

WORLD RANK: **117** | REGIONAL RANK: **42**

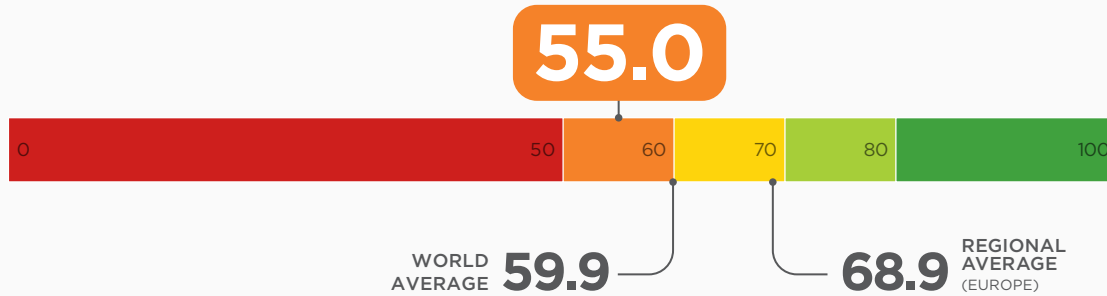
ECONOMIC FREEDOM STATUS: **MOSTLY UNFREE**

TÜRKIYE

Türkiye's economic freedom score is 55, making its economy the 117th freest in the 2026 *Index of Economic Freedom*. Its rating has decreased by 1.1 points from last year, and Türkiye is ranked 42nd out of 44 countries in the Europe region. The country's economic freedom score is lower than the global and regional averages. Türkiye's economy is considered "mostly unfree" according to the 2026 *Index*.

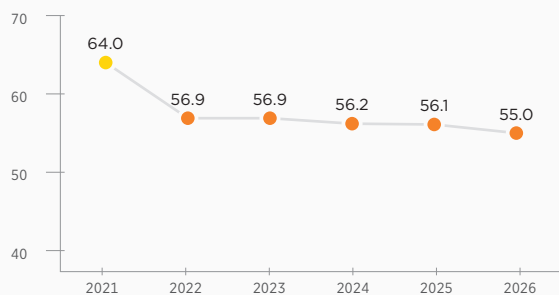
The Turkish economy is one of the region's most dynamically developing markets. Despite heavy state involvement in the economy, the private sector is expanding rapidly. However, institutional shortcomings still limit economic freedom. The judicial system is inefficient and ineffective in combating corruption. The process for establishing private enterprises is now less time-consuming, but bureaucratic red tape and ineffective enforcement of regulations still discourage entrepreneurship. The informal sector is large, partly because of the labor market's rigidity. Monetary stability remains fragile, and inflation remains high.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE



HISTORICAL INDEX SCORE CHANGE (SINCE 1995): -3.4

RECENT FREEDOM TREND

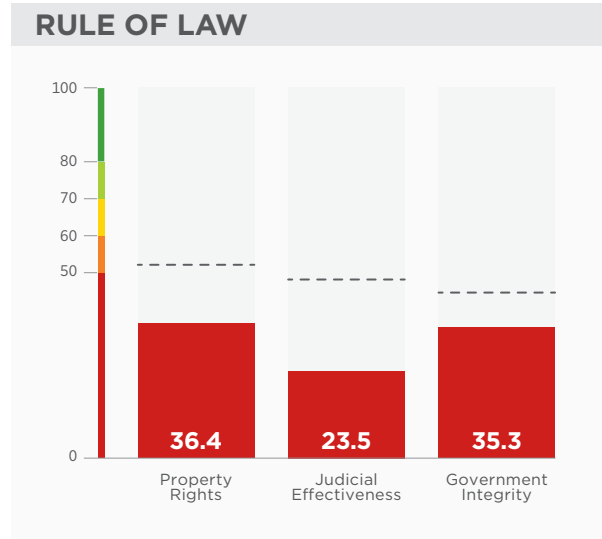


QUICK FACTS

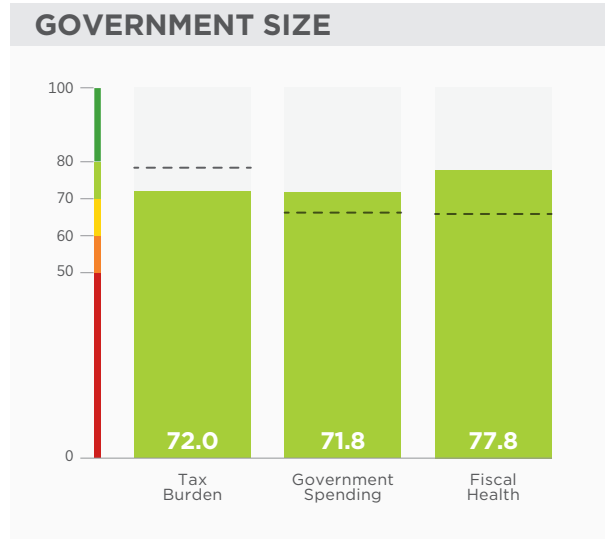
- POPULATION:** 85.4 million
- UNEMPLOYMENT:** 8.5%
- GDP (PPP):** \$3.6 trillion
- INFLATION (CPI):** 58.5%
- 3.5% growth in 2025
- TRADE AS % OF GDP:** 55.8%
- 3-year average growth rate: 4.0%
- PUBLIC DEBT:** 24.0% of GDP
- \$43,786 per capita

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

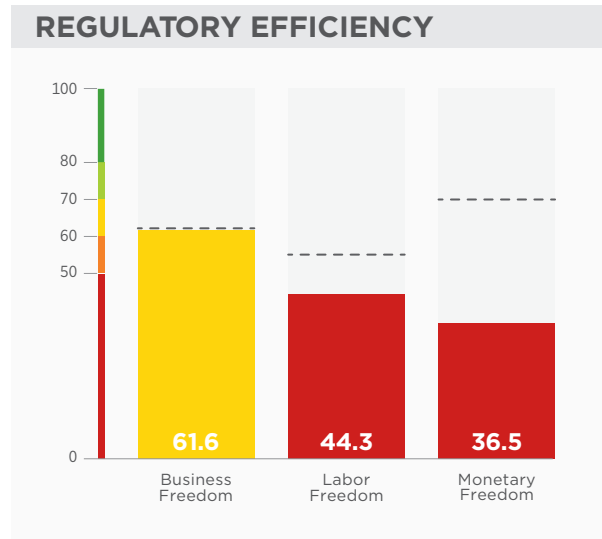
12 ECONOMIC FREEDOMS | TÜRKIYE



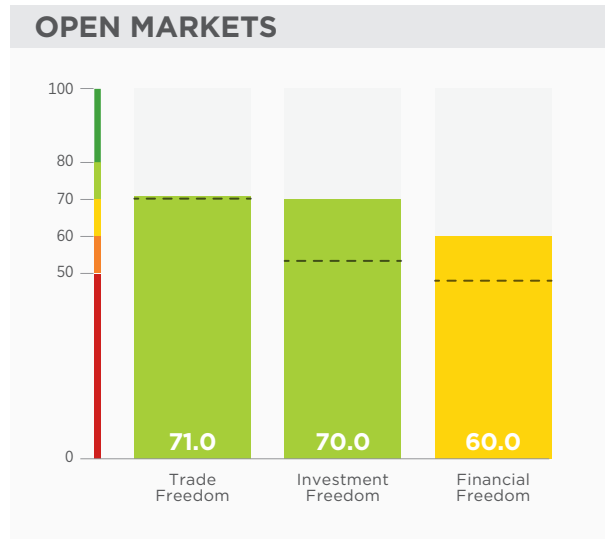
The overall rule of law is weak in Türkiye. The country's property rights score is below the world average; its judicial effectiveness score is below the world average; and its government integrity score is below the world average.



The top individual income tax rate is 40 percent, and the top corporate tax rate is 25 percent. The tax burden equals 24.0 percent of GDP. Three-year government spending and budget balance averages are, respectively, 30.6 percent and -3.6 percent of GDP. Public debt amounts to 24.0 percent of GDP.



Türkiye's overall regulatory environment is not effectively institutionalized and lacks efficiency. The country's business freedom score is 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 7.0 percent, and nontariff barriers further limit trade freedom. Foreign investment is officially welcome, but restrictions remain in force in several sectors. The financial system has undergone a rapid transformation and is now more transparent and competitive.