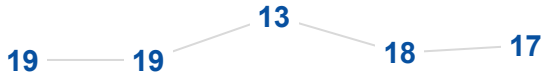


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Competitiveness Trends – Overall

OVERALL PERFORMANCE (70 countries)

2022 2023 2024 2025 2026



CHALLENGES IN 2026

- Tackling resurgent inflation and cost-of-living pressures on households.
- Addressing housing affordability and supply constraints.
- Accelerating the clean energy transition and climate adaptation.
- Taking action to return productivity growth to long-term averages.
- Building economic resilience amid ongoing geopolitical tensions and uncertainty.

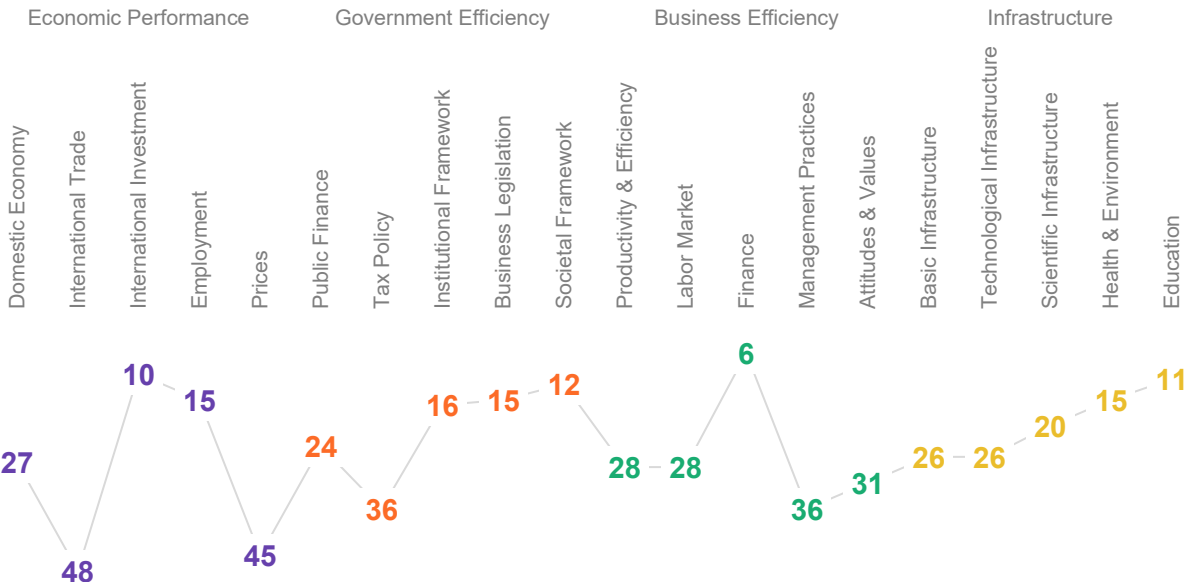
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BASIC FACTS

Rank

Indicator	Value	Rank
Capital	Canberra	
Land area (square km '000)	7,741	2025
Exchange rate (per \$)	1.552	2025
Population - market size (millions)	27.61	2025 30
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (US\$ billions)	1,839.2	2025 14
GDP (PPP) per capita (US\$)	72,437	2025 19
Real GDP growth (%)	2.0	2025 41
Consumer price inflation (%)	2.86	2025 38
Unemployment rate (%)	4.11	2025 23
Labor force (millions)	15.30	2025 27
Current account balance (% of GDP)	-2.63	2025 51
Direct investment stocks inward (\$bn)	796.0	2024 14
Direct investment flows inward (% of GDP)	2.97	2024 17

COMPETITIVENESS LANDSCAPE



PEER GROUPS RANKINGS

ASIA - PACIFIC (15 countries)

2022 2023 2024 2025 2026



POPULATIONS > 20 MILLION (32 countries)

2022 2023 2024 2025 2026



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Competitiveness Evolution & Attractiveness Indicators

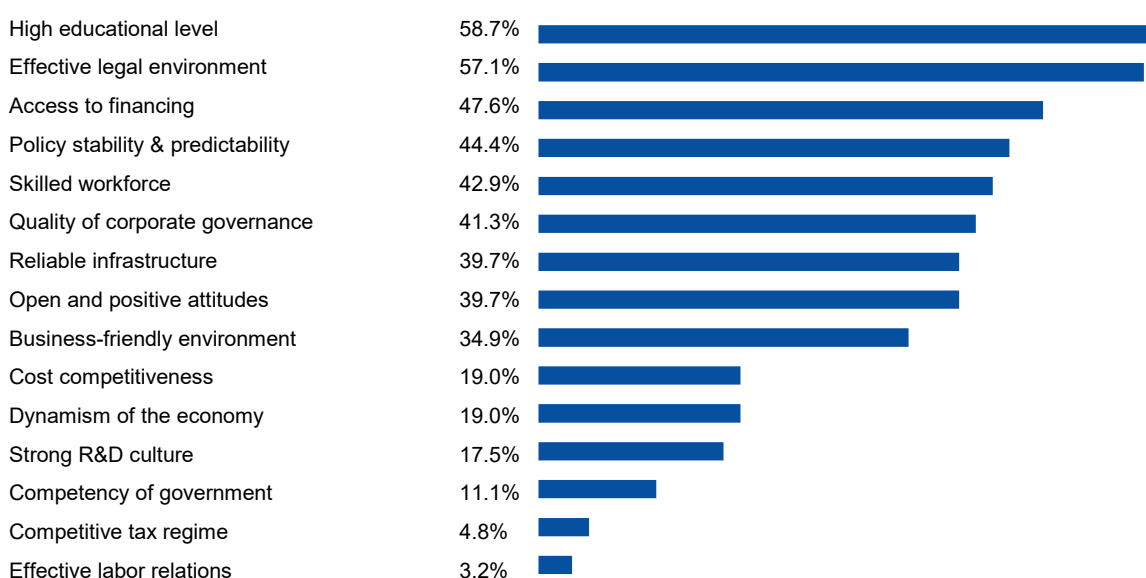
COMPETITIVENESS EVOLUTION

The criteria below highlight the 15 biggest Improvements and the 15 biggest Declines in the overall performance of the economy. They are determined by the largest percentage changes in the value of each criterion from one yearbook to the next.

