



WORLD RANK: **162** | REGIONAL RANK: **29**

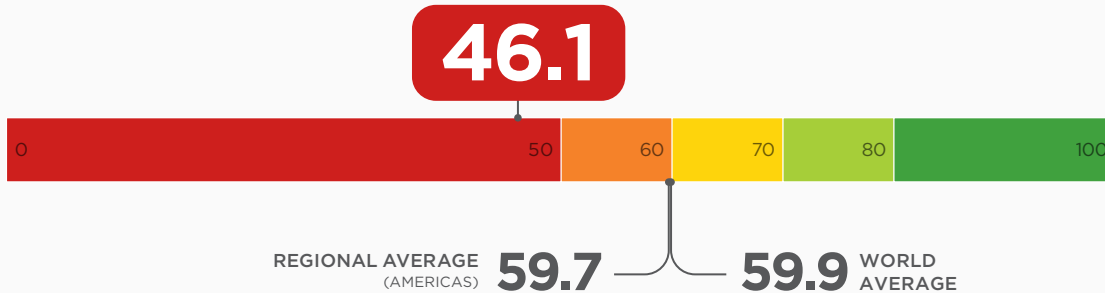
ECONOMIC FREEDOM STATUS: **REPRESSED**

HAITI

Haiti's economic freedom score is 46.1, making its economy the 162nd freest in the 2026 *Index of Economic Freedom*. Its rating has not changed from last year, and Haiti is ranked 29th out of 32 countries in the Americas region. The country's economic freedom score is lower than the global and regional averages. Haiti's economy is considered "repressed" according to the 2026 *Index*.

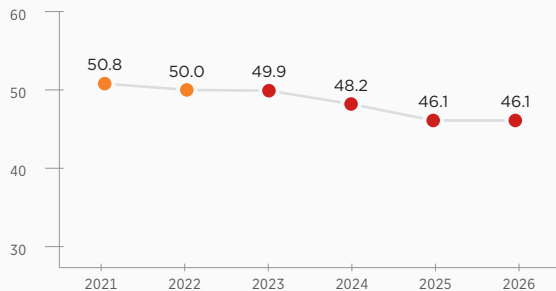
Political uncertainty and the unstable security situation continue to undermine the business environment, which has never been efficient or conducive to sustainable entrepreneurial activity. Reforms intended to improve Haiti's economy and business climate have had little effect. Corruption continues to be pervasive, and the judicial framework remains inefficient. Bureaucracy and red tape, which are exacerbated by the weak rule of law, deter investment. Haiti's formal labor market is not fully developed. Labor laws are loosely enforced.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE



HISTORICAL INDEX SCORE CHANGE (SINCE 1995): +3.1

RECENT FREEDOM TREND



QUICK FACTS

POPULATION:
12.2 million

GDP (PPP):
\$37.7 billion
-3.1% growth in 2025
3-year average growth rate: -3.0%
\$2,976 per capita

