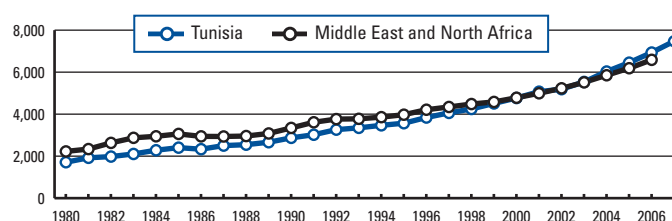


# Tunisia

## Key indicators

Total population (millions), 2007 .....	10.3
GDP (US\$ billions), 2007 .....	35.0
GDP per capita (US\$), 2007 .....	3,397.6
GDP (PPP) as share (%) of world total, 2007 .....	0.12

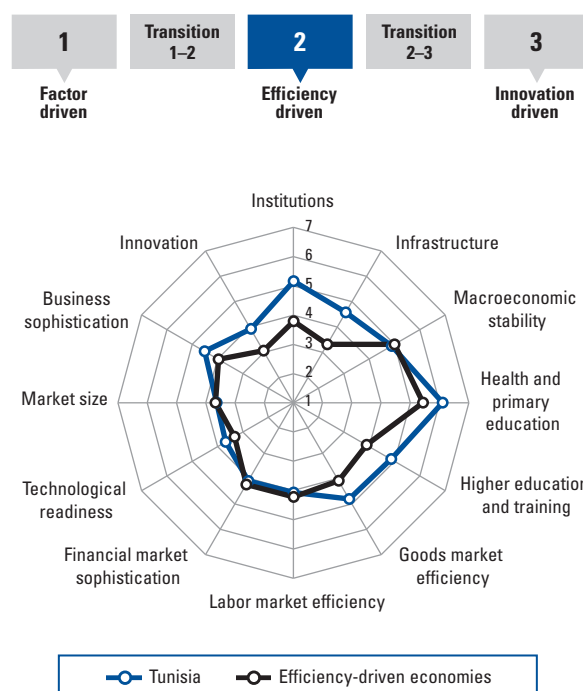
GDP (PPP US\$) per capita, 1980–2007



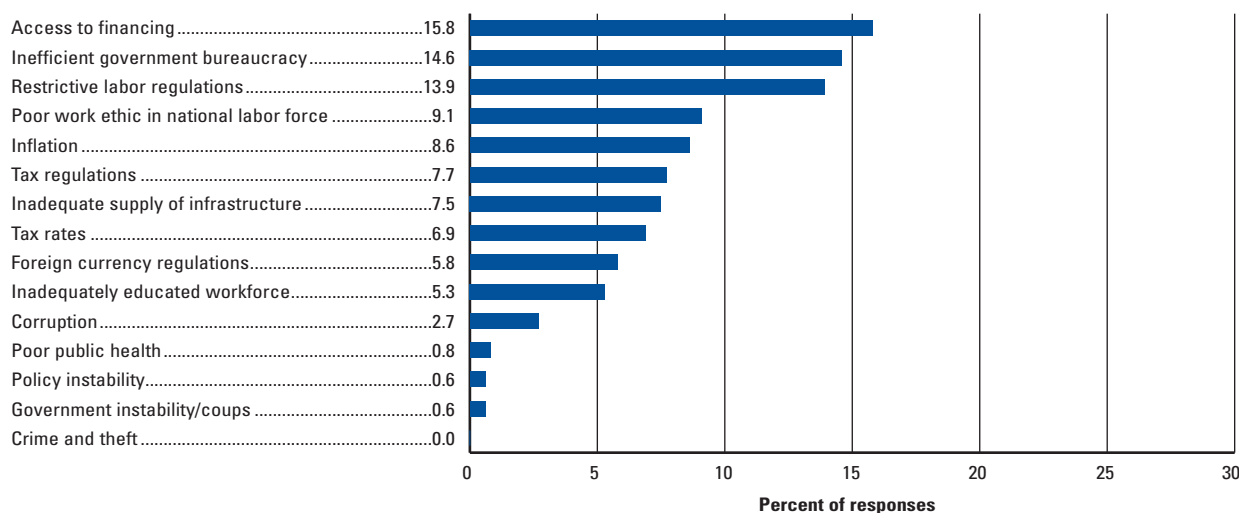
## Global Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 134)	Score (1–7)
<b>GCI 2008–2009</b> .....	<b>36</b>	<b>4.6</b>
GCI 2007–2008 (out of 131) .....	32	4.6
GCI 2006–2007 (out of 122) .....	33	4.6
<b>Basic requirements</b> .....	<b>35</b>	<b>5.2</b>
1st pillar: Institutions .....	22	5.2
2nd pillar: Infrastructure .....	34	4.6
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability .....	75	4.9
4th pillar: Health and primary education .....	27	6.1
<b>Efficiency enhancers</b> .....	<b>53</b>	<b>4.2</b>
5th pillar: Higher education and training .....	27	4.8
6th pillar: Goods market efficiency .....	30	4.8
7th pillar: Labor market efficiency .....	103	4.1
8th pillar: Financial market sophistication .....	77	4.1
9th pillar: Technological readiness .....	52	3.7
10th pillar: Market size .....	62	3.6
<b>Innovation and sophistication factors</b> .....	<b>30</b>	<b>4.2</b>
11th pillar: Business sophistication .....	40	4.5
12th pillar: Innovation .....	27	3.9

