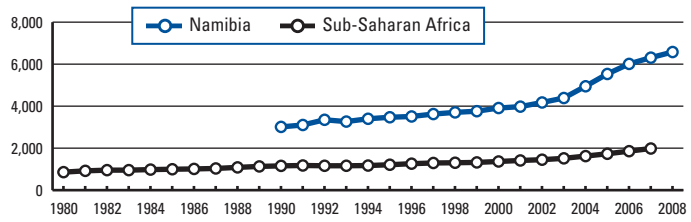


Namibia

Key indicators

Population (millions), 2008.....	2.1
GDP (US\$ billions), 2008.....	8.5
GDP per capita (US\$), 2008.....	4,135.4
GDP (PPP) as share (%) of world total, 2008.....	0.02

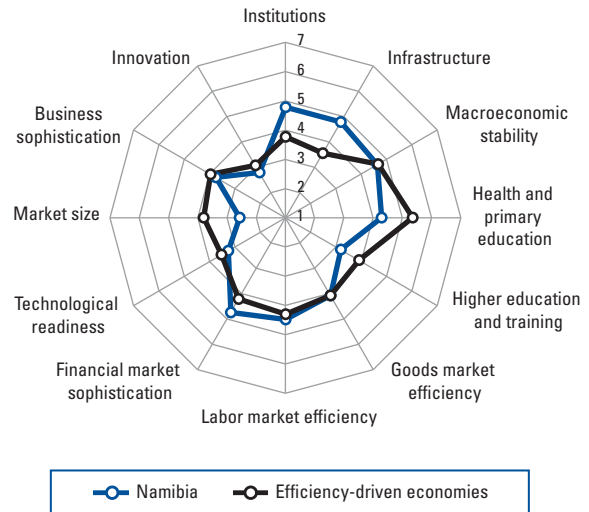
GDP (PPP int'l \$) per capita, 1980–2008



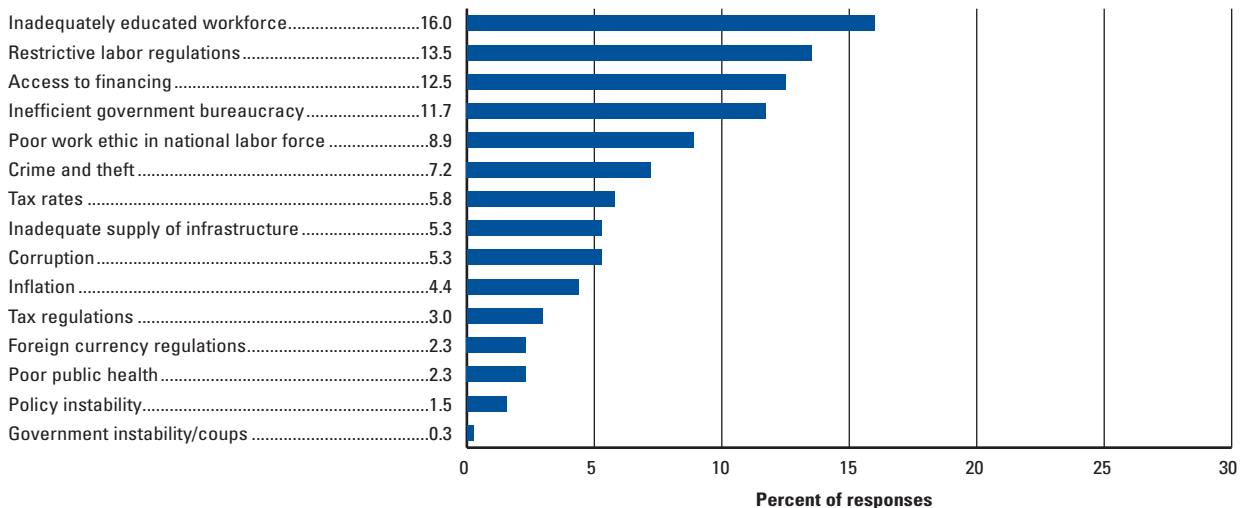
Global Competitiveness Index

	Rank (out of 133)	Score (1–7)
GCI 2009–2010	74	4.0
GCI 2008–2009 (out of 134).....	80	4.0
GCI 2007–2008 (out of 131).....	89	3.8
Basic requirements	53	4.6
1st pillar: Institutions.....	37	4.8
2nd pillar: Infrastructure.....	32	4.8
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability.....	66	4.6
4th pillar: Health and primary education.....	109	4.3
Efficiency enhancers	90	3.7
5th pillar: Higher education and training.....	110	3.2
6th pillar: Goods market efficiency.....	77	4.1
7th pillar: Labor market efficiency.....	57	4.5
8th pillar: Financial market sophistication.....	31	4.7
9th pillar: Technological readiness.....	86	3.3
10th pillar: Market size.....	113	2.6
Innovation and sophistication factors	91	3.3
11th pillar: Business sophistication.....	86	3.7
12th pillar: Innovation.....	103	2.8

