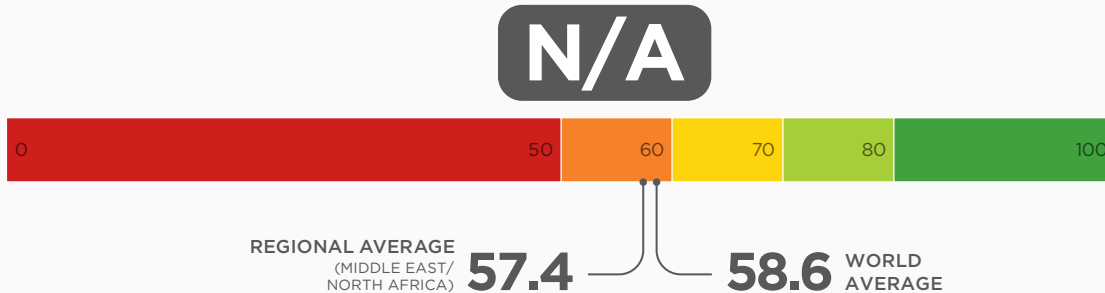


# LIBYA

Libya is not ranked in the 2024 *Index of Economic Freedom* because of the lack of reliable data. Official government reporting of economic data is insufficient, and data reported by many of the international organizations on which *Index* grading depends are incomplete.

Aggravated by systemic corruption and the weak rule of law, substantial structural rigidities marginalize the private sector and undermine productivity growth, employment, and attempted modernization. The economic infrastructure was significantly degraded during the civil war, and economic uncertainty remains very high as Libya struggles to restore the rule of law and establish a new system of governance. The existing regulatory framework is severely undermined by ongoing political instability and turmoil. The labor market remains destabilized, and the large informal sector is an important source of employment. Oil and natural gas dominate the economy and provide almost all of Libya's export revenues.

## ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE



HISTORICAL *INDEX* SCORE CHANGE (SINCE 1996): N/A

## RECENT FREEDOM TREND



## QUICK FACTS

**POPULATION:**  
7.0 million

**GDP (PPP):**  
\$143.0 billion  
-9.6% growth in 2022  
5-year average growth rate: -2.8%  
\$21,104 per capita

**UNEMPLOYMENT:**  
19.6%

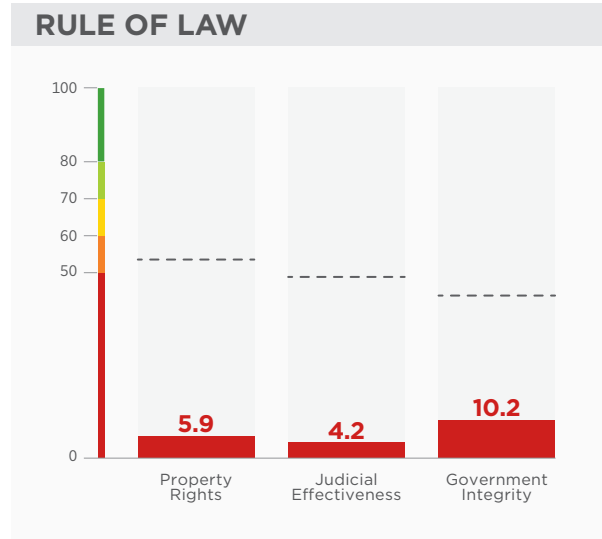
**INFLATION (CPI):**  
4.5%

**FDI INFLOW:**  
n/a

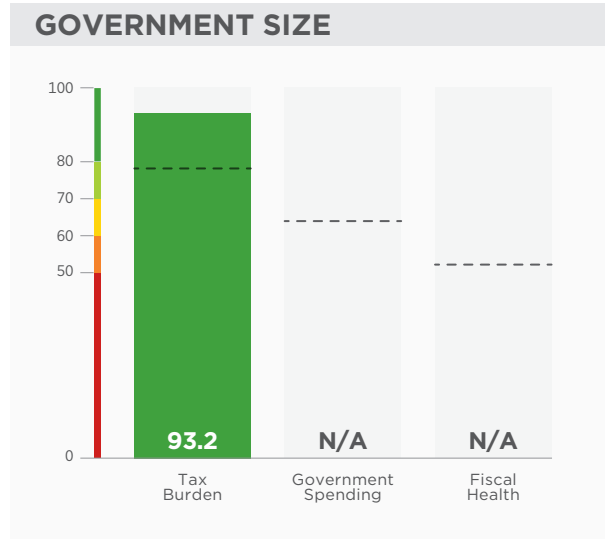
**PUBLIC DEBT:**  
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2022 data unless otherwise noted. Data compiled as of October 2023.

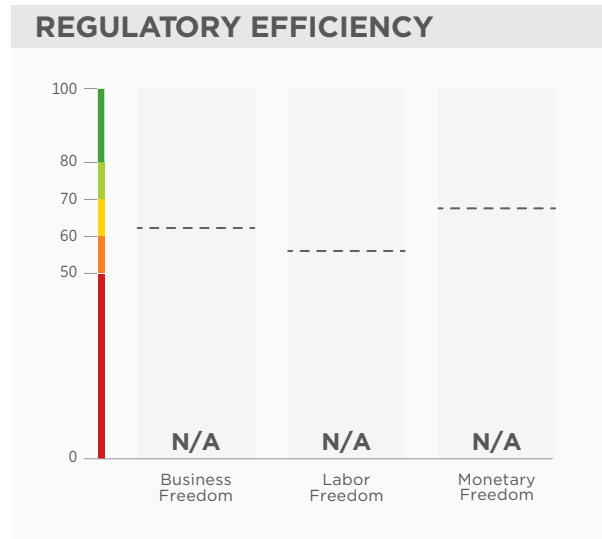
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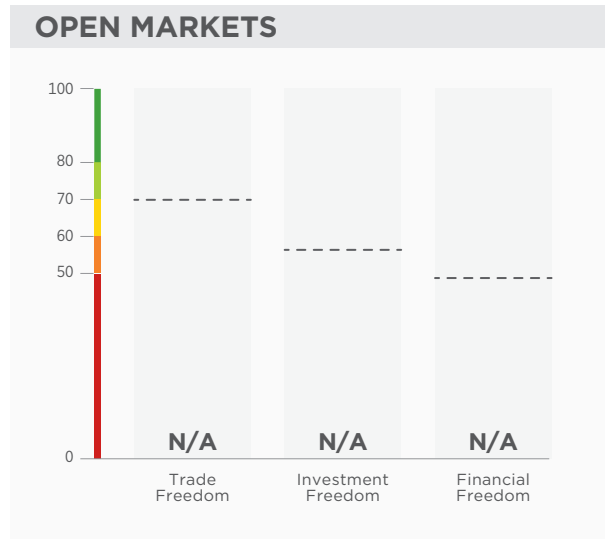
The overall rule of law is weak in Libya. The country's property rights score is below the world average; its judicial effectiveness score is below the world average; and its government integrity score is below the world average.



Taxation has not been enforced effectively for years because of political and economic instability. The government, overly dependent on the oil sector, has undertaken very sluggish and limited reforms to diversify the economy, much of which remains tightly controlled by the state.



State meddling in business decisions is extensive, and the application of existing regulations is inconsistent and nontransparent. The state-controlled labor market functions poorly, and the informal sector is large. Unemployment and underemployment are chronically high. Monetary stability has been fragile.



Political instability, exacerbated by security threats, is a significant impediment to foreign trade and investment. The financial infrastructure has been significantly degraded by Libya's unstable political and economic conditions. Limited access to financing severely impedes any meaningful private business development.