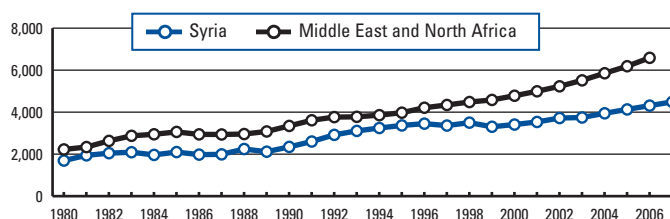


Syria

Key indicators

Total population (millions), 2007	20.0
GDP (US\$ billions), 2007	37.8
GDP per capita (US\$), 2007	1,945.9
GDP (PPP) as share (%) of world total, 2007	0.14

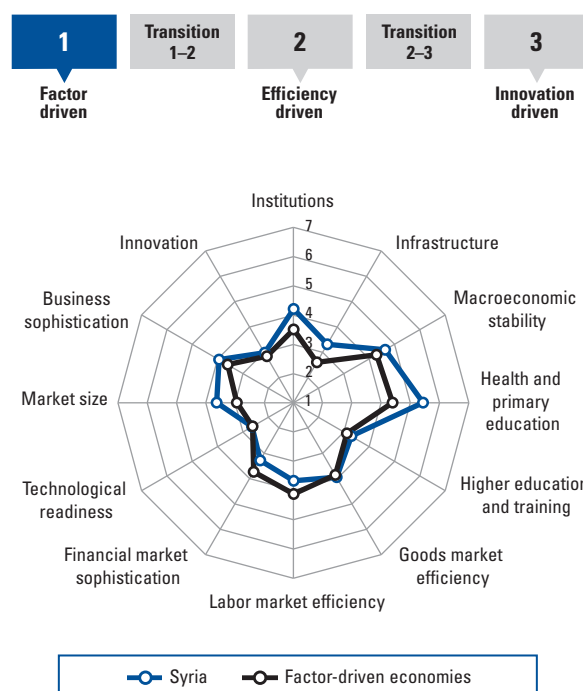
GDP (PPP US\$) per capita, 1980–2007



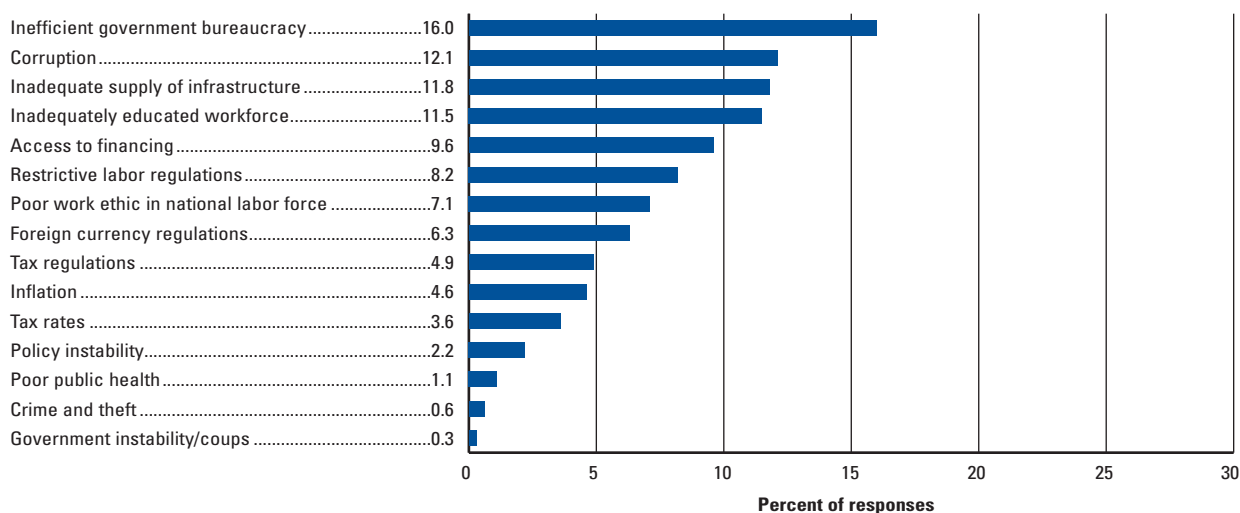
Global Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 134)	Score (1–7)
GCI 2008–2009	78	4.0
GCI 2007–2008 (out of 131)	80	3.9
GCI 2006–2007 (out of 122)	n/a	n/a
Basic requirements	71	4.4
1st pillar: Institutions	54	4.2
2nd pillar: Infrastructure	74	3.3
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability	93	4.6
4th pillar: Health and primary education	70	5.4
Efficiency enhancers	104	3.4
5th pillar: Higher education and training	101	3.3
6th pillar: Goods market efficiency	92	3.9
7th pillar: Labor market efficiency	123	3.7
8th pillar: Financial market sophistication	121	3.3
9th pillar: Technological readiness	107	2.6
10th pillar: Market size	63	3.6
Innovation and sophistication factors	80	3.5
11th pillar: Business sophistication	76	3.9
12th pillar: Innovation	84	3.0

