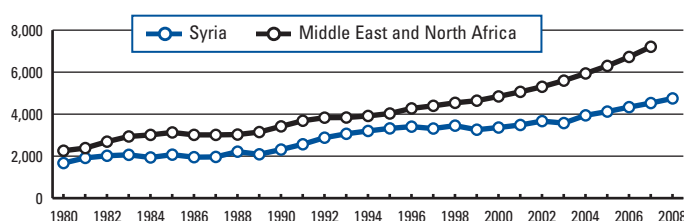


# Syria

## Key indicators

Population (millions), 2008.....	20.4
GDP (US\$ billions), 2008.....	54.8
GDP per capita (US\$), 2008.....	2,756.6
GDP (PPP) as share (%) of world total, 2008.....	0.13

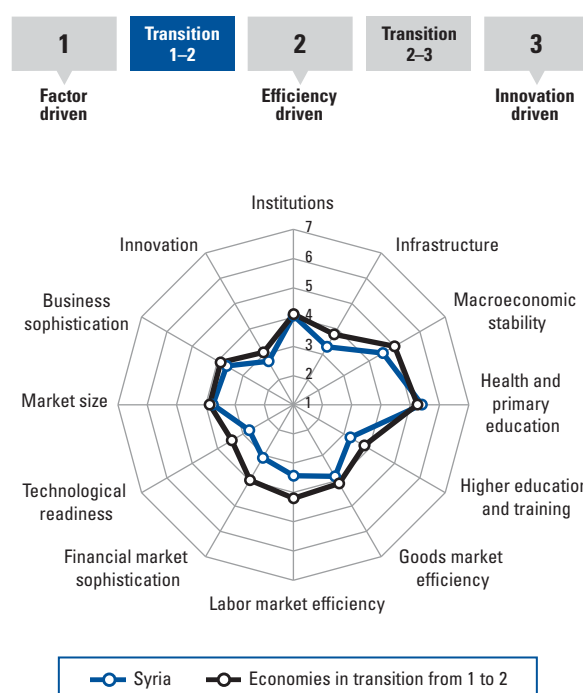
GDP (PPP int'l \$) per capita, 1980–2008



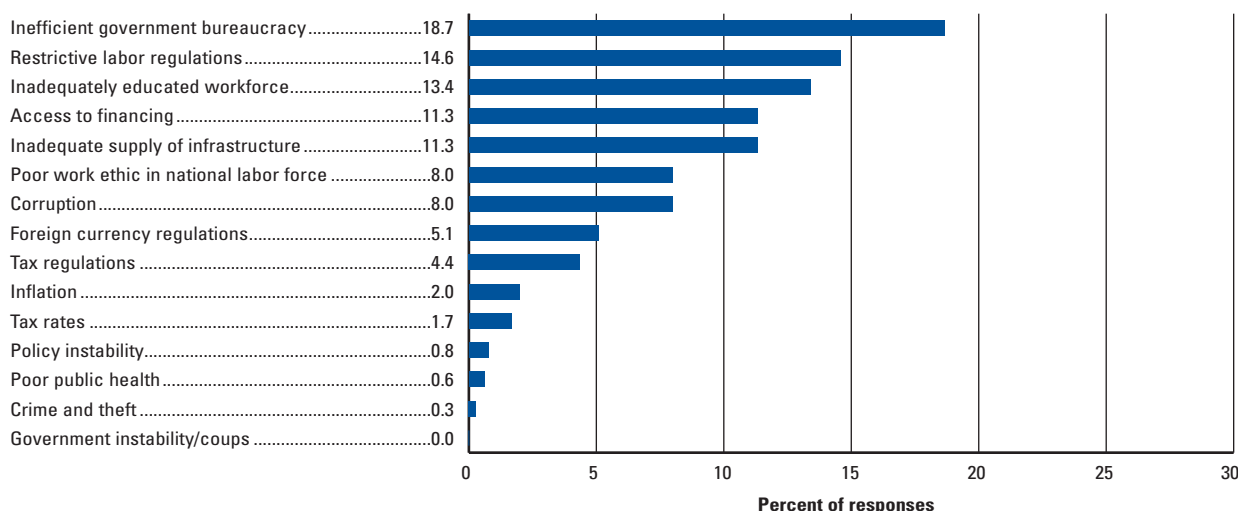
## Global Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 133)	Score (1–7)
<b>GCI 2009–2010</b> .....	<b>94</b>	<b>3.8</b>
GCI 2008–2009 (out of 134).....	78	4.0
GCI 2007–2008 (out of 131).....	80	3.9
<b>Basic requirements</b> .....	<b>72</b>	<b>4.3</b>
1st pillar: Institutions.....	57	4.0
2nd pillar: Infrastructure.....	79	3.3
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability.....	80	4.5
4th pillar: Health and primary education.....	70	5.4
<b>Efficiency enhancers</b> .....	<b>112</b>	<b>3.4</b>
5th pillar: Higher education and training.....	104	3.2
6th pillar: Goods market efficiency.....	101	3.8
7th pillar: Labor market efficiency.....	128	3.4
8th pillar: Financial market sophistication.....	123	3.1
9th pillar: Technological readiness.....	108	2.8
10th pillar: Market size.....	64	3.8
<b>Innovation and sophistication factors</b> .....	<b>100</b>	<b>3.2</b>
11th pillar: Business sophistication.....	90	3.6
12th pillar: Innovation.....	110	2.7