IMPROVEMENTS	2025 WCY	2026 WCY	DECLINES	2025 WCY	2026 WCY
4.4.19 Forest area growth	0.0	0.2	4.1.07 Population - growth	2.46	1.54
1.1.15 Real GDP growth per capita	-1.39	0.42	1.2.02 Current account balance	-1.93	-2.63
3.3.17 Venture capital	4.63	6.29	2.1.02 Government budget surplus/deficit (%)	-2.16	-2.78
4.4.17 Exposure to particle pollution	8.25	5.70	4.3.19 AI-related patent publications	161	129
3.2.24 International experience	4.54	5.87	2.1.08 Tax evasion	6.67	5.68
3.2.10 Apprenticeships	4.33	5.46	2.5.04 Risk of political instability	8.46	7.33
2.3.12 Bureaucracy	3.75	4.70	2.4.09 State ownership of enterprises	7.88	6.86
3.1.07 Workforce productivity	4.33	5.40	2.5.05 Social cohesion	6.71	5.90
3.4.01 Agility of companies	4.75	5.87	2.4.11 Parallel economy	6.88	6.13
2.3.07 Foreign currency reserves per capita	2,212	2,725	2.3.13 Bribery and corruption	6.54	5.90
2.3.10 Adaptability of government policy	5.00	6.10	4.4.25 Environmental agreements	99.14	89.67
4.5.09 Student mobility inbound	17.52	21.34	2.1.07 Public finances	5.38	4.89
3.2.11 Employee training	5.00	6.00	2.5.01 Justice	8.25	7.62
4.2.11 Public-private partnerships	5.29	6.29	4.1.13 Quality of air transportation	7.54	6.98
3.4.09 Entrepreneurship	4.75	5.62	4.4.04 Health infrastructure	7.08	6.57

KEY ATTRACTIVENESS INDICATORS

From a list of 15 indicators, respondents of the Executive Opinion Survey were asked to select 5 that they perceived as the key attractiveness factors of their economy. The chart shows the percentage of responses per indicator from the highest number of responses to the lowest.



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Competitiveness Trends – Factor Breakdown

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE



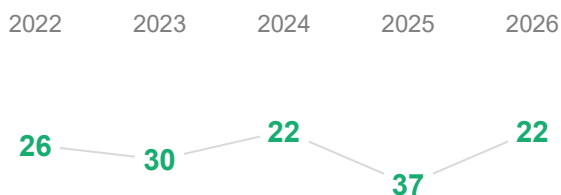
SUB-FACTOR RANKINGS :	2025	2026
Domestic Economy	28	27
International Trade	40	48
International Investment	11	10
Employment	12	15
Prices	38	45

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY



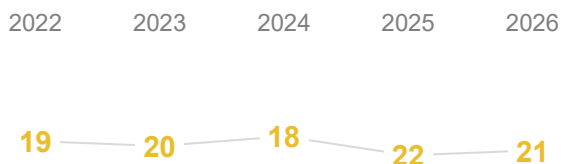
SUB-FACTOR RANKINGS :	2025	2026
Public Finance	17	24
Tax Policy	31	36
Institutional Framework	18	16
Business Legislation	15	15
Societal Framework	11	12

BUSINESS EFFICIENCY



SUB-FACTOR RANKINGS :	2025	2026
Productivity & Efficiency	49	28
Labor Market	38	28
Finance	12	06
Management Practices	43	36
Attitudes & Values	36	31

INFRASTRUCTURE



SUB-FACTOR RANKINGS :	2025	2026
Basic Infrastructure	18	26
Technological Infrastructure	42	26
Scientific Infrastructure	20	20
Health & Environment	12	15
Education	13	11

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Balance Sheet – Factor Breakdown

ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

STRENGTHS	Rank	WEAKNESSES	Rank
1.5.05 Food costs	07	1.5.04 Office rent	61
1.3.05 Direct investment flows inward (\$bn)	08	1.2.17 Export concentration by partner	61
1.3.15 Portfolio investment liabilities	09	1.2.23 Trade to GDP ratio	60
1.3.13 Relocation threats of business	10	1.5.03 Apartment rent	59
1.1.20 GDP per capita	10	1.2.13 Exports of commercial services (%)	57
1.3.14 Portfolio investment assets	11	1.2.09 Exports of goods (%)	56
1.3.07 Direct investment stocks inward (\$bn)	14	1.1.13 Economic complexity index	54
1.3.03 Direct investment stocks abroad (\$bn)	15	1.1.15 Real GDP growth per capita	54
1.4.10 Youth exclusion	15	1.2.02 Current account balance	51
1.4.02 Employment (%)	15	1.2.18 Export concentration by product	50

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

STRENGTHS	Rank	WEAKNESSES	Rank
2.3.04 Country credit rating	01	2.2.07 Corporate tax rate on profit	59
2.3.17 Freely Elected Government	01	2.2.02 Collected personal income tax	57
2.4.12 New business density	05	2.2.01 Collected total tax revenues	57
2.5.18 Inequality in life expectancy	06	2.3.18 Passport freedom	55
2.4.01 Tariff barriers	10	2.3.07 Foreign currency reserves per capita	41
2.3.16 Democracy Index	11	2.4.16 Labor regulations	41
2.4.09 State ownership of enterprises	12	2.4.04 Foreign investors	39
2.5.13 Unemployment rate - gender ratio	12		
2.1.09 Pension funding	13		
2.5.17 Media bias	13		

BUSINESS EFFICIENCY

STRENGTHS	Rank	WEAKNESSES	Rank
3.3.19 Corporate debt	06	3.2.01 Compensation levels	58
3.3.16 Credit	07	3.2.04 Statutory minimum wage	57
3.2.23 Foreign highly skilled personnel	08	3.2.03 Remuneration in medium skilled professions	56
3.3.08 Stock markets	08	3.4.09 Entrepreneurship	54
3.2.22 Brain drain	10	3.2.05 Remuneration in high skilled professions	54
3.3.01 Banking sector assets	10	3.1.08 Large corporations	51
3.2.18 Foreign labor force - migrant stock	12	3.4.01 Agility of companies	50
3.2.17 Female labor force	13	3.4.03 Opportunities and threats	46
3.3.14 Shareholders' rights	14	3.4.08 Customer satisfaction	46
3.3.17 Venture capital	14	3.1.07 Workforce productivity	45

INFRASTRUCTURE

STRENGTHS	Rank	WEAKNESSES	Rank
4.5.09 Student mobility inbound	02	4.4.23 Food waste	65
4.4.05 Universal health coverage index	03	4.2.16 ICT service exports	62
4.4.17 Exposure to particle pollution	03	4.2.03 Mobile telephone costs	57
4.2.02 Mobile broadband subscribers	04	4.1.20 Electricity costs for industrial clients	56
4.4.06 Life expectancy at birth	05	4.3.11 Graduates in Sciences	52
4.5.17 University education index	06	4.4.18 Renewable energies (%)	50
4.4.11 Human development index	07	4.3.20 Medium- and high-tech value added	46
4.4.09 Medical assistance	09	4.1.04 Access to water	43
4.4.12 Energy intensity	10	4.2.08 Internet bandwidth speed	40
4.4.28 Pollution problems	11	4.4.19 Forest area growth	36

