

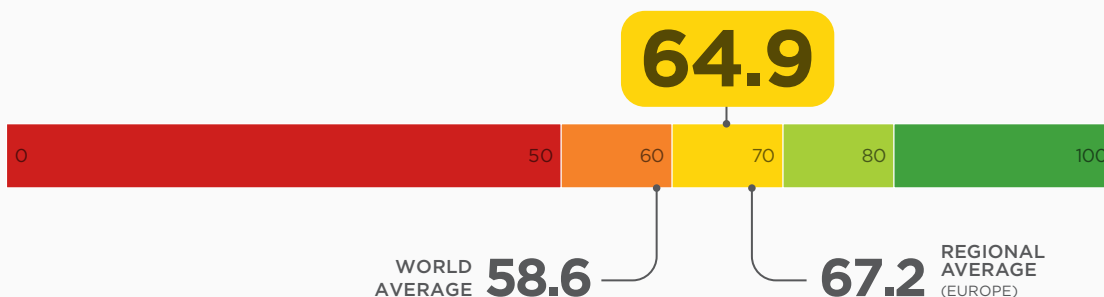
WORLD RANK: 47	REGIONAL RANK: 26
ECONOMIC FREEDOM STATUS: MODERATELY FREE	

ARMENIA

Armenia's economic freedom score is 64.9, making its economy the 47th freest in the 2024 *Index of Economic Freedom*. Its rating has decreased by 0.2 point from last year, and Armenia is ranked 26th out of 44 countries in the Europe region. The country's economic freedom score is higher than the world average and lower than the regional average. Armenia's economy is considered "moderately free" according to the 2024 *Index*.

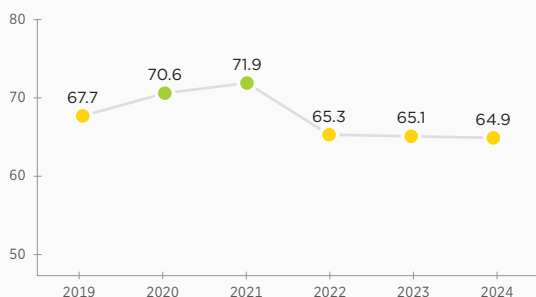
The overall regulatory framework remains efficient, and policies that support open markets are in place. Armenia performs relatively well in many of the four pillars of economic freedom, but the foundations of economic freedom are not strongly sustained by an independent judiciary. Lingering corruption undermines opportunities for more vibrant economic development. Russia is Armenia's principal export market. Armenia joined Russia's Eurasian Economic Union in 2015 and signed a Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement with the European Union in 2017.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE



HISTORICAL INDEX SCORE CHANGE (SINCE 1996): +22.7

RECENT FREEDOM TREND

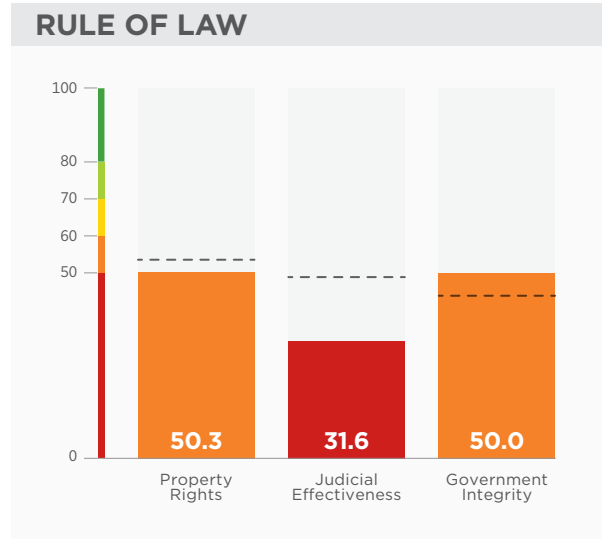


QUICK FACTS

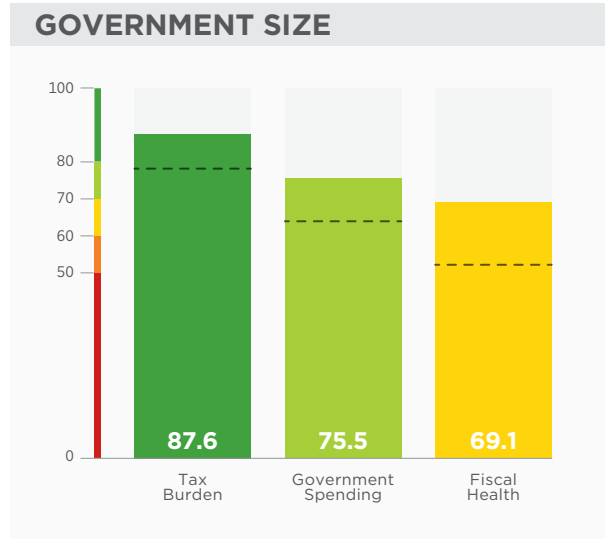
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| <p>POPULATION:
3.0 million</p> <p>GDP (PPP):
\$52.7 billion
12.6% growth in 2022
5-year average growth rate: 4.8%
\$17,795 per capita</p> | <p>UNEMPLOYMENT:
20.9%</p> <p>INFLATION (CPI):
8.6%</p> <p>FDI INFLOW:
\$998.0 million</p> <p>PUBLIC DEBT:
49.2% of GDP</p> |
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2022 data unless otherwise noted. Data compiled as of October 2023.

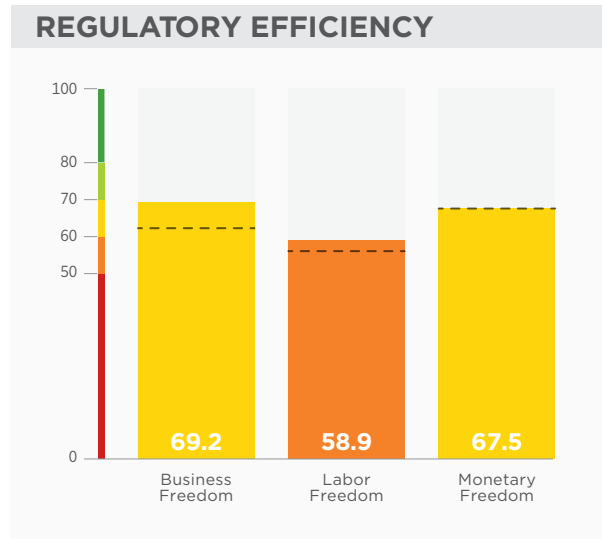
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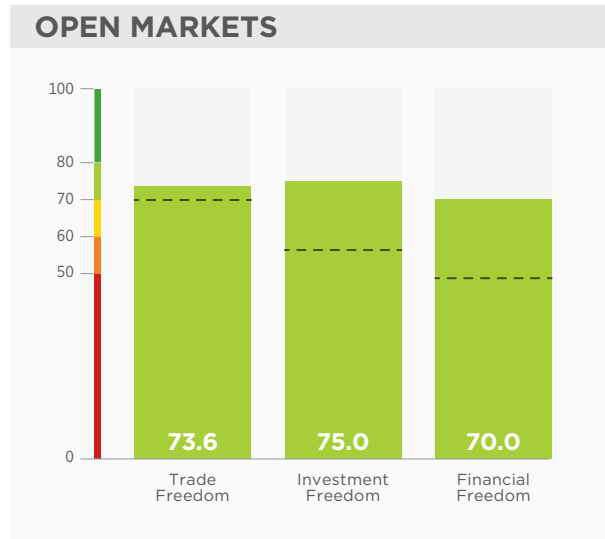
The overall rule of law is weak in Armenia. The country’s property rights score is below the world average; its judicial effectiveness score is below the world average; and its government integrity score is above the world average.



The top individual income tax rate is 20 percent, and the top corporate tax rate is 18 percent. The tax burden equals 22.7 percent of GDP. Three-year government spending and budget balance averages are, respectively, 28.6 percent and -4.0 percent of GDP. Public debt amounts to 49.2 percent of GDP.



Armenia’s overall regulatory environment is relatively well institutionalized but lacks efficiency. The country’s business freedom score is above the world average; its labor freedom score is above the world average; and its monetary freedom score is below the world average.



The trade-weighted average tariff rate is 5.7 percent, and nontariff measures are in effect. Foreign investment in various sectors remains regulated. The overall financial sector is not fully developed, is subject to state control, and is dominated by fairly well-capitalized banks.