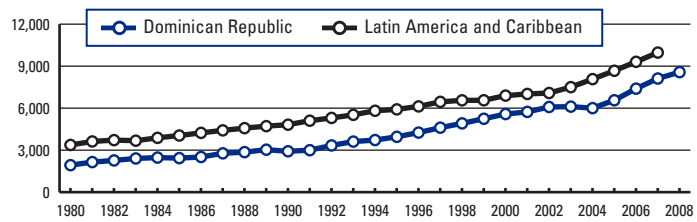


Dominican Republic

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2008.....	9.9
GDP (US\$ billions), 2008.....	45.6
GDP per capita (US\$), 2008.....	5,122.0
GDP (PPP) as share (%) of world total, 2008.....	0.11

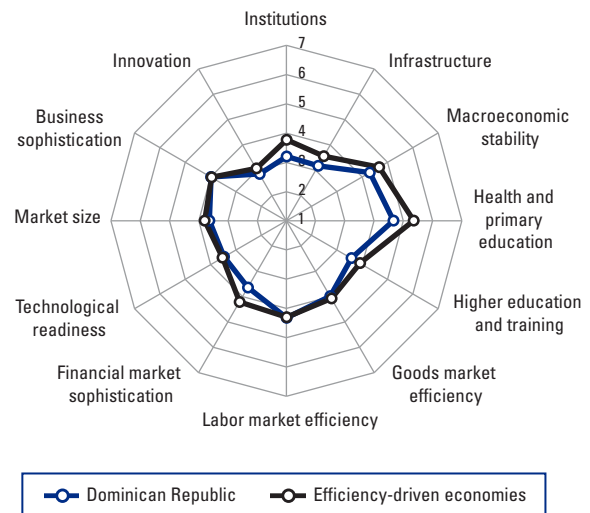
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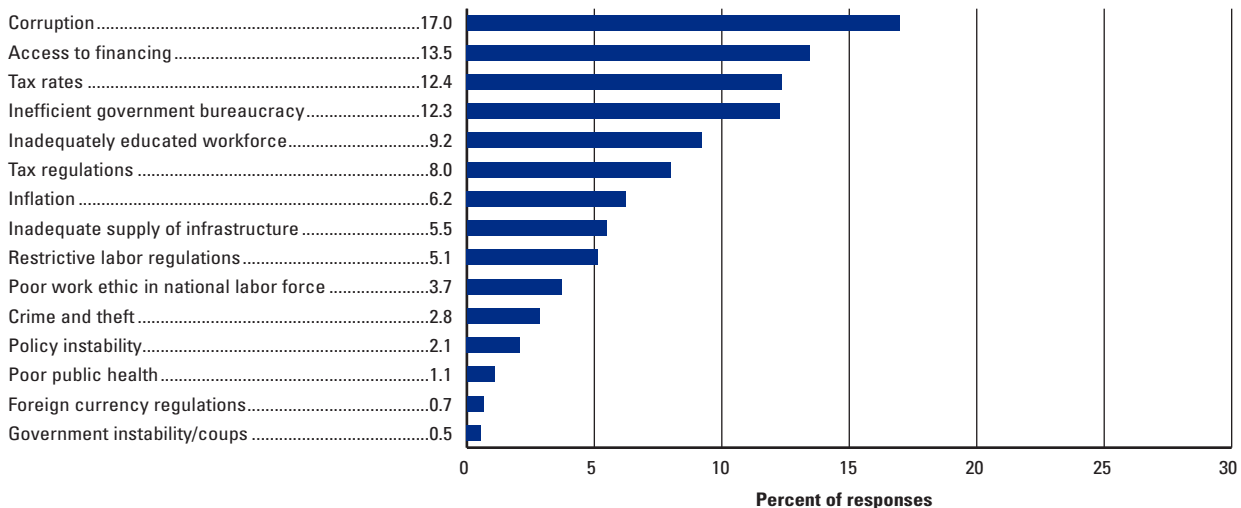
Global Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 133)	Score (1–7)
GCI 2009–2010	95	3.8
GCI 2008–2009 (out of 134).....	98	3.7
GCI 2007–2008 (out of 131).....	96	3.7
Basic requirements	98	3.8
1st pillar: Institutions.....	117	3.2
2nd pillar: Infrastructure.....	85	3.2
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability.....	94	4.3
4th pillar: Health and primary education.....	103	4.6
Efficiency enhancers	88	3.8
5th pillar: Higher education and training.....	89	3.6
6th pillar: Goods market efficiency.....	89	4.0
7th pillar: Labor market efficiency.....	73	4.3
8th pillar: Financial market sophistication.....	105	3.6
9th pillar: Technological readiness.....	72	3.5
10th pillar: Market size.....	68	3.6
Innovation and sophistication factors	82	3.4
11th pillar: Business sophistication.....	71	4.0
12th pillar: Innovation.....	100	2.8