## Stage of development



## The most problematic factors for doing business



Note: From a list of 15 factors, respondents were asked to select the five most problematic for doing business in their country/economy and to rank them between 1 (most problematic) and 5. The bars in the figure show the responses weighted according to their rankings.

## The Global Competitiveness Index in detail

■ Competitive Advantage ■ Competitive Disadvantage

INDICATOR	RANK/133
<b>1st pillar: Institutions</b>	
1.01 Property rights .....	46 .....
1.02 Intellectual property protection .....	59 .....
1.03 Diversion of public funds .....	87 .....
1.04 Public trust of politicians .....	48 .....
1.05 Judicial independence .....	86 .....
1.06 Favoritism in decisions of government officials .....	76 .....
1.07 Wastefulness of government spending .....	58 .....
1.08 Burden of government regulation .....	94 .....
1.09 Efficiency of legal framework in settling disputes .....	110 .....
1.10 Efficiency of legal framework in challenging regs .....	108 .....
1.11 Transparency of government policymaking .....	116 .....
1.12 Business costs of terrorism .....	6 .....
1.13 Business costs of crime and violence .....	2 .....
1.14 Organized crime .....	5 .....
1.15 Reliability of police services .....	67 .....
1.16 Ethical behavior of firms .....	59 .....
1.17 Strength of auditing and reporting standards .....	124 .....
1.18 Efficacy of corporate boards .....	110 .....
1.19 Protection of minority shareholders' interests .....	49 .....
<b>2nd pillar: Infrastructure</b>	
2.01 Quality of overall infrastructure .....	77 .....
2.02 Quality of roads .....	68 .....
2.03 Quality of railroad infrastructure .....	55 .....
2.04 Quality of port infrastructure .....	102 .....
2.05 Quality of air transport infrastructure .....	103 .....
2.06 Available seat kilometers* .....	77 .....
2.07 Quality of electricity supply .....	99 .....
2.08 Telephone lines* .....	70 .....
<b>3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability</b>	
3.01 Government surplus/deficit* .....	95 .....
3.02 National savings rate* .....	47 .....
3.03 Inflation* .....	113 .....
3.04 Interest rate spread* .....	8 .....
3.05 Government debt* .....	45 .....
<b>4th pillar: Health and primary education</b>	
4.01 Business impact of malaria .....	1 .....
4.02 Malaria incidence* .....	1 .....
4.03 Business impact of tuberculosis .....	45 .....
4.04 Tuberculosis incidence* .....	44 .....
4.05 Business impact of HIV/AIDS .....	15 .....
4.06 HIV prevalence* .....	40 .....
4.07 Infant mortality* .....	57 .....
4.08 Life expectancy* .....	69 .....
4.09 Quality of primary education .....	82 .....
4.10 Primary enrollment* .....	60 .....
4.11 Education expenditure* .....	112 .....
<b>5th pillar: Higher education and training</b>	
5.01 Secondary enrollment* .....	94 .....
5.02 Tertiary enrollment* .....	84 .....
5.03 Quality of the educational system .....	96 .....
5.04 Quality of math and science education .....	61 .....
5.05 Quality of management schools .....	107 .....
5.06 Internet access in schools .....	126 .....
5.07 Local availability of research and training services .....	96 .....
5.08 Extent of staff training .....	123 .....