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Extended Country Profile

1 · ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

1.1 · Domestic Economy

		Value	Avg	Rank	
1.1.00 [B]	Exchange rate National currency per US\$ (average)	1.552	815.950		2025
1.1.01	Gross Domestic Product (GDP) US\$ billions	1,839.2	1,554.5	14	2025
1.1.02	GDP (PPP) Estimates ; US\$ billions at purchasing power parity	2,000.3	2,604.0	20	2025
1.1.03 [B]	World GDP contribution Percentage share of world GDP based on PPP	0.97	1.24	19	2025
1.1.04 [B]	Household consumption expenditure (\$bn) US\$ billions	956.2	853.9	13	2025
1.1.05 [B]	Household consumption expenditure (%) Percentage of GDP	52.0	54.4	39	2025
1.1.06 [B]	Government consumption expenditure (\$bn) US\$ billions	427.0	260.7	9	2025
1.1.07 [B]	Government consumption expenditure (%) Percentage of GDP	23.2	17.8	10	2025
1.1.08 [B]	Gross fixed capital formation (\$bn) US\$ billions	448.5	395.8	12	2025
1.1.09	Gross fixed capital formation (%) Percentage of GDP	24.4	22.7	20	2025
1.1.10 [B]	Gross domestic savings (\$bn) US\$ billions	456.0	429.3	15	2025
1.1.11 [B]	Gross domestic savings (%) Percentage of GDP	24.8	27.8	39	2025
1.1.12 [B][3]	Economic sectors Breakdown of the economic sectors, percentage of GDP				2025
	Economic sectors / Agriculture	2.2	4.3		2025
	Economic sectors / Industry	25.0	28.6		2025
	Economic sectors / Services	72.8	66.9		2025
1.1.13	Economic complexity index Measures knowledge intensity, by considering exports	-0.28	0.61	54	2024
1.1.14	Real GDP growth Percentage change, based on national currency in constant prices	2.0	2.8	41	2025
1.1.15	Real GDP growth per capita Percentage change, based on national currency in constant prices	0.42	1.91	54	2025
1.1.16 [B]	Household consumption expenditure - real growth Percentage change, based on constant prices	2.07	2.70	41	2025
1.1.17 [B]	Government consumption expenditure - real growth Percentage change, based on constant prices	3.29	2.45	19	2025
1.1.18	Gross fixed capital formation - real growth Percentage change, based on constant prices	2.54	2.75	34	2025
1.1.19 [S]	Resilience of the economy Resilience of the economy to economic cycles is strong	6.70	5.83	21	2026
1.1.20	GDP per capita US\$ per capita	66,604	37,912	10	2025
1.1.21	GDP (PPP) per capita Estimates; US\$ per capita at purchasing power parity	72,437	55,152	19	2025
1.1.22 [B]	Forecast: Real GDP growth Percentage change, based on national currency in constant prices	2.0	2.3	38	2026
1.1.23 [B]	Forecast: Inflation Percentage change	4.0	9.7	53	2026
1.1.24 [B]	Forecast: Unemployment Percentage of total labor force	4.2	5.8	22	2026
1.1.25 [B]	Forecast: Current account balance Percentage of GDP	-2.3	1.6	51	2026

1.2 · International Trade

Value Avg Rank

		Value	Avg	Rank	
1.2.01 [B]	Current account balance (\$bn) US\$ billions (minus sign = deficit)	-48.4	10.3	67	2025
1.2.02	Current account balance Percentage of GDP	-2.63	1.83	51	2025
1.2.03 [B]	Balance of trade (\$bn) US\$ billions (minus sign = deficit)	27.0	-0.2	20	2025
1.2.04 [B]	Balance of trade (%) Percentage of GDP	1.47	0.13	35	2025
1.2.05 [B]	Balance of commercial services (\$bn) US\$ billions (minus sign = deficit)	-23.50	12.48	64	2025
1.2.06 [B]	Balance of commercial services (%) Percentage of GDP	-1.28	1.98	46	2025
1.2.07 [B]	World exports contribution Percentage share of world exports (goods and commercial services)	1.20	1.33	24	2025
1.2.08	Exports of goods (\$bn) US\$ billions	337.58	350.42	25	2025
1.2.09	Exports of goods (%) Percentage of GDP	18.35	40.03	56	2025
1.2.10 [B]	Exports of goods per capita US\$ per capita	12,225	16,283	30	2025
1.2.11	Exports of goods - growth Percentage change, based on US\$ values	-0.95	7.13	63	2025
1.2.12	Exports of commercial services (\$bn) US\$ billions	90.93	129.13	25	2025
1.2.13	Exports of commercial services (%) Percentage of GDP	4.94	17.44	57	2025
1.2.14	Exports of commercial services - growth Percentage change, based on US\$ values	8.60	8.78	29	2025
1.2.15 [B]	Exports of goods & commercial services US\$ billions	428.51	484.64	24	2025
1.2.16 [B][3]	Exports breakdown by economic sector Percentage of total exports				2024
	Exports breakdown by economic sector / Agriculture	11.1	10.0		2024
	Exports breakdown by economic sector / Industry	69.2	62.2		2024
	Exports breakdown by economic sector / Services	19.7	27.8		2024
1.2.17	Export concentration by partner Exports to top 5 countries, percentage of total exports	68.2	55.4	61	2024
1.2.18	Export concentration by product Top 5 products, percentage of total exports	72.4	58.7	50	2024
1.2.19 [B]	Imports of goods & commercial services (\$bn) US\$ billions	425.1	472.2	47	2025
1.2.20 [B]	Imports of goods & commercial services (%) Percentage of GDP	23.1	55.7	11	2025
1.2.21 [B]	Imports of goods & commerc. services growth Percentage change, based on US\$ values	5.10	8.18	23	2025
1.2.22 [B][3]	Imports breakdown by economic sector Percentage of total imports				2024
	Imports breakdown by economic sector / Agriculture	5.1	8.3		2024
	Imports breakdown by economic sector / Industry	68.1	65.3		2024
	Imports breakdown by economic sector / Services	26.7	26.4		2024
1.2.23	Trade to GDP ratio (Exports + Imports) / GDP	46.41	113.77	60	2025
1.2.24	Terms of trade index Unit value of exports over unit value of imports	160.5	104.3	2	2024
1.2.25	Tourism receipts International tourism receipts as a percentage of GDP	2.99	3.92	29	2024