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	88	6.01 Intensity of local competition	82
1.02 Intellectual property protection	79	6.02 Extent of market dominance	115
1.03 Diversion of public funds	127	6.03 Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy	115
1.04 Public trust of politicians	122	6.04 Extent and effect of taxation	115
1.05 Judicial independence	88	6.05 Total tax rate*	49
1.06 Favoritism in decisions of government officials	133	6.06 No. of procedures required to start a business*	60
1.07 Wastefulness of government spending	132	6.07 Time required to start a business*	56
1.08 Burden of government regulation	78	6.08 Agricultural policy costs	90
1.09 Efficiency of legal framework in settling disputes	71	6.09 Prevalence of trade barriers	112
1.10 Efficiency of legal framework in challenging regs	114	6.10 Tariff barriers*	75
1.11 Transparency of government policymaking	82	6.11 Prevalence of foreign ownership	29
1.12 Business costs of terrorism	55	6.12 Business impact of rules on FDI	62
1.13 Business costs of crime and violence	120	6.13 Burden of customs procedures	45
1.14 Organized crime	115	6.14 Degree of customer orientation	79
1.15 Reliability of police services	130	6.15 Buyer sophistication	86
1.16 Ethical behavior of firms	118	7th pillar: Labor market efficiency	
1.17 Strength of auditing and reporting standards	96	7.01 Cooperation in labor-employer relations	35
1.18 Efficacy of corporate boards	81	7.02 Flexibility of wage determination	37
1.19 Protection of minority shareholders' interests	100	7.03 Rigidity of employment*	49
2nd pillar: Infrastructure		7.04 Hiring and firing practices	60
2.01 Quality of overall infrastructure	80	7.05 Firing costs*	105
2.02 Quality of roads	70	7.06 Pay and productivity	79
2.03 Quality of railroad infrastructure	98	7.07 Reliance on professional management	93
2.04 Quality of port infrastructure	58	7.08 Brain drain	68
2.05 Quality of air transport infrastructure	36	7.09 Female participation in labor force*	63
2.06 Available seat kilometers*	50	8th pillar: Financial market sophistication	
2.07 Quality of electricity supply	130	8.01 Financial market sophistication	84
2.08 Telephone lines*	88	8.02 Financing through local equity market	108
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability		8.03 Ease of access to loans	105
3.01 Government surplus/deficit*	65	8.04 Venture capital availability	102
3.02 National savings rate*	114	8.05 Restriction on capital flows	65
3.03 Inflation*	91	8.06 Strength of investor protection*	100
3.04 Interest rate spread*	103	8.07 Soundness of banks	59
3.05 Government debt*	40	8.08 Regulation of securities exchanges	93
4th pillar: Health and primary education		8.09 Legal rights index*	98
4.01 Business impact of malaria	95	9th pillar: Technological readiness	
4.02 Malaria incidence*	87	9.01 Availability of latest technologies	68
4.03 Business impact of tuberculosis	85	9.02 Firm-level technology absorption	68
4.04 Tuberculosis incidence*	77	9.03 Laws relating to ICT	62
4.05 Business impact of HIV/AIDS	102	9.04 FDI and technology transfer	36
4.06 HIV prevalence*	102	9.05 Mobile telephone subscriptions*	86
4.07 Infant mortality*	84	9.06 Internet users*	62
4.08 Life expectancy*	69	9.07 Personal computers*	94
4.09 Quality of primary education	132	9.08 Broadband Internet subscribers*	71
4.10 Primary enrollment*	116	10th pillar: Market size	
4.11 Education expenditure*	87	10.01 Domestic market size index*	66
5th pillar: Higher education and training		10.02 Foreign market size index*	78
5.01 Secondary enrollment*	90	11th pillar: Business sophistication	
5.02 Tertiary enrollment*	64	11.01 Local supplier quantity	65
5.03 Quality of the educational system	129	11.02 Local supplier quality	70
5.04 Quality of math and science education	131	11.03 State of cluster development	63
5.05 Quality of management schools	96	11.04 Nature of competitive advantage	95
5.06 Internet access in schools	86	11.05 Value chain breadth	62
5.07 Local availability of research and training services	63	11.06 Control of international distribution	56
5.08 Extent of staff training	76	11.07 Production process sophistication	90
		11.08 Extent of marketing	50
		11.09 Willingness to delegate authority	72
		12th pillar: Innovation	
		12.01 Capacity for innovation	90
		12.02 Quality of scientific research institutions	121
		12.03 Company spending on R&D	105
		12.04 University-industry collaboration in R&D	82
		12.05 Gov't procurement of advanced tech products	63
		12.06 Availability of scientists and engineers	93
		12.07 Utility patents*	75

* 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.