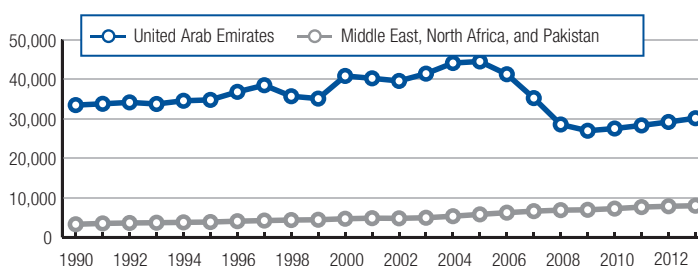


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## Key indicators, 2013

Population (millions).....	9.0
GDP (US\$ billions).....	396.2
GDP per capita (US\$).....	43,876
GDP (PPP) as share (%) of world total.....	0.31

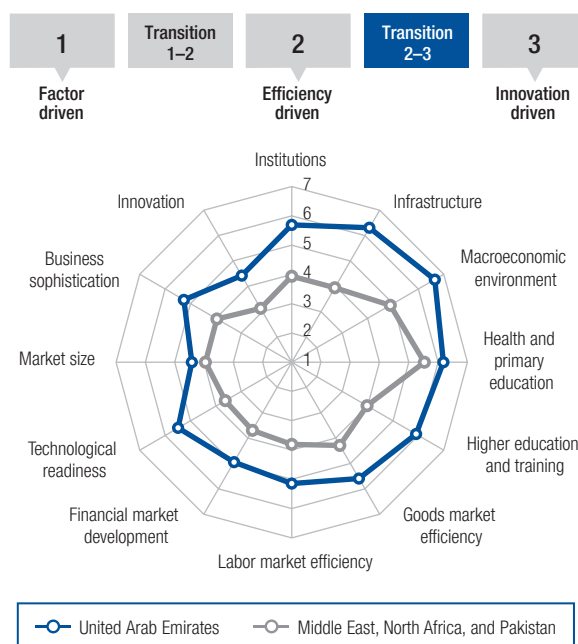
GDP (PPP) per capita (int'l \$), 1990–2013



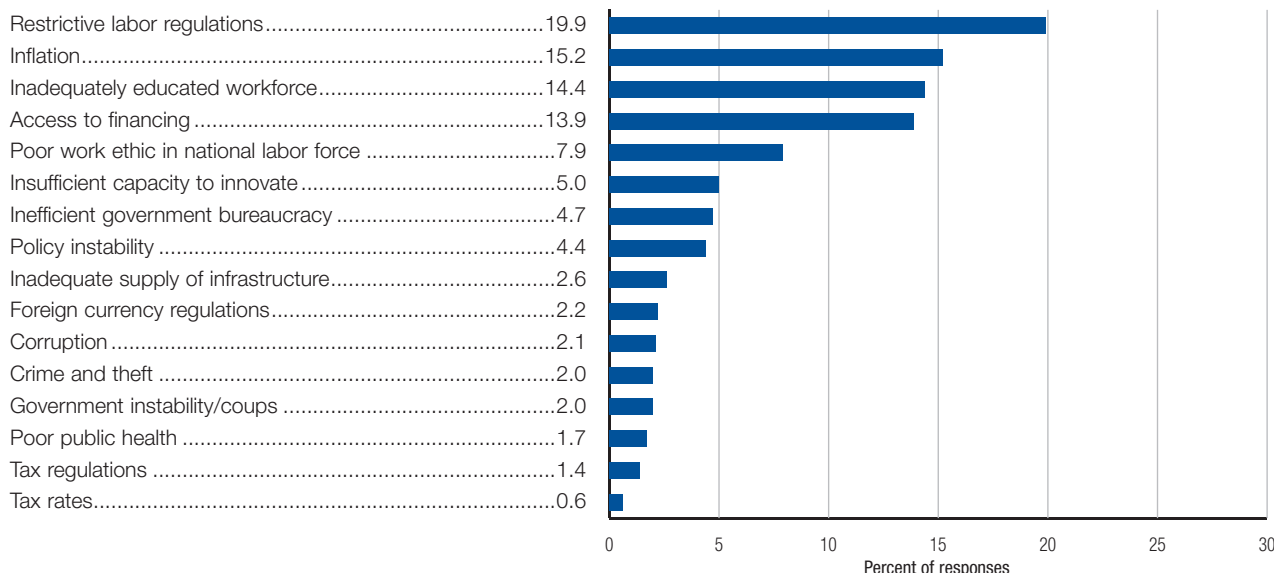
## Global Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 144)	Score (1–7)
<b>GCI 2014–2015</b> .....	<b>12</b>	<b>5.3</b>
GCI 2013–2014 (out of 148).....	19	5.1
GCI 2012–2013 (out of 144).....	24	5.1
GCI 2011–2012 (out of 142).....	27	4.9
<b>Basic requirements (21.2%)</b> .....	<b>2</b>	<b>6.2</b>
Institutions.....	7	5.7
Infrastructure.....	3	6.3
Macroeconomic environment.....	5	6.6
Health and primary education.....	38	6.2
<b>Efficiency enhancers (50.0%)</b> .....	<b>14</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Higher education and training.....	6	5.9
Goods market efficiency.....	3	5.6
Labor market efficiency.....	8	5.1
Financial market development.....	17	4.9
Technological readiness.....	24	5.5
Market size.....	46	4.4
<b>Innovation and sophistication factors (28.8%)</b> .....	<b>21</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Business sophistication.....	14	5.3
Innovation.....	24	4.4