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/economy 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/133	INDICATOR	RANK/133
1st pillar: Institutions		6th pillar: Goods market efficiency	
1.01 Property rights	21	6.01 Intensity of local competition	86
1.02 Intellectual property protection	32	6.02 Extent of market dominance	95
1.03 Diversion of public funds	45	6.03 Effectiveness of anti-monopoly policy	74
1.04 Public trust of politicians	27	6.04 Extent and effect of taxation	39
1.05 Judicial independence	21	6.05 Total tax rate*	15
1.06 Favoritism in decisions of government officials	43	6.06 No. of procedures required to start a business*	85
1.07 Wastefulness of government spending	36	6.07 Time required to start a business*	118
1.08 Burden of government regulation	34	6.08 Agricultural policy costs	21
1.09 Efficiency of legal framework in settling disputes	29	6.09 Prevalence of trade barriers	61
1.10 Efficiency of legal framework in challenging regs	19	6.10 Tariff barriers*	92
1.11 Transparency of government policymaking	39	6.11 Prevalence of foreign ownership	37
1.12 Business costs of terrorism	31	6.12 Business impact of rules on FDI	54
1.13 Business costs of crime and violence	100	6.13 Burden of customs procedures	54
1.14 Organized crime	56	6.14 Degree of customer orientation	114
1.15 Reliability of police services	59	6.15 Buyer sophistication	64
1.16 Ethical behavior of firms	47	7th pillar: Labor market efficiency	
1.17 Strength of auditing and reporting standards	17	7.01 Cooperation in labor-employer relations	122
1.18 Efficacy of corporate boards	34	7.02 Flexibility of wage determination	81
1.19 Protection of minority shareholders' interests	14	7.03 Rigidity of employment*	25
2nd pillar: Infrastructure		7.04 Hiring and firing practices	132
2.01 Quality of overall infrastructure	25	7.05 Firing costs*	40
2.02 Quality of roads	20	7.06 Pay and productivity	111
2.03 Quality of railroad infrastructure	25	7.07 Reliance on professional management	36
2.04 Quality of port infrastructure	24	7.08 Brain drain	50
2.05 Quality of air transport infrastructure	55	7.09 Female participation in labor force*	50
2.06 Available seat kilometers*	102	8th pillar: Financial market sophistication	
2.07 Quality of electricity supply	54	8.01 Financial market sophistication	36
2.08 Telephone lines*	97	8.02 Financing through local equity market	68
3rd pillar: Macroeconomic stability		8.03 Ease of access to loans	57
3.01 Government surplus/deficit*	96	8.04 Venture capital availability	67
3.02 National savings rate*	49	8.05 Restriction on capital flows	97
3.03 Inflation*	86	8.06 Strength of investor protection*	55
3.04 Interest rate spread*	61	8.07 Soundness of banks	7
3.05 Government debt*	36	8.08 Regulation of securities exchanges	37
4th pillar: Health and primary education		8.09 Legal rights index*	18
4.01 Business impact of malaria	114	9th pillar: Technological readiness	
4.02 Malaria incidence*	106	9.01 Availability of latest technologies	45
4.03 Business impact of tuberculosis	119	9.02 Firm-level technology absorption	63
4.04 Tuberculosis incidence*	131	9.03 Laws relating to ICT	98
4.05 Business impact of HIV/AIDS	122	9.04 FDI and technology transfer	44
4.06 HIV prevalence*	129	9.05 Mobile telephone subscriptions*	101
4.07 Infant mortality*	99	9.06 Internet users*	110
4.08 Life expectancy*	109	9.07 Personal computers*	40
4.09 Quality of primary education	84	9.08 Broadband Internet subscribers*	121
4.10 Primary enrollment*	104	10th pillar: Market size	
4.11 Education expenditure*	5	10.01 Domestic market size index*	118
5th pillar: Higher education and training		10.02 Foreign market size index*	104
5.01 Secondary enrollment*	103	11th pillar: Business sophistication	
5.02 Tertiary enrollment*	112	11.01 Local supplier quantity	120
5.03 Quality of the educational system	104	11.02 Local supplier quality	87
5.04 Quality of math and science education	120	11.03 State of cluster development	74
5.05 Quality of management schools	129	11.04 Nature of competitive advantage	60
5.06 Internet access in schools	102	11.05 Value chain breadth	125
5.07 Local availability of research and training services	124	11.06 Control of international distribution	104
5.08 Extent of staff training	58	11.07 Production process sophistication	68
		11.08 Extent of marketing	77
		11.09 Willingness to delegate authority	49
		12th pillar: Innovation	
		12.01 Capacity for innovation	113
		12.02 Quality of scientific research institutions	93
		12.03 Company spending on R&D	84
		12.04 University-industry collaboration in R&D	103
		12.05 Gov't procurement of advanced tech products	103
		12.06 Availability of scientists and engineers	128
		12.07 Utility patents*	63

* 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.