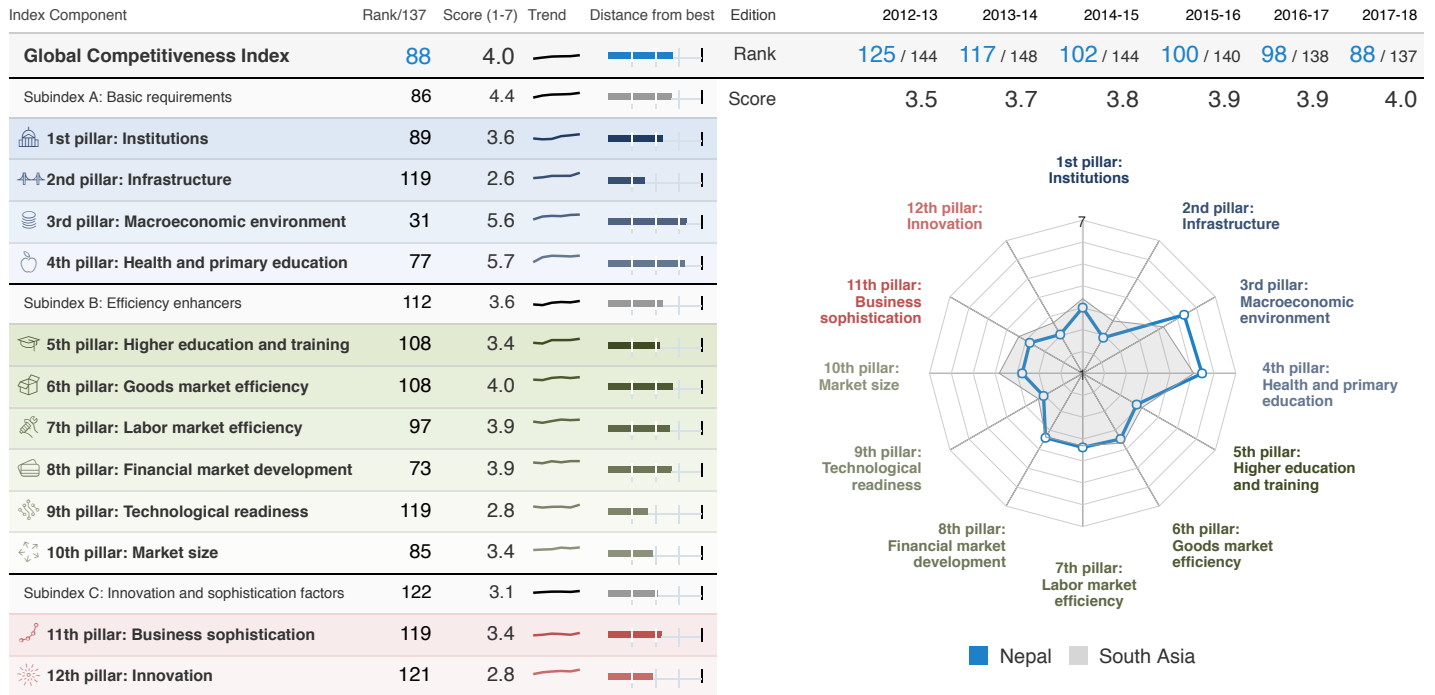


## Key indicators, 2016

Source: International Monetary Fund; World Economic Outlook Database (April 2017)

