

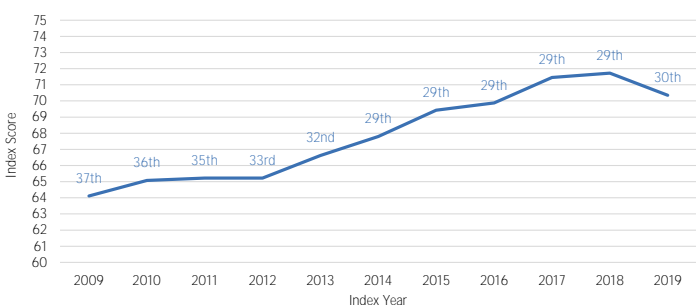
# United Arab Emirates: Index score 70.3 (30th)



GDP (US\$) per Capita: \$40,699 (20th)

GDP (US\$): \$383bn (31st)

## Economic Openness over time



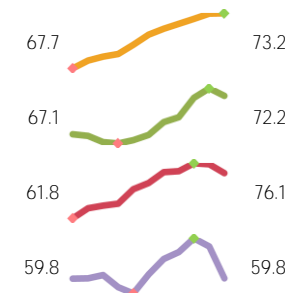
## Pillar Performance

- Market Access & Infrastructure
- Investment Environment
- Enterprise Conditions
- Governance

Rank - Global (1 to 157)  
2019

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|--------------------------------|----|
| Market Access & Infrastructure | 21 |
| Investment Environment         | 28 |
| Enterprise Conditions          | 26 |
| Governance                     | 45 |

Score  
2009 10-year trend 2019



## Breakdown of performance

|   | 2009        | Score 10-year trend | 2019        | Rank - Global (1 to 157) 2019 | 10-year rank change |
|---|-------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Economic Openness</b>                  | <b>64.1</b> |                     | <b>70.3</b> | <b>30</b>                     | <b>▲ 7</b>          |
| <b>Market Access &amp; Infrastructure</b> | <b>67.7</b> |                     | <b>73.2</b> | <b>21</b>                     | <b>▲ 2</b>          |
| Communication                             | 15.8        |                     | 21.2        | 16                            | ▲ 18                |
| Resources                                 | 16.0        |                     | 17.0        | 5                             | ▲ 4                 |
| Transport                                 | 17.2        |                     | 16.2        | 13                            | ▼ 4                 |
| Border Administration                     | 3.1         |                     | 3.1         | 42                            | ▼ 1                 |
| Open Market Scale                         | 0.3         |                     | 0.3         | 151                           | ▼ 3                 |
| Import Tariff Barriers                    | 3.0         |                     | 3.2         | 84                            | ▼ 3                 |
| Market Distortions                        | 12.2        |                     | 12.2        | 9                             | ▲ 2                 |
| <b>Investment Environment</b>             | <b>67.1</b> |                     | <b>72.2</b> | <b>28</b>                     | <b>▲ 7</b>          |
| Property Rights                           | 14.7        |                     | 15.4        | 28                            | ▲ 1                 |
| Investor Protection                       | 9.9         |                     | 12.3        | 46                            | ▲ 27                |
| Contract Enforcement                      | 12.9        |                     | 14.1        | 17                            | ▲ 12                |
| Financing Ecosystem                       | 22.0        |                     | 22.3        | 30                            | ▲ 6                 |
| Restrictions on International Investment  | 7.6         |                     | 8.0         | 29                            | ▲ 18                |
| <b>Enterprise Conditions</b>              | <b>61.8</b> |                     | <b>76.1</b> | <b>26</b>                     | <b>▲ 21</b>         |
| Domestic Market Contestability            | 19.1        |                     | 24.8        | 40                            | ▲ 28                |
| Environment for Business Creation         | 19.0        |                     | 23.9        | 26                            | ▲ 20                |
| Burden of Regulation                      | 16.6        |                     | 19.6        | 3                             | ▲ 7                 |
| Labour Market Flexibility                 | 7.0         |                     | 7.7         | 13                            | ▲ 2                 |
| <b>Governance</b>                         | <b>59.8</b> |                     | <b>59.8</b> | <b>45</b>                     | <b>▲ 4</b>          |
| Executive Constraints                     | 9.5         |                     | 9.4         | 51                            | ▼ 2                 |
| Political Accountability                  | 5.7         |                     | 5.1         | 131                           | ▼ 6                 |
| Rule of Law                               | 9.6         |                     | 10.4        | 28                            | ▲ 12                |
| Government Integrity                      | 13.5        |                     | 12.2        | 39                            | ▼ 12                |
| Government Effectiveness                  | 11.4        |                     | 13.0        | 40                            | ▲ 17                |
| Regulatory quality                        | 10.2        |                     | 9.7         | 24                            | ▼ 4                 |



