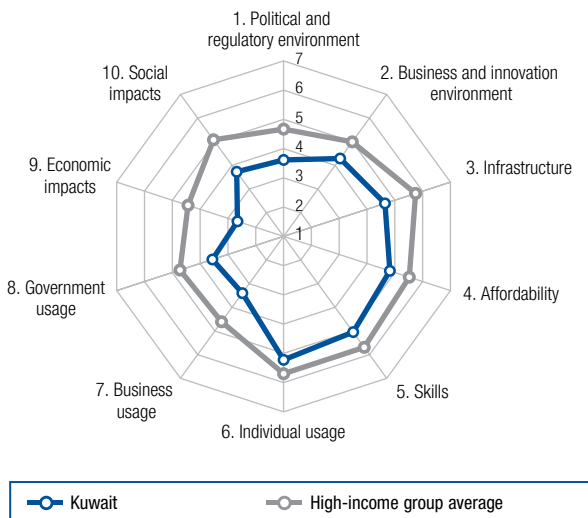


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	Rank (out of 143)	Value (1-7)
<b>Networked Readiness Index 2015</b> .....	<b>72</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Networked Readiness Index 2014 (out of 148).....	72	4.0
Networked Readiness Index 2013 (out of 144).....	62	3.9
<b>A. Environment subindex</b> .....	<b>69</b>	<b>3.9</b>
1st pillar: Political and regulatory environment.....	74	3.6
2nd pillar: Business and innovation environment.....	70	4.3
<b>B. Readiness subindex</b> .....	<b>66</b>	<b>4.8</b>
3rd pillar: Infrastructure .....	48	4.6
4th pillar: Affordability .....	85	4.8
5th pillar: Skills.....	70	5.0
<b>C. Usage subindex</b> .....	<b>58</b>	<b>4.1</b>
6th pillar: Individual usage.....	38	5.2
7th pillar: Business usage .....	93	3.4
8th pillar: Government usage.....	91	3.6
<b>D. Impact subindex</b> .....	<b>102</b>	<b>3.2</b>
9th pillar: Economic impacts.....	119	2.7
10th pillar: Social impacts.....	87	3.7



## The Networked Readiness Index in detail

INDICATOR	RANK/143	VALUE
<b>1st pillar: Political and regulatory environment</b>		
1.01 Effectiveness of law-making bodies* .....	68	3.6
1.02 Laws relating to ICTs* .....	126	2.8
1.03 Judicial independence* .....	37	4.9
1.04 Efficiency of legal system in settling disputes* .....	65	3.7
1.05 Efficiency of legal system in challenging regs* .....	45	3.7
1.06 Intellectual property protection* .....	83	3.5
1.07 Software piracy rate, % software installed.....	51	5.8
1.08 No. procedures to enforce a contract .....	141	5.0
1.09 No. days to enforce a contract .....	77	5.66
<b>2nd pillar: Business and innovation environment</b>		
2.01 Availability of latest technologies* .....	67	4.9
2.02 Venture capital availability* .....	69	2.7
2.03 Total tax rate, % profits .....	4	12.8
2.04 No. days to start a business .....	117	3.1
2.05 No. procedures to start a business .....	133	1.2
2.06 Intensity of local competition* .....	114	4.5
2.07 Tertiary education gross enrollment rate, %.....	67	40.7
2.08 Quality of management schools*.....	87	3.9
2.09 Gov't procurement of advanced tech* .....	118	2.9
<b>3rd pillar: Infrastructure</b>		
3.01 Electricity production, kWh/capita .....	4	18,388.0
3.02 Mobile network coverage, % pop. ....	1	100.0
3.03 Int'l Internet bandwidth, kb/s per user.....	102	9.8
3.04 Secure Internet servers/million pop. ....	41	184.9
<b>4th pillar: Affordability</b>		
4.01 Prepaid mobile cellular tariffs, PPP \$/min.....	66	0.25
4.02 Fixed broadband Internet tariffs, PPP \$/month ..	30	22.37
4.03 Internet & telephony competition, 0-2 (best)....	134	0.25
<b>5th pillar: Skills</b>		
5.01 Quality of educational system* .....	105	3.1
5.02 Quality of math & science education*.....	102	3.4
5.03 Secondary education gross enrollment rate, % ..	33	100.3
5.04 Adult literacy rate, %.....	41	96.3

INDICATOR	RANK/143	VALUE
<b>6th pillar: Individual usage</b>		
6.01 Mobile phone subscriptions/100 pop.....	4	190.3
6.02 Individuals using Internet, %.....	27	75.5
6.03 Households w/ personal computer, % .....	17	83.9
6.04 Households w/ Internet access, % .....	37	71.1
6.05 Fixed broadband Internet subs/100 pop.....	101	1.4
6.06 Mobile broadband subs/100 pop.....	n/a	n/a
6.07 Use of virtual social networks* .....	63	5.8
<b>7th pillar: Business usage</b>		
7.01 Firm-level technology absorption* .....	62	4.7
7.02 Capacity for innovation* .....	128	3.0
7.03 PCT patents, applications/million pop. ....	82	0.4
7.04 Business-to-business Internet use* .....	77	4.7
7.05 Business-to-consumer Internet use* .....	72	4.4
7.06 Extent of staff training* .....	97	3.7
<b>8th pillar: Government usage</b>		
8.01 Importance of ICTs to gov't vision* .....	127	2.9
8.02 Government Online Service Index, 0-1 (best)....	52	0.57
8.03 Gov't success in ICT promotion*.....	130	3.3
<b>9th pillar: Economic impacts</b>		
9.01 Impact of ICTs on new services & products* ....	127	3.3
9.02 ICT PCT patents, applications/million pop. ....	82	0.1
9.03 Impact of ICTs on new organizational models* ..	122	3.4
9.04 Knowledge-intensive jobs, % workforce.....	83	18.7
<b>10th pillar: Social impacts</b>		
10.01 Impact of ICTs on access to basic services* .....	93	3.8
10.02 Internet access in schools* .....	80	4.1
10.03 ICT use & gov't efficiency* .....	103	3.5
10.04 E-Participation Index, 0-1 (best).....	74	0.43

**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 115.