## Stage of development



## The most problematic factors for doing business



Note: From a list of 15 factors, respondents were asked to select the five most problematic for doing business in their country and to rank them between 1 (most problematic) and 5. The bars in the figure show the responses weighted according to their rankings.

## The Global Competitiveness Index in detail

■ Competitive Advantage
■ Competitive Disadvantage

INDICATOR	RANK/134
<b>1st pillar: Institutions</b>	
1.01 Property rights .....	33 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
1.02 Intellectual property protection .....	40 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
1.03 Diversion of public funds .....	24 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
1.04 Public trust of politicians .....	16 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
1.05 Judicial independence .....	39 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
1.06 Favoritism in decisions of government officials .....	14 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
1.07 Wastefulness of government spending .....	2 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
1.08 Burden of government regulation .....	16 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
1.09 Efficiency of legal framework .....	25 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
1.10 Transparency of government policymaking .....	15 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
1.11 Business costs of terrorism .....	58 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
1.12 Business costs of crime and violence .....	30 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
1.13 Organized crime .....	44 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
1.14 Reliability of police services .....	24 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
1.15 Ethical behavior of firms .....	29 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
1.16 Strength of auditing and reporting standards .....	50 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
1.17 Efficacy of corporate boards .....	62 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
1.18 Protection of minority shareholders' interests .....	30 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
<b>2nd pillar: Infrastructure</b>	
2.01 Quality of overall infrastructure .....	33 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
2.02 Quality of roads .....	39 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
2.03 Quality of railroad infrastructure .....	22 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
2.04 Quality of port infrastructure .....	38 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
2.05 Quality of air transport infrastructure .....	29 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
2.06 Available seat kilometers* .....	73 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
2.07 Quality of electricity supply .....	33 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
2.08 Telephone lines* .....	84 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
<b>3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability</b>	
3.01 Government surplus/deficit* .....	106 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
3.02 National savings rate* .....	67 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
3.03 Inflation* .....	50 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
3.04 Interest rate spread* .....	39 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
3.05 Government debt* .....	95 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
<b>4th pillar: Health and primary education</b>	
4.01 Business impact of malaria .....	47 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
4.02 Malaria incidence* .....	1 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
4.03 Business impact of tuberculosis .....	35 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
4.04 Tuberculosis incidence* .....	44 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
4.05 Business impact of HIV/AIDS .....	21 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
4.06 HIV prevalence* .....	23 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
4.07 Infant mortality* .....	74 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
4.08 Life expectancy* .....	66 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
4.09 Quality of primary education .....	21 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
4.10 Primary enrollment* .....	45 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
4.11 Education expenditure* .....	14 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
<b>5th pillar: Higher education and training</b>	
5.01 Secondary enrollment* .....	74 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
5.02 Tertiary enrollment* .....	67 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
5.03 Quality of the educational system .....	17 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
5.04 Quality of math and science education .....	7 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
5.05 Quality of management schools .....	17 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
5.06 Internet access in schools .....	34 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
5.07 Local availability of research and training services .....	28 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
5.08 Extent of staff training .....	27 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>

