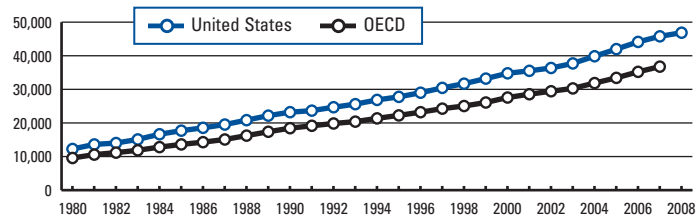


United States

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2008.....	308.8
GDP (US\$ billions), 2008.....	14,264.6
GDP per capita (US\$), 2008.....	46,859.1
GDP (PPP) as share (%) of world total, 2008.....	20.69

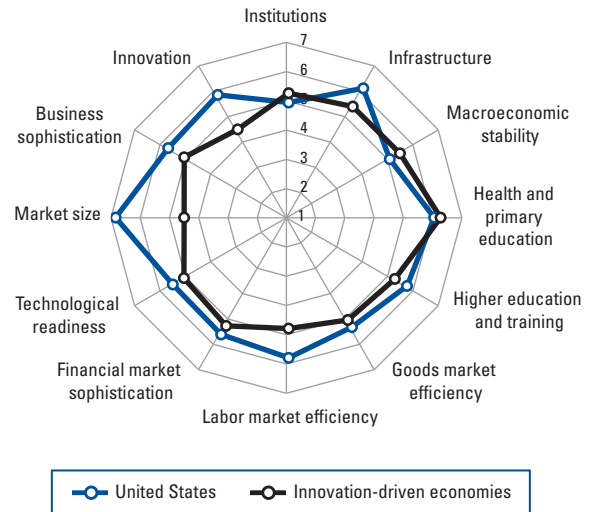
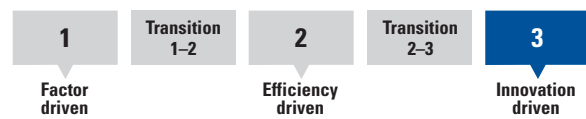
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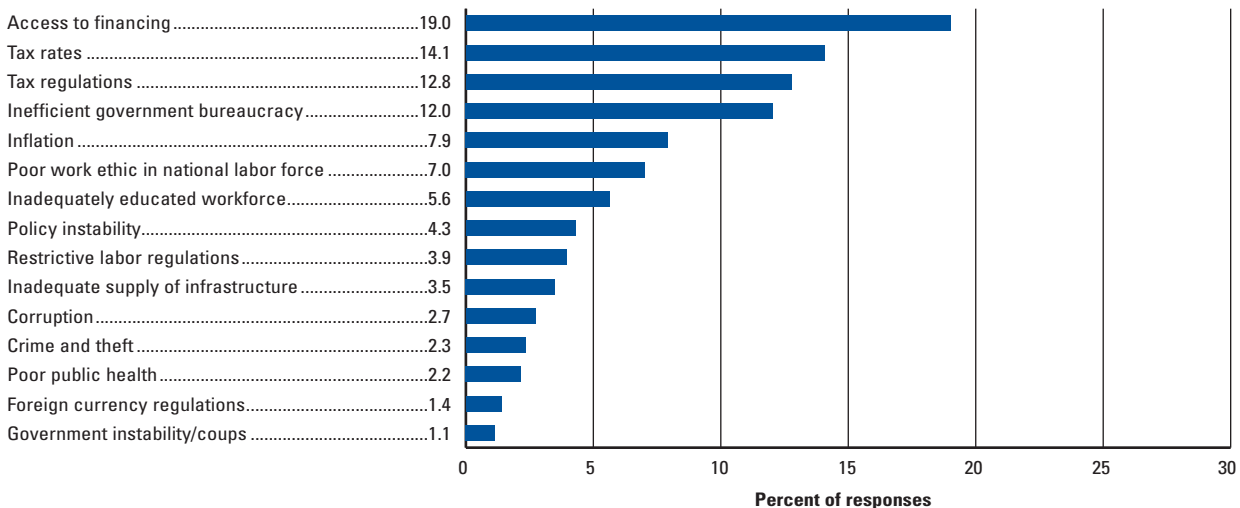
Global Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 133)	Score (1–7)
GCI 2009–2010	2	5.6
GCI 2008–2009 (out of 134).....	1	5.7
GCI 2007–2008 (out of 131).....	1	5.7
Basic requirements	28	5.2
1st pillar: Institutions.....	34	4.8
2nd pillar: Infrastructure.....	8	5.9
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability.....	93	4.3
4th pillar: Health and primary education.....	36	5.9
Efficiency enhancers	1	5.7
5th pillar: Higher education and training.....	7	5.6
6th pillar: Goods market efficiency.....	12	5.1
7th pillar: Labor market efficiency.....	3	5.8
8th pillar: Financial market sophistication.....	20	5.0
9th pillar: Technological readiness.....	13	5.6
10th pillar: Market size.....	1	6.9
Innovation and sophistication factors	1	5.7
11th pillar: Business sophistication.....	5	5.7
12th pillar: Innovation.....	1	5.8

