

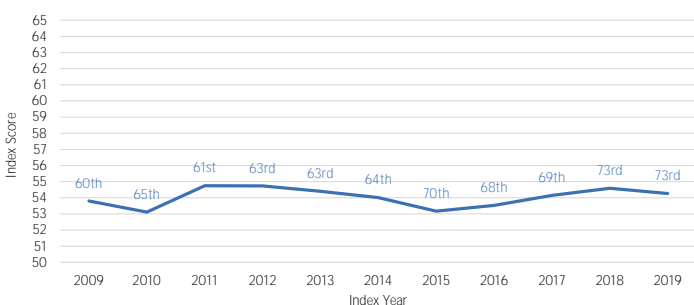
Kuwait: Index score 54.3 (73rd)



GDP (US\$) per Capita: \$29,040 (27th)

GDP (US\$): \$120bn (60th)

Economic Openness over time



Pillar Performance

Pillar	Rank - Global (1 to 157) 2019	Score 2009	Score 10-year trend	Score 2019
Market Access & Infrastructure	52	54.5	54.5	60.1
Investment Environment	77	56.6	56.6	55.6
Enterprise Conditions	83	53.9	53.9	54.0
Governance	92	50.2	50.2	47.3

Breakdown of performance

Pillar	Score 2009	Score 10-year trend	Score 2019	Rank - Global (1 to 157) 2019	10-year rank change
Economic Openness	53.8		54.3	73	▼ 13
Market Access & Infrastructure	54.5		60.1	52	▼ 6
Communication	13.0		19.0	51	▼ 6
Resources	15.3		15.8	17	▲ 5
Transport	12.1		11.5	53	▼ 10
Border Administration	1.9		2.1	97	▲ 2
Open Market Scale	0.2		0.2	155	▼ 1
Import Tariff Barriers	2.8		3.3	78	▲ 19
Market Distortions	9.1		8.2	77	▼ 19
Investment Environment	56.6		55.6	77	▼ 10
Property Rights	11.4		12.1	68	▲ 1
Investor Protection	10.3		9.6	90	▼ 23
Contract Enforcement	10.1		10.1	75	▼ 6
Financing Ecosystem	20.1		19.4	59	▼ 11
Restrictions on International Investment	4.7		4.5	102	▼ 3
Enterprise Conditions	53.9		54.0	83	▼ 15
Domestic Market Contestability	17.4		15.7	101	▼ 19
Environment for Business Creation	16.2		18.5	80	▲ 9
Burden of Regulation	13.7		13.9	58	▼ 18
Labour Market Flexibility	6.5		5.9	76	▼ 47
Governance	50.2		47.3	92	▼ 13
Executive Constraints	8.7		8.7	63	▲ 1
Political Accountability	6.2		5.3	129	▼ 10
Rule of Law	9.7		8.7	48	▼ 13
Government Integrity	9.8		9.4	75	▼ 12
Government Effectiveness	8.0		8.0	107	▲ 5
Regulatory quality	7.8		7.1	65	▼ 18



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Communication (51st)		Source	Unit	Value		Global Rank		Resources (17th)		Source	Unit	Value		Global Rank			
				2009	10-yr trend	2019	2009	2019				2009	10-yr trend	2019	2009	2019	
International internet bandwidth		ITU	kilobits per person	0.9		83.4	56	30	Installed electric capacity		UNESD	kilowatts per capita	4.4		4.6	4	4
2G, 3G and 4G network coverage		GSMA	index score, 0-100	98.3		100.0	10	1	<i>Gross fixed water assets</i>		<i>IBNWS</i>	<i>USD per population served</i>	449.3		449.3	41	41
Fixed broadband subscriptions		ITU	number per 100 people	1.4		2.7	78	105	Reliability of electricity supply		WBDB	index score, 0-7	4.0		5.0	71	55
Internet Usage		ITU	percentage of population	34.8		98.0	46	2	Ease of establishing an electricity connection		WBDB	index score, 0-100	70.7		70.7	75	101
									Water production		IBNWS	litres per person per day	1,975.7		1,975.7	1	1
									Reliability of water supply		WEF	expert survey, 1-7	5.6		5.6	48	48
Transport (53rd)		Source	Unit	Value		Global Rank		Border Administration (97th)		Source	Unit	Value		Global Rank			
				2009	10-yr trend	2019	2009	2019				2009	10-yr trend	2019	2009	2019	
Logistics performance		WBLPI	index score, 1-5	3.1		3.2	42	53	Efficiency of customs clearance process		WBLPI	survey, 1-5	2.5		2.7	64	58
Airport Connectivity		WEF	index based on seats and size of airport	39.5		20.4	11	19	Time to comply with border regulations and procedures		WBDB	hours	95.8		88.3	116	116
Efficiency of seaport services		WEF	expert survey, 1-7	4.0		3.7	67	88	Cost to comply with border regulations and procedures		WBDB	USD (current)	404.0		404.0	127	125
Liner shipping connectivity		UNCTAD	index score, rebased to 100 in 2004	6.1		11.4	132	115									
Quality of roads		WEF	expert survey, 1-7	4.2		4.2	63	63									
Road density		FAO	km per 100 sq km of land area	35.6		39.3	62	60									
Rail density		WBDI	km per sq km of land area	0.0		0.0	125	125									
Open Market Scale (155th)		Source	Unit	Value		Global Rank		Import Tariff Barriers (78th)		Source	Unit	Value		Global Rank			
				2009	10-yr trend	2019	2009	2019				2009	10-yr trend	2019	2009	2019	
<i>Domestic and international market access for goods</i>		<i>WTO</i>	<i>constant 2010 USD \$bn</i>	248.3		277.5	146	148	Share of imports free of tariff duties		WEF	percentage	19.4		39.4	130	113
<i>Domestic and international market access for services</i>		<i>WTO</i>	<i>constant 2010 USD \$bn</i>	248.3		277.5	98	102	Average applied tariff rate		WEF	percentage	4.4		4.0	55	53
Trade-weighted average tariff faced in destination markets		WEF	percentage	4.4		4.8	140	147	Complexity of tariffs		WEF	index score, 1-7	6.2		6.7	67	14
Index of margin of preference in destination markets		WEF	index score, 1-100	4.5		6.1	148	152									
Market Distortions (77th)		Source	Unit	Value		Global Rank											
				2009	10-yr trend	2019	2009	2019				2009	10-yr trend	2019	2009	2019	
Extent of liberalisation of foreign trade		BTI	expert survey, 1-10	8.0		7.0	62	87									
Prevalence of non-tariff barriers		WEF	expert survey, 1-7	4.7		4.2	61	108									
Non-tariff measures		UNCTAD	number	203.0		203.0	35	35									
Distortive effect of taxes and subsidies		WEF	expert survey, 1-7	4.1		4.1	50	50									
Energy subsidies		IMF	percentage of GDP	11.9		7.8	134	129									