1.3 · International Investment

Value Avg Rank

1.3.01	Direct investment flows abroad (\$bn) US\$ billions	14.07	22.49	21	2024
1.3.02	Direct investment flows abroad (% of GDP) Percentage of GDP	0.78	3.33	36	2024
1.3.03	Direct investment stocks abroad (\$bn) US\$ billions	745.5	617.6	15	2024
1.3.04	Direct investment stocks abroad (% of GDP) Percentage of GDP	41.44	69.97	22	2024
1.3.05	Direct investment flows inward (\$bn) US\$ billions	53.45	18.85	8	2024
1.3.06	Direct investment flows inward (% of GDP) Percentage of GDP	2.97	4.42	17	2024
1.3.07	Direct investment stocks inward (\$bn) US\$ billions	796.0	692.1	14	2024
1.3.08	Direct investment stocks inward (% of GDP) Percentage of GDP	44.25	81.06	35	2024
1.3.09 [B]	Balance of direct investment flows (\$bn) US\$ billions (flows abroad minus flows inward)	-39.39	3.64	68	2024
1.3.10 [B]	Balance of direct investment flows (%) Percentage of GDP (flows abroad minus flows inward)	-2.19	-1.09	55	2024
1.3.11 [B]	Net position in direct investment stocks (\$bn) US\$ billions (stocks abroad minus stocks inward)	-50.5	-73.8	40	2024
1.3.12 [B]	Net position in direct investment stocks (%) Percentage of GDP (stocks abroad minus stocks inward)	-2.81	-10.96	25	2024
1.3.13 [S]	Relocation threats of business Relocation of business is not a threat to the future of your economy	5.90	5.00	10	2026
1.3.14	Portfolio investment assets US\$ billions	101.38	50.70	11	2024
1.3.15	Portfolio investment liabilities US\$ billions	135.54	52.54	9	2024

1.4 · Employment

Value Avg Rank

1.4.01	Employment Total employment in millions	14.68	38.80	28	2025
1.4.02	Employment (%) Percentage of population	53.16	48.10	15	2025
1.4.03	Employment - growth Estimates: percentage change	1.24	1.46	32	2025
1.4.04	Employment - long-term growth Estimates: five year percentage change	5.41	4.47	27	2025
1.4.05 [B][3]	Employment by sector Percentage of total employment				2025
	Employment by sector / Agriculture	1.9	8.3		2025
	Employment by sector / Industry	18.7	23.0		2025
	Employment by sector / Services	79.4	68.7		2025
1.4.06 [B]	Employment in the public sector Percentage of total employment	18.00	15.99	40	2025
1.4.07	Unemployment rate Percentage of labor force	4.11	5.93	23	2025
1.4.08	Long-term unemployment Percentage of labor force	0.91	2.80	21	2025
1.4.09	Youth unemployment Percentage of youth labor force (under the age of 25)	9.09	14.67	17	2025
1.4.10	Youth exclusion Share of youth population (15-24) not in education, employment or training	8.0	13.3	15	2025

1.5 · Prices

Value Avg Rank

1.5.01	Consumer price inflation Average annual rate	2.86	7.84	38	2025
1.5.02	Cost-of-living index Index of a basket of goods & services in the main city. Provided by Mercer	73.99	69.46	44	2024
1.5.03	Apartment rent 3-room apartment monthly rent in major cities, US\$	2,148	1,463	59	2025
1.5.04	Office rent Total occupation cost in the main city (US\$/Sq.M. per year)	833	566	61	2025
1.5.05	Food costs Percentage of household final consumption expenditures	9.59	19.84	7	2025
1.5.06	Gasoline prices Premium unleaded gasoline (95 Ron) US\$ per litre	1.05	1.39	18	2025

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Extended Country Profile

2 · GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

2.1 · Public Finance

		Value	Avg	Rank	
2.1.01 [B]	Government budget surplus/deficit (\$bn) US\$ billions	-51.17	-78.20	59	2025
2.1.02	Government budget surplus/deficit (%) Percentage of GDP	-2.78	-2.42	37	2025
2.1.03 [B]	Total general government debt (\$bn) US\$ billions	938.64	1,522.36	56	2025
2.1.04	Total general government debt (%) Percentage of GDP	51.04	67.76	31	2025
2.1.05 [B]	Total general government debt-real growth Percentage change, based on national currency in constant prices	2.65	9.85	25	2025
2.1.06	Interest payment (%) Percentage of current revenue	4.73	7.39	36	2025
2.1.07 [S]	Public finances Public finances are being efficiently managed	4.89	4.81	34	2026
2.1.08 [S]	Tax evasion Tax evasion is not a threat to your economy	5.68	4.93	27	2026
2.1.09 [S]	Pension funding Pension funding is adequately addressed for the future	6.67	4.95	13	2026
2.1.10	General government expenditure Percentage of GDP	39.5	36.4	38	2025

2.2 · Tax Policy

		Value	Avg	Rank	
2.2.01	Collected total tax revenues Percentage of GDP	30.10	21.52	57	2024
2.2.02	Collected personal income tax On profits, income and capital gains, as a percentage of GDP	10.66	5.76	57	2022
2.2.03 [B]	Collected corporate taxes On profits, income and capital gains, as a percentage of GDP	6.21	3.82	60	2022
2.2.04 [B]	Collected indirect tax revenues Taxes on goods and services as a percentage of GDP	7.19	8.80	28	2022
2.2.05 [B]	Collected capital and property taxes Percentage of GDP	1.46	1.14	46	2022
2.2.06 [B]	Collected social security contribution Compulsory contribution of employees and employers as a percentage of GDP	0.00	6.18	1	2022
2.2.07	Corporate tax rate on profit Maximum tax rate, calculated on profit before tax	30.00	22.45	59	2025
2.2.08	Consumption tax rate Standard rate of VAT/GST	10.00	15.89	14	2025
2.2.09	Employer social security tax rate %	12.0	15.2	29	2025
2.2.10	Employee social security tax rate %	2.0	10.2	8	2025
2.2.11 [S]	Real personal taxes Real personal taxes do not discourage people from working or seeking advancement	5.43	5.11	32	2026

2.3 · Institutional Framework

Value Avg Rank

		Value	Avg	Rank	
2.3.01 [B]	Real short-term interest rate Real discount / bank rate	0.99	0.13	27	2025
2.3.02 [S]	Cost of capital Cost of capital encourages business development	5.74	5.21	28	2026
2.3.03	Interest rate spread Lending rate minus deposit rate	-	4.41		
2.3.04	Country credit rating Index (0-60) of three country credit ratings: Fitch, Moody's and S&P	60.0	42.1	1	2025
2.3.05 [S]	Central bank policy Central bank policy has a positive impact on the economy	6.51	6.26	28	2026
2.3.06 [B]	Foreign currency reserves US\$ billions	75.25	239.62	34	2025
2.3.07	Foreign currency reserves per capita US\$ per capita	2,725	8,619	41	2025
2.3.08	Exchange rate stability Parity change from national currency to SDR, two-year change	0.043	0.185	44	2025
2.3.09 [S]	Legal and regulatory framework The legal and regulatory framework encourages the competitiveness of enterprises	5.97	5.28	24	2026
2.3.10 [S]	Adaptability of government policy Adaptability of government policy to changes in the economy is high	6.10	4.84	16	2026
2.3.11 [S]	Transparency Transparency of government policy is satisfactory	6.67	4.96	17	2026
2.3.12 [S]	Bureaucracy Bureaucracy does not hinder business activity	4.70	3.84	22	2026
2.3.13 [S]	Bribery and corruption Bribery and corruption do not exist	5.90	4.52	22	2026
2.3.14	Rule of law Rule of Law Index	82.27	67.24	16	2024
2.3.15	Sustainable Development Goals Country performance on the 17 SDGs	76.9	74.4	32	2024
2.3.16	Democracy Index EIU Overall Democracy Index, © The Economist Intelligence Unit Limited	8.85	6.74	11	2024
2.3.17	Freely Elected Government Score (0-4) - Do the freely elected head of government and national legislative representatives determine the government policies?	4	3	1	2024
2.3.18 [2]	Passport freedom Score	108	121	55	2025
	Country welcoming	46	99		2025
	Passport mobility	169	144		2025