### Stage of development



## The most problematic factors for doing business



**Note:** From the list of factors above, 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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## The Global Competitiveness Index in detail

INDICATOR	VALUE	RANK/144
<b>1st pillar: Institutions</b>		
1.01 Property rights	5.5	23
1.02 Intellectual property protection	5.5	18
1.03 Diversion of public funds	6.0	<b>7</b>
1.04 Public trust in politicians	6.0	<b>3</b>
1.05 Irregular payments and bribes	6.4	<b>4</b>
1.06 Judicial independence	5.6	22
1.07 Favoritism in decisions of government officials	5.3	<b>5</b>
1.08 Wastefulness of government spending	6.0	<b>2</b>
1.09 Burden of government regulation	5.2	<b>3</b>
1.10 Efficiency of legal framework in settling disputes	5.2	17
1.11 Efficiency of legal framework in challenging regs.	4.7	15
1.12 Transparency of government policymaking	5.4	<b>10</b>
1.13 Business costs of terrorism	6.4	<b>10</b>
1.14 Business costs of crime and violence	6.5	<b>2</b>
1.15 Organized crime	6.8	<b>1</b>
1.16 Reliability of police services	6.2	<b>7</b>
1.17 Ethical behavior of firms	5.8	<b>11</b>
1.18 Strength of auditing and reporting standards	5.5	26
1.19 Efficacy of corporate boards	5.5	15
1.20 Protection of minority shareholders' interests	5.3	16
1.21 Strength of investor protection, 0–10 (best)*	5.0	83
<b>2nd pillar: Infrastructure</b>		
2.01 Quality of overall infrastructure	6.4	<b>3</b>
2.02 Quality of roads	6.6	<b>1</b>
2.03 Quality of railroad infrastructure	N/Appl.	n/a
2.04 Quality of port infrastructure	6.5	<b>3</b>
2.05 Quality of air transport infrastructure	6.7	<b>2</b>
2.06 Available airline seat km/week, millions*	4,799.4	<b>6</b>
2.07 Quality of electricity supply	6.6	<b>11</b>
2.08 Mobile telephone subscriptions/100 pop.*	171.9	<b>6</b>
2.09 Fixed telephone lines/100 pop.*	22.3	50
<b>3rd pillar: Macroeconomic environment</b>		
3.01 Government budget balance, % GDP*	10.1	<b>5</b>
3.02 Gross national savings, % GDP*	38.9	<b>11</b>
3.03 Inflation, annual % change*	1.1	<b>1</b>
3.04 General government debt, % GDP*	12.3	<b>9</b>
3.05 Country credit rating, 0–100 (best)*	73.3	30
<b>4th pillar: Health and primary education</b>		
4.01 Malaria cases/100,000 pop.*	M.F.	n/a
4.02 Business impact of malaria	N/Appl.	n/a
4.03 Tuberculosis cases/100,000 pop.*	1.7	<b>2</b>
4.04 Business impact of tuberculosis	6.2	45
4.05 HIV prevalence, % adult pop.*	<0.2	<b>1</b>
4.06 Business impact of HIV/AIDS	6.3	<b>30</b>
4.07 Infant mortality, deaths/1,000 live births*	7.2	44
4.08 Life expectancy, years*	77.0	41
4.09 Quality of primary education	5.4	13
4.10 Primary education enrollment, net %*	91.2	98
<b>5th pillar: Higher education and training</b>		
5.01 Secondary education enrollment, gross %*	92.3	64
5.02 Tertiary education enrollment, gross %*	n/a	n/a
5.03 Quality of the education system	5.3	<b>9</b>
5.04 Quality of math and science education	5.3	<b>11</b>
5.05 Quality of management schools	5.3	18
5.06 Internet access in schools	6.0	18
5.07 Availability of research and training services	5.4	17
5.08 Extent of staff training	5.1	<b>11</b>
<b>6th pillar: Goods market efficiency</b>		
6.01 Intensity of local competition	6.0	<b>9</b>
6.02 Extent of market dominance	5.2	<b>10</b>
6.03 Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy	5.3	<b>6</b>
6.04 Effect of taxation on incentives to invest	6.3	<b>2</b>
6.05 Total tax rate, % profits*	14.9	<b>7</b>

