

WORLD RANK: **31** | REGIONAL RANK: **2**

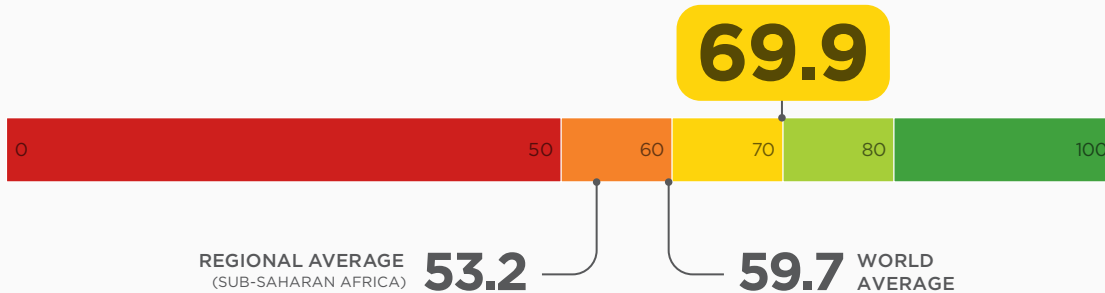
ECONOMIC FREEDOM STATUS: **MODERATELY FREE**

# BOTSWANA

**B**otswana's economic freedom score is 69.9, making its economy the 31st freest in the 2025 *Index of Economic Freedom*. Its rating has increased by 1.9 points from last year, and Botswana is ranked 2nd out of 47 countries in the Sub-Saharan Africa region. The country's economic freedom score is higher than the world and regional averages. Botswana's economy is considered "moderately free" according to the 2025 *Index*.

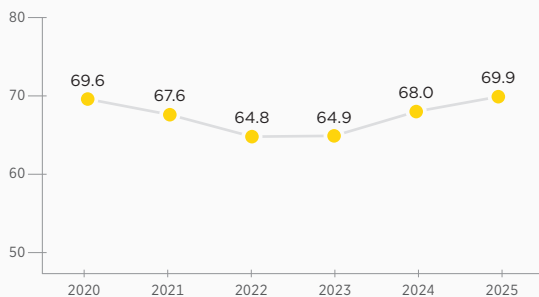
Botswana continues to maintain a dynamic economy and performs relatively well in many of the four pillars of economic freedom. The foundations of economic freedom are among the region's strongest. The independent judiciary provides strong protection of property rights. The government has implemented numerous measures that are designed to enhance business freedom and private-sector opportunities, but progress has been uneven. Risks to political stability remain low. Botswana has abundant diamonds and other natural resources and one of Africa's highest sovereign credit ratings.

## ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE



HISTORICAL INDEX SCORE CHANGE (SINCE 1995): +13.1

## RECENT FREEDOM TREND



## QUICK FACTS

**POPULATION:**  
2.7 million

**GDP (PPP):**  
\$51.9 billion  
2.7% growth in 2023  
3-year average growth rate: 6.7%  
\$19,391 per capita

**UNEMPLOYMENT:**  
23.4%

**INFLATION (CPI):**  
5.1%

**FDI INFLOW:**  
\$216.0 million

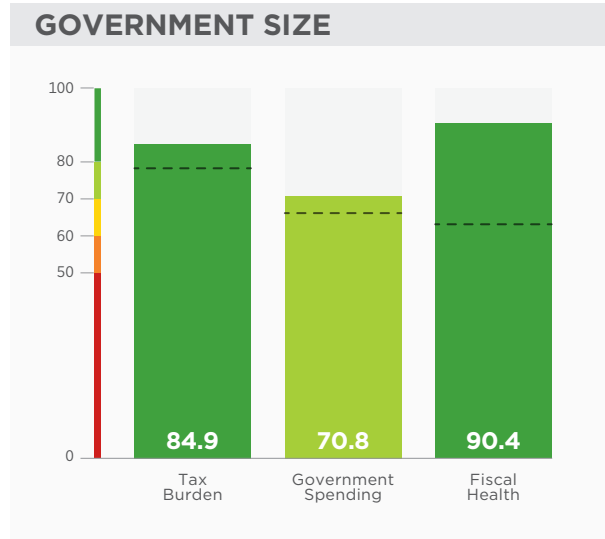
**PUBLIC DEBT:**  
20.1% of GDP

2023 data unless otherwise noted. Data compiled as of November 2024.

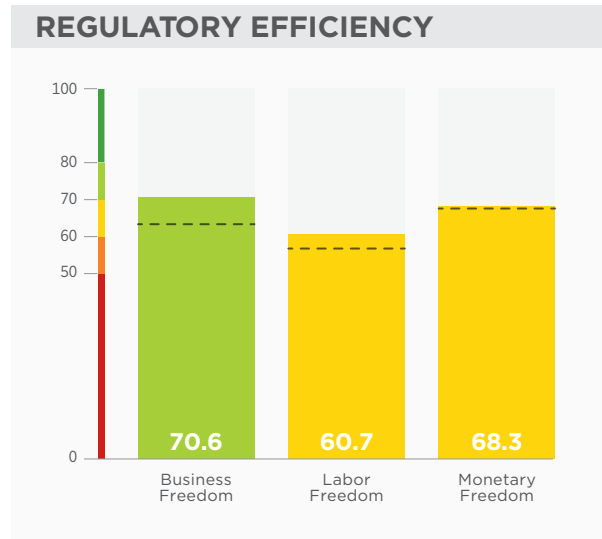
# 12 ECONOMIC FREEDOMS | BOTSWANA



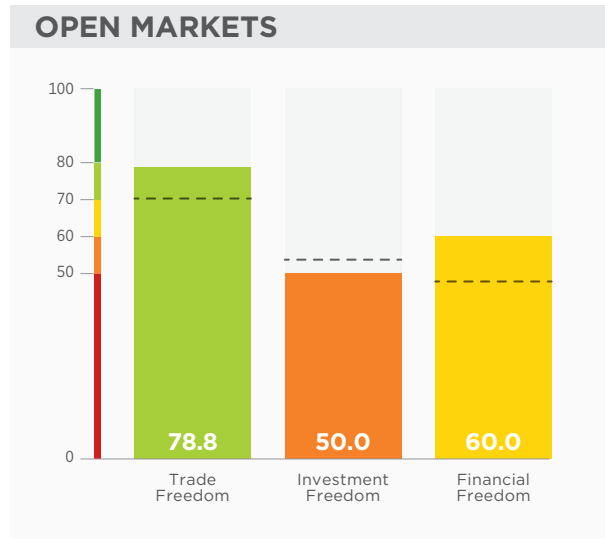
The overall rule of law is relatively well respected in Botswana. The country's property rights score is above the world average; its judicial effectiveness score is above the world average; and its government integrity score is above the world average.



The top individual income tax rate is 25 percent, and the top corporate tax rate is 22 percent. The tax burden equals 20.1 percent of GDP. Three-year government spending and budget balance averages are, respectively, 31.2 percent and -2.3 percent of GDP. Public debt amounts to 20.1 percent of GDP.



Botswana'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 above the world average.



The trade-weighted average tariff rate is 5.6 percent, and nontariff measures are in effect. Foreign investment in some sectors is restricted. The financial sector generally adheres to global standards in the transparency of banking supervision and provides considerable access to credit.