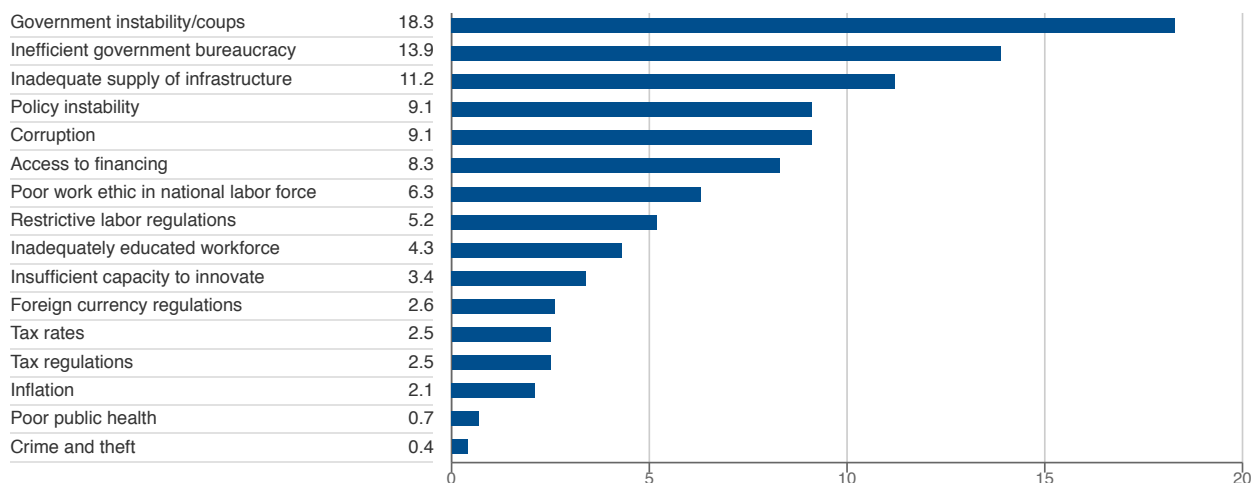
<b>Population</b> millions	28.9	<b>GDP per capita</b> US\$	733.2
<b>GDP</b> US\$ billions	21.2	<b>GDP (PPP)</b> % world GDP	0.06

## Performance overview



## Most problematic factors for doing business

Source: World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey 2017



**Note:** From the list of factors, respondents to the World Economic Forum's Executive Opinion Survey were asked to select the five most problematic factors for doing business in their country and to rank them between 1 (most problematic) and 5. The score corresponds to the responses weighted according to their rankings.