2.4 · Business Legislation

Value Avg Rank

		Value	Avg	Rank	
2.4.01	Tariff barriers Tariffs on imports: Trade-weighted MFN applied tariff average - all products	2.60	4.48	10	2024
2.4.02 [S]	Protectionism Protectionism of your government does not impair the conduct of your business	6.89	5.49	14	2026
2.4.03 [S]	Public sector contracts Public sector contracts are sufficiently open to foreign bidders	6.79	5.90	19	2026
2.4.04 [S]	Foreign investors Foreign investors are free to acquire control in domestic companies	6.44	6.63	39	2026
2.4.05 [S]	Capital markets Capital markets (foreign and domestic) are easily accessible	7.14	6.26	19	2026
2.4.06 [S]	Investment incentives (e.g., grants, tax credits) for AI Investment incentives (e.g., grants, tax credits) for AI are adequate	4.74	3.96	22	2026
2.4.07	Government subsidies To private and public companies as a percentage of GDP	1.15	1.37	26	2025
2.4.08 [S]	Subsidies Subsidies do not distort fair competition and economic development	6.32	5.51	20	2026
2.4.09 [S]	State ownership of enterprises State ownership of enterprises is not a threat to business activities	6.86	5.91	12	2026
2.4.10 [S]	Competition legislation Competition legislation is efficient in preventing unfair competition	6.60	5.73	17	2026
2.4.11 [S]	Parallel economy Parallel (black-market, unrecorded) economy does not impair economic development	6.13	4.88	19	2026
2.4.12	New business density Registered new businesses per 1'000 people aged 15-64	17.3	6.0	5	2022
2.4.13 [S]	Creation of firms Creation of firms is supported by legislation	6.76	6.34	28	2026
2.4.14	Start-up days World Bank Enterprise Survey: Average days to obtain an operating license	-	28.6		
2.4.15	Regulatory burden World Bank Enterprise Survey: Average senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	-	7.8		
2.4.16 [S]	Labor regulations Labor regulations (hiring/firing practices, minimum wages, etc.) do not hinder business activities	5.17	5.35	41	2026
2.4.17 [S]	Unemployment legislation Unemployment legislation provides an incentive to look for work	5.81	5.05	23	2026
2.4.18 [S]	Immigration laws Immigration laws do not prevent your company from employing foreign labor	5.94	5.82	29	2026
2.4.19	Redundancy costs World Bank Enterprise Survey: Average weeks paid in severance	-	4.1		

2.5 · Societal Framework

Value Avg Rank

		Value	Avg	Rank	
2.5.01 [S]	Justice Justice is fairly administered	7.62	5.70	14	2026
2.5.02	Homicide Intentional homicide, rate per 100'000 population	0.85	3.97	30	2023
2.5.03	Ageing of population Population over 65, percentage of total population	17.6	14.9	36	2025
2.5.04 [S]	Risk of political instability The risk of political instability is very low	7.33	5.65	15	2026
2.5.05 [S]	Social cohesion Social cohesion is high	5.90	5.75	33	2026
2.5.06	Gini coefficient Equal distribution of income scale: 0 (absolute equality) to 100 (absolute inequality)	34.30	35.40	39	2022
2.5.07 [B]	Income distribution - lowest 10% Percentage of household incomes going to lowest 10% of households	2.60	3.30		2020
2.5.08 [B]	Income distribution - highest 10% Percentage of household incomes going to highest 10% of households	25.90	26.86		2020
2.5.09	Income distribution - lowest 40% Percentile going to the lowest 40% of households	20.70	19.36	23	2022
2.5.10 [B]	Income distribution - lowest 40% growth Percentile going to the lowest 40% of households - growth	-	0.28		
2.5.11 [S]	Equal opportunity Equal opportunity legislation in your economy encourages economic development	6.98	6.00	17	2026
2.5.12	Females in parliament Percentage of total seats in Parliament	46.00	29.25	4	2025
2.5.13	Unemployment rate - gender ratio Ratio of the female and male unemployment rates	0.88	1.34	12	2025
2.5.14	Gender inequality Gender Inequality Index (UNDP)	0.056	0.181	22	2023
2.5.15	Disposable income Female / male ratio	72.8	70.0	37	2025
2.5.16	Freedom of the press Reporters Without Borders: World Press Freedom Score	75.15	62.44	26	2025
2.5.17	Media bias Whether the print/broadcast media cover parties/candidates impartially and proportionately	2.207	0.994	13	2025
2.5.18	Inequality in life expectancy Index	0.95	0.84	6	2023

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3 · BUSINESS EFFICIENCY

3.1 · Productivity & Efficiency

		Value	Avg	Rank	
3.1.01	Overall productivity (PPP) Estimates: GDP (PPP) per person employed, US\$	125,378	96,588	20	2025
3.1.02	Overall productivity (PPP) - real growth Estimates: Percentage change of GDP (PPP) per person employed	1.61	1.57	28	2025
3.1.03	Labor productivity (PPP) Estimates: GDP (PPP) per person employed per hour, US\$	79.01	55.74	17	2025
3.1.04 [B]	Agricultural productivity (PPP) Estimates: Related GDP (PPP) per person employed in agriculture, US\$	159,697	72,272	7	2025
3.1.05 [B]	Productivity in industry (PPP) Estimates: Related GDP (PPP) per person employed in industry, US\$	182,047	147,448	15	2025
3.1.06 [B]	Productivity in services (PPP) Estimates: Related GDP (PPP) per person employed in services, US\$	124,930	110,835	30	2025
3.1.07 [S]	Workforce productivity Workforce productivity is competitive by international standards	5.40	5.88	45	2026
3.1.08 [S]	Large corporations Large corporations are efficient by international standards	6.03	6.56	51	2026
3.1.09 [S]	Small and medium-size enterprises Small and medium-size enterprises are efficient by international standards	6.19	5.85	28	2026
3.1.10 [S]	AI adoption in companies is implemented AI adoption in companies is implemented well	5.71	5.16	23	2026

