

Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note

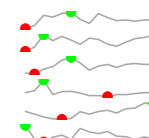


Israel

GDP (US\$ billions) (2016)	Population (millions) (2016)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2016)	Unemployment rate (2014)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2016)
342.5	8.5	40,457.9	6.1	53.0

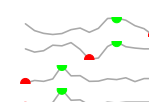
Macro Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
GDP growth (annual %)	3.45	3.00	3.25	2.77	3.20	3.40
Current account balance	1.87	0.80	2.34	3.69	4.15	4.93
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	-4.76	-5.15	-3.92	-3.54	-3.94	-3.80
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	0.31	0.26	0.26	0.28	—	—
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	97.24	97.33	104.89	106.13	114.72	115.50
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	2.28	1.71	1.52	0.47	1.39	0.92



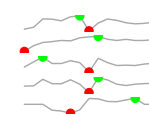
Investment indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Gross domestic investment (% GDP)	18.5	20.1	19.7	18.7	18.2	16.9
Gross domestic investment, of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	19.6	21.0	20.2	19.9	—	—
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]	3.8	3.1	4.0	2.1	—	—
Inward FDI, % of private investment [2]	23.9	20.6	NA	—	—	—



Trade Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	68.61	70.01	68.29	67.54	67.87	68.67
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	-0.72	0.24	0.76	0.21	0.25	0.66
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	4.30	0.85	1.48	0.83	3.75	5.24
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	3.32	2.46	-0.09	2.47	3.65	3.99
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	6.78	8.52	9.22	9.86	—	—



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

Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015

Data not available

Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)

Data not available

Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014

Diamonds (other than sorted industrial diamonds)	Medicaments, n.e.s.	Electronic integrated circuits
30	8	6
	Chemical products and preparations, excluding preparations of medicinal products	Telephone sets, including telephone
	6	6

Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014

Consumer goods	Raw materials	Capital goods	Intermediate goods
30	24	23	23

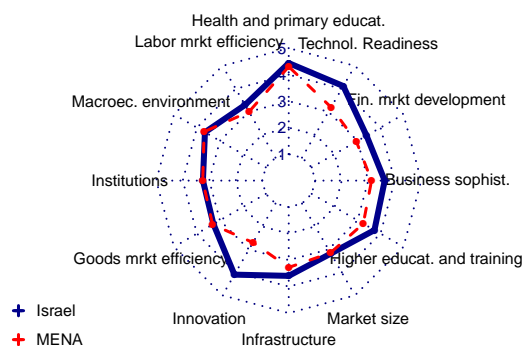
Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	91	96	-5
Ease of Doing Business Rank	50	53	-3
Enforcing Contracts	77	77	0
Getting Credit	36	42	-6
Getting Electricity	83	91	-8
Paying Taxes	95	103	-8
Protecting Minority Investors	8	8	0
Registering Property	128	127	1
Resolving Insolvency	27	29	-2
Starting a Business	51	56	-5
Trading Across Borders	56	58	-2

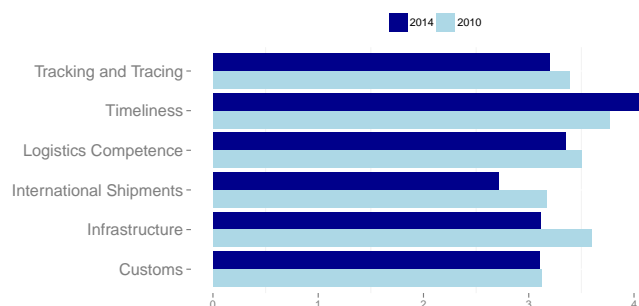
Source: Doing Business Report 2015

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



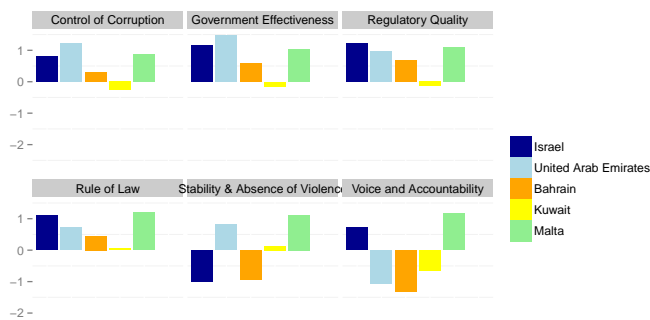
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

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

	2011	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	4.47	1.7
Binding (%)	73.91	73.7
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	11.75	12.7
Import duties collected (% 2011-2013) [1]	—	0.8
MFN Tariff (Agriculture)	12.62	13.4
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	3.34	3.0
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	4.44	4.4
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—	58.0

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

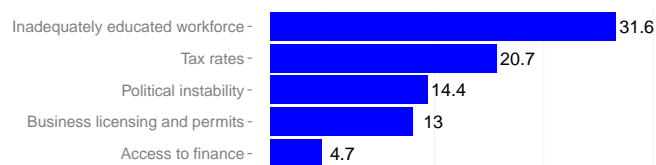
Private Sector's Views

Enterprise Survey 2013

	Middle East and North Africa	Israel	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	17.60	0.10	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	25.60	55.10	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	13.60	31.60	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	72.70	63.80	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	9.10	4.30	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