Comparing Business Regulation  
for Domestic Firms in 190 Economies: Equal Opportunity for All ?

The opportunity to find a job or ease of doing business can help people come out of poverty or prevent them from going in. To start a business or to end an unsuccessful one,

The data focuses on on regulation that affects small and medium-size enterprises, operating in the largest business city of an economy

The **distance to frontier** score helps assess the absolute level of regulatory performance over time. It measures the distance of each economy to the “frontier,” which represents the best performance observed on each of the **indicators** across all economies in the Doing **Business** sample since 2005.

An economy’s distance to frontier is reflected on a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 represents the lowest performance and 100 represents the frontier. For example, a score of 75 in DB 2016 means an economy was 25 percentage points away from the frontier constructed from the best performances across all economies and across time. A score of 80 in DB 2017 would indicate the economy is improving. In this way the distance to frontier measure complements the annual ease of doing business ranking, which compares economies with one another at a point in time.

Caveat: Note: The data for Dealing with Construction Permits, Getting Electricity, Registering Property, Getting Credit, Protecting Minority Investors, Trading across Borders, Enforcing Contracts and Resolving Insolvency are not comparable between Doing Business 2014 and Doing Business 2015 due to methodological changes. The data for Registering Property, Paying Taxes and Enforcing Contracts are not comparable between Doing Business 2015 and Doing Business 2016 due to methodological changes.[1]

DataSets: