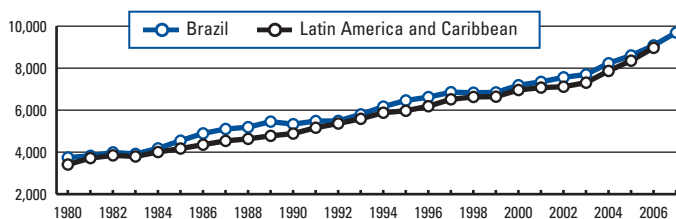


Brazil

Key indicators

Total population (millions), 2007	191.3
GDP (US\$ billions), 2007	1,313.6
GDP per capita (US\$), 2007	6,937.9
GDP (PPP) as share (%) of world total, 2007	2.81

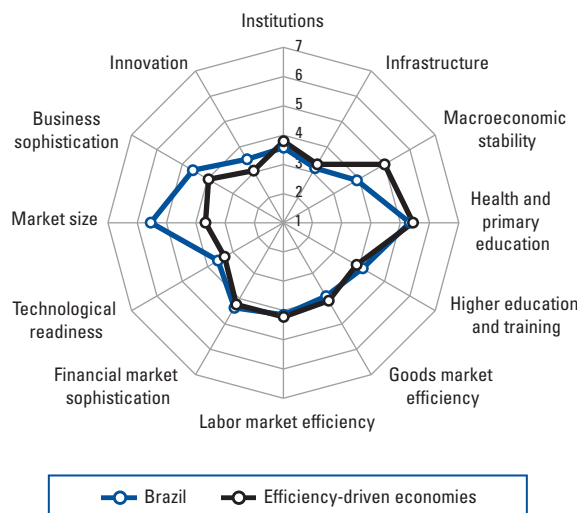
GDP (PPP US\$) per capita, 1980–2007



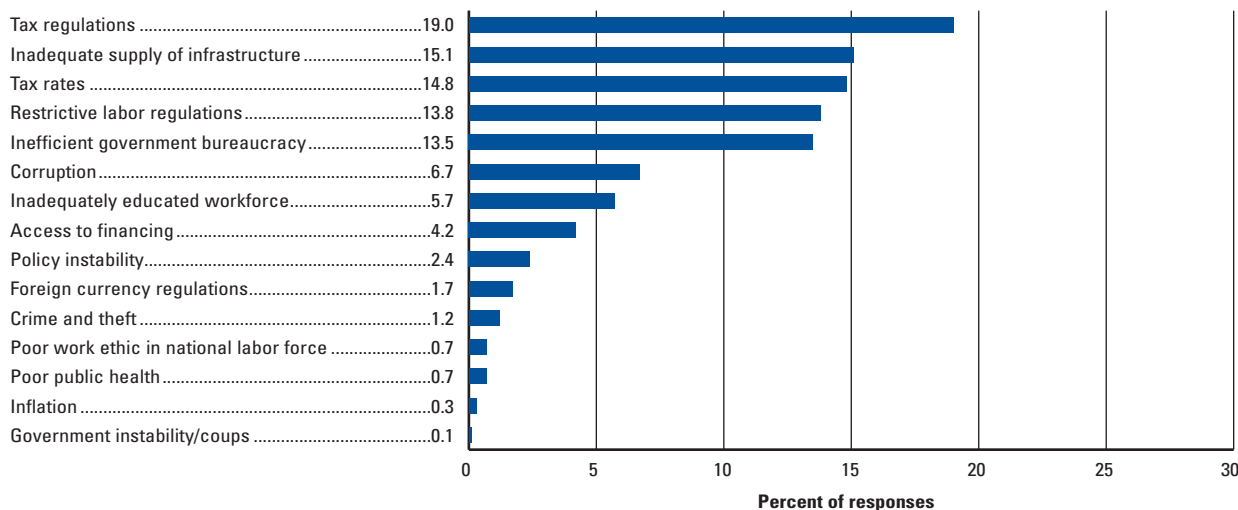
Global Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 134)	Score (1–7)
GCI 2008–2009	64	4.1
GCI 2007–2008 (out of 131)	72	4.0
GCI 2006–2007 (out of 122)	66	4.1
Basic requirements	96	4.0
1st pillar: Institutions	91	3.6
2nd pillar: Infrastructure	78	3.2
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability	122	3.9
4th pillar: Health and primary education	79	5.3
Efficiency enhancers	51	4.3
5th pillar: Higher education and training	58	4.1
6th pillar: Goods market efficiency	101	3.9
7th pillar: Labor market efficiency	91	4.2
8th pillar: Financial market sophistication	64	4.4
9th pillar: Technological readiness	56	3.6
10th pillar: Market size	10	5.5
Innovation and sophistication factors	42	4.0
11th pillar: Business sophistication	35	4.6
12th pillar: Innovation	43	3.5

