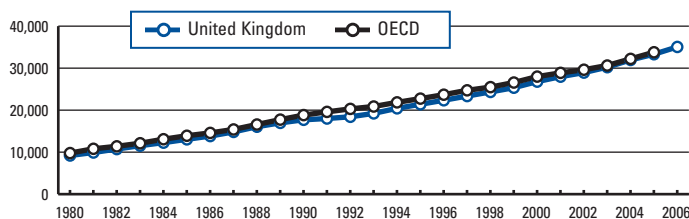


# United Kingdom

## Key indicators

Total population (millions), 2006	59.8
GDP (US\$ billions), 2006	2,373.7
GDP (current prices) per capita, 2006	39,213.1
GDP (PPP) as share (%) of world total, 2006	3.20

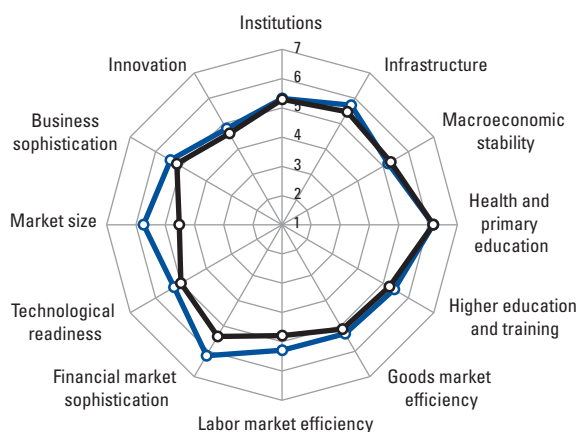
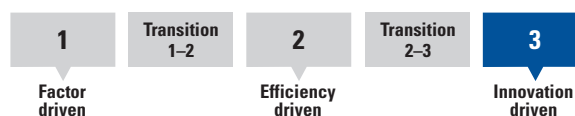
GDP (PPP US\$) per capita, 1980–2006



## Global Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 131)	Score (1–7)
<b>Global Competitiveness Index 2007–2008</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5.4</b>
GCI 2006–2007 (out of 122)	2	5.6
<b>Basic requirements</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5.6</b>
1st pillar: Institutions	15	5.3
2nd pillar: Infrastructure	13	5.7
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability	46	5.2
4th pillar: Health and primary education	21	6.2
<b>Efficiency enhancers</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.5</b>
5th pillar: Higher education and training	15	5.4
6th pillar: Goods market efficiency	13	5.3
7th pillar: Labor market efficiency	7	5.3
8th pillar: Financial market sophistication	2	6.2
9th pillar: Technological readiness	16	5.3
10th pillar: Market size	6	5.7
<b>Innovation and sophistication factors</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5.1</b>
11th pillar: Business sophistication	13	5.4
12th pillar: Innovation	14	4.8

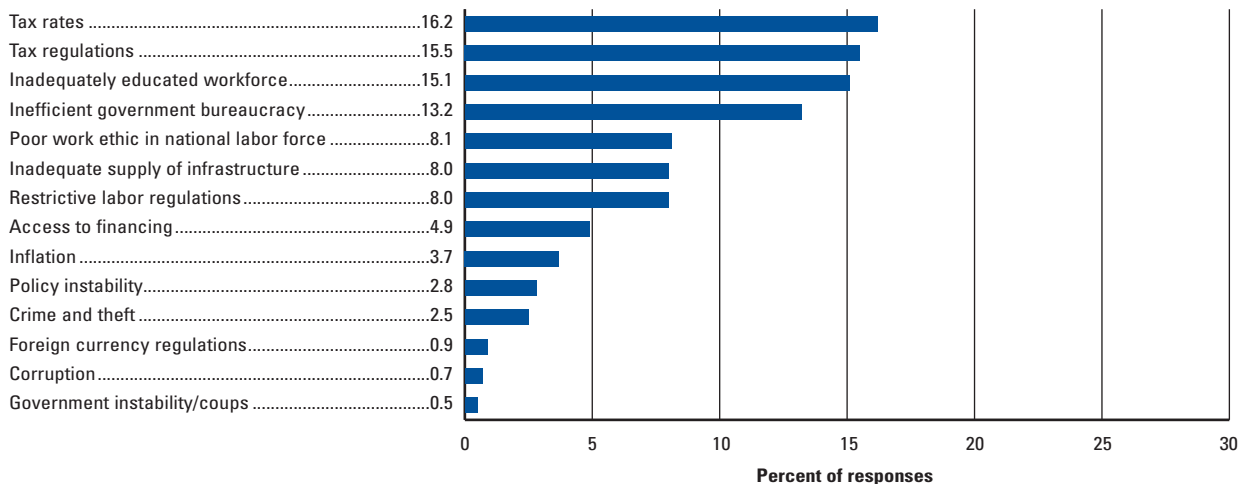
### Stage of development



### Business Competitiveness Index (rank out of 127)

Sophistication of company operations and strategy	11
Quality of the national business environment	11

