

1.09 Burden of government regulation

How burdensome is it for businesses in your country to comply with governmental administrative requirements (e.g., permits, regulations, reporting)? [1 = extremely burdensome; 7 = not burdensome at all] | 2009–10 weighted average

RANK	COUNTRY/ECONOMY	SCORE	1	MEAN: 3.3	7
1	Singapore	5.5			
2	Hong Kong SAR	5.1			
3	Rwanda	5.0			
4	Georgia	4.6			
5	Gambia, The	4.6			
6	Qatar	4.5			
7	Estonia	4.4			
8	Oman	4.3			
9	Mauritania	4.3			
10	Finland	4.3			
11	United Arab Emirates	4.3			
12	Iceland	4.3			
13	Barbados	4.3			
14	Switzerland	4.2			
15	Tunisia	4.2			
16	Sweden	4.0			
17	Malaysia	4.0			
18	Saudi Arabia	4.0			
19	Bahrain	4.0			
20	Albania	4.0			
21	China	4.0			
22	Luxembourg	4.0			
23	Cyprus	4.0			
24	Uganda	3.9			
25	New Zealand	3.9			
26	Denmark	3.8			
27	Ethiopia	3.8			
28	Zambia	3.8			
29	Mauritius	3.8			
30	Taiwan, China	3.7			
31	Montenegro	3.7			
32	Azerbaijan	3.7			
33	Brunei Darussalam	3.7			
34	Benin	3.7			
35	Honduras	3.7			
36	Indonesia	3.7			
37	Malawi	3.7			
38	Namibia	3.6			
39	Austria	3.6			
40	Panama	3.6			
41	Canada	3.6			
42	Thailand	3.6			
43	Tajikistan	3.6			
44	Botswana	3.6			
45	Chile	3.6			
46	Guatemala	3.6			
47	Ghana	3.5			
48	Guyana	3.5			
49	United States	3.5			
50	Jordan	3.5			
51	Trinidad and Tobago	3.5			
52	Slovenia	3.5			
53	Timor-Leste	3.5			
54	Mali	3.4			
55	El Salvador	3.4			
56	Senegal	3.4			
57	Mozambique	3.4			
58	Paraguay	3.4			
59	Norway	3.4			
60	Australia	3.4			
61	Morocco	3.4			
62	Lesotho	3.4			
63	Nicaragua	3.4			
64	Cambodia	3.4			
65	Burkina Faso	3.3			
66	Tanzania	3.3			
67	Cape Verde	3.3			
68	Sri Lanka	3.3			
69	Costa Rica	3.3			
70	Japan	3.3			
71	Swaziland	3.2			
72	Pakistan	3.2			
73	Kazakhstan	3.2			
74	Bolivia	3.2			
75	Burundi	3.2			
76	Bulgaria	3.2			
77	Netherlands	3.1			
78	Dominican Republic	3.1			
79	Egypt	3.1			
80	Zimbabwe	3.1			
81	Turkey	3.1			
82	Lebanon	3.1			
83	Uruguay	3.1			
84	Kyrgyz Republic	3.1			
85	Israel	3.1			
86	Nigeria	3.1			
87	Ireland	3.1			
88	Latvia	3.1			
89	United Kingdom	3.1			
90	Macedonia, FYR	3.1			
91	Armenia	3.1			
92	Germany	3.0			
93	Madagascar	3.0			
94	South Africa	3.0			
95	India	3.0			
96	Malta	3.0			
97	Ecuador	2.9			
98	Romania	2.9			
99	Iran, Islamic Rep	2.9			
100	Chad	2.9			
101	Cameroon	2.9			
102	Bangladesh	2.9			
103	Côte d'Ivoire	2.9			
104	Moldova	2.8			
105	Slovak Republic	2.8			
106	Kenya	2.8			
107	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2.8			
108	Korea, Rep	2.8			
109	Libya	2.8			
110	Spain	2.8			
111	Poland	2.7			
112	Jamaica	2.7			
113	Mongolia	2.7			
114	Nepal	2.7			
115	Lithuania	2.7			
116	Mexico	2.7			
117	Kuwait	2.7			
118	Czech Republic	2.7			
119	Peru	2.7			
120	Vietnam	2.6			
121	Belgium	2.6			
122	France	2.6			
123	Argentina	2.6			
124	Colombia	2.6			
125	Ukraine	2.6			
126	Philippines	2.5			
127	Portugal	2.5			
128	Russian Federation	2.5			
129	Greece	2.4			
130	Syria	2.3			
131	Serbia	2.3			
132	Algeria	2.3			
133	Italy	2.2			
134	Hungary	2.2			
135	Venezuela	2.1			
136	Croatia	2.1			
137	Angola	2.0			
138	Puerto Rico	2.0			
139	Brazil	1.9			

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