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| Communication (16th)             | Source | Unit                     | Value |             |       | Global Rank |      |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|------|
|                                  |        |                          | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019  | 2009        | 2019 |
| International internet bandwidth | ITU    | kilobits per person      | 3.3   |             | 287.5 | 38          | 7    |
| 2G, 3G and 4G network coverage   | GSMA   | index score, 0-100       | 95.0  |             | 99.3  | 17          | 13   |
| Fixed broadband subscriptions    | ITU    | number per 100 people    | 6.3   |             | 14.0  | 47          | 63   |
| Internet Usage                   | ITU    | percentage of population | 61.0  |             | 94.8  | 26          | 9    |

| Resources (5th)                                | Source       | Unit                             | Value |             |       | Global Rank |      |
|--|--------------|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|------|
|  |              |                                  | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019  | 2009        | 2019 |
| Installed electric capacity                    | UNESD        | kilowatts per capita             | 2.9   |             | 3.1   | 10          | 9    |
| <i>Gross fixed water assets</i>                | <i>IBNWS</i> | <i>USD per population served</i> | 572.9 |             | 572.9 | 27          | 27   |
| Reliability of electricity supply              | WBDB         | index score, 0-7                 | 6.0   |             | 7.0   | 24          | 5    |
| Ease of establishing an electricity connection | WBDB         | index score, 0-100               | 89.0  |             | 100.0 | 10          | 1    |
| <i>Water production</i>                        | <i>IBNWS</i> | <i>litres per person per day</i> | 700.8 |             | 700.8 | 10          | 10   |
| Reliability of water supply                    | WEF          | expert survey, 1-7               | 5.9   |             | 5.9   | 37          | 37   |

| Transport (13th)               | Source | Unit                                     | Value |             |      | Global Rank |      |
|--------------------------------|--------|--|-------|-------------|------|-------------|------|
|                                |        |  | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019 | 2009        | 2019 |
| Logistics performance          | WBLPI  | index score, 1-5                         | 3.8   |             | 4.0  | 20          | 13   |
| Airport Connectivity           | WEF    | index based on seats and size of airport | 83.0  |             | 45.3 | 6           | 8    |
| Efficiency of seaport services | WEF    | expert survey, 1-7                       | 6.1   |             | 5.4  | 8           | 13   |
| Liner shipping connectivity    | UNCTAD | index score, rebased to 100 in 2004      | 48.8  |             | 83.9 | 23          | 13   |
| Quality of roads               | WEF    | expert survey, 1-7                       | 5.9   |             | 5.9  | 10          | 10   |
| Road density                   | FAO    | km per 100 sq km of land area            | 4.9   |             | 4.9  | 137         | 138  |
| Rail density                   | WBDI   | km per sq km of land area                | 0.0   |             | 0.0  | 125         | 125  |

| Border Administration (42nd)                          | Source | Unit          | Value |             |       | Global Rank |      |
|---|--------|---------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|------|
|   |        |               | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019  | 2009        | 2019 |
| Efficiency of customs clearance process               | WBLPI  | survey, 1-5   | 3.5   |             | 3.6   | 20          | 15   |
| Time to comply with border regulations and procedures | WBDB   | hours         | 24.8  |             | 24.8  | 55          | 58   |
| Cost to comply with border regulations and procedures | WBDB   | USD (current) | 400.3 |             | 400.3 | 125         | 123  |

| Open Market Scale (151st)                                  | Source | Unit                   | Value   |             |         | Global Rank |      |
|--|--------|------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|------|
|  |        |                        | 2009    | 10-yr trend | 2019    | 2009        | 2019 |
| Domestic and international market access for goods         | WTO    | constant 2010 USD \$bn | 1,403.8 |             | 2,159.1 | 103         | 113  |
| Domestic and international market access for services      | WTO    | constant 2010 USD \$bn | 1,079.7 |             | 1,332.7 | 86          | 91   |
| Trade-weighted average tariff faced in destination markets | WEF    | percentage             | 4.7     |             | 4.9     | 150         | 151  |
| Index of margin of preference in destination markets       | WEF    | index score, 1-100     | 11.5    |             | 8.2     | 139         | 146  |

