

Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



Lebanon

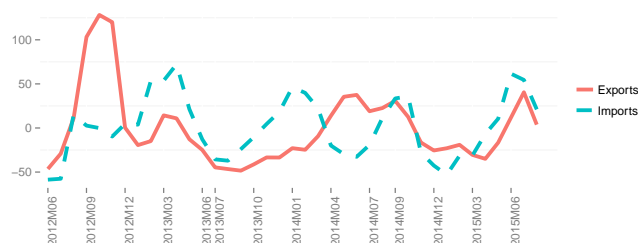
GDP (US\$ billions) (2015)	Population (millions) (2015)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2015)	Unemployment rate (2015)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2015)
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Macro Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
GDP growth (annual %)	5.56	2.19	0.90	2.00	2.00	2.50	
Current account balance	-17.00	-22.67	-26.57	-26.74	-21.25	-21.89	
Cash surplus/deficit (% of GDP)	-11.67	-8.32	-9.45	-6.61	-7.20	-6.99	
Gross Fixed Investment (% GDP)	24.41	29.09	28.15	28.75	27.34	26.77	
Gross capital formation (% of GDP) [1]	23.34	29.40	30.41	30.80	—	—	
Foreign direct investment, net inflows (% of GDP) [2]	12.11	7.19	6.10	6.20	—	—	
Private capital flows, total (% of GDP) [2]	49.77	29.23	—	—	—	—	
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	68.83	71.61	70.29	68.97	67.94	68.56	
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-23.94	-23.53	-22.87	-20.99	-19.73	-19.03	
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	10.66	-4.86	-0.50	3.20	2.50	5.30	
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	7.43	0.79	-1.20	-1.50	-0.60	2.40	
Personal remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	21.59	15.44	18.23	16.19	—	—	
General government gross debt [3]	161.90	130.80	133.36	133.05	132.40	134.30	
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	13.09	18.72	16.77	—	—	—	
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	111.58	97.67	96.56	101.24	96.54	96.51	
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	3.79	6.57	5.56	1.13	-3.19	—	

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

Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold)	Other non-ferrous base metal waste	Diamonds (other than sorted industr
11	4	3
	Books, pamphlets, maps and globes,	Generating sets
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Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014

Consumer goods	Intermediate goods	Capital goods
57	22	13
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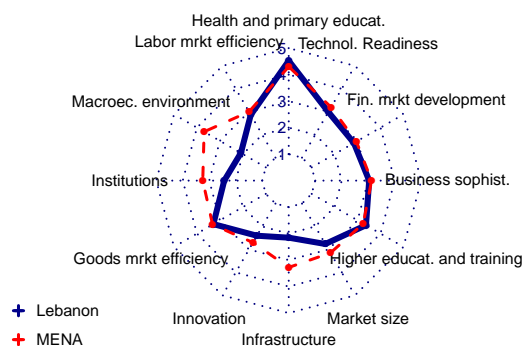
Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	129	130	-1
Ease of Doing Business Rank	121	123	-2
Enforcing Contracts	134	135	-1
Getting Credit	105	109	-4
Getting Electricity	111	116	-5
Paying Taxes	44	45	-1
Protecting Minority Investors	133	134	-1
Registering Property	99	103	-4
Resolving Insolvency	135	134	1
Starting a Business	108	114	-6
Trading Across Borders	147	147	0

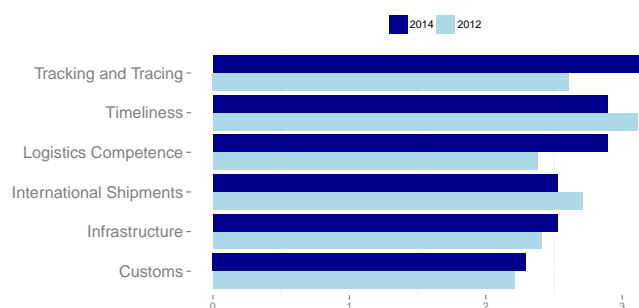
Source: Doing Business Report 2015

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



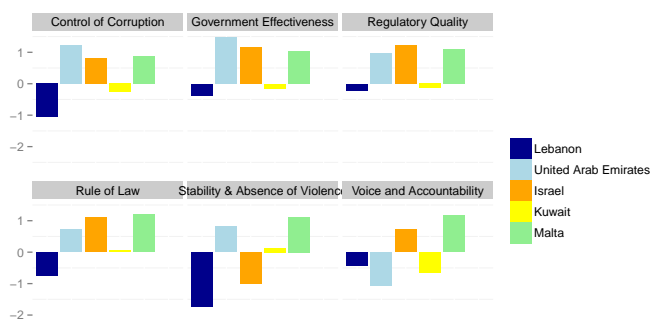
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

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



Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

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



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

Trade Policy

	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	5.8
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	12.3
Import duties collected (% , 2011-2013) [1]	1.6
MFN Tariff (Agricul.)	15.1
MFN Tariff (Non-Agricul.)	4.4
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	5.8
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

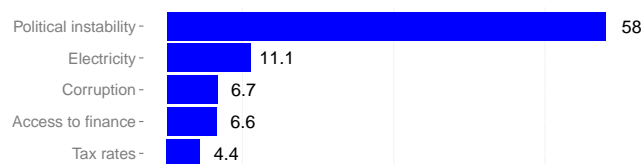
Private Sector's Views

Enterprise Survey 2013

	Middle East and North Africa	Lebanon	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	17.60	50.50	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	25.60	57.30	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	13.60	32.90	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	72.70	61.70	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	9.10	4.10	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)



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015