INDICATOR	RANK/134
<b>6th pillar: Goods market efficiency</b>	
6.01 Intensity of local competition .....	34 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
6.02 Extent of market dominance .....	27 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
6.03 Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy .....	24 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
6.04 Extent and effect of taxation .....	21 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
6.05 Total tax rate* .....	108 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
6.06 No. of procedures required to start a business* .....	75 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
6.07 Time required to start a business* .....	19 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
6.08 Agricultural policy costs .....	4 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
6.09 Prevalence of trade barriers .....	57 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
6.10 Trade-weighted tariff rate* .....	130 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
6.11 Prevalence of foreign ownership .....	60 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
6.12 Business impact of rules on FDI .....	16 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
6.13 Burden of customs procedures .....	37 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
6.14 Degree of customer orientation .....	28 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
6.15 Buyer sophistication .....	30 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
<b>7th pillar: Labor market efficiency</b>	
7.01 Cooperation in labor-employer relations .....	30 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
7.02 Flexibility of wage determination .....	113 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
7.03 Non-wage labor costs* .....	94 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
7.04 Rigidity of employment* .....	104 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
7.05 Hiring and firing practices .....	49 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
7.06 Firing costs* .....	28 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
7.07 Pay and productivity .....	56 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
7.08 Reliance on professional management .....	64 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
7.09 Brain drain .....	48 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
7.10 Female participation in labor force* .....	126 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
<b>8th pillar: Financial market sophistication</b>	
8.01 Financial market sophistication .....	61 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
8.02 Financing through local equity market .....	60 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
8.03 Ease of access to loans .....	43 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
8.04 Venture capital availability .....	35 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
8.05 Restriction on capital flows .....	82 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
8.06 Strength of investor protection* .....	112 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
8.07 Soundness of banks .....	85 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
8.08 Regulation of securities exchanges .....	50 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
8.09 Legal rights index* .....	119 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
<b>9th pillar: Technological readiness</b>	
9.01 Availability of latest technologies .....	36 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
9.02 Firm-level technology absorption .....	34 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
9.03 Laws relating to ICT .....	30 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
9.04 FDI and technology transfer .....	27 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
9.05 Mobile telephone subscribers* .....	59 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
9.06 Internet users* .....	79 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
9.07 Personal computers* .....	77 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
9.08 Broadband Internet subscribers* .....	84 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
<b>10th pillar: Market size</b>	
10.01 Domestic market size* .....	65 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
10.02 Foreign market size* .....	63 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
<b>11th pillar: Business sophistication</b>	
11.01 Local supplier quantity .....	21 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
11.02 Local supplier quality .....	44 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
11.03 State of cluster development .....	50 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
11.04 Nature of competitive advantage .....	45 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
11.05 Value chain breadth .....	31 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
11.06 Control of international distribution .....	31 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
11.07 Production process sophistication .....	40 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
11.08 Extent of marketing .....	45 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
11.09 Willingness to delegate authority .....	72 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
<b>12th pillar: Innovation</b>	
12.01 Capacity for innovation .....	38 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
12.02 Quality of scientific research institutions .....	42 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
12.03 Company spending on R&D .....	38 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>
12.04 University-industry research collaboration .....	35 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
12.05 Gov't procurement of advanced tech products .....	3 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
12.06 Availability of scientists and engineers .....	10 <span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span>
12.07 Utility patents* .....	88 <span style="color: #808080;">■</span>

\* Hard data

Note: For further details and explanation, please refer to the section "How to Read the Country/Economy Profiles" at the beginning of this chapter.