| Import Tariff Barriers (84th)          | Source | Unit             | Value |             |      | Global Rank |      |
|--|--------|------------------|-------|-------------|------|-------------|------|
|  |        |                  | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019 | 2009        | 2019 |
| Share of imports free of tariff duties | WEF    | percentage       | 28.0  |             | 36.0 | 118         | 114  |
| Average applied tariff rate            | WEF    | percentage       | 4.2   |             | 4.0  | 51          | 55   |
| Complexity of tariffs                  | WEF    | index score, 1-7 | 6.6   |             | 6.7  | 29          | 20   |

| Market Distortions (9th)                  | Source | Unit                | Value |             |       | Global Rank |      |
|---|--------|---------------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|------|
|   |        |                     | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019  | 2009        | 2019 |
| Extent of liberalisation of foreign trade | BTI    | expert survey, 1-10 | 8.0   |             | 9.0   | 62          | 58   |
| Prevalence of non-tariff barriers         | WEF    | expert survey, 1-7  | 5.8   |             | 5.3   | 11          | 10   |
| Non-tariff measures                       | UNCTAD | number              | 610.0 |             | 610.0 | 81          | 80   |
| Distortive effect of taxes and subsidies  | WEF    | expert survey, 1-7  | 5.4   |             | 5.4   | 3           | 3    |
| Energy subsidies                          | IMF    | percentage of GDP   | 8.6   |             | 6.6   | 122         | 116  |


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| Property Rights (28th)                                 |        | Source                          | Unit  | Value       |             | Global Rank |      |
|--|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|
|  |        |                                 | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019        | 2009        | 2019 |
| Protection of property rights                          | WEF    | expert survey, 1-7              | 5.4   |             | 5.5         | 41          | 27   |
| Lawful process for expropriation                       | WJP    | index score, 0-1                | 0.6   |             | 0.7         | 76          | 38   |
| Intellectual property protection                       | WEF    | expert survey, 1-7              | 5.2   |             | 5.3         | 23          | 27   |
| Quality of land administration                         | WBDB   | index score, 0-30               | 8.0   |             | 8.0         | 2           | 1    |
| Procedures to register property                        | WBDB   | index score, 0-100              | 90.0  |             | 96.5        | 11          | 5    |
| Regulation of property possession and exchange         | BTI    | expert survey, 1-10             | 6.0   |             | 6.0         | 86          | 82   |
| <b>Investor Protection (46th)</b>                      |        |                                 |       |             |             |             |      |
|  | Source | Unit                            | Value |             | Global Rank |             |      |
|  |        |                                 | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019        | 2009        | 2019 |
| Strength of insolvency framework                       | WBDB   | index score, 0-16               | 8.0   |             | 11.0        | 81          | 50   |
| Insolvency recovery rate                               | WBDB   | percentage                      | 26.9  |             | 28.4        | 96          | 100  |
| Auditing and reporting standards                       | WEF    | expert survey, 1-7              | 5.2   |             | 5.2         | 41          | 41   |
| Extent of shareholder governance index                 | WBDB   | index score, 0-10               | 4.0   |             | 7.3         | 109         | 18   |
| Conflict of interest regulation                        | WBDB   | index score, 0-10               | 5.3   |             | 7.7         | 79          | 18   |
| <b>Contract Enforcement (17th)</b>                     |        |                                 |       |             |             |             |      |
|  | Source | Unit                            | Value |             | Global Rank |             |      |
|  |        |                                 | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019        | 2009        | 2019 |
| Quality of judicial administration                     | WBDB   | index score, 0-18               | 14.0  |             | 14.0        | 8           | 11   |
| Time to resolve commercial cases                       | WBDB   | days                            | 179.0 |             | 148.3       | 74          | 38   |
| Legal costs  | WBDB   | percentage                      | 9.0   |             | 7.0         | 82          | 38   |
| Alternative dispute resolution mechanisms              | WJP    | index score, 0-1                | 0.6   |             | 0.7         | 81          | 56   |
| <b>Financing Ecosystem (30th)</b>                      |        |                                 |       |             |             |             |      |
|  | Source | Unit                            | Value |             | Global Rank |             |      |
|  |        |                                 | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019        | 2009        | 2019 |
| <i>Access to finance</i>                               | WBES   | percentage                      | 28.4  |             | 28.4        | 93          | 103  |
| Financing of SMEs                                      | WEF    | expert survey, 1-7              | 4.7   |             | 4.7         | 19          | 19   |
| Venture capital availability                           | WEF    | expert survey, 1-7              | 4.3   |             | 4.4         | 17          | 9    |
| Quality of banking system and capital markets          | BTI    | expert survey, 1-10             | 8.0   |             | 9.0         | 46          | 34   |
| Commercial bank branches                               | WBDI   | branches per per 100,000 adults | 12.4  |             | 11.3        | 76          | 82   |
| Soundness of banks                                     | WEF    | expert survey, 1-7              | 6.2   |             | 5.3         | 31          | 53   |
| Depth of credit information                            | WBDB   | index score, 0-8                | 6.0   |             | 8.0         | 60          | 1    |
| <b>Restrictions on International Investment (29th)</b> |        |                                 |       |             |             |             |      |
|  | Source | Unit                            | Value |             | Global Rank |             |      |
|  |        |                                 | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019        | 2009        | 2019 |
| Business impact of rules on FDI                        | WEF    | expert survey, 1-7              | 5.4   |             | 5.5         | 48          | 17   |
| Capital controls                                       | FI     | percentage                      | 61.5  |             | 58.3        | 43          | 39   |
| Freedom to own foreign currency bank accounts          | FI     | expert judgement, 0-10          | 10.0  |             | 10.0        | 4           | 3    |
| Restrictions on financial transactions                 | CII    | index score, 0-1                | 1.0   |             | 1.0         | 2           | 3    |
| Prevalence of foreign ownership of companies           | WEF    | expert survey, 1-7              | 4.8   |             | 5.6         | 89          | 2    |
| Freedom of foreigners to visit                         | FI     | index score, 0-10               | 3.4   |             | 5.3         | 95          | 105  |