# The Global Competitiveness Index in detail

# Nepal

Index Component	Rank/137	Value	Trend	Index Component	Rank/137	Value	Trend
<b>1st pillar: Institutions</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>3.6</b>		<b>6th pillar: Goods market efficiency</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>4.0</b>	
1.01 Property rights	74	4.2		6.01 Intensity of local competition	92	4.8	
1.02 Intellectual property protection	101	3.5		6.02 Extent of market dominance	127	2.8	
1.03 Diversion of public funds	70	3.5		6.03 Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy	118	3.0	
1.04 Public trust in politicians	121	1.9		6.04 Effect of taxation on incentives to invest	53	3.8	
1.05 Irregular payments and bribes	117	2.9		6.05 Total tax rate % profits	35	29.5	
1.06 Judicial independence	64	4.0		6.06 No. of procedures to start a business	70	7	
1.07 Favoritism in decisions of government officials	102	2.6		6.07 Time to start a business days	92	17.0	
1.08 Efficiency of government spending	90	2.8		6.08 Agricultural policy costs	84	3.6	
1.09 Burden of government regulation	82	3.3		6.09 Prevalence of non-tariff barriers	71	4.4	
1.10 Efficiency of legal framework in settling disputes	87	3.3		6.10 Trade tariffs % duty	134	16.7	
1.11 Efficiency of legal framework in challenging regulations	80	3.1		6.11 Prevalence of foreign ownership	134	2.9	
1.12 Transparency of government policymaking	99	3.6		6.12 Business impact of rules on FDI	113	3.8	
1.13 Business costs of terrorism	109	4.5		6.13 Burden of customs procedures	109	3.4	
1.14 Business costs of crime and violence	91	4.2		6.14 Imports % GDP	51	51.5	
1.15 Organized crime	99	4.2		6.15 Degree of customer orientation	105	4.1	
1.16 Reliability of police services	85	4.2		6.16 Buyer sophistication	89	3.1	
1.17 Ethical behavior of firms	98	3.4		<b>7th pillar: Labor market efficiency</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>3.9</b>	
1.18 Strength of auditing and reporting standards	103	4.0		7.01 Cooperation in labor-employer relations	132	3.5	
1.19 Efficacy of corporate boards	102	4.4		7.02 Flexibility of wage determination	111	4.3	
1.20 Protection of minority shareholders' interests	106	3.6		7.03 Hiring and firing practices	120	3.1	
1.21 Strength of investor protection 0-10 (best)	61	5.8		7.04 Redundancy costs weeks of salary	110	27.2	
<b>2nd pillar: Infrastructure</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>2.6</b>		7.05 Effect of taxation on incentives to work	68	4.0	
2.01 Quality of overall infrastructure	117	2.9		7.06 Pay and productivity	110	3.4	
2.02 Quality of roads	118	2.8		7.07 Reliance on professional management	121	3.4	
2.03 Quality of railroad infrastructure	n/a	not assessed		7.08 Country capacity to retain talent	112	2.7	
2.04 Quality of port infrastructure	135	1.6		7.09 Country capacity to attract talent	115	2.4	
2.05 Quality of air transport infrastructure	133	2.5		7.10 Female participation in the labor force ratio to men	17	0.94	
2.06 Available airline seat kilometers millions/week	78	134.7		<b>8th pillar: Financial market development</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>3.9</b>	
2.07 Quality of electricity supply	118	2.8		8.01 Availability of financial services	82	4.0	
2.08 Mobile-cellular telephone subscriptions /100 pop.	81	111.7		8.02 Affordability of financial services	80	3.7	
2.09 Fixed-telephone lines /100 pop.	107	3.0		8.03 Financing through local equity market	42	4.2	
<b>3rd pillar: Macroeconomic environment</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5.6</b>		8.04 Ease of access to loans	72	3.9	
3.01 Government budget balance % GDP	7	1.4		8.05 Venture capital availability	75	2.8	
3.02 Gross national savings % GDP	6	40.3		8.06 Soundness of banks	97	4.3	
3.03 Inflation annual % change	123	9.9		8.07 Regulation of securities exchanges	86	4.0	
3.04 Government debt % GDP	18	27.3		8.08 Legal rights index 0-10 (best)	49	6	
3.05 Country credit rating 0-100 (best)	120	23.5		<b>9th pillar: Technological readiness</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>2.8</b>	
<b>4th pillar: Health and primary education</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>5.7</b>		9.01 Availability of latest technologies	120	3.8	
4.01 Malaria incidence cases/100,000 pop.	36	85.4		9.02 Firm-level technology absorption	123	3.7	
4.02 Business impact of malaria	25	5.1		9.03 FDI and technology transfer	126	3.3	
4.03 Tuberculosis incidence cases/100,000 pop.	105	156.0		9.04 Internet users % pop.	119	19.7	
4.04 Business impact of tuberculosis	93	4.9		9.05 Fixed-broadband Internet subscriptions /100 pop.	109	0.8	
4.05 HIV prevalence % adult pop.	1	0.2		9.06 Internet bandwidth kb/s/user	125	3.9	
4.06 Business impact of HIV/AIDS	89	5.0		9.07 Mobile-broadband subscriptions /100 pop.	103	30.8	
4.07 Infant mortality deaths/1,000 live births	101	29.4		<b>10th pillar: Market size</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>3.4</b>	
4.08 Life expectancy years	97	70.0		10.01 Domestic market size index	77	3.4	
4.09 Quality of primary education	80	3.8		10.02 Foreign market size index	118	3.3	
4.10 Primary education enrollment rate net %	53	97.0		10.03 GDP (PPP) PPP \$ billions	84	71.5	
<b>5th pillar: Higher education and training</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>3.4</b>		10.04 Exports % GDP	135	8.2	
5.01 Secondary education enrollment rate gross %	99	69.6		<b>11th pillar: Business sophistication</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>3.4</b>	
5.02 Tertiary education enrollment rate gross %	104	14.9		11.01 Local supplier quantity	102	4.1	
5.03 Quality of the education system	69	3.7		11.02 Local supplier quality	129	3.4	
5.04 Quality of math and science education	71	4.1		11.03 State of cluster development	101	3.4	
5.05 Quality of management schools	82	4.0		11.04 Nature of competitive advantage	104	2.9	
5.06 Internet access in schools	103	3.6		11.05 Value chain breadth	112	3.3	
5.07 Local availability of specialized training services	116	3.7		11.06 Control of international distribution	114	3.0	
5.08 Extent of staff training	120	3.3		11.07 Production process sophistication	122	2.8	
				11.08 Extent of marketing	121	3.8	
				11.09 Willingness to delegate authority	111	3.8	
				<b>12th pillar: Innovation</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>2.8</b>	
				12.01 Capacity for innovation	121	3.4	
				12.02 Quality of scientific research institutions	125	2.7	
				12.03 Company spending on R&D	125	2.6	
				12.04 University-industry collaboration in R&D	115	2.8	
				12.05 Gov't procurement of advanced technology products	108	2.8	
				12.06 Availability of scientists and engineers	94	3.6	
				12.07 PCT patents applications/million pop.	116	0.0	

**Note:** Values are on a 1-to-7 scale unless indicated otherwise. Trend lines depict evolution in values since the 2012-2013 edition (or earliest edition available). For detailed definitions, sources, and periods, consult the interactive Economy Profiles and Rankings at <http://gcr.weforum.org/>