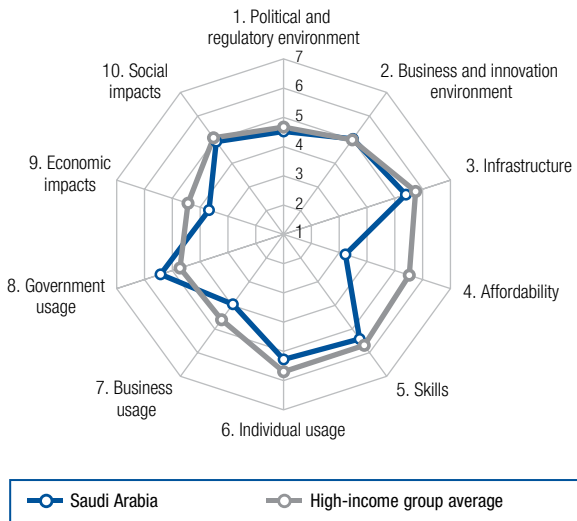


Saudi Arabia

Networked Readiness Index 2015 **35**.. **4.7**

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1st pillar: Political and regulatory environment.....	32.....	4.5
2nd pillar: Business and innovation environment.....	26.....	5.0
B. Readiness subindex	75	4.7
3rd pillar: Infrastructure.....	32.....	5.4
4th pillar: Affordability.....	122.....	3.2
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The Networked Readiness Index in detail

INDICATOR	RANK/143	VALUE
1st pillar: Political and regulatory environment		
1.01 Effectiveness of law-making bodies*	34	4.3
1.02 Laws relating to ICTs*	31	4.8
1.03 Judicial independence*	26	5.2
1.04 Efficiency of legal system in settling disputes*	34	4.4
1.05 Efficiency of legal system in challenging regs*	27	4.1
1.06 Intellectual property protection*	28	4.9
1.07 Software piracy rate, % software installed.....	39	5.0
1.08 No. procedures to enforce a contract.....	96	4.0
1.09 No. days to enforce a contract.....	98	635
2nd pillar: Business and innovation environment		
2.01 Availability of latest technologies*	38	5.5
2.02 Venture capital availability*	27	3.4
2.03 Total tax rate, % profits.....	7	14.5
2.04 No. days to start a business.....	101	21
2.05 No. procedures to start a business.....	107	9
2.06 Intensity of local competition*.....	40	5.4
2.07 Tertiary education gross enrollment rate, %.....	54	50.9
2.08 Quality of management schools*.....	78	4.2
2.09 Gov't procurement of advanced tech*.....	7	4.6
3rd pillar: Infrastructure		
3.01 Electricity production, kWh/capita.....	17	9,008.0
3.02 Mobile network coverage, % pop.....	53	99.7
3.03 Int'l Internet bandwidth, kb/s per user.....	32	81.1
3.04 Secure Internet servers/million pop.....	67	34.2
4th pillar: Affordability		
4.01 Prepaid mobile cellular tariffs, PPP \$/min.....	87	0.30
4.02 Fixed broadband Internet tariffs, PPP \$/month.....	124	82.45
4.03 Internet & telephony competition, 0-2 (best).....	64	1.93
5th pillar: Skills		
5.01 Quality of educational system*.....	47	4.1
5.02 Quality of math & science education*.....	73	4.1
5.03 Secondary education gross enrollment rate, %.....	7	116.2
5.04 Adult literacy rate, %.....	52	94.7

INDICATOR	RANK/143	VALUE
6th pillar: Individual usage		
6.01 Mobile phone subscriptions/100 pop.....	6	184.2
6.02 Individuals using Internet, %.....	51	60.5
6.03 Households w/ personal computer, %.....	39	72.6
6.04 Households w/ Internet access, %.....	32	72.7
6.05 Fixed broadband Internet subs/100 pop.....	74	7.4
6.06 Mobile broadband subs/100 pop.....	14	85.1
6.07 Use of virtual social networks*.....	35	6.1
7th pillar: Business usage		
7.01 Firm-level technology absorption*.....	31	5.4
7.02 Capacity for innovation*.....	55	4.0
7.03 PCT patents, applications/million pop.....	44	7.3
7.04 Business-to-business Internet use*.....	34	5.5
7.05 Business-to-consumer Internet use*.....	63	4.6
7.06 Extent of staff training*.....	60	4.1
8th pillar: Government usage		
8.01 Importance of ICTs to gov't vision*.....	8	5.2
8.02 Government Online Service Index, 0-1 (best).....	18	0.77
8.03 Gov't success in ICT promotion*.....	9	5.4
9th pillar: Economic impacts		
9.01 Impact of ICTs on new services & products*.....	30	5.0
9.02 ICT PCT patents, applications/million pop.....	39	2.1
9.03 Impact of ICTs on new organizational models*.....	26	4.8
9.04 Knowledge-intensive jobs, % workforce.....	54	26.6
10th pillar: Social impacts		
10.01 Impact of ICTs on access to basic services*.....	25	5.3
10.02 Internet access in schools*.....	63	4.6
10.03 ICT use & gov't efficiency*.....	7	5.4
10.04 E-Participation Index, 0-1 (best).....	51	0.57

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.