

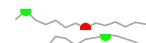


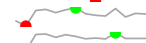





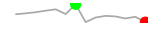



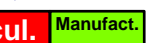


# Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



## Belize

GDP (US\$ billions) (2015)	Population (millions) (2015)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2015)	Unemployment rate (2015)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2015)
1.73	0.36	4,809.53	11.31	118.00

### Macro Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
GDP growth (annual %)	3.80	3.82	1.53	3.60	2.80	2.50	
Current account balance	-10.98	-1.25	-4.44	-7.67	-12.44	-10.37	
Cash surplus/deficit (% of GDP)	-4.79	-0.53	-1.79	-2.68	-2.22	-2.26	
Gross Fixed Investment (% GDP)	18.94	13.44	15.51	16.61	18.29	16.64	
Gross capital formation (% of GDP) [1]	19.86	16.00	18.15	—	—	—	
Foreign direct investment, net inflows (% of GDP) [2]	7.75	12.02	5.68	8.37	—	—	
Private capital flows, total (% of GDP) [2]	41.69	65.77	—	—	—	—	
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	118.92	120.28	123.67	118.46	112.23	108.75	
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-0.41	8.21	2.63	0.42	-2.02	-0.22	
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	5.44	8.66	-0.20	-2.48	-4.70	0.94	
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	1.63	4.49	9.65	1.04	-0.50	-2.24	
Personal remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	4.68	4.83	4.58	4.73	—	—	
General government gross debt [3]	88.42	74.98	75.22	75.33	77.24	99.91	
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	1.99	3.02	4.00	4.49	—	—	
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	163.59	96.67	91.91	98.67	110.28	110.60	
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	2.46	1.34	0.50	1.20	-1.00	1.30	

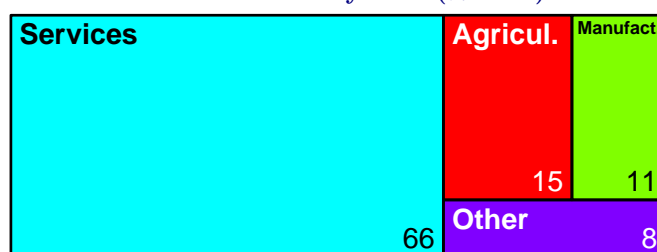
Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

### Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015



Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

### Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

### Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014

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### Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014



Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

### Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	76	81	-5
Ease of Doing Business Rank	118	120	-2
Enforcing Contracts	132	133	-1
Getting Credit	160	162	-2
Getting Electricity	69	73	-4
Paying Taxes	61	69	-8
Protecting Minority Investors	121	122	-1
Registering Property	129	128	1
Resolving Insolvency	82	81	1
Starting a Business	149	159	-10
Trading Across Borders	117	117	0

Source: Doing Business Report 2015

## WEF Competitiveness Indicators (Scale 1-5, 5=best)

Data not available

## Logistics Performance Index (Scale 1-5, 5=best)

Data not available

Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

## World Governance indicators (Std. score, High=best)



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

## Trade Policy

	2010	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	12.6	11.0
Binding (%)	97.6	98.7
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	12.2	13.6
Import duties collected (%; 2010-2012) [1]	—	0.0
MFN Tariff (Agricul.)	19.1	18.8
MFN Tariff (Non-Agricul.)	8.7	8.7
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	10.6	10.3
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—	17.0

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

## Private Sector's Views

### Enterprise Survey 2013

	Latin America and Caribbean	Belize	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	2.80	2.50	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	45.80	43.90	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	19.90	18.10	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	62.90	76.30	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	14.00	4.00	9.90

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

### Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondents)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

### Top 5 constraints according to WEF 2015 survey (% respondents among 88 executives)

Data not available

Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015