

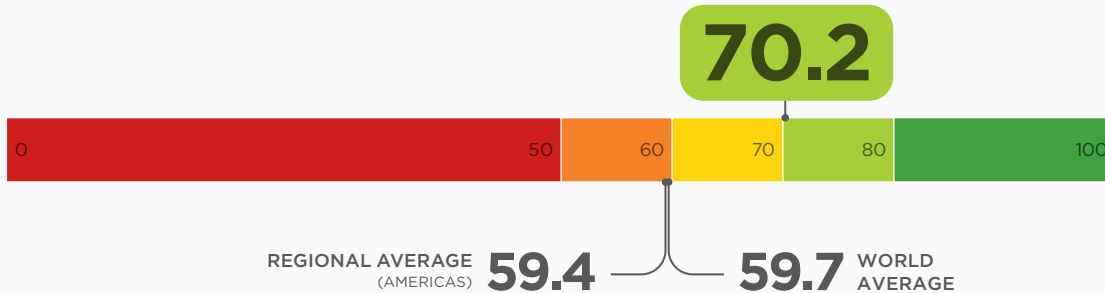
WORLD RANK:	REGIONAL RANK:
26	3
ECONOMIC FREEDOM STATUS: MOSTLY FREE	

UNITED STATES

United States' economic freedom score is 70.2, making its economy the 26th freest in the 2025 *Index of Economic Freedom*. Its rating has increased by 0.1 point from last year, and the U.S. is ranked 3rd out of 32 countries in the Americas region. The country's economic freedom score is higher than the world and regional averages. The United States' economy is considered "mostly free" according to the 2025 *Index*.

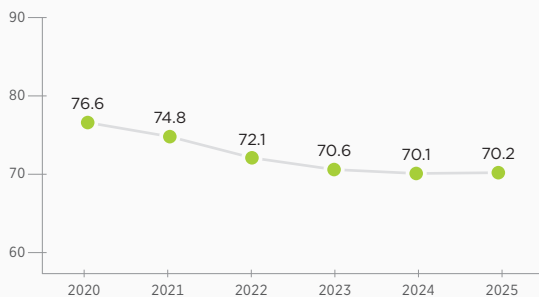
The United States is no longer among the world's 25 freest economies. Substantial government expansion, increased regulatory and tax burdens, and a loss of confidence in the government engendered by growing perceptions of cronyism, elite privilege, and corruption have undermined America's economic freedom. Unchecked deficit spending and government debt have accelerated, and inflation undercuts economic livelihood. The November 2024 election of Donald J. Trump to a second term as President could provide a much-needed opportunity for economic reform and revitalization.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE



HISTORICAL INDEX SCORE CHANGE (SINCE 1995): -6.5

RECENT FREEDOM TREND



QUICK FACTS

POPULATION:
335.1 million

GDP (PPP):
\$27.7 trillion
2.9% growth in 2023
3-year average growth rate: 3.8%
\$82,715 per capita