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Property Rights (68th)		Source	Unit	Value		Global Rank		
				2009	10-yr trend	2019	2009	2019
Protection of property rights	WEF	expert survey, 1-7	5.8		4.6	25	57	
<i>Lawful process for expropriation</i>	WJP	<i>index score, 0-1</i>	0.6		0.6	52	53	
Intellectual property protection	WEF	expert survey, 1-7	3.6		4.0	68	77	
Quality of land administration	WBDB	index score, 0-30	3.0		3.0	93	95	
Procedures to register property	WBDB	index score, 0-100	77.5		82.6	45	37	
Regulation of property possession and exchange	BTI	expert survey, 1-10	6.0		8.0	87	49	
Investor Protection (90th)								
Strength of insolvency framework	WBDB	index score, 0-16	7.0		7.0	89	108	
Insolvency recovery rate	WBDB	percentage	28.1		32.4	90	87	
Auditing and reporting standards	WEF	expert survey, 1-7	5.2		4.4	40	90	
Extent of shareholder governance index	WBDB	index score, 0-10	5.3		5.7	68	77	
Conflict of interest regulation	WBDB	index score, 0-10	5.7		6.0	62	56	
Contract Enforcement (75th)								
Quality of judicial administration	WBDB	index score, 0-18	6.5		6.5	103	111	
Time to resolve commercial cases	WBDB	days	188.7		188.7	83	78	
Legal costs	WBDB	percentage	6.3		6.2	34	27	
<i>Alternative dispute resolution mechanisms</i>	WJP	<i>index score, 0-1</i>	0.7		0.7	48	50	
Financing Ecosystem (59th)								
<i>Access to finance</i>	WBES	<i>percentage</i>	30.8		30.8	102	111	
Financing of SMEs	WEF	expert survey, 1-7	4.2		4.2	34	34	
Venture capital availability	WEF	expert survey, 1-7	3.8		4.0	36	20	
Quality of banking system and capital markets	BTI	expert survey, 1-10	7.0		7.0	70	82	
Commercial bank branches	WBDI	branches per per 100,000 adults	15.4		14.2	66	69	
Soundness of banks	WEF	expert survey, 1-7	6.2		5.3	29	56	
Depth of credit information	WBDB	index score, 0-8	6.0		6.0	60	90	
Restrictions on International Investment (102nd)								
Business impact of rules on FDI	WEF	expert survey, 1-7	3.3		3.1	153	150	
Capital controls	FI	percentage	38.5		30.8	68	72	
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	0.7		0.7	67	62	
Prevalence of foreign ownership of companies	WEF	expert survey, 1-7	3.2		2.7	153	154	
Freedom of foreigners to visit	FI	index score, 0-10	4.1		6.2	88	100	


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Domestic Market Contestability (101st)		Source	Unit	Value		Global Rank		Environment for Business Creation (80th)		Source	Unit	Value		Global Rank			
				2009	10-yr trend	2019	2009	2019					2009	10-yr trend	2019	2009	2019
Market-based competition		BTI	expert survey, 1-10	6.0		6.0	91	71	Private companies are protected and permitted		BTI	expert survey, 1-10	6.0		7.0	91	67
Anti-monopoly policy		BTI	expert survey, 1-10	4.0		4.0	119	122	Ease of starting a business		WBDB	index score, 0-100	67.6		81.4	105	111
Extent of market dominance		WEF	expert survey, 1-7	4.1		3.6	50	84	State of cluster development		WEF	expert survey, 1-7	3.9		4.0	44	52
									<i>Labour skill a business constraint</i>		WBES	percentage	24.3		24.3	105	102
									Availability of skilled workers		WEF	expert survey, 1-7	4.0		4.0	89	89
Burden of Regulation (58th)		Source	Unit	Value		Global Rank		Labour Market Flexibility (76th)		Source	Unit	Value		Global Rank			
				2009	10-yr trend	2019	2009	2019					2009	10-yr trend	2019	2009	2019
Burden of government regulation		WEF	expert survey, 1-7	2.9		3.2	110	104	Cooperation in labour-employer relations		WEF	expert survey, 1-7	5.0		4.5	25	57
<i>Time spent complying with regulations</i>		WBES	percentage	10.5		10.5	128	102	Flexibility of hiring practices		WEF	expert survey, 1-7	4.1		4.0	57	50
Number of tax payments		WBDB	number per year	12.0		12.0	30	63	Redundancy costs		WEF	weeks	78.0		28.1	124	140
Time spent filing taxes		WBDB	hours per year	98.0		98.0	14	16	Flexibility of employment contracts		WBDB	index score, 0-1	0.7		0.8	61	59
Burden of obtaining a building permit		WBDB	index score, 0-100	55.1		54.2	96	130	Flexibility of wage determination		WEF	expert survey, 1-7	5.7		4.7	23	107
Building quality control index		WBDB	index score, 0-15	13.0		13.0	12	17									

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