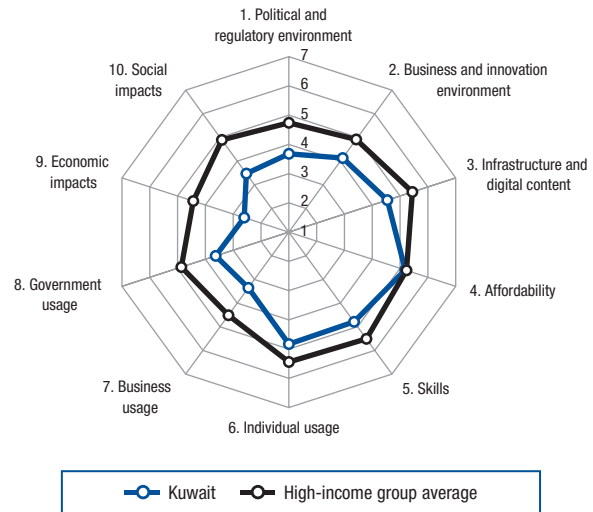


Kuwait

	Rank (out of 144)	Score (1–7)
Networked Readiness Index 2013	62	3.9
Networked Readiness Index 2012 (out of 142)	62	3.9
A. Environment subindex	69	3.9
1st pillar: Political and regulatory environment	71	3.7
2nd pillar: Business and innovation environment	71	4.1
B. Readiness subindex	58	4.9
3rd pillar: Infrastructure and digital content	45	4.6
4th pillar: Affordability	71	5.2
5th pillar: Skills.....	71	4.8
C. Usage subindex	55	3.9
6th pillar: Individual usage.....	40	4.8
7th pillar: Business usage.....	83	3.4
8th pillar: Government usage.....	105	3.6
D. Impact subindex	101	3.0
9th pillar: Economic impacts.....	125	2.6
10th pillar: Social impacts.....	85	3.5



The Networked Readiness Index in detail

INDICATOR	RANK /144	VALUE
1st pillar: Political and regulatory environment		
1.01 Effectiveness of law-making bodies*	83	3.3
1.02 Laws relating to ICTs*	128	2.9
1.03 Judicial independence*	36	4.9
1.04 Efficiency of legal system in settling disputes*	57	4.0
1.05 Efficiency of legal system in challenging regs*	67	3.7
1.06 Intellectual property protection*	46	4.0
1.07 Software piracy rate, % software installed	52	5.9
1.08 No. procedures to enforce a contract	141	5.0
1.09 No. days to enforce a contract	80	5.66
2nd pillar: Business and innovation environment		
2.01 Availability of latest technologies*	66	5.0
2.02 Venture capital availability*	41	3.0
2.03 Total tax rate, % profits	2	10.7
2.04 No. days to start a business	108	3.2
2.05 No. procedures to start a business	126	1.2
2.06 Intensity of local competition*	81	4.7
2.07 Tertiary education gross enrollment rate, %	88	21.9
2.08 Quality of management schools*	102	3.7
2.09 Gov't procurement of advanced tech*	123	2.9
3rd pillar: Infrastructure and digital content		
3.01 Electricity production, kWh/capita	3	20,109.7
3.02 Mobile network coverage, % pop	1	100.0
3.03 Int'l Internet bandwidth, kb/s per user	102	6.0
3.04 Secure Internet servers/million pop	41	179.2
3.05 Accessibility of digital content*	54	5.3
4th pillar: Affordability		
4.01 Mobile cellular tariffs, PPP \$/min	24	0.14
4.02 Fixed broadband Internet tariffs, PPP \$/month	28	21.33
4.03 Internet & telephony competition, 0–2 (best)	138	0.23
5th pillar: Skills		
5.01 Quality of educational system*	104	3.1
5.02 Quality of math & science education*	104	3.4
5.03 Secondary education gross enrollment rate, %	32	101.0
5.04 Adult literacy rate, %	67	93.9

INDICATOR	RANK /144	VALUE
6th pillar: Individual usage		
6.01 Mobile phone subscriptions/100 pop	7	175.1
6.02 Individuals using Internet, %	26	74.2
6.03 Households w/ personal computer, %	38	69.0
6.04 Households w/ Internet access, %	44	57.7
6.05 Broadband Internet subscriptions/100 pop	98	1.7
6.06 Mobile broadband subscriptions/100 pop	n/a	n/a
6.07 Use of virtual social networks*	54	5.7
7th pillar: Business usage		
7.01 Firm-level technology absorption*	41	5.2
7.02 Capacity for innovation*	113	2.6
7.03 PCT patents, applications/million pop.	83	0.2
7.04 Business-to-business Internet use*	72	4.9
7.05 Business-to-consumer Internet use*	54	4.8
7.06 Extent of staff training*	92	3.7
8th pillar: Government usage		
8.01 Importance of ICTs to gov't vision*	119	3.2
8.02 Government Online Service Index, 0–1 (best)	47	0.58
8.03 Gov't success in ICT promotion*	129	3.2
9th pillar: Economic impacts		
9.01 Impact of ICTs on new services and products*	128	3.5
9.02 ICT PCT patents, applications/million pop.	73	0.1
9.03 Impact of ICTs on new organizational models*	129	3.1
9.04 Knowledge-intensive jobs, % workforce	77	18.7
10th pillar: Social impacts		
10.01 Impact of ICTs on access to basic services*	84	4.0
10.02 Internet access in schools*	69	4.2
10.03 ICT use & gov't efficiency*	115	3.5
10.04 E-Participation Index, 0–1 (best)	70	0.18

Note: Indicators followed by an asterisk (*) are measured on a 1-to-7 (best) scale. For further details and explanation, please refer to the section "How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles" on page 139.