\* Hard data

Note: For further details and explanation, please refer to the section "How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles" at the beginning of this chapter.

INDICATOR	RANK/133
<b>6th pillar: Goods market efficiency</b>	
6.01 Intensity of local competition .....	67 .....
6.02 Extent of market dominance .....	101 .....
6.03 Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy .....	85 .....
6.04 Extent and effect of taxation .....	34 .....
6.05 Total tax rate* .....	69 .....
6.06 No. of procedures required to start a business* .....	60 .....
6.07 Time required to start a business* .....	49 .....
6.08 Agricultural policy costs .....	46 .....
6.09 Prevalence of trade barriers .....	101 .....
6.10 Tariff barriers* .....	132 .....
6.11 Prevalence of foreign ownership .....	132 .....
6.12 Business impact of rules on FDI .....	102 .....
6.13 Burden of customs procedures .....	120 .....
6.14 Degree of customer orientation .....	78 .....
6.15 Buyer sophistication .....	116 .....
<b>7th pillar: Labor market efficiency</b>	
7.01 Cooperation in labor-employer relations .....	90 .....
7.02 Flexibility of wage determination .....	50 .....
7.03 Rigidity of employment* .....	63 .....
7.04 Hiring and firing practices .....	107 .....
7.05 Firing costs* .....	98 .....
7.06 Pay and productivity .....	97 .....
7.07 Reliance on professional management .....	124 .....
7.08 Brain drain .....	118 .....
7.09 Female participation in labor force* .....	130 .....
<b>8th pillar: Financial market sophistication</b>	
8.01 Financial market sophistication .....	126 .....
8.02 Financing through local equity market .....	118 .....
8.03 Ease of access to loans .....	102 .....
8.04 Venture capital availability .....	100 .....
8.05 Restriction on capital flows .....	113 .....
8.06 Strength of investor protection* .....	90 .....
8.07 Soundness of banks .....	68 .....
8.08 Regulation of securities exchanges .....	112 .....
8.09 Legal rights index* .....	127 .....
<b>9th pillar: Technological readiness</b>	
9.01 Availability of latest technologies .....	99 .....
9.02 Firm-level technology absorption .....	81 .....
9.03 Laws relating to ICT .....	126 .....
9.04 FDI and technology transfer .....	117 .....
9.05 Mobile telephone subscriptions* .....	112 .....
9.06 Internet users* .....	77 .....
9.07 Personal computers* .....	66 .....
9.08 Broadband Internet subscribers* .....	109 .....
<b>10th pillar: Market size</b>	
10.01 Domestic market size index* .....	63 .....
10.02 Foreign market size index* .....	72 .....
<b>11th pillar: Business sophistication</b>	
11.01 Local supplier quantity .....	54 .....
11.02 Local supplier quality .....	94 .....
11.03 State of cluster development .....	119 .....
11.04 Nature of competitive advantage .....	119 .....
11.05 Value chain breadth .....	82 .....
11.06 Control of international distribution .....	15 .....
11.07 Production process sophistication .....	82 .....
11.08 Extent of marketing .....	115 .....
11.09 Willingness to delegate authority .....	91 .....
<b>12th pillar: Innovation</b>	
12.01 Capacity for innovation .....	128 .....
12.02 Quality of scientific research institutions .....	110 .....
12.03 Company spending on R&D .....	131 .....
12.04 University-industry collaboration in R&D .....	123 .....
12.05 Gov't procurement of advanced tech products .....	110 .....
12.06 Availability of scientists and engineers .....	43 .....
12.07 Utility patents* .....	90 .....