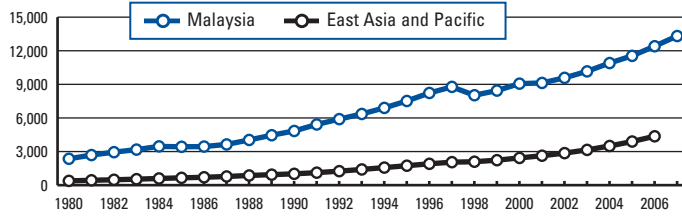


Malaysia

Key indicators

Total population (millions), 2007	26.2
GDP (US\$ billions), 2007	186.5
GDP per capita (US\$), 2007	6,947.6
GDP (PPP) as share (%) of world total, 2007	0.52

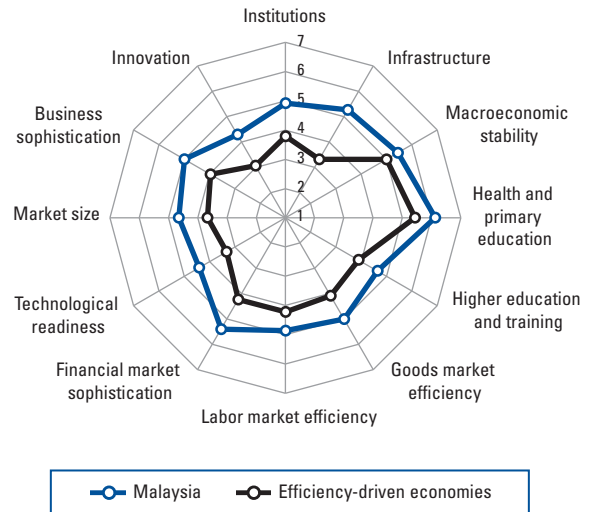
GDP (PPP US\$) per capita, 1980–2007



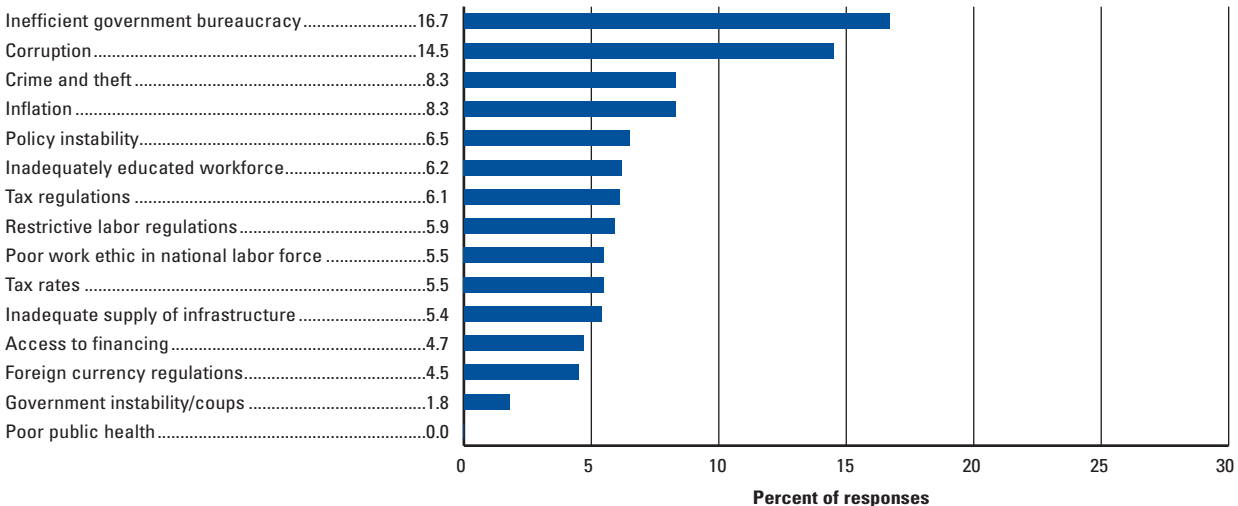
Global Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 134)	Score (1–7)
GCI 2008–2009	21	5.0
GCI 2007–2008 (out of 131)	21	5.1
GCI 2006–2007 (out of 122)	19	5.2
Basic requirements	25	5.4
1st pillar: Institutions	30	4.9
2nd pillar: Infrastructure	23	5.3
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability	38	5.4
4th pillar: Health and primary education	23	6.1
Efficiency enhancers	24	4.8
5th pillar: Higher education and training	35	4.6
6th pillar: Goods market efficiency	23	5.0
7th pillar: Labor market efficiency	19	4.9
8th pillar: Financial market sophistication	16	5.4
9th pillar: Technological readiness	34	4.4
10th pillar: Market size	28	4.7
Innovation and sophistication factors	23	4.6
11th pillar: Business sophistication	22	5.0
12th pillar: Innovation	22	4.3

