

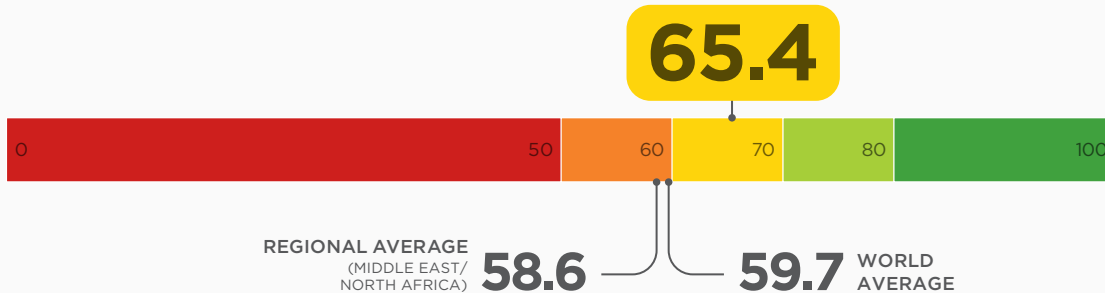
WORLD RANK: **58** | REGIONAL RANK: **5**
 ECONOMIC FREEDOM STATUS: **MODERATELY FREE**

OMAN

Oman’s economic freedom score is 65.4, making its economy the 58th freest in the 2025 *Index of Economic Freedom*. Its rating has increased by 2.5 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 2025 *Index*.

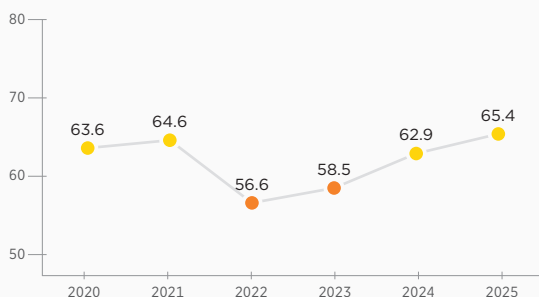
The energy sector has been the most important engine of growth in Oman’s open economy. Tax rates are competitively low, and foreign investment is generally welcome in many sectors. Recognizing the importance of a more dynamic entrepreneurial environment, Oman has pursued modernization and diversification of its economy. Fiscal consolidations have progressed with budget surpluses and a low debt level. Oman’s sovereign credit rating has been upgraded to investment grade. The financial sector continues to evolve with commercial banks performing well.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE



HISTORICAL INDEX SCORE CHANGE (SINCE 1995): -4.8

RECENT FREEDOM TREND



QUICK FACTS

POPULATION:
5.2 million

GDP (PPP):
\$214.7 billion
1.3% growth in 2023
3-year average growth rate: 4.5%
\$41,559 per capita