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| Executive Constraints (51st)  |     | Source             | Unit | Value |             | Global Rank |      |      |
|---|-----|--------------------|------|-------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
|   |     |                    |      | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019        | 2009 | 2019 |
| Executive powers are effectively limited by the judiciary and legislature | WJP | index, 0-3         | 1.8  |       | 1.7         | 57          | 68   |      |
| Government powers are subject to independent and non-governmental checks  | WJP | index, 0-3         | 1.7  |       | 1.8         | 57          | 53   |      |
| Transition of power is subject to the law                                 | WJP | expert survey, 0-1 | 0.5  |       | 0.5         | 107         | 92   |      |
| Military involvement in rule of law and politics                          | FI  | index, 0-10        | 8.3  |       | 8.3         | 34          | 32   |      |
| Government officials are sanctioned for misconduct                        | WJP | expert survey, 0-1 | 0.8  |       | 0.8         | 15          | 19   |      |

| Political Accountability (131st)                      |     | Source                   | Unit | Value |             | Global Rank |      |      |
|---|-----|--------------------------|------|-------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
|   |     |                          |      | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019        | 2009 | 2019 |
| Consensus on democracy and a market economy as a goal | BTI | expert judgement, 1-10   | 7.0  |       | 7.0         | 73          | 67   |      |
| Political participation and rights                    | FH  | expert judgement, 1-7    | 6.0  |       | 7.0         | 123         | 135  |      |
| Democracy level                                       | CSP | expert judgement, -10-10 | -8.0 |       | -8.0        | 150         | 150  |      |
| Complaint mechanisms                                  | WJP | expert survey, 0-1       | 0.5  |       | 0.4         | 103         | 131  |      |

| Rule of Law (28th)               |     | Source                 | Unit | Value |             | Global Rank |      |      |
|----------------------------------|-----|------------------------|------|-------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
|                                  |     |                        |      | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019        | 2009 | 2019 |
| Judicial independence            | WEF | expert survey, 1-7     | 5.0  |       | 5.8         | 39          | 16   |      |
| Civil justice                    | WJP | index, 0-5             | 3.6  |       | 3.9         | 43          | 29   |      |
| Integrity of the legal system    | FI  | expert judgement, 1-10 | 6.7  |       | 6.7         | 51          | 49   |      |
| Efficiency of dispute settlement | WEF | expert survey, 1-7     | 5.5  |       | 5.7         | 9           | 5    |      |

