

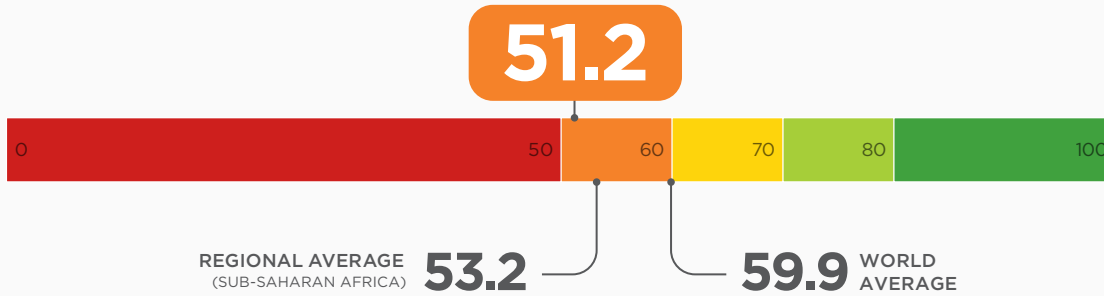
CHAD

WORLD RANK: **139** REGIONAL RANK: **31**
 ECONOMIC FREEDOM STATUS: **MOSTLY UNFREE**

Chad's economic freedom score is 51.2, making its economy the 139th freest in the 2026 *Index of Economic Freedom*. Its rating has decreased by 1.0 point from last year, and Chad is ranked 31st out of 47 countries in the Sub-Saharan Africa region. The country's economic freedom score is lower than the global and regional averages. Chad's economy is considered "mostly unfree" according to the 2026 *Index*.

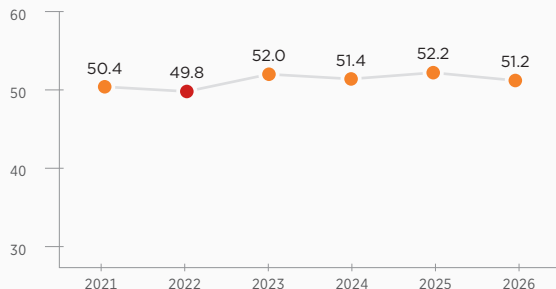
Chad performs poorly in many of the four pillars of economic freedom. The fragile rule of law cannot sustain meaningful economic progress, protection of property rights remains weak, and corruption is rampant. The inefficient regulatory system discourages much-needed private-sector development. Poor infrastructure, lack of transportation, unreliable electricity, and poor contract enforcement severely restrict business freedom. Landlocked Chad's oil sector accounts for approximately 60 percent of export revenues. Cotton, cattle, and livestock account for the largest portion of non-oil exports.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE



HISTORICAL INDEX SCORE CHANGE (SINCE 1997): +6.1

RECENT FREEDOM TREND



QUICK FACTS

POPULATION:
17.9 million

GDP (PPP):
\$56.5 billion
3.3% growth in 2025
3-year average growth rate: 3.9%
\$3,155 per capita