3.2 · Labor Market

Value Avg Rank

		Value	Avg	Rank	
3.2.01	Compensation levels Total hourly compensation in manufacturing (wages + supplementary benefits), US\$	32.35	15.53	58	2025
3.2.02 [B]	Unit labor costs for total economy Percentage change	4.47	3.43	38	2025
3.2.03	[4] Remuneration in medium skilled professions Gross annual income, US\$	40,948	22,991	56	2024
	Remuneration in medium skilled professions / Clerical	39,073	26,061		2024
	Remuneration in medium skilled professions / Craft	54,232	25,160		2024
	Remuneration in medium skilled professions / Service	28,405	20,011		2024
	Remuneration in medium skilled professions / Skilled	42,083	20,733		2024
3.2.04	Statutory minimum wage Statutory gross monthly minimum wage US\$	2,655.08	1,050.25	57	2024
3.2.05	[3] Remuneration in high skilled professions Gross annual income, US\$	68,209	44,317	54	2024
	Remuneration in high skilled professions / Managers,	86,225	58,299		2024
	Remuneration in high skilled professions /	66,169	41,674		2024
	Remuneration in high skilled professions / Technicians	52,233	32,979		2024
3.2.06 [B]	Remuneration spread Ratio of managers to technicians	2.21	2.26	36	2024
3.2.07	Working hours Average number of working hours per year	1,587	1,857	56	2025
3.2.08 [S]	Worker motivation Worker motivation in companies is high	6.00	5.84	32	2026
3.2.09 [B]	Industrial disputes Working days lost per 1,000 inhabitants per year (three-year average)	5.27	12.38	32	2023
3.2.10 [S]	Apprenticeships Apprenticeships are sufficiently implemented	5.46	5.34	28	2026
3.2.11 [S]	Employee training Employee training is a high priority in companies	6.00	6.12	40	2026
3.2.12	Labor force Employed and registered unemployed (millions)	15.30	40.22	27	2025
3.2.13	Labor force (%) Percentage of population	55.42	50.95	14	2025
3.2.14	Labor force growth Percentage change	1.18	1.30	28	2025
3.2.15	Labor force - long-term growth Estimates: five year percentage change	3.62	3.52	32	2025
3.2.16	Part-time employment Less than 35 hours per week. Percentage of total employment	31.20	20.20	13	2025
3.2.17	Female labor force Percentage of total labor force	47.94	43.20	13	2025
3.2.18	Foreign labor force - migrant stock Migrant stock, age 20-64, % of population	30.36	16.75	12	2024
3.2.19 [S]	Skilled labor Skilled labor is readily available	6.06	5.69	28	2026
3.2.20 [S]	Finance skills Finance skills are readily available	7.17	6.23	15	2026
3.2.21 [S]	Attracting and retaining talent Attracting and retaining talent is a priority in companies	7.30	6.67	17	2026
3.2.22 [S]	Brain drain Brain drain does not hinder competitiveness in your economy	6.38	4.99	10	2026
3.2.23 [S]	Foreign highly skilled personnel Foreign highly skilled personnel are attracted to your country's business environment	7.78	5.66	8	2026
3.2.24 [S]	International experience International experience of senior managers is generally significant	5.87	5.88	34	2026
3.2.25 [S]	Competent senior managers Competent senior managers are readily available	6.38	5.77	25	2026

3.3 · Finance

Value Avg Rank

3.3.01	Banking sector assets Percentage of GDP	204.13	145.69	10	2025
3.3.02 [B]	Financial cards in circulation Number of cards per capita	6.73	3.88	11	2025
3.3.03	Financial card transactions US\$ per capita	26,996	12,108	4	2025
3.3.04	Access to financial services Proportion of adults with a bank account or mobile-money-service provider	98.01	86.90	21	2024
3.3.05	Access to financial services - gender ratio Ratio of the female and male access to a bank account or mobile-money-service provider	0.99	0.97	30	2024
3.3.06 [S]	Banking and financial services Banking and financial services do support business activities efficiently	7.30	6.28	16	2026
3.3.07 [S]	Regulatory compliance (banking laws) Regulatory compliance is sufficiently developed	7.33	6.89	24	2026
3.3.08 [S]	Stock markets Stock markets provide adequate financing to companies	7.24	5.66	8	2026
3.3.09 [B]	Stock market capitalization (\$bn) US\$ billions	1,976.2	1,519.1	14	2025
3.3.10	Stock market capitalization (%) Percentage of GDP	107.45	95.07	20	2025
3.3.11 [B]	Value traded on stock markets US\$ per capita	39,861	25,535	8	2025
3.3.12	Listed domestic companies Number of listed domestic companies	1,782	830	9	2025
3.3.13	Stock market index Percentage change on index in national currency	7.40	14.66	43	2025
3.3.14 [S]	Shareholders' rights Shareholders' rights are sufficiently implemented	7.81	6.83	14	2026
3.3.15	Initial Public Offerings By acquiror nation (three-year average) US\$ millions	1,369.5	1,742.4	16	2025
3.3.16 [S]	Credit Credit is easily available for business	7.33	5.85	7	2026
3.3.17 [S]	Venture capital Venture capital is easily available for business	6.29	5.10	14	2026
3.3.18	M&A Activity Deals per listed company (three-year average)	0.666	1.204	26	2025
3.3.19 [S]	Corporate debt Corporate debt does not restrain the ability of enterprises to compete	7.14	5.77	6	2026

3.4 · Management Practices

Value Avg Rank

3.4.01 [S]	Agility of companies Companies are agile	5.87	6.26	50	2026
3.4.02 [S]	Changing market conditions Companies are generally extremely aware of changing market conditions	6.83	6.74	36	2026
3.4.03 [S]	Opportunities and threats Companies are very good at responding quickly to opportunities and threats	5.97	6.25	46	2026
3.4.04 [S]	Credibility of managers Credibility of managers in society is strong	6.00	6.22	42	2026
3.4.05 [S]	Corporate boards Corporate boards do supervise the management of companies effectively	6.79	6.22	23	2026
3.4.06 [S]	Auditing and accounting practices Auditing and accounting practices are adequately implemented in business	7.68	7.11	21	2026
3.4.07 [S]	Companies address potential bias in AI algorithms Companies address potential bias in AI algorithms agree	4.94	4.77	33	2026
3.4.08 [S]	Customer satisfaction Customer satisfaction is emphasized in companies	6.95	7.07	46	2026
3.4.09 [S]	Entrepreneurship Entrepreneurship of managers is widespread in business	5.62	6.23	54	2026
3.4.10 [S]	Social responsibility Social responsibility of business leaders is high	6.35	6.25	35	2026
3.4.11	Women in management Female share of senior and middle management (% of management)	39.39	35.09	18	2024
3.4.12	Women on boards Percentage of total director seats held by women analyzed by MSCI	41.50	27.98	8	2025
3.4.13	Entrepreneurial fear of failure % indicating that fear of failure would prevent them from setting up a business	47.37	46.36	30	2019
3.4.14	Total early-stage Entrepreneurial Activity % who are either a nascent entrepreneur or owner-manager of a new business	10.52	12.63	28	2019

3.5 · Attitudes & Values

Value Avg Rank

3.5.01 [S]	Attitudes toward globalization Attitudes toward globalization are generally positive in your society	6.86	6.44	25	2026
3.5.02 [S]	Image abroad or branding The image abroad of your country encourages business development	7.14	6.45	24	2026
3.5.03 [S]	National culture The national culture is open to foreign ideas	7.21	6.86	26	2026
3.5.04 [S]	Flexibility and adaptability Flexibility and adaptability of people are high when faced with new challenges	6.70	6.67	39	2026
3.5.05 [S]	Need for economic and social reforms The need for economic and social reforms is generally well understood	6.19	5.96	31	2026
3.5.06 [S]	Citizen trust in AI Citizen trust in AI supports business application of the technology	6.03	6.12	35	2026
3.5.07 [S]	Value system The value system in your society supports competitiveness	6.60	6.19	28	2026

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4 · INFRASTRUCTURE

4.1 · Basic Infrastructure

		Value	Avg	Rank	
4.1.01 [B]	Land area Square kilometers ('000)	7,741	1,215	5	2025
4.1.02	Arable area Square meters per capita	11,768	2,505	2	2023
4.1.03	Water resources Total internal renewable per capita in cubic meters	18,778	15,539	11	2022
4.1.04 [S]	Access to water Access to water is adequately ensured and managed	7.33	7.49	43	2026
4.1.05 [S]	Management of cities Management of cities supports business development	7.11	6.45	25	2026
4.1.06 [B]	Population - market size Estimates in millions	27.61	82.34	30	2025
4.1.07	Population - growth Percentage change	1.54	0.96	18	2025
4.1.08 [B][2]	Dependent Population Percentage of total population	35.0	33.8		2025
	Population over 65 years	17.6	14.9		2025
	Population under 15 years	17.4	18.9		2025
4.1.09	Dependency ratio Population under 15 and over 64 years old, divided by active population (15 to 64 years)	53.8	51.8	35	2025
4.1.10	Roads Density of the network, km roads/square km land area	0.06	1.38	60	2023
4.1.11	Railroads Density of the network, km per square km	0.002	0.044	59	2024
4.1.12 [B]	Air transportation Number of passengers carried by main companies, thousands	68,959	58,201	16	2023
4.1.13 [S]	Quality of air transportation Quality of air transportation encourages business development	6.98	6.82	36	2026
4.1.14 [S]	Distribution infrastructure The distribution infrastructure of goods and services is generally efficient	7.02	6.88	37	2026
4.1.15 [S]	Energy infrastructure Energy infrastructure is adequate and efficient	6.86	6.56	32	2026
4.1.16 [B]	Total indigenous energy production Millions MTOE	434.37	168.15	7	2022
4.1.17	Total indigenous energy production (%) Percentage of total requirements in tons of oil equivalent	341.5	111.1	5	2022
4.1.18 [B]	Total final energy consumption Millions MTOE	79.05	114.87	53	2022
4.1.19 [B]	Total final energy consumption per capita MTOE per capita	3.04	2.31	54	2022
4.1.20	Electricity costs for industrial clients US\$ per kwh	0.256	0.171	56	2025

4.2 · Technological Infrastructure

Value Avg Rank

		Value	Avg	Rank	
4.2.01	Investment in Telecommunications Percentage of GDP	0.31	0.34	33	2025
4.2.02	Mobile broadband subscribers 5G market, % of mobile market	60.6	32.6	4	2025
4.2.03	Mobile telephone costs Monthly Blended Average Revenue per User	21.3	14.2	57	2025
4.2.04 [S]	Society's access to AI Society's access to AI is evenly distributed across groups	5.14	4.77	32	2026
4.2.05	Secure internet servers publicly-trusted TLS/SSL certificates, Netcraft Secure Server Survey.	44,295	45,253	23	2024
4.2.06	Internet users Number of internet users per 1000 people	961	882	15	2024
4.2.07	Broadband subscribers Number of subscriptions per 1000 inhabitants	484	379	19	2024
4.2.08	Internet bandwidth speed Average speed	132.9	147.9	40	2025
4.2.09 [S]	AI skills AI skills meet business requirements	4.79	4.57	28	2026
4.2.10 [S]	Qualified engineers Qualified engineers are available in your labor market	7.02	6.57	24	2026
4.2.11 [S]	Public-private partnerships Public and private sector ventures are supporting technological development	6.29	6.12	33	2026
4.2.12 [S]	Company compliance with relevant AI laws Company compliance with relevant AI laws is adequate	6.32	5.24	15	2026
4.2.13 [S]	Companies investment in AI Companies investment in AI are ahead of foreign-based competitors	5.05	4.29	21	2026
4.2.14	High-tech exports (\$) US\$ millions	8,190	60,359	36	2024
4.2.15	High-tech exports (%) Percentage of manufactured exports	25.16	20.46	17	2024
4.2.16	ICT service exports Percentage of service exports	3.0	12.0	62	2024
4.2.17 [S]	Cyber security Cyber security is being adequately addressed by corporations	6.83	6.18	22	2026

4.3 · Scientific Infrastructure

Value Avg Rank

		Value	Avg	Rank
4.3.01	Total expenditure on R&D (\$) US\$ millions	29,951	40,395	11 2023
4.3.02	Total expenditure on R&D (%) Percentage of GDP	1.71	1.54	24 2023
4.3.03 [B]	Total expenditure on R&D per capita (\$) US\$ per capita	1,123.4	740.7	19 2023
4.3.04	Business expenditure on R&D (\$) US\$ millions	16,108	32,245	14 2024
4.3.05	Business expenditure on R&D (%) Percentage of GDP	0.90	1.08	28 2024
4.3.06	Total R&D personnel Full-time work equivalent (FTE thousands)	-	312.9	
4.3.07	Total R&D personnel per capita Full-time work equivalent (FTE) per 1000 people	-	6.11	
4.3.08 [B]	Total R&D personnel in business enterprise Full-time work equivalent (FTE thousands)	104.2	229.2	16 2024
4.3.09 [B]	Total R&D personnel in business per capita Full-time work equivalent (FTE) per 1000 people	3.83	3.59	28 2024
4.3.10	Researchers in R&D per capita Full-time work equivalent (FTE) per 1000 people	-	3.7	
4.3.11	Graduates in Sciences STEM graduates, % of all graduates	18.88	24.33	52 2023
4.3.12	Scientific articles Scientific articles published by origin of author	54,589	42,435	13 2023
4.3.13 [B]	Nobel prizes Awarded in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine and economics since 1950	9	9	10 2025
4.3.14	Nobel prizes per capita Awarded in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine and economics since 1950 per million people	0.33	0.18	15 2025
4.3.15	Patent applications Number of applications filed by applicant's origin	10,633	52,440	18 2024
4.3.16	Patent applications per capita Number of applications filed by applicant's origin, per 100,000 inhabitants	39.10	63.83	24 2024
4.3.17	Patent grants Number of patents granted by applicant's origin (three-year average)	5,878	28,646	17 2024
4.3.18	Number of patents in force by applicant's origin, per 100,000 inhabitants	241.3	503.1	26 2024
4.3.19	AI-related patent publications Number of patent publications	129	1,029	15 2024
4.3.20	Medium- and high-tech value added Proportion of total manufacturing value added, expressed as a percentage	29.13	37.81	46 2022
4.3.21 [S]	Scientific research legislation Laws relating to scientific research do encourage innovation	6.44	6.09	31 2026
4.3.22 [S]	Intellectual property rights Intellectual property rights are adequately enforced	7.46	6.60	20 2026
4.3.23 [S]	Knowledge transfer Knowledge transfer is highly developed between companies and universities	6.06	5.64	29 2026