| Government Integrity (39th)           |            | Source              | Unit | Value |             | Global Rank |      |      |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|------|-------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
|                                       |            |                     |      | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019        | 2009 | 2019 |
| Use of public office for private gain | WJP        | index, 0-4          | 2.5  |       | 2.3         | 16          | 23   |      |
| Diversion of public funds             | WEF        | expert survey, 1-7  | 5.6  |       | 6.2         | 17          | 3    |      |
| Right to information                  | WJP        | expert survey, 0-1  | 0.5  |       | 0.4         | 98          | 119  |      |
| Publicised laws and government data   | WJP        | expert survey, 0-1  | 0.6  |       | 0.4         | 26          | 95   |      |
| Transparency of government policy     | WEF        | expert survey, 1-7  | 5.1  |       | 5.7         | 20          | 10   |      |
| <i>Budget transparency</i>            | <i>IBP</i> | <i>index, 0-100</i> | 26.7 |       | 26.7        | 110         | 116  |      |

| Government Effectiveness (40th)    |     | Source                 | Unit | Value |             | Global Rank |      |      |
|------------------------------------|-----|------------------------|------|-------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
|                                    |     |                        |      | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019        | 2009 | 2019 |
| Government quality and credibility | WGI | index, -2.5 - +2.5     | 0.9  |       | 1.4         | 32          | 18   |      |
| Prioritisation                     | BTI | expert judgement, 1-10 | 5.0  |       | 5.0         | 85          | 87   |      |
| Efficiency of government spending  | WEF | expert survey, 1-7     | 5.3  |       | 6.2         | 4           | 1    |      |
| Efficient Use Of Assets            | BTI | expert judgement, 1-10 | 6.0  |       | 7.0         | 53          | 38   |      |
| Implementation                     | BTI | expert judgement, 1-10 | 5.0  |       | 5.0         | 82          | 85   |      |
| Policy Learning                    | BTI | expert judgement, 1-10 | 5.0  |       | 5.0         | 85          | 87   |      |
| Policy Coordination                | BTI | expert judgement, 1-10 | 7.0  |       | 9.0         | 42          | 26   |      |

| Regulatory quality (24th)                                |     | Source             | Unit | Value |             | Global Rank |      |      |
|--|-----|--------------------|------|-------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
|  |     |                    |      | 2009  | 10-yr trend | 2019        | 2009 | 2019 |
| Regulatory quality                                       | WGI | index, -2.5 - +2.5 | 0.6  |       | 1.0         | 43          | 35   |      |
| Enforcement of regulations                               | WJP | expert survey, 0-1 | 0.8  |       | 0.7         | 14          | 23   |      |
| Efficiency of legal framework in challenging regulations | WEF | expert survey, 1-7 | 4.9  |       | 4.9         | 15          | 13   |      |
| Delay in administrative proceedings                      | WJP | expert survey, 0-1 | 0.7  |       | 0.6         | 24          | 38   |      |

| Source Code | Source Name   |
|-------------|---|
| BTI         | Bertelsmann Stiftung Transformation Index                             |
| CII         | Chinn-Ito Index   |
| CSP         | Center for Systemic Peace   |
| FAO         | Food and Agriculture Organisation                                     |
| FH          | Freedom House   |
| FI          | Fraser Institute  |
| GSMA        | Groupe Spéciale Mobile Association                                    |
| IBNWS       | International Benchmarking Network for Water and Sanitation Utilities |
| IBP         | International Budget Partnership                                      |
| IMF         | International Monetary Fund   |
| ITU         | International Telecommunications Union                                |
| UNCTAD      | United Nations Trade Data   |
| UNESD       | United Nations Energy Statistics Database                             |
| WBDB        | World Bank Doing Business Index                                       |
| WBDI        | World Bank Development Indicators                                     |
| WBES        | World Bank Enterprise Surveys   |
| WBLPI       | World Bank Logistics Performance Index                                |
| WEF         | World Economic Forum  |
| WGI         | Worldwide Governance Indicators                                       |
| WJP         | World Justice Project   |
| WTO         | World Trade Organisation  |