UNEMPLOYMENT:
1.1%

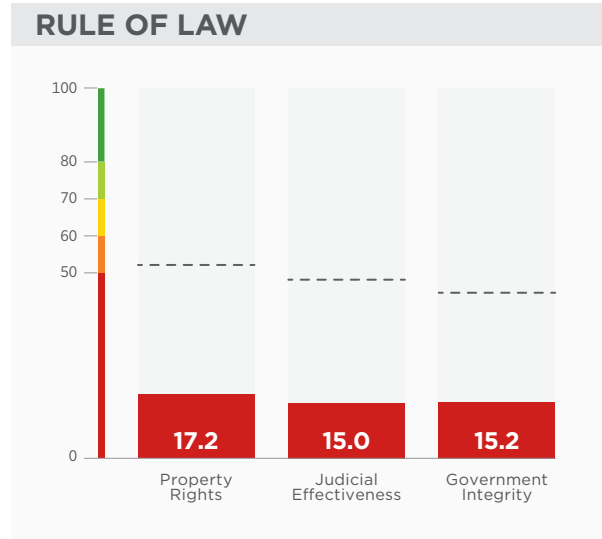
INFLATION (CPI):
5.1%

TRADE AS % OF GDP: 45.4%

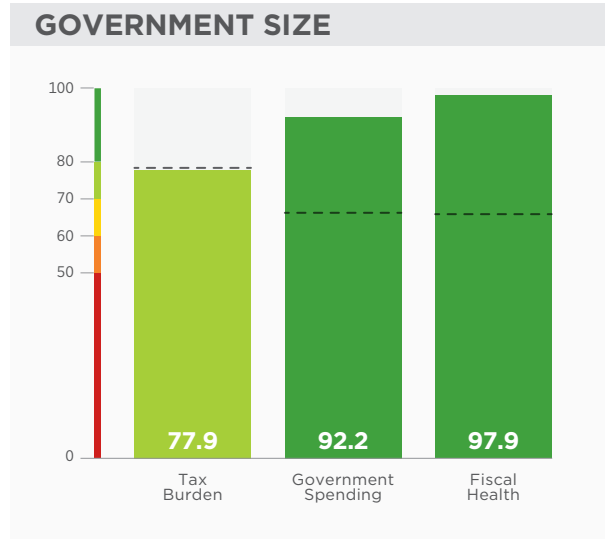
PUBLIC DEBT:
32.7% of GDP

2025 data unless otherwise noted. Data compiled as of January 2026.

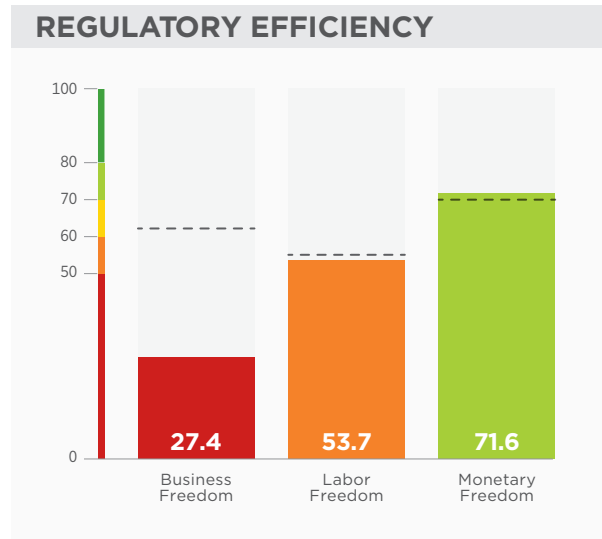
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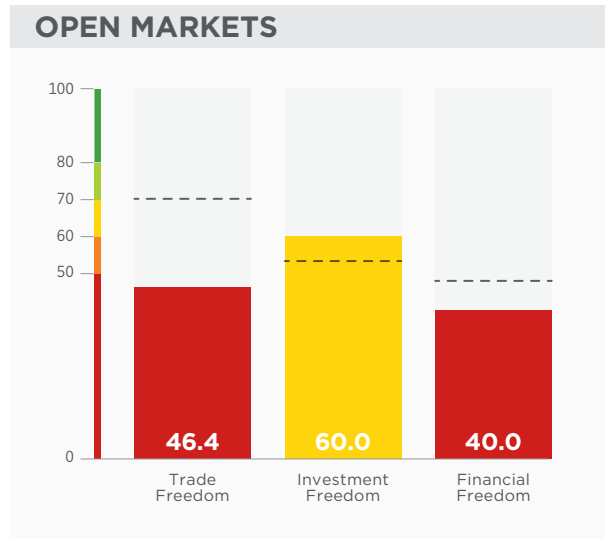
The overall rule of law is weak in Chad. The country's property rights score is below the world average; its judicial effectiveness score is below the world average; and its government integrity score is below the world average.



The top individual income tax rate is 30 percent, and the top corporate tax rate is 35 percent. The tax burden equals 9.2 percent of GDP. Three-year government spending and budget balance averages are, respectively, 16.2 percent and 0.1 percent of GDP. Public debt amounts to 32.7 percent of GDP.



Chad's overall regulatory environment is poorly institutionalized and inefficient. The country's business freedom score is far below the world average; its labor freedom score is below the world average; and its monetary freedom score is above the world average.



The trade-weighted average tariff rate is 16.8 percent, and nontariff barriers further impede trade. Institutional weakness continues to undermine openness to foreign investment. The high cost of credit and scarce access to financing deter private-sector development.