

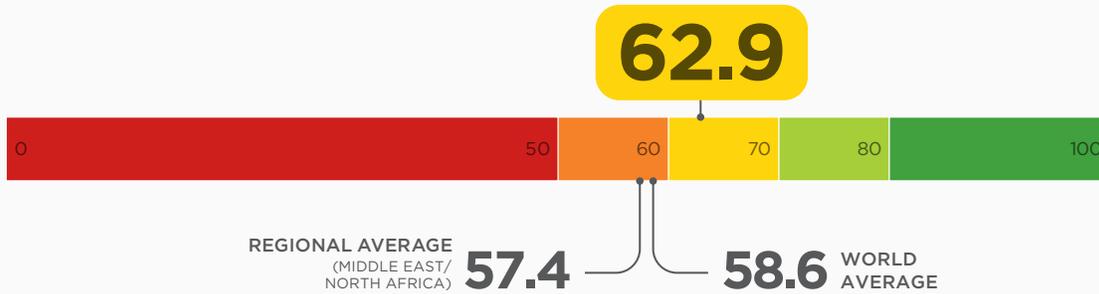
WORLD RANK: **56** | REGIONAL RANK: **5**
 ECONOMIC FREEDOM STATUS: **MODERATELY FREE**

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Oman's economic freedom score is 62.9, making its economy the 56th freest in the 2024 *Index of Economic Freedom*. Its rating has increased by 4.4 points from last year, and Oman is ranked 5th out of 14 countries in the Middle East/North Africa region. The country's economic freedom score is higher than the world and regional averages. Oman's economy is considered "moderately free" according to the 2024 *Index*.

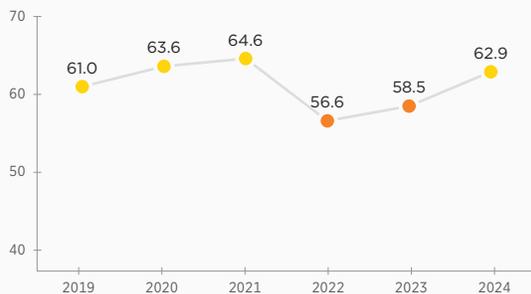
Oman's economy is being modernized. Although the rule of law has been relatively well maintained, the judiciary remains vulnerable to political interference. Economic freedom remains limited by state involvement in the private sector. Recognizing the importance of a dynamic entrepreneurial environment, the government has acted to diversify economic activity and stimulate more broadly based development. The evolving regulatory framework's efficiency is improving, and tax rates are competitive. Foreign investment is welcome in many sectors, although the approval process can be time-consuming.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE



HISTORICAL INDEX SCORE CHANGE (SINCE 1995): -7.3

RECENT FREEDOM TREND

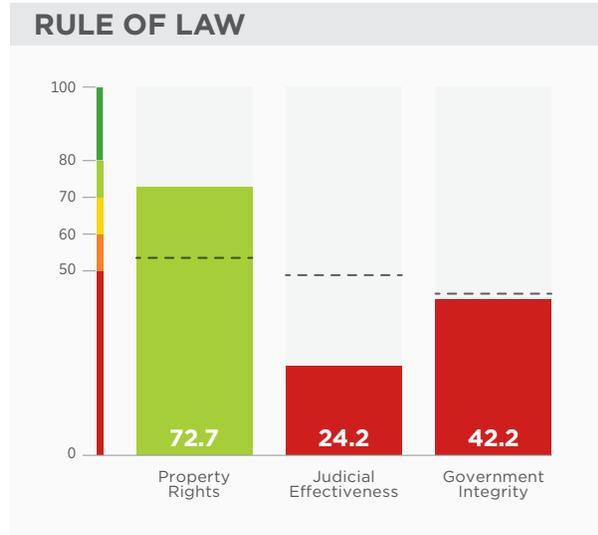


QUICK FACTS

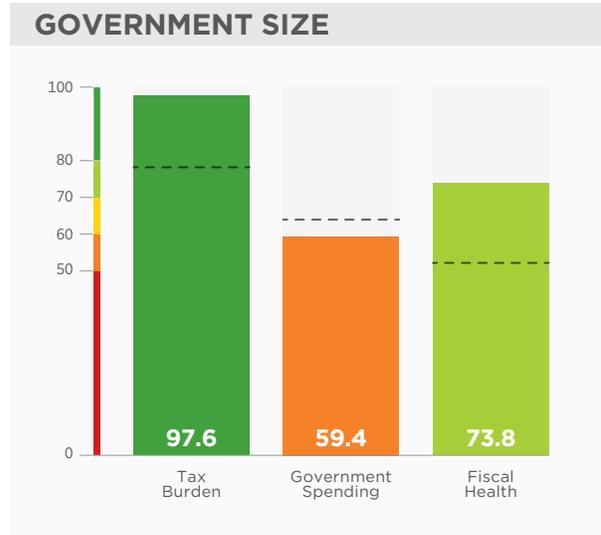
POPULATION: 5.2 million	UNEMPLOYMENT: 3.1%
GDP (PPP): \$190.9 billion 4.3% growth in 2022 5-year average growth rate: 0.8% \$38,699 per capita	INFLATION (CPI): 2.8%
	FDI INFLOW: \$3.7 billion
	PUBLIC DEBT: 40.0% of GDP

2022 data unless otherwise noted. Data compiled as of October 2023.

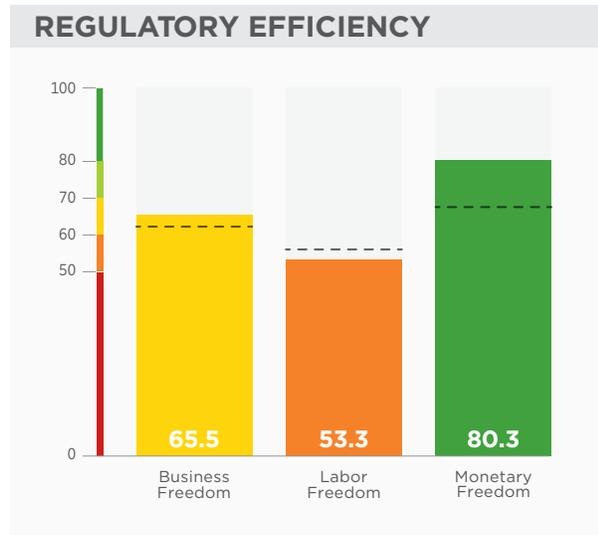
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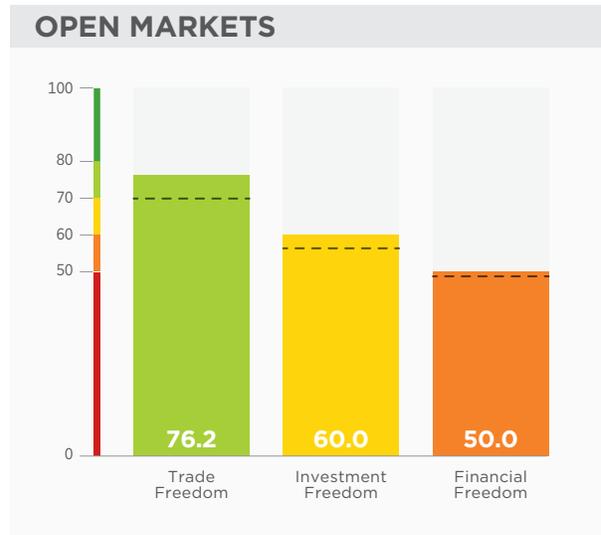
The overall rule of law is weak in Oman. The country's property rights score is above the world average; its judicial effectiveness score is below the world average; and its government integrity score is below the world average.



The top individual income tax rate is 0 percent, and the top corporate tax rate is 15 percent. The tax burden equals 3.4 percent of GDP. Three-year government spending and budget balance averages are, respectively, 36.8 percent and -3.8 percent of GDP. Public debt amounts to 40.0 percent of GDP.



Oman'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 below the world average; and its monetary freedom score is well above the world average.



The trade-weighted average tariff rate is 4.4 percent. Efforts to increase transparency and streamline the investment framework are ongoing. Most credit is offered at market rates, but the government uses subsidized loans to promote investment. The Muscat Securities Market is open to foreign investors.