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 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/134
1st pillar: Institutions	
1.01 Property rights	30
1.02 Intellectual property protection	54
1.03 Diversion of public funds	100
1.04 Public trust of politicians	49
1.05 Judicial independence	77
1.06 Favoritism in decisions of government officials	71
1.07 Wastefulness of government spending	65
1.08 Burden of government regulation	63
1.09 Efficiency of legal framework	69
1.10 Transparency of government policymaking	106
1.11 Business costs of terrorism	10
1.12 Business costs of crime and violence	1
1.13 Organized crime	6
1.14 Reliability of police services	69
1.15 Ethical behavior of firms	55
1.16 Strength of auditing and reporting standards	116
1.17 Efficacy of corporate boards	109
1.18 Protection of minority shareholders' interests	50
2nd pillar: Infrastructure	
2.01 Quality of overall infrastructure	69
2.02 Quality of roads	65
2.03 Quality of railroad infrastructure	49
2.04 Quality of port infrastructure	97
2.05 Quality of air transport infrastructure	90
2.06 Available seat kilometers*	78
2.07 Quality of electricity supply	86
2.08 Telephone lines*	72
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability	
3.01 Government surplus/deficit*	121
3.02 National savings rate*	63
3.03 Inflation*	88
3.04 Interest rate spread*	20
3.05 Government debt*	67
4th pillar: Health and primary education	
4.01 Business impact of malaria	38
4.02 Malaria incidence*	63
4.03 Business impact of tuberculosis	20
4.04 Tuberculosis incidence*	52
4.05 Business impact of HIV/AIDS	4
4.06 HIV prevalence*	1
4.07 Infant mortality*	60
4.08 Life expectancy*	66
4.09 Quality of primary education	84
4.10 Primary enrollment*	56
4.11 Education expenditure*	108
5th pillar: Higher education and training	
5.01 Secondary enrollment*	94
5.02 Tertiary enrollment*	96
5.03 Quality of the educational system	91
5.04 Quality of math and science education	60
5.05 Quality of management schools	95
5.06 Internet access in schools	123
5.07 Local availability of research and training services	95
5.08 Extent of staff training	112

INDICATOR	RANK/134
6th pillar: Goods market efficiency	
6.01 Intensity of local competition	62
6.02 Extent of market dominance	71
6.03 Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy	71
6.04 Extent and effect of taxation	29
6.05 Total tax rate*	76
6.06 No. of procedures required to start a business*	108
6.07 Time required to start a business*	96
6.08 Agricultural policy costs	46
6.09 Prevalence of trade barriers	112
6.10 Trade-weighted tariff rate*	133
6.11 Prevalence of foreign ownership	128
6.12 Business impact of rules on FDI	108
6.13 Burden of customs procedures	99
6.14 Degree of customer orientation	57
6.15 Buyer sophistication	112
7th pillar: Labor market efficiency	
7.01 Cooperation in labor-employer relations	79
7.02 Flexibility of wage determination	65
7.03 Non-wage labor costs*	69
7.04 Rigidity of employment*	65
7.05 Hiring and firing practices	106
7.06 Firing costs*	97
7.07 Pay and productivity	105
7.08 Reliance on professional management	119
7.09 Brain drain	113
7.10 Female participation in labor force*	118
8th pillar: Financial market sophistication	
8.01 Financial market sophistication	128
8.02 Financing through local equity market	121
8.03 Ease of access to loans	101
8.04 Venture capital availability	103
8.05 Restriction on capital flows	116
8.06 Strength of investor protection*	86
8.07 Soundness of banks	103
8.08 Regulation of securities exchanges	117
8.09 Legal rights index*	93
9th pillar: Technological readiness	
9.01 Availability of latest technologies	80
9.02 Firm-level technology absorption	87
9.03 Laws relating to ICT	127
9.04 FDI and technology transfer	110
9.05 Mobile telephone subscribers*	105
9.06 Internet users*	93
9.07 Personal computers*	74
9.08 Broadband Internet subscribers*	107
10th pillar: Market size	
10.01 Domestic market size*	64
10.02 Foreign market size*	68
11th pillar: Business sophistication	
11.01 Local supplier quantity	39
11.02 Local supplier quality	71
11.03 State of cluster development	97
11.04 Nature of competitive advantage	113
11.05 Value chain breadth	64
11.06 Control of international distribution	6
11.07 Production process sophistication	78
11.08 Extent of marketing	113
11.09 Willingness to delegate authority	92
12th pillar: Innovation	
12.01 Capacity for innovation	117
12.02 Quality of scientific research institutions	89
12.03 Company spending on R&D	115
12.04 University-industry research collaboration	100
12.05 Gov't procurement of advanced tech products	90
12.06 Availability of scientists and engineers	40
12.07 Utility patents*	80

* 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.