

WORLD RANK: **99** | REGIONAL RANK: **21**

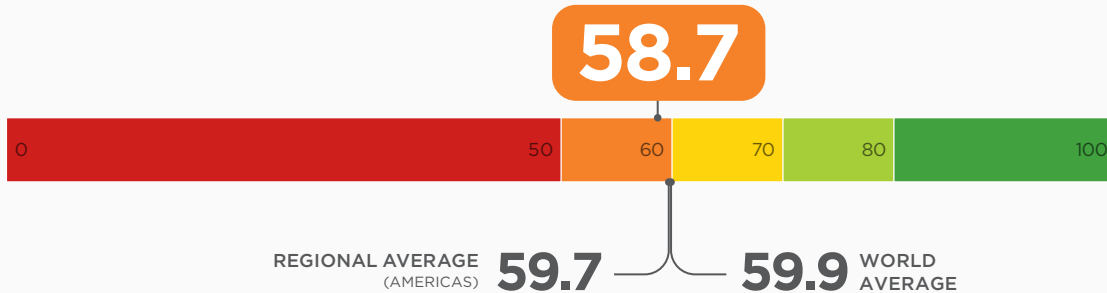
ECONOMIC FREEDOM STATUS: **MOSTLY UNFREE**

# GUYANA

**G**uyana's economic freedom score is 58.7, making its economy the 99th freest in the 2026 *Index of Economic Freedom*. Its rating has increased by 0.5 point from last year, and Guyana is ranked 21st out of 32 countries in the Americas region. The country's economic freedom score is lower than the global and regional averages. Guyana's economy is considered "mostly unfree" according to the 2026 *Index*.

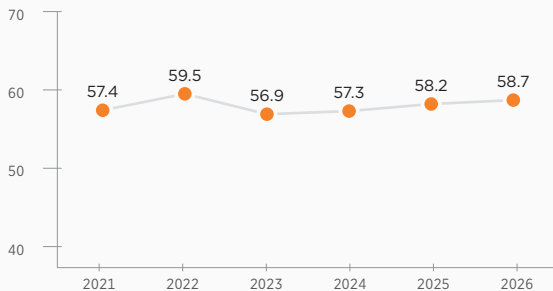
If Guyana wishes to sustain, advance, and capitalize on economic freedom, it will have to strengthen the foundations of that freedom. Structural weaknesses that stem from an inefficient legal framework and widespread corruption continue to constrain broad-based, long-term economic development. Reform measures in recent years have streamlined the procedures for establishing a business, but the overall pace of regulatory reform has lagged behind the pace of reform in other countries. A well-functioning private labor market has not yet emerged.

## ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE



HISTORICAL INDEX SCORE CHANGE (SINCE 1995): +13.0

## RECENT FREEDOM TREND



## QUICK FACTS

**POPULATION:**  
0.8 million

**GDP (PPP):**  
\$66.6 billion  
10.3% growth in 2025  
3-year average growth rate: 29.2%  
\$94,189 per capita

**UNEMPLOYMENT:**  
10.2%

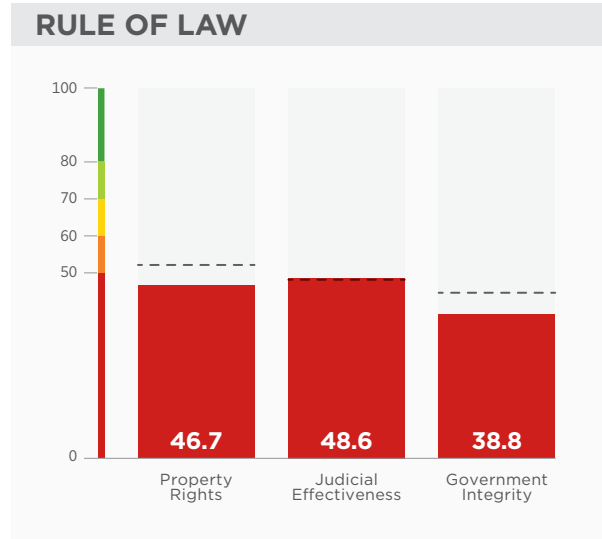
**INFLATION (CPI):**  
2.5%

**TRADE AS % OF GDP:** 105.0%

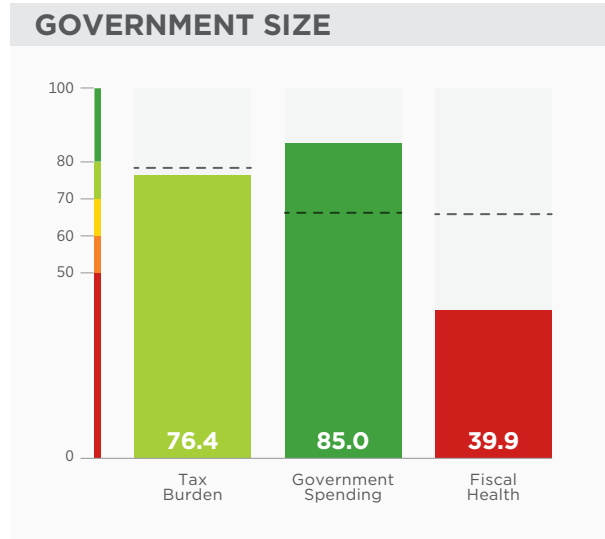
**PUBLIC DEBT:**  
24.3% of GDP

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

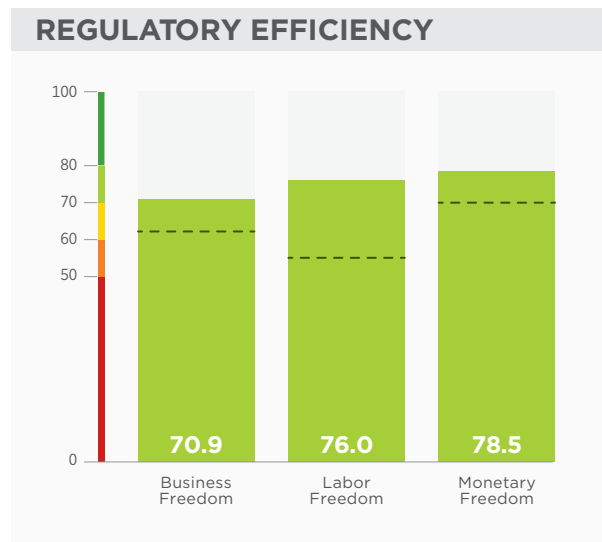
# 12 ECONOMIC FREEDOMS | GUYANA



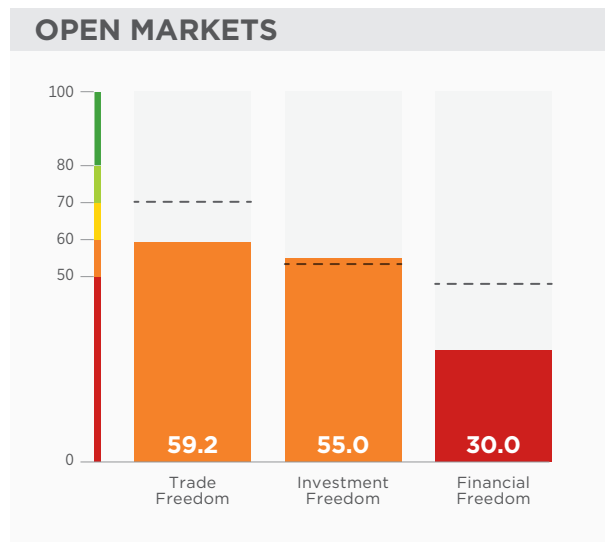
The overall rule of law is weak in Guyana. The country's property rights score is below the world average; its judicial effectiveness score is above the world average; and its government integrity score is below the world average.



The top individual income tax rate is 40 percent, and the top corporate tax rate is 25 percent. The tax burden equals 11.6 percent of GDP. Three-year government spending and budget balance averages are, respectively, 22.4 percent and -6.1 percent of GDP. Public debt amounts to 24.3 percent of GDP.



Guyana's overall 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 well above the world average.



The trade-weighted average tariff rate is 10.4 percent, and myriad nontariff measures are in force. In general, the law accords foreign and domestic investors equal treatment. The financial sector is underdeveloped, and limited access to financing impedes the long-term growth of entrepreneurial activity.