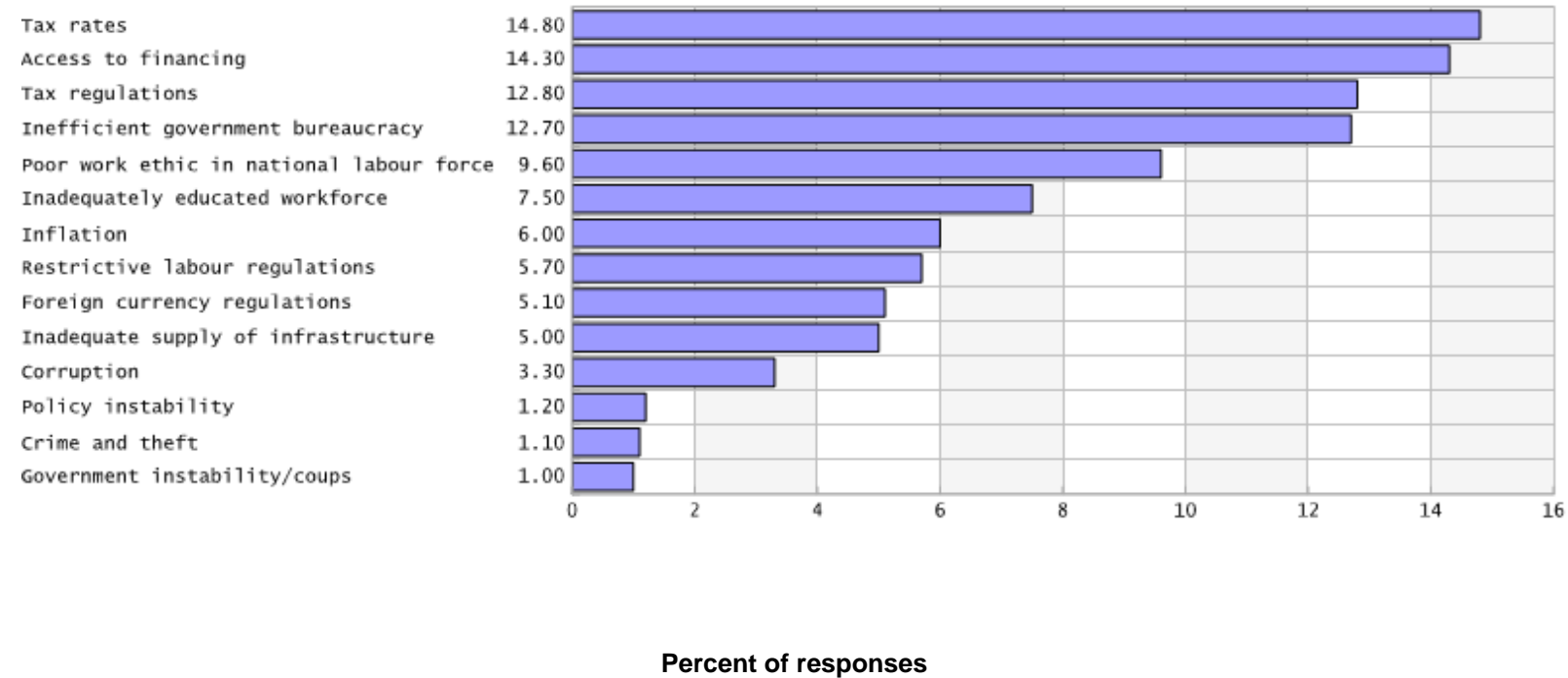
Global Competitiveness Index

	Rank (Out of 131 countries/economies)	Score (Out of 7)
Global Competitiveness Index 2007-2008	32	4.59
Global Competitiveness Index 2006-2007 (out of 122)	33	4.57
Subindex A: Basic requirements	34	5.16
1st pillar: Institutions	21	5.16
2nd pillar: Infrastructure	32	4.54
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability	72	4.80
4th pillar: Health and primary education	24	6.13
Subindex B: Efficiency enhancers	47	4.19
5th pillar: Higher education and training	30	4.78
6th pillar: Goods market efficiency	31	4.77
7th pillar: Labor market efficiency	79	4.16
8th pillar: Financial market sophistication	66	4.32
9th pillar: Technological readiness	52	3.43
10th pillar: Market size	60	3.68
Subindex C: Innovation and sophistication factors	29	4.32
11th pillar: Business sophistication	35	4.61
12th pillar: Innovation	26	4.02



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The Most Problematic Factors for Doing Business



Note: From a list of 14 factors, respondents were asked to select the five most problematic for doing business in their country and to rank them between 1 (most problematic) and 5. The bars in the figure show the responses weighted according to their rankings.