UNEMPLOYMENT:
15.1%

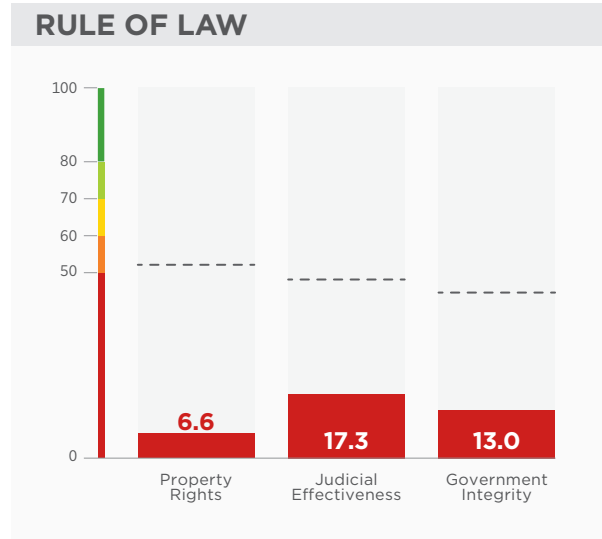
INFLATION (CPI):
25.8%

TRADE AS % OF GDP: 22.2%

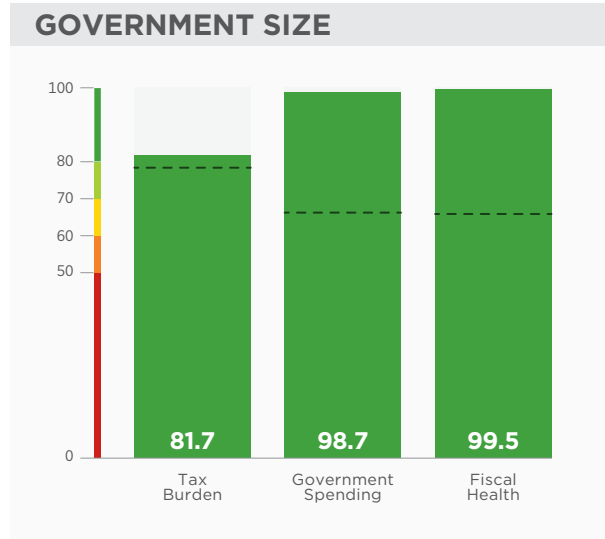
PUBLIC DEBT:
15.5% of GDP

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

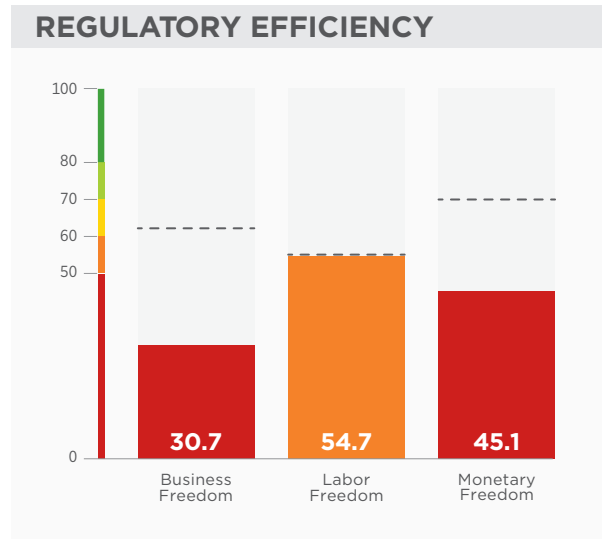
12 ECONOMIC FREEDOMS | HAITI



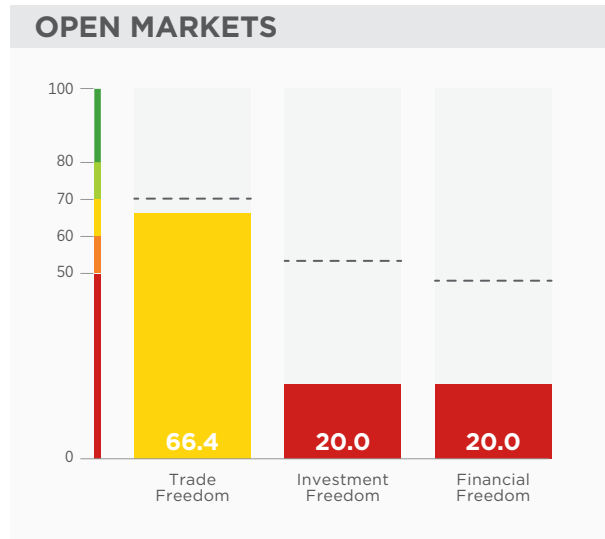
The overall rule of law is weak in Haiti. The country's property rights score is below the world average; its judicial effectiveness score is below the world average; and its government integrity score is below the world average.



The top individual income tax rate is 30 percent, and the top corporate tax rate is 30 percent. The tax burden equals 5.1 percent of GDP. Three-year government spending and budget balance averages are, respectively, 6.7 percent and 2.0 percent of GDP. Public debt amounts to 15.5 percent of GDP.



Haiti's overall regulatory environment is very inefficient and not conducive to entrepreneurial activity. 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 well below the world average.



The trade-weighted average tariff rate is 6.8 percent, and other barriers to trade freedom are extensive. Bureaucratic impediments that are made worse by institutional shortcomings discourage foreign investment. The strained financial infrastructure remains fragile. Many economic transactions are conducted outside of the formal banking sector.