



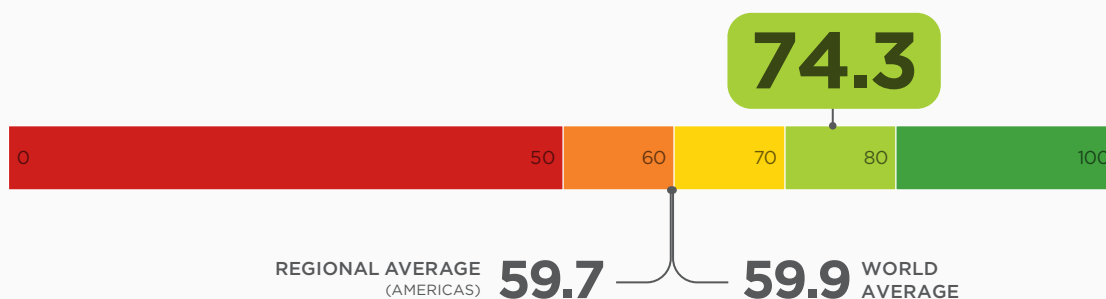
CHILE

WORLD RANK:	REGIONAL RANK:
17	2
ECONOMIC FREEDOM STATUS: MOSTLY FREE	

Chile's economic freedom score is 74.3, making its economy the 17th freest in the 2026 *Index of Economic Freedom*. Its rating has increased by 1.1 points from last year, and Chile is ranked 2nd out of 32 countries in the Americas region. The country's economic freedom score is higher than the world and regional averages. Chile's economy is considered "mostly free" according to the 2026 *Index*.

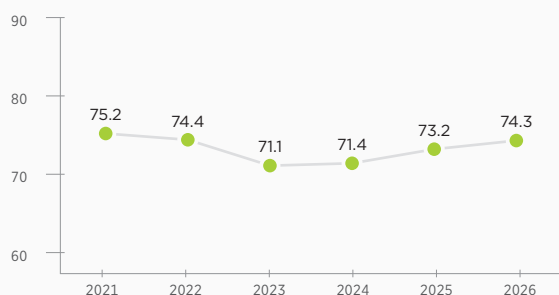
With a transparent business climate, Chile has sustained a dynamic environment for entrepreneurs. Barriers to trade are quite low, and efficient regulations generally support open-market policies. The labor market continues to be relatively flexible and vibrant, although there have been significant increases in the minimum wage. Chile's financial sector remains sound and resilient overall. Following the December 2025 presidential victory of José Antonio Kast, business confidence has rebounded on pledges of deregulation and corporate tax cuts.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE



HISTORICAL INDEX SCORE CHANGE (SINCE 1995): +3.1

RECENT FREEDOM TREND



QUICK FACTS

POPULATION:
20.0 million

GDP (PPP):
\$679.0 billion
2.5% growth in 2025
3-year average growth rate: 1.9%
\$35,286 per capita