INDICATOR	VALUE	RANK/144
<b>6th pillar: Goods market efficiency (cont'd.)</b>		
6.06 No. procedures to start a business*	6	57
6.07 No. days to start a business*	8.0	39
6.08 Agricultural policy costs	5.0	<b>3</b>
6.09 Prevalence of trade barriers	5.5	<b>2</b>
6.10 Trade tariffs, % duty*	4.2	58
6.11 Prevalence of foreign ownership	5.7	<b>10</b>
6.12 Business impact of rules on FDI	5.7	<b>6</b>
6.13 Burden of customs procedures	6.0	<b>3</b>
6.14 Imports as a percentage of GDP*	76.3	27
6.15 Degree of customer orientation	5.7	<b>6</b>
6.16 Buyer sophistication	4.5	<b>9</b>
<b>7th pillar: Labor market efficiency</b>		
7.01 Cooperation in labor-employer relations	5.5	<b>10</b>
7.02 Flexibility of wage determination	6.1	<b>3</b>
7.03 Hiring and firing practices	5.1	<b>8</b>
7.04 Redundancy costs, weeks of salary*	4.3	<b>8</b>
7.05 Effect of taxation on incentives to work	6.2	<b>3</b>
7.06 Pay and productivity	5.2	<b>6</b>
7.07 Reliance on professional management	5.5	20
7.08 Country capacity to retain talent	5.5	<b>6</b>
7.09 Country capacity to attract talent	5.9	<b>3</b>
7.10 Women in labor force, ratio to men*	0.51	126
<b>8th pillar: Financial market development</b>		
8.01 Availability of financial services	5.5	22
8.02 Affordability of financial services	5.4	20
8.03 Financing through local equity market	4.7	17
8.04 Ease of access to loans	4.7	<b>3</b>
8.05 Venture capital availability	4.4	<b>4</b>
8.06 Soundness of banks	5.9	23
8.07 Regulation of securities exchanges	5.5	12
8.08 Legal rights index, 0–10 (best)*	4	96
<b>9th pillar: Technological readiness</b>		
9.01 Availability of latest technologies	6.3	<b>8</b>
9.02 Firm-level technology absorption	6.0	<b>7</b>
9.03 FDI and technology transfer	5.8	<b>3</b>
9.04 Individuals using Internet, %*	88.0	<b>10</b>
9.05 Fixed broadband Internet subscriptions/100 pop.*	11.1	61
9.06 Int'l Internet bandwidth, kb/s per user*	52.3	51
9.07 Mobile broadband subscriptions/100 pop.*	89.0	<b>11</b>
<b>10th pillar: Market size</b>		
10.01 Domestic market size index, 1–7 (best)*	4.0	51
10.02 Foreign market size index, 1–7 (best)*	5.5	29
10.03 GDP (PPP\$ billions)*	272.0	49
10.04 Exports as a percentage of GDP*	94.9	<b>9</b>
<b>11th pillar: Business sophistication</b>		
11.01 Local supplier quantity	5.4	<b>11</b>
11.02 Local supplier quality	5.3	23
11.03 State of cluster development	5.5	<b>4</b>
11.04 Nature of competitive advantage	4.8	25
11.05 Value chain breadth	5.1	13
11.06 Control of international distribution	5.3	<b>3</b>
11.07 Production process sophistication	5.1	27
11.08 Extent of marketing	5.6	<b>9</b>
11.09 Willingness to delegate authority	5.0	13
<b>12th pillar: Innovation</b>		
12.01 Capacity for innovation	4.7	25
12.02 Quality of scientific research institutions	4.8	30
12.03 Company spending on R&D	4.3	22
12.04 University-industry collaboration in R&D	4.7	22
12.05 Gov't procurement of advanced tech products	5.4	<b>2</b>
12.06 Availability of scientists and engineers	5.2	<b>7</b>
12.07 PCT patents, applications/million pop.*	5.0	49

**Notes:** Values are on a 1-to-7 scale unless otherwise annotated with an asterisk (\*). For further details and explanation, please refer to the section "How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles" on page 101.