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	INDICATOR	RANK/134
1st pillar: Institutions		6th pillar: Goods market efficiency	
1.01 Property rights	70	6.01 Intensity of local competition	43
1.02 Intellectual property protection	79	6.02 Extent of market dominance	32
1.03 Diversion of public funds	118	6.03 Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy	36
1.04 Public trust of politicians	122	6.04 Extent and effect of taxation	134
1.05 Judicial independence	68	6.05 Total tax rate*	116
1.06 Favoritism in decisions of government officials	63	6.06 No. of procedures required to start a business*	125
1.07 Wastefulness of government spending	129	6.07 Time required to start a business*	127
1.08 Burden of government regulation	133	6.08 Agricultural policy costs	27
1.09 Efficiency of legal framework	98	6.09 Prevalence of trade barriers	106
1.10 Transparency of government policymaking	101	6.10 Trade-weighted tariff rate*	92
1.11 Business costs of terrorism	12	6.11 Prevalence of foreign ownership	80
1.12 Business costs of crime and violence	123	6.12 Business impact of rules on FDI	82
1.13 Organized crime	116	6.13 Burden of customs procedures	127
1.14 Reliability of police services	117	6.14 Degree of customer orientation	56
1.15 Ethical behavior of firms	89	6.15 Buyer sophistication	69
1.16 Strength of auditing and reporting standards	60		
1.17 Efficacy of corporate boards	46	7th pillar: Labor market efficiency	
1.18 Protection of minority shareholders' interests	42	7.01 Cooperation in labor-employer relations	84
2nd pillar: Infrastructure		7.02 Flexibility of wage determination	106
2.01 Quality of overall infrastructure	98	7.03 Non-wage labor costs*	123
2.02 Quality of roads	110	7.04 Rigidity of employment*	93
2.03 Quality of railroad infrastructure	86	7.05 Hiring and firing practices	112
2.04 Quality of port infrastructure	123	7.06 Firing costs*	67
2.05 Quality of air transport infrastructure	101	7.07 Pay and productivity	66
2.06 Available seat kilometers*	12	7.08 Reliance on professional management	25
2.07 Quality of electricity supply	58	7.09 Brain drain	34
2.08 Telephone lines*	62	7.10 Female participation in labor force*	75
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability		8th pillar: Financial market sophistication	
3.01 Government surplus/deficit*	91	8.01 Financial market sophistication	21
3.02 National savings rate*	86	8.02 Financing through local equity market	56
3.03 Inflation*	54	8.03 Ease of access to loans	77
3.04 Interest rate spread*	131	8.04 Venture capital availability	79
3.05 Government debt*	85	8.05 Restriction on capital flows	119
4th pillar: Health and primary education		8.06 Strength of investor protection*	50
4.01 Business impact of malaria	66	8.07 Soundness of banks	24
4.02 Malaria incidence*	101	8.08 Regulation of securities exchanges	28
4.03 Business impact of tuberculosis	51	8.09 Legal rights index*	119
4.04 Tuberculosis incidence*	64	9th pillar: Technological readiness	
4.05 Business impact of HIV/AIDS	71	9.01 Availability of latest technologies	58
4.06 HIV prevalence*	86	9.02 Firm-level technology absorption	42
4.07 Infant mortality*	88	9.03 Laws relating to ICT	49
4.08 Life expectancy*	66	9.04 FDI and technology transfer	43
4.09 Quality of primary education	119	9.05 Mobile telephone subscribers*	78
4.10 Primary enrollment*	58	9.06 Internet users*	57
4.11 Education expenditure*	64	9.07 Personal computers*	50
5th pillar: Higher education and training		9.08 Broadband Internet subscribers*	52
5.01 Secondary enrollment*	14	10th pillar: Market size	
5.02 Tertiary enrollment*	76	10.01 Domestic market size*	9
5.03 Quality of the educational system	117	10.02 Foreign market size*	23
5.04 Quality of math and science education	124	11th pillar: Business sophistication	
5.05 Quality of management schools	58	11.01 Local supplier quantity	13
5.06 Internet access in schools	67	11.02 Local supplier quality	41
5.07 Local availability of research and training services	26	11.03 State of cluster development	43
5.08 Extent of staff training	46	11.04 Nature of competitive advantage	96
		11.05 Value chain breadth	66
		11.06 Control of international distribution	46
		11.07 Production process sophistication	33
		11.08 Extent of marketing	27
		11.09 Willingness to delegate authority	37
		12th pillar: Innovation	
		12.01 Capacity for innovation	27
		12.02 Quality of scientific research institutions	43
		12.03 Company spending on R&D	31
		12.04 University-industry research collaboration	50
		12.05 Gov't procurement of advanced tech products	84
		12.06 Availability of scientists and engineers	57
		12.07 Utility patents*	58

* 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.