4.4 · Health & Environment

Value Avg Rank

		Value	Avg	Rank	
4.4.01	Total health expenditure Percentage of GDP	10.4	7.8	13	2023
4.4.02 [B]	Total health expenditure per capita US\$ per capita	6,814	3,023	8	2023
4.4.03 [B]	Public expenditure on health (%) Percentage of total health expenditure	73.66	65.62	27	2023
4.4.04 [S]	Health infrastructure Health infrastructure meets the needs of society	6.57	5.81	25	2026
4.4.05	Universal health coverage index Coverage index for essential health services (0-100)	89	79	3	2023
4.4.06	Life expectancy at birth Average estimate	83.9	78.3	5	2023
4.4.07 [B]	Healthy life expectancy Average estimate	71.8	67.9	6	2024
4.4.08 [B]	Infant mortality Under five mortality rate per 1000 live births	3.7	10.9	22	2023
4.4.09	[2] Medical assistance Number of inhabitants per physician and per nurse	158.41	480.37	9	2025
	Medical assistance / Per nurse	77.37	232.40		2025
	Medical assistance / Per physician	239.45	728.34		2025
4.4.10 [B]	Urban population Percentage of total population	91	76		2025
4.4.11	Human development index Combines economic - social - educational indicators/ Source: Human Development Report	0.958	0.863	7	2023
4.4.12	Energy intensity Total energy consumed for each 1000 US\$ of GDP in MTOE	46	97	10	2022
4.4.13	Safely treated waste water Percentage of waste water	95.8	72.6	16	2024
4.4.14	Water use efficiency Value added in US\$ per cubic meter used	80.30	109.34	23	2022
4.4.15 [B]	CO2 emissions Metric tons of carbon dioxide, total	383.4	468.8	56	2024
4.4.16	CO2 emissions intensity CO2 emissions in metric tons per one million US\$ of GDP	213.1	323.8	33	2024
4.4.17	Exposure to particle pollution Mean population exposure to PM2.5, Micrograms per cubic meter	5.70	17.65	3	2021
4.4.18	Renewable energies (%) Share of renewables in total energy requirements, %	9.8	20.6	50	2023
4.4.19	Forest area growth Five year percentage change of hectares	0.2	2.3	36	2025
4.4.20 [B]	Total biocapacity Global hectares per capita of biologically productive space	12.01	3.25	5	2024
4.4.21 [B]	Ecological footprint Global hectares per person	7.3	5.0	56	2024
4.4.22	Ecological balance (reserve/deficit) Total biocapacity minus total footprint in global hectares per capita	4.73	-1.75	4	2024
4.4.23	Food waste KG per capita, Including household, service and retail	177.0	120.8	65	2022
4.4.24	Environment-related technologies Development of environment-related technologies, % inventions worldwide	0.36	1.42	19	2022
4.4.25	Environmental agreements Multilateral agreements on hazardous waste, proportion fulfilled	89.67	83.87	19	2025
4.4.26	Environmental Performance Index EPI Score, quantifying the environmental performance of a state's policies	63.1	54.8	22	2024
4.4.27 [S]	Sustainable development Sustainable development is a priority in companies	6.48	6.11	30	2026
4.4.28 [S]	Pollution problems Pollution problems do not seriously affect your economy	7.21	5.86	11	2026
4.4.29 [S]	Environmental laws Environmental laws and compliance do not hinder the competitiveness of businesses	6.32	5.91	25	2026
4.4.30 [S]	Quality of life Quality of life is high	8.10	6.67	14	2026

4.5 · Education

Value Avg Rank

		Value	Avg	Rank	
4.5.01	Total public expenditure on education Percentage of GDP	5.1	4.4	21	2022
4.5.02 [B]	Total public expenditure on education per capita US\$ per capita	3,399	1,662	10	2022
4.5.03	Total public exp. on education per student Spending per enrolled pupil/student, all levels	12,967	8,871	17	2022
4.5.04	Pupil-teacher ratio (primary education) Ratio of students to teaching staff	14.32	16.60	38	2023
4.5.05	Pupil-teacher ratio (secondary education) Ratio of students to teaching staff	11.84	14.35	27	2023
4.5.06	Secondary school enrollment Percentage of relevant age group receiving full-time education	98.1	95.1	39	2024
4.5.07	Higher education achievement Percentage of population that has attained at least tertiary education for persons 25-34	56.3	44.4	15	2023
4.5.08	Women with degrees Share of women who have a degree in the population 25-65	57.0	39.9	12	2023
4.5.09	Student mobility inbound Foreign tertiary-level students per 1000 inhabitants	21.34	4.44	2	2024
4.5.10 [B]	Student mobility outbound National tertiary-level students studying abroad per 1000 inhabitants	0.50	2.33	59	2023
4.5.11	[3] Educational assessment - PISA PISA survey of 15-year olds	497	462	11	2022
	Educational assessment - PISA / Mathematics	487	460		2022
	Educational assessment - PISA / Reading	498	456		2022
	Educational assessment - PISA / Sciences	507	469		2022
4.5.12	Students who are not low achievers - PISA % of students who are not low achievers in maths, sciences or reading	70.0	60.3	16	2022
4.5.13 [B]	English proficiency - TOEFL TOEFL scores	94	90	24	2024
4.5.14 [S]	Primary and secondary education Primary and secondary education meets the needs of a competitive economy	7.08	6.00	18	2026
4.5.15 [S]	University education University education meets the needs of a competitive economy	7.02	6.36	23	2026
4.5.16 [S]	Management education Management education meets the needs of the business community	6.73	6.39	28	2026
4.5.17	University education index Country score calculated from Times Higher Education university ranking	39.75	13.40	6	2025
4.5.18	Illiteracy Adult (over 15 years) illiteracy rate as a percentage of population	1.0	3.3	1	2024
4.5.19 [S]	Language skills Language skills are meeting the needs of enterprises	6.60	6.46	33	2026