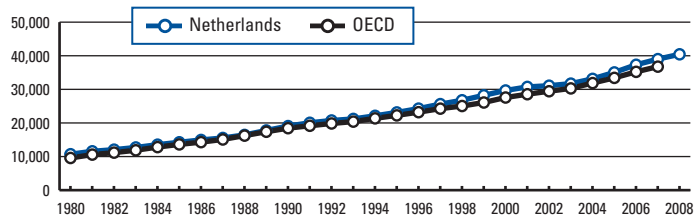


Netherlands

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2008.....	16.5
GDP (US\$ billions), 2008.....	868.9
GDP per capita (US\$), 2008.....	52,019.0
GDP (PPP) as share (%) of world total, 2008.....	0.98

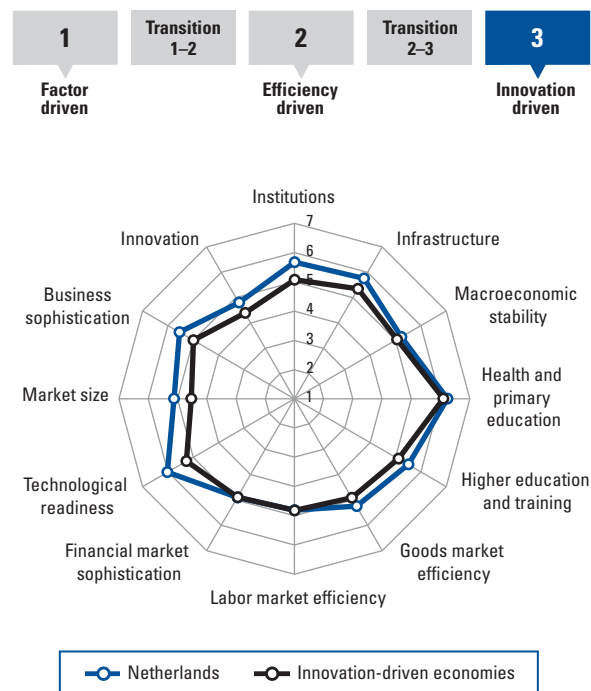
GDP (PPP int'l \$) per capita, 1980–2008



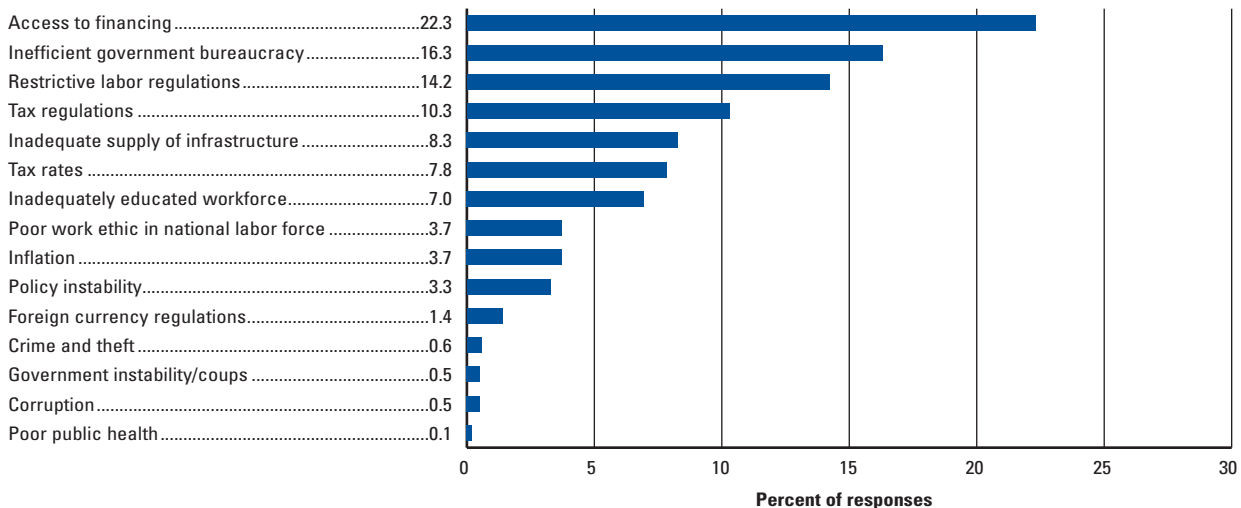
Global Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 133)	Score (1–7)
GCI 2009–2010	10	5.3
GCI 2008–2009 (out of 134).....	8	5.4
GCI 2007–2008 (out of 131).....	10	5.4
Basic requirements	12	5.7
1st pillar: Institutions.....	10	5.7
2nd pillar: Infrastructure.....	15	5.7
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability.....	38	5.2
4th pillar: Health and primary education.....	14	6.2
Efficiency enhancers	10	5.3
5th pillar: Higher education and training.....	10	5.5
6th pillar: Goods market efficiency.....	6	5.2
7th pillar: Labor market efficiency.....	27	4.8
8th pillar: Financial market sophistication.....	23	4.9
9th pillar: Technological readiness.....	2	6.0
10th pillar: Market size.....	18	5.1
Innovation and sophistication factors	9	5.2
11th pillar: Business sophistication.....	6	5.5
12th pillar: Innovation.....	13	4.8