UNEMPLOYMENT:
3.6%

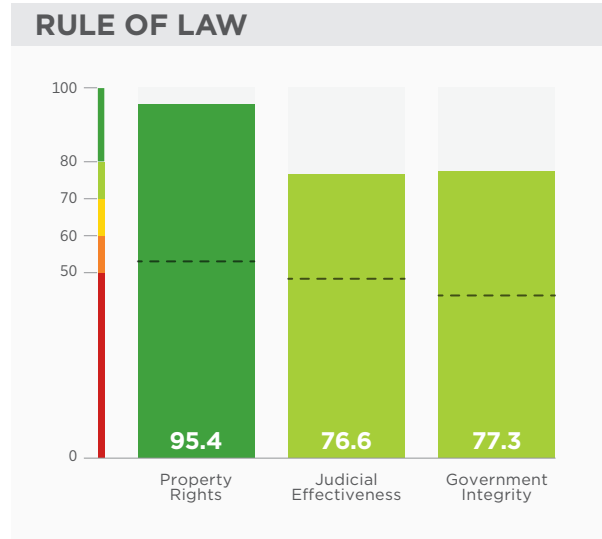
INFLATION (CPI):
4.1%

FDI INFLOW:
\$285.1 billion

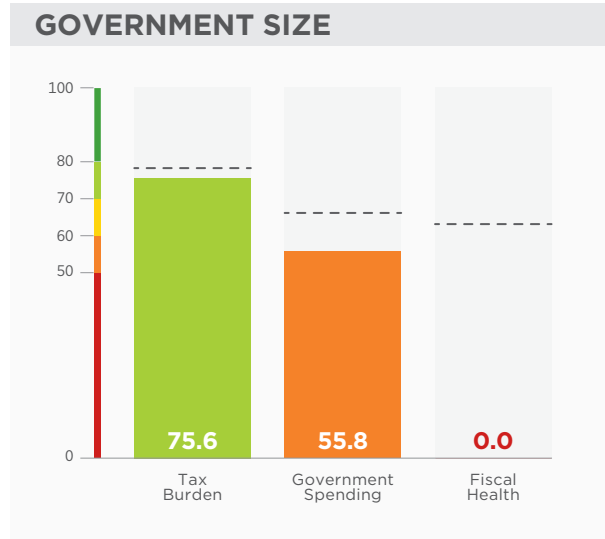
PUBLIC DEBT:
118.7% of GDP

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

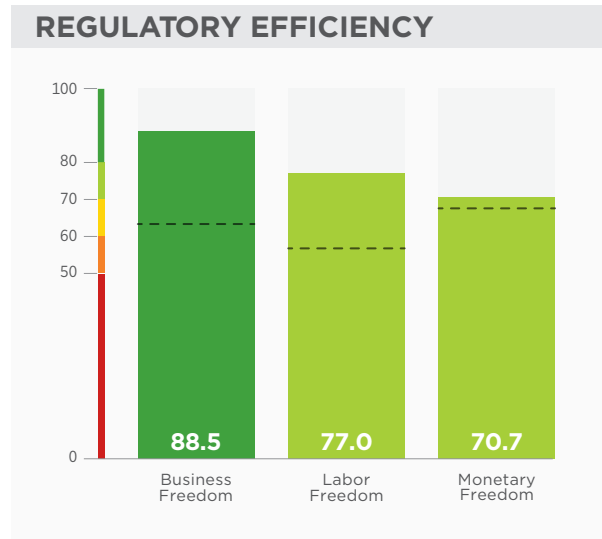
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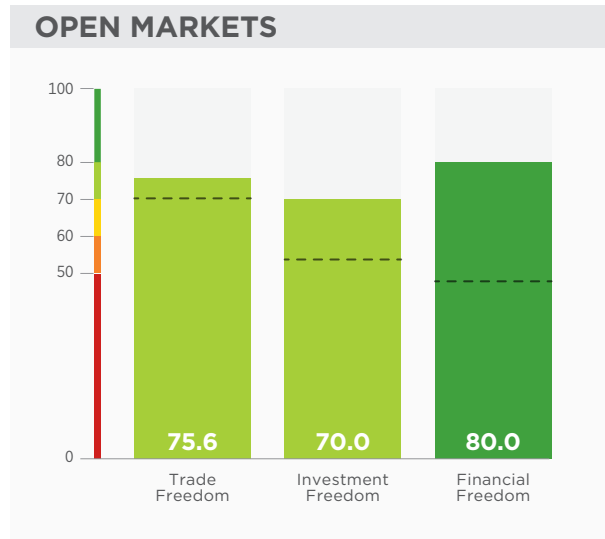
The overall rule of law is well respected in the United States. The country's property rights score is above the world average; its judicial effectiveness score is above the world average; and its government integrity score is above the world average.



The top individual income tax rate is 37 percent, and the top corporate tax rate is 21 percent. The tax burden equals 25.2 percent of GDP. Three-year government spending and budget balance averages are, respectively, 38.4 percent and -7.3 percent of GDP. Public debt amounts to 118.7 percent of GDP.



The overall U.S. regulatory environment is well institutionalized and relatively efficient. The country's business freedom score is far 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 2.2 percent, and layers of nontariff barriers add to the cost of trade. Investment freedom is limited by ongoing protectionist restrictions and uncertainty. The financial sector is one of the world's most developed and competitive and remains resilient.