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
1st pillar: Institutions	
1.01 Property rights	30
1.02 Intellectual property protection	19
1.03 Diversion of public funds	28
1.04 Public trust of politicians	43
1.05 Judicial independence	26
1.06 Favoritism in decisions of government officials	48
1.07 Wastefulness of government spending	68
1.08 Burden of government regulation	53
1.09 Efficiency of legal framework in settling disputes	33
1.10 Efficiency of legal framework in challenging regs	35
1.11 Transparency of government policymaking	31
1.12 Business costs of terrorism	121
1.13 Business costs of crime and violence	74
1.14 Organized crime	72
1.15 Reliability of police services	21
1.16 Ethical behavior of firms	22
1.17 Strength of auditing and reporting standards	39
1.18 Efficacy of corporate boards	20
1.19 Protection of minority shareholders' interests	28
2nd pillar: Infrastructure	
2.01 Quality of overall infrastructure	14
2.02 Quality of roads	11
2.03 Quality of railroad infrastructure	17
2.04 Quality of port infrastructure	13
2.05 Quality of air transport infrastructure	20
2.06 Available seat kilometers*	1
2.07 Quality of electricity supply	17
2.08 Telephone lines*	14
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability	
3.01 Government surplus/deficit*	122
3.02 National savings rate*	109
3.03 Inflation*	20
3.04 Interest rate spread*	12
3.05 Government debt*	114
4th pillar: Health and primary education	
4.01 Business impact of malaria	1
4.02 Malaria incidence*	1
4.03 Business impact of tuberculosis	41
4.04 Tuberculosis incidence*	1
4.05 Business impact of HIV/AIDS	63
4.06 HIV prevalence*	85
4.07 Infant mortality*	36
4.08 Life expectancy*	30
4.09 Quality of primary education	30
4.10 Primary enrollment*	77
4.11 Education expenditure*	45
5th pillar: Higher education and training	
5.01 Secondary enrollment*	43
5.02 Tertiary enrollment*	6
5.03 Quality of the educational system	22
5.04 Quality of math and science education	48
5.05 Quality of management schools	4
5.06 Internet access in schools	10
5.07 Local availability of research and training services	3
5.08 Extent of staff training	8

INDICATOR	RANK/133
6th pillar: Goods market efficiency	
6.01 Intensity of local competition	5
6.02 Extent of market dominance	7
6.03 Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy	11
6.04 Extent and effect of taxation	59
6.05 Total tax rate*	67
6.06 No. of procedures required to start a business*	26
6.07 Time required to start a business*	9
6.08 Agricultural policy costs	59
6.09 Prevalence of trade barriers	44
6.10 Tariff barriers*	33
6.11 Prevalence of foreign ownership	46
6.12 Business impact of rules on FDI	68
6.13 Burden of customs procedures	39
6.14 Degree of customer orientation	9
6.15 Buyer sophistication	9

7th pillar: Labor market efficiency	
7.01 Cooperation in labor-employer relations	26
7.02 Flexibility of wage determination	14
7.03 Rigidity of employment*	1
7.04 Hiring and firing practices	8
7.05 Firing costs*	1
7.06 Pay and productivity	8
7.07 Reliance on professional management	11
7.08 Brain drain	1
7.09 Female participation in labor force*	39

8th pillar: Financial market sophistication	
8.01 Financial market sophistication	11
8.02 Financing through local equity market	35
8.03 Ease of access to loans	33
8.04 Venture capital availability	7
8.05 Restriction on capital flows	54
8.06 Strength of investor protection*	5
8.07 Soundness of banks	108
8.08 Regulation of securities exchanges	47
8.09 Legal rights index*	18

9th pillar: Technological readiness	
9.01 Availability of latest technologies	5
9.02 Firm-level technology absorption	5
9.03 Laws relating to ICT	9
9.04 FDI and technology transfer	32
9.05 Mobile telephone subscriptions*	69
9.06 Internet users*	13
9.07 Personal computers*	6
9.08 Broadband Internet subscribers*	16

10th pillar: Market size	
10.01 Domestic market size index*	1
10.02 Foreign market size index*	2

11th pillar: Business sophistication	
11.01 Local supplier quantity	7
11.02 Local supplier quality	9
11.03 State of cluster development	2
11.04 Nature of competitive advantage	16
11.05 Value chain breadth	11
11.06 Control of international distribution	5
11.07 Production process sophistication	8
11.08 Extent of marketing	1
11.09 Willingness to delegate authority	5

12th pillar: Innovation	
12.01 Capacity for innovation	6
12.02 Quality of scientific research institutions	2
12.03 Company spending on R&D	5
12.04 University-industry collaboration in R&D	1
12.05 Gov't procurement of advanced tech products	4
12.06 Availability of scientists and engineers	5
12.07 Utility patents*	3

* 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.