UNEMPLOYMENT:
9.1%

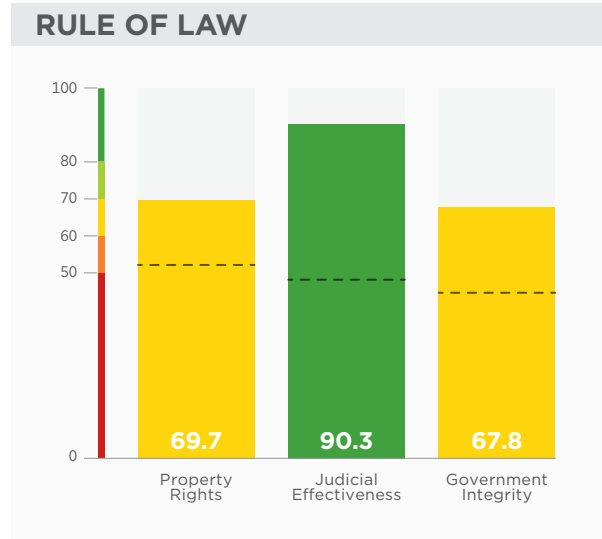
INFLATION (CPI):
3.9%

TRADE AS % OF GDP: 63.9%

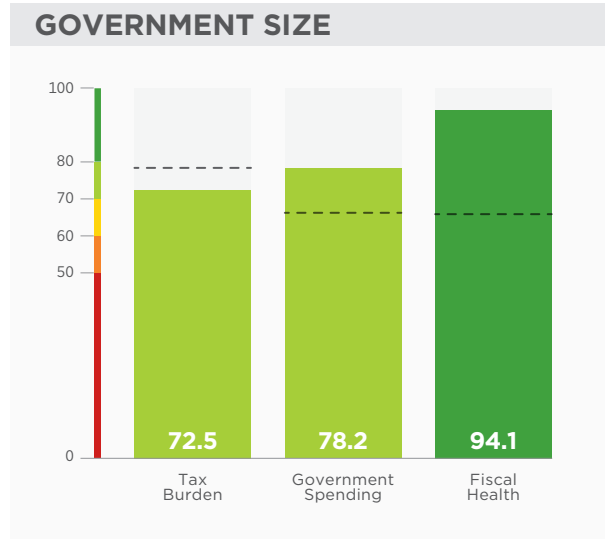
PUBLIC DEBT:
41.6% of GDP

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

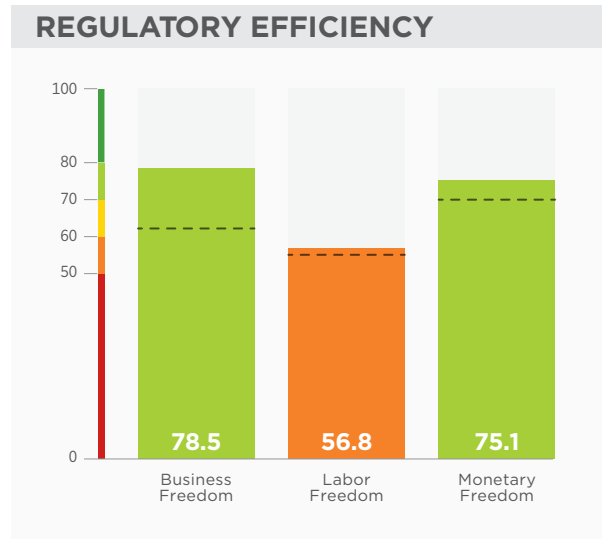
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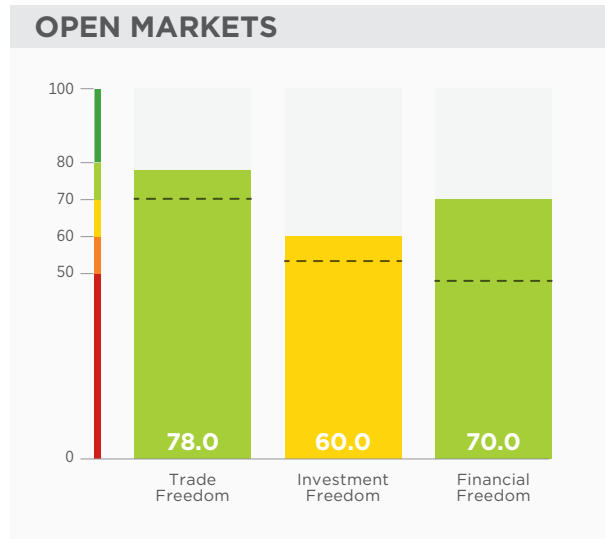
The overall rule of law is well respected in Chile. The country's property rights score is above the world average; its judicial effectiveness score is above the world average; and its government integrity score is above the world average.



The top individual income tax rate is 40 percent, and the top corporate tax rate is 27 percent. The tax burden equals 20.5 percent of GDP. Three-year government spending and budget balance averages are, respectively, 26.9 percent and -1.2 percent of GDP. Public debt amounts to 41.6 percent of GDP.



Chile's overall regulatory environment is relatively well institutionalized and 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 well above the world average.



The trade-weighted average tariff rate is 6.0 percent, and various nontariff measures are in force. Market-oriented policies, facilitated by a sound and transparent investment framework, have attracted significant foreign investment. The open, resilient, and relatively competitive financial sector offers a wide range of services.