## The most problematic factors for doing business



Note: From a list of 14 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/131	INDICATOR	RANK/131
<b>1st pillar: Institutions</b>		<b>6th pillar: Goods market efficiency</b>	
1.01 Property rights .....	18 .....	6.01 Intensity of local competition .....	6 .....
1.02 Intellectual property protection .....	8 .....	6.02 Extent of market dominance .....	9 .....
1.03 Diversion of public funds .....	15 .....	6.03 Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy .....	7 .....
1.04 Public trust of politicians .....	23 .....	6.04 Extent and effect of taxation .....	45 .....
1.05 Judicial independence .....	12 .....	6.05 Total tax rate* .....	29 .....
1.06 Favoritism in decisions of government officials .....	20 .....	6.06 No. of procedures required to start a business* .....	16 .....
1.07 Wastefulness of government spending .....	40 .....	6.07 Time required to start a business* .....	25 .....
1.08 Burden of government regulation .....	58 .....	6.08 Agricultural policy costs .....	64 .....
1.09 Efficiency of legal framework .....	14 .....	6.09 Prevalence of trade barriers .....	25 .....
1.10 Transparency of government policymaking .....	24 .....	6.10 Trade-weighted tariff rate* .....	13 .....
1.11 Business costs of terrorism .....	121 .....	6.11 Prevalence of foreign ownership .....	6 .....
1.12 Business costs of crime and violence .....	64 .....	6.12 Business impact of rules on FDI .....	6 .....
1.13 Organized crime .....	43 .....	6.13 Burden of customs procedures .....	28 .....
1.14 Reliability of police services .....	29 .....	6.14 Degree of customer orientation .....	25 .....
1.15 Ethical behavior of firms .....	14 .....	6.15 Buyer sophistication .....	18 .....
1.16 Strength of auditing and reporting standards .....	3 .....		
1.17 Efficacy of corporate boards .....	2 .....	<b>7th pillar: Labor market efficiency</b>	
1.18 Protection of minority shareholders' interests .....	4 .....	7.01 Cooperation in labor-employer relations .....	28 .....
<b>2nd pillar: Infrastructure</b>		7.02 Flexibility of wage determination .....	17 .....
2.01 Quality of overall infrastructure .....	20 .....	7.03 Non-wage labor costs* .....	38 .....
2.02 Quality of roads .....	21 .....	7.04 Rigidity of employment* .....	14 .....
2.03 Quality of railroad infrastructure .....	20 .....	7.05 Hiring and firing practices .....	48 .....
2.04 Quality of port infrastructure .....	21 .....	7.06 Firing costs* .....	36 .....
2.05 Quality of air transport infrastructure .....	10 .....	7.07 Pay and productivity .....	24 .....
2.06 Available seat kilometers* .....	3 .....	7.08 Reliance on professional management .....	11 .....
2.07 Quality of electricity supply .....	15 .....	7.09 Brain drain .....	17 .....
2.08 Telephone lines* .....	12 .....	7.10 Female participation in labor force* .....	37 .....
<b>3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability</b>		<b>8th pillar: Financial market sophistication</b>	
3.01 Government surplus/deficit* .....	88 .....	8.01 Financial market sophistication .....	2 .....
3.02 National savings rate* .....	96 .....	8.02 Financing through local equity market .....	11 .....
3.03 Inflation* .....	24 .....	8.03 Ease of access to loans .....	5 .....
3.04 Interest rate spread* .....	7 .....	8.04 Venture capital availability .....	6 .....
3.05 Government debt* .....	65 .....	8.05 Restriction on capital flows .....	18 .....
<b>4th pillar: Health and primary education</b>		8.06 Strength of investor protection* .....	9 .....
4.01 Business impact of malaria .....	35 .....	8.07 Soundness of banks .....	4 .....
4.02 Malaria incidence* .....	1 .....	8.08 Regulation of securities exchanges .....	18 .....
4.03 Business impact of tuberculosis .....	44 .....	8.09 Legal rights index* .....	1 .....
4.04 Tuberculosis incidence* .....	29 .....	<b>9th pillar: Technological readiness</b>	
4.05 Business impact of HIV/AIDS .....	48 .....	9.01 Availability of latest technologies .....	11 .....
4.06 HIV prevalence* .....	50 .....	9.02 Firm-level technology absorption .....	19 .....
4.07 Infant mortality* .....	22 .....	9.03 Laws relating to ICT .....	11 .....
4.08 Life expectancy* .....	15 .....	9.04 FDI and technology transfer .....	18 .....
4.09 Quality of primary education .....	35 .....	9.05 Mobile telephone subscribers* .....	7 .....
4.10 Primary enrollment* .....	11 .....	9.06 Internet users* .....	22 .....
4.11 Education expenditure* .....	31 .....	9.07 Personal computers* .....	12 .....
<b>5th pillar: Higher education and training</b>		9.08 Broadband Internet subscribers* .....	17 .....
5.01 Secondary enrollment* .....	16 .....	<b>10th pillar: Market size</b>	
5.02 Tertiary enrollment* .....	24 .....	10.01 Domestic market size* .....	6 .....
5.03 Quality of the educational system .....	30 .....	10.02 Foreign market size* .....	6 .....
5.04 Quality of math and science education .....	46 .....	<b>11th pillar: Business sophistication</b>	
5.05 Quality of management schools .....	10 .....	11.01 Local supplier quantity .....	27 .....
5.06 Internet access in schools .....	14 .....	11.02 Local supplier quality .....	19 .....
5.07 Local availability of research and training services .....	5 .....	11.03 State of cluster development .....	9 .....
5.08 Extent of staff training .....	17 .....	11.04 Nature of competitive advantage .....	10 .....
		11.05 Value chain breadth .....	8 .....
		11.06 Control of international distribution .....	13 .....
		11.07 Production process sophistication .....	17 .....
		11.08 Extent of marketing .....	2 .....
		11.09 Willingness to delegate authority .....	17 .....
		<b>12th pillar: Innovation</b>	
		12.01 Capacity for innovation .....	14 .....
		12.02 Quality of scientific research institutions .....	4 .....
		12.03 Company spending on R&D .....	12 .....
		12.04 University-industry research collaboration .....	12 .....
		12.05 Gov't procurement of advanced tech products .....	27 .....
		12.06 Availability of scientists and engineers .....	28 .....
		12.07 Utility patents* .....	19 .....

\* 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.