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 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/134	INDICATOR	RANK/134
1st pillar: Institutions		6th pillar: Goods market efficiency	
1.01 Property rights	38 ■	6.01 Intensity of local competition	31 ■
1.02 Intellectual property protection	33 ■	6.02 Extent of market dominance	24 ■
1.03 Diversion of public funds	39 ■	6.03 Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy	40 ■
1.04 Public trust of politicians	20 ■	6.04 Extent and effect of taxation	20 ■
1.05 Judicial independence	47 ■	6.05 Total tax rate*	40 ■
1.06 Favoritism in decisions of government officials	28 ■	6.06 No. of procedures required to start a business*	58 ■
1.07 Wastefulness of government spending	10 ■	6.07 Time required to start a business*	51 ■
1.08 Burden of government regulation	13 ■	6.08 Agricultural policy costs	7 ■
1.09 Efficiency of legal framework	21 ■	6.09 Prevalence of trade barriers	70 ■
1.10 Transparency of government policymaking	20 ■	6.10 Trade-weighted tariff rate*	72 ■
1.11 Business costs of terrorism	82 ■	6.11 Prevalence of foreign ownership	67 ■
1.12 Business costs of crime and violence	74 ■	6.12 Business impact of rules on FDI	47 ■
1.13 Organized crime	75 ■	6.13 Burden of customs procedures	27 ■
1.14 Reliability of police services	37 ■	6.14 Degree of customer orientation	22 ■
1.15 Ethical behavior of firms	30 ■	6.15 Buyer sophistication	23 ■
1.16 Strength of auditing and reporting standards	33 ■		
1.17 Efficacy of corporate boards	25 ■	7th pillar: Labor market efficiency	
1.18 Protection of minority shareholders' interests	25 ■	7.01 Cooperation in labor-employer relations	13 ■
		7.02 Flexibility of wage determination	42 ■
2nd pillar: Infrastructure		7.03 Non-wage labor costs*	60 ■
2.01 Quality of overall infrastructure	19 ■	7.04 Rigidity of employment*	14 ■
2.02 Quality of roads	17 ■	7.05 Hiring and firing practices	42 ■
2.03 Quality of railroad infrastructure	17 ■	7.06 Firing costs*	95 ■
2.04 Quality of port infrastructure	16 ■	7.07 Pay and productivity	6 ■
2.05 Quality of air transport infrastructure	20 ■	7.08 Reliance on professional management	22 ■
2.06 Available seat kilometers*	22 ■	7.09 Brain drain	29 ■
2.07 Quality of electricity supply	31 ■	7.10 Female participation in labor force*	107 ■
2.08 Telephone lines*	71 ■		
		8th pillar: Financial market sophistication	
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability		8.01 Financial market sophistication	31 ■
3.01 Government surplus/deficit*	109 ■	8.02 Financing through local equity market	16 ■
3.02 National savings rate*	17 ■	8.03 Ease of access to loans	15 ■
3.03 Inflation*	25 ■	8.04 Venture capital availability	18 ■
3.04 Interest rate spread*	31 ■	8.05 Restriction on capital flows	67 ■
3.05 Government debt*	74 ■	8.06 Strength of investor protection*	4 ■
		8.07 Soundness of banks	50 ■
4th pillar: Health and primary education		8.08 Regulation of securities exchanges	32 ■
4.01 Business impact of malaria	76 ■	8.09 Legal rights index*	8 ■
4.02 Malaria incidence*	84 ■		
4.03 Business impact of tuberculosis	65 ■	9th pillar: Technological readiness	
4.04 Tuberculosis incidence*	88 ■	9.01 Availability of latest technologies	29 ■
4.05 Business impact of HIV/AIDS	67 ■	9.02 Firm-level technology absorption	21 ■
4.06 HIV prevalence*	79 ■	9.03 Laws relating to ICT	19 ■
4.07 Infant mortality*	47 ■	9.04 FDI and technology transfer	6 ■
4.08 Life expectancy*	66 ■	9.05 Mobile telephone subscribers*	56 ■
4.09 Quality of primary education	23 ■	9.06 Internet users*	20 ■
4.10 Primary enrollment*	1 ■	9.07 Personal computers*	38 ■
4.11 Education expenditure*	20 ■	9.08 Broadband Internet subscribers*	51 ■
5th pillar: Higher education and training		10th pillar: Market size	
5.01 Secondary enrollment*	95 ■	10.01 Domestic market size*	35 ■
5.02 Tertiary enrollment*	71 ■	10.02 Foreign market size*	17 ■
5.03 Quality of the educational system	18 ■		
5.04 Quality of math and science education	21 ■	11th pillar: Business sophistication	
5.05 Quality of management schools	23 ■	11.01 Local supplier quantity	16 ■
5.06 Internet access in schools	40 ■	11.02 Local supplier quality	32 ■
5.07 Local availability of research and training services	27 ■	11.03 State of cluster development	13 ■
5.08 Extent of staff training	20 ■	11.04 Nature of competitive advantage	29 ■
		11.05 Value chain breadth	26 ■
		11.06 Control of international distribution	18 ■
		11.07 Production process sophistication	27 ■
		11.08 Extent of marketing	29 ■
		11.09 Willingness to delegate authority	20 ■
		12th pillar: Innovation	
		12.01 Capacity for innovation	21 ■
		12.02 Quality of scientific research institutions	20 ■
		12.03 Company spending on R&D	18 ■
		12.04 University-industry research collaboration	20 ■
		12.05 Gov't procurement of advanced tech products	6 ■
		12.06 Availability of scientists and engineers	24 ■
		12.07 Utility patents*	29 ■

* 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.