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National competitiveness balance sheet

NOTABLE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES Rank/131

1st pillar: Institutions

01.07	Wastefulness of government spending	2
01.08	Burden of government regulation	7
01.06	Favoritism in decisions of government officials	11
01.10	Transparency of government policymaking	13
01.04	Public trust of politicians	14
01.03	Diversion of public funds	23
01.09	Efficiency of legal framework	23
01.14	Reliability of police services	23
01.18	Protection of minority shareholders' interests	25
01.12	Business costs of crime and violence	25
01.15	Ethical behavior of firms	28

2nd pillar: Infrastructure

02.03	Quality of railroad infrastructure	21
02.01	Quality of overall infrastructure	31

3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability

03.04	Interest rate spread (hard data)	30
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4th pillar: Health and primary education

04.02	Malaria incidence (hard data)	1
04.05	Business impact of HIV/AIDS	7
04.09	Quality of primary education	15
04.11	Education expenditure (hard data)	18
04.03	Business impact of tuberculosis	20
04.06	HIV prevalence (hard data)	25

5th pillar: Higher education and training

05.04	Quality of math and science education	7
05.03	Quality of the educational system	12
05.05	Quality of management schools	18

NOTABLE COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGES Rank/131

1st pillar: Institutions

01.16	Strength of auditing and reporting standards	49
01.17	Efficacy of corporate boards	48
01.13	Organized crime	46
01.11	Business costs of terrorism	39
01.02	Intellectual property protection	35
01.01	Property rights	34
01.05	Judicial independence	32

2nd pillar: Infrastructure

02.08	Telephone lines (hard data)	81
02.06	Available seat kilometers (hard data)	74
02.05	Quality of air transport infrastructure	43
02.04	Quality of port infrastructure	36
02.07	Quality of electricity supply	35
02.02	Quality of roads	34

3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability

03.01	Government surplus/deficit (hard data)	98
03.05	Government debt (hard data)	84
03.02	National savings rate (hard data)	70
03.03	Inflation (hard data)	67

4th pillar: Health and primary education

04.07	Infant mortality (hard data)	72
04.08	Life expectancy (hard data)	56
04.04	Tuberculosis incidence (hard data)	41
04.01	Business impact of malaria	36
04.10	Primary enrollment (hard data)	32

05.07	Local availability of specialized research and training services	26
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6th pillar: Goods market efficiency

06.08	Agricultural policy costs	5
06.07	Time required to start a business (hard data)	13
06.04	Extent and effect of taxation	20
06.02	Extent of market dominance	25
06.15	Buyer sophistication	28
06.03	Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy	29
06.13	Burden of customs procedures	30

7th pillar: Labor market efficiency

07.06	Firing costs (hard data)	27
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8th pillar: Financial market sophistication

08.03	Ease of access to loans	25
08.04	Venture capital availability	27

11th pillar: Business sophistication

11.06	Control of international distribution	24
11.01	Local supplier quantity	30
11.05	Value chain breadth	30
11.04	Nature of competitive advantage	31

12th pillar: Innovation

12.05	Government procurement of advanced technology products	4
12.06	Availability of scientists and engineers	9
12.01	Capacity for innovation	28
12.04	University-industry research collaboration	31

5th pillar: Higher education and training

05.01	Secondary enrollment (hard data)	79
05.02	Tertiary enrollment (hard data)	64
05.06	Internet access in schools	33
05.08	Extent of staff training	32

6th pillar: Goods market efficiency

06.10	Trade-weighted tariff rate (hard data)	125
06.05	Total tax rate (hard data)	96
06.06	Number of procedures required to start a business (hard data)	65
06.11	Prevalence of foreign ownership	58
06.09	Prevalence of trade barriers	51
06.01	Intensity of local competition	41
06.12	Business impact of rules on FDI	37
06.14	Degree of customer orientation	35

7th pillar: Labor market efficiency

07.10	Female participation in labor force (hard data)	122
07.02	Flexibility of wage determination	99
07.03	Non-wage labor costs (hard data)	87
07.04	Rigidity of employment (hard data)	83
07.08	Reliance on professional management	69
07.07	Pay and productivity	47
07.09	Brain drain	41
07.05	Hiring and firing practices	37
07.01	Cooperation in labor-employer relations	35

8th pillar: Financial market sophistication

08.06	Strength of investor protection (hard data)	109
08.09	Legal rights index (hard data)	94
08.07	Soundness of banks	76
08.05	Restriction on capital flows	74
08.02	Financing through local equity market	60
08.08	Regulation of securities exchanges	55
08.01	Financial market sophistication	50

9th pillar: Technological readiness

09.08	Broadband Internet subscribers (hard data)	84
09.06	Internet users (hard data)	78
09.07	Personal computers (hard data)	74
09.05	Mobile telephone subscribers (hard data)	57
09.02	Firm-level technology absorption	37
09.03	Laws relating to ICT	35
09.01	Availability of latest technologies	32

10th pillar: Market size

10.02	Foreign market size index (hard data)	61
10.01	Domestic market size index (hard data)	60

11th pillar: Business sophistication

11.09	Willingness to delegate authority	44
11.08	Extent of marketing	41
11.07	Production process sophistication	39
11.02	Local supplier quality	37
11.03	State of cluster development	36

12th pillar: Innovation

12.07	Utility patents (hard data)	68
12.03	Company spending on R&D	36
12.02	Quality of scientific research institutions	36