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	INDICATOR	RANK/133
1st pillar: Institutions		6th pillar: Goods market efficiency	
1.01 Property rights	14 ■	6.01 Intensity of local competition	4 ■
1.02 Intellectual property protection	9 ■	6.02 Extent of market dominance	5 ■
1.03 Diversion of public funds	11 ■	6.03 Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy	1 ■
1.04 Public trust of politicians	11 ■	6.04 Extent and effect of taxation	55 ■
1.05 Judicial independence	8 ■	6.05 Total tax rate*	58 ■
1.06 Favoritism in decisions of government officials	5 ■	6.06 No. of procedures required to start a business*	26 ■
1.07 Wastefulness of government spending	16 ■	6.07 Time required to start a business*	25 ■
1.08 Burden of government regulation	91 ■	6.08 Agricultural policy costs	17 ■
1.09 Efficiency of legal framework in settling disputes	11 ■	6.09 Prevalence of trade barriers	23 ■
1.10 Efficiency of legal framework in challenging regs	12 ■	6.10 Tariff barriers*	5 ■
1.11 Transparency of government policymaking	20 ■	6.11 Prevalence of foreign ownership	28 ■
1.12 Business costs of terrorism	77 ■	6.12 Business impact of rules on FDI	33 ■
1.13 Business costs of crime and violence	57 ■	6.13 Burden of customs procedures	15 ■
1.14 Organized crime	42 ■	6.14 Degree of customer orientation	20 ■
1.15 Reliability of police services	13 ■	6.15 Buyer sophistication	11 ■
1.16 Ethical behavior of firms	7 ■	7th pillar: Labor market efficiency	
1.17 Strength of auditing and reporting standards	13 ■	7.01 Cooperation in labor-employer relations	9 ■
1.18 Efficacy of corporate boards	10 ■	7.02 Flexibility of wage determination	122 ■
1.19 Protection of minority shareholders' interests	21 ■	7.03 Rigidity of employment*	84 ■
2nd pillar: Infrastructure		7.04 Hiring and firing practices	114 ■
2.01 Quality of overall infrastructure	18 ■	7.05 Firing costs*	28 ■
2.02 Quality of roads	25 ■	7.06 Pay and productivity	84 ■
2.03 Quality of railroad infrastructure	10 ■	7.07 Reliance on professional management	6 ■
2.04 Quality of port infrastructure	3 ■	7.08 Brain drain	11 ■
2.05 Quality of air transport infrastructure	7 ■	7.09 Female participation in labor force*	42 ■
2.06 Available seat kilometers*	19 ■	8th pillar: Financial market sophistication	
2.07 Quality of electricity supply	9 ■	8.01 Financial market sophistication	9 ■
2.08 Telephone lines*	22 ■	8.02 Financing through local equity market	46 ■
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability		8.03 Ease of access to loans	16 ■
3.01 Government surplus/deficit*	36 ■	8.04 Venture capital availability	9 ■
3.02 National savings rate*	37 ■	8.05 Restriction on capital flows	15 ■
3.03 Inflation*	2 ■	8.06 Strength of investor protection*	86 ■
3.04 Interest rate spread*	72 ■	8.07 Soundness of banks	70 ■
3.05 Government debt*	110 ■	8.08 Regulation of securities exchanges	14 ■
4th pillar: Health and primary education		8.09 Legal rights index*	58 ■
4.01 Business impact of malaria	1 ■	9th pillar: Technological readiness	
4.02 Malaria incidence*	1 ■	9.01 Availability of latest technologies	10 ■
4.03 Business impact of tuberculosis	13 ■	9.02 Firm-level technology absorption	25 ■
4.04 Tuberculosis incidence*	18 ■	9.03 Laws relating to ICT	21 ■
4.05 Business impact of HIV/AIDS	24 ■	9.04 FDI and technology transfer	58 ■
4.06 HIV prevalence*	54 ■	9.05 Mobile telephone subscriptions*	27 ■
4.07 Infant mortality*	15 ■	9.06 Internet users*	1 ■
4.08 Life expectancy*	15 ■	9.07 Personal computers*	3 ■
4.09 Quality of primary education	14 ■	9.08 Broadband Internet subscribers*	3 ■
4.10 Primary enrollment*	17 ■	10th pillar: Market size	
4.11 Education expenditure*	40 ■	10.01 Domestic market size index*	20 ■
5th pillar: Higher education and training		10.02 Foreign market size index*	14 ■
5.01 Secondary enrollment*	4 ■	11th pillar: Business sophistication	
5.02 Tertiary enrollment*	28 ■	11.01 Local supplier quantity	9 ■
5.03 Quality of the educational system	15 ■	11.02 Local supplier quality	7 ■
5.04 Quality of math and science education	16 ■	11.03 State of cluster development	13 ■
5.05 Quality of management schools	11 ■	11.04 Nature of competitive advantage	9 ■
5.06 Internet access in schools	9 ■	11.05 Value chain breadth	6 ■
5.07 Local availability of research and training services	4 ■	11.06 Control of international distribution	11 ■
5.08 Extent of staff training	10 ■	11.07 Production process sophistication	6 ■
		11.08 Extent of marketing	7 ■
		11.09 Willingness to delegate authority	3 ■
		12th pillar: Innovation	
		12.01 Capacity for innovation	10 ■
		12.02 Quality of scientific research institutions	7 ■
		12.03 Company spending on R&D	12 ■
		12.04 University-industry collaboration in R&D	11 ■
		12.05 Gov't procurement of advanced tech products	31 ■
		12.06 Availability of scientists and engineers	22 ■
		12.07 Utility patents*	13 ■

* 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.