UNEMPLOYMENT:
1.5%

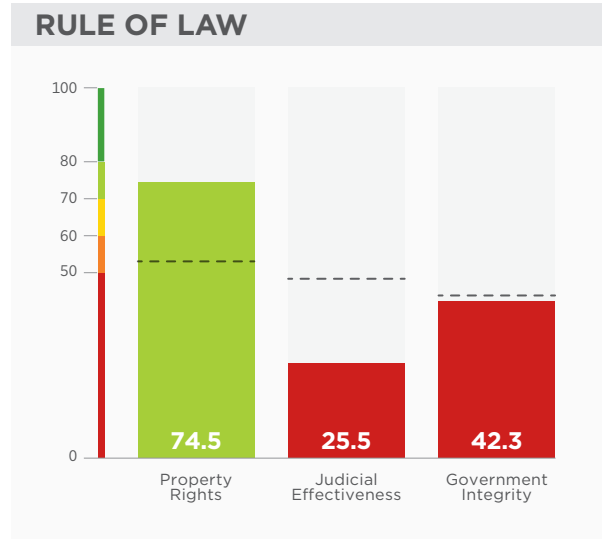
INFLATION (CPI):
0.9%

FDI INFLOW:
\$3.7 billion

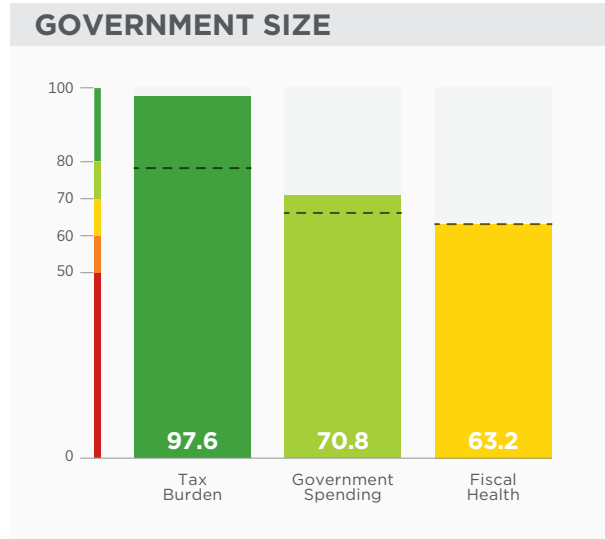
PUBLIC DEBT:
36.5% of GDP

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

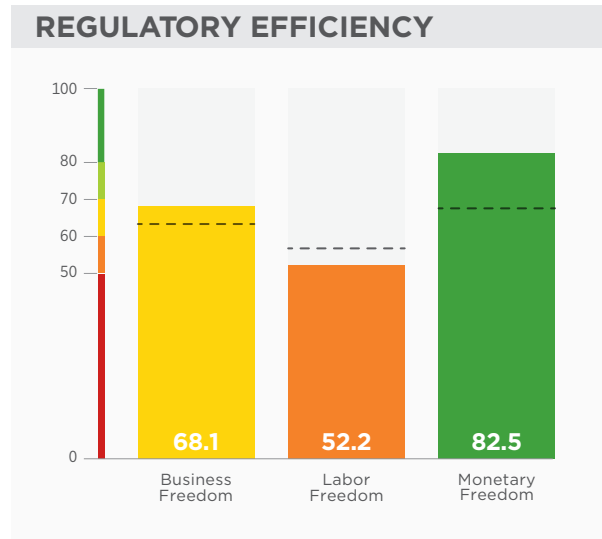
12 ECONOMIC FREEDOMS | OMAN



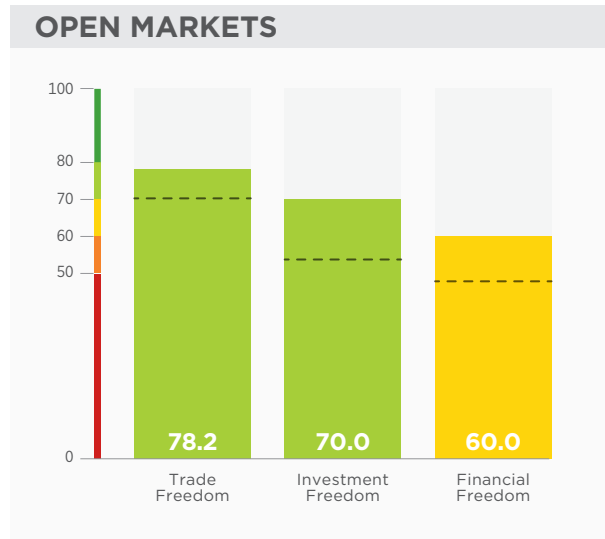
The overall rule of law is relatively well respected in Oman. The country's property rights score is above the world average; its judicial effectiveness score is below the world average; and its government integrity score is approximately equal to the world average.



The top individual income tax rate is 0 percent, and the top corporate tax rate is 15 percent. The tax burden equals 3.5 percent of GDP. Three-year government spending and budget balance averages are, respectively, 31.2 percent and 4.6 percent of GDP. Public debt amounts to 36.5 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 5.9 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.