



Statistics

**THE BEST COUNTRIES FOR BUSINESS
2009**

Rank	Economy	GDP Growth (%)	GDP / Capita (\$)	Trade Balance as % of GDP	Population (mil)	Federal Budget Balance as % of GDP
1	Denmark	0.3	38.900	-0.6	5.5	6.7
2	United States	1.4	48.000	-5.6	303.8	-3.1
3	Canada	0.7	40.200	1.9	33.2	0.2
4	Singapore	3.0	52.900	17.2	4.6	0.6
5	New Zealand	0.6	28.500	-1.3	4.2	0.4
6	United Kingdom	1.1	37.400	-7.8	60.9	-5.9
7	Sweden	0.9	39.600	5.2	9.0	3.3
8	Australia	2.5	39.300	-1.0	21.0	0.4
9	Hong Kong	2.8	45.300	-8.5	7.0	-0.7
10	Norway	2.8	57.500	31.6	4.6	32.5
11	Netherlands	2.1	41.300	7.6	16.6	1.4
12	Belgium	1.5	38.300	-0.6	10.4	-0.7
13	Finland	2.4	38.400	5.5	5.2	NA
14	Ireland	-0.7	47.800	18.5	4.2	-8.5
15	Switzerland	2.0	40.900	-12.9	7.6	1.7
16	Germany	1.7	34.800	11.5	82.4	1.2
17	Estonia	-1.5	21.900	-10.7	1.3	-0.6
18	Japan	0.7	35.300	1.8	127.3	-3.4
19	Portugal	0.9	22.000	-12.3	10.7	-2.5
20	France	0.9	32.700	-4.2	64.1	-4.1
21	Luxembourg	4.0	85.100	-17.7	0.5	0.4
22	Israel	4.2	28.900	-4.1	7.1	-0.8
23	Chile	4.0	15.400	3.9	16.5	3.5
24	Iceland	2.0	42.600	2.3	0.3	3.3
25	Malaysia	5.5	15.700	9.9	25.3	-2.7
26	Taiwan	1.7	33.000	2.5	22.9	-0.9

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27	Austria	2.1	39.600	-6.2	8.2	-1.4
28	Spain	1.3	34.100	-11.0	40.5	-3.0
29	South Korea	4.3	27.100	-0.1	48.4	0.7
30	Slovakia	7.0	22.600	-0.5	5.5	-1.7
31	Italy	0.0	31.000	0.0	58.1	-3.6
32	South Africa	3.7	10.400	-1.2	48.8	0.1
33	Bahrain	7.0	37.200	13.2	0.7	5.3
33	Jordan	4.5	5.000	-29.4	6.2	-5.9
35	Mauritius	5.8	12.400	-13.6	1.3	-2.4
36	Slovenia	4.5	30.800	-6.2	2.0	0.4
37	Qatar	11.8	101.000	45.0	0.8	14.7
38	Czech Republic	4.5	26.800	2.0	10.2	-1.6
39	Oman	6.2	20.400	30.5	3.3	5.4
40	Hungary	2.0	20.500	0.9	9.9	-2.9
41	Turkey	4.5	12.900	-6.8	71.9	-1.3
42	Lithuania	5.1	18.400	-10.3	3.6	-0.7
43	Poland	5.3	17.800	-3.4	38.5	-1.5
44	Saudi Arabia	6.0	21.300	37.0	28.1	9.8
45	Latvia	-0.4	18.500	-14.0	2.2	-1.2
46	United Arab Emirates	8.5	40.400	35.7	4.6	18.7
47	Romania	8.0	12.500	-11.6	22.2	-2.4
48	Botswana	5.2	15.800	4.1	1.8	1.5
49	Kuwait	8.1	60.800	43.6	2.6	31.5
50	Croatia	4.6	16.900	-22.6	4.5	-2.4
51	Macedonia	4.8	9.200	-11.9	2.1	-0.5
52	Greece	2.8	32.800	-15.6	10.7	-3.2
53	Trinidad and Tobago	5.8	28.400	21.7	1.2	6.5
54	Tunisia	4.7	8.000	-4.0	10.4	-1.7
55	Bulgaria	6.0	13.200	-14.1	7.3	2.1
56	Mexico	2.0	14.400	-0.8	110.0	0.0
57	Jamaica	0.8	7.700	-21.4	2.8	-3.1
58	Namibia	3.9	5.500	-5.0	2.1	-2.0
59	Thailand	4.8	8.700	2.8	65.5	-0.9
60	Colombia	3.8	9.000	0.5	45.0	-0.5
61	Ghana	6.3	1.500	-12.7	23.4	-4.3
62	Peru	9.0	8.500	1.7	29.2	1.4
63	China	9.8	6.100	4.0	1.330.0	0.2
64	Georgia	6.7	5.000	-19.8	4.6	-1.8

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65	Brazil	5.2	10.300	1.2	196.3	NA
66	Uruguay	8.5	12.300	-2.2	3.5	-0.8
67	Senegal	4.8	1.800	-12.0	12.9	-2.9
68	Costa Rica	3.4	11.900	-10.8	4.2	0.1
69	Mongolia	9.9	3.300	-1.7	3.0	NA
70	Morocco	5.3	4.000	-13.3	34.3	-1.7
71	Kazakhstan	5.0	12.000	15.8	15.3	-1.6
72	El Salvador	4.4	6.400	-9.2	7.1	-0.7
73	Panama	8.3	11.900	-12.2	3.3	0.2
74	Montenegro	7.5	10.600	-6.0	0.7	NA
75	India	7.3	2.900	-3.4	1.148.0	-1.6
76	Dominican Republic	5.5	8.800	-10.6	9.5	-1.3
77	Albania	6.0	6.400	-14.9	3.6	-3.3
78	Burkina Faso	5.1	1.300	-4.4	15.3	-2.8
79	Indonesia	5.9	3.900	2.9	237.5	-0.7
80	Mali	4.0	1.200	NA	12.3	NA
81	Madagascar	7.0	1.100	-5.7	20.0	-1.7
82	Serbia	5.6	8.200	-11.5	10.2	NA
83	Sri Lanka	5.4	4.400	-3.7	21.1	-2.9
84	Philippines	4.5	3.400	-3.8	96.1	-0.4
85	Zambia	6.2	1.500	6.8	11.7	-1.8
86	Egypt	7.0	5.500	-5.1	81.7	-2.4
87	Azerbaijan	15.6	9.500	39.5	8.2	-1.5
88	Argentina	6.6	14.500	2.2	40.5	1.0
89	Benin	5.0	1.500	-4.4	8.5	-2.2
90	Kyrgyzstan	6.0	2.200	-15.4	5.4	-0.2
91	Ecuador	3.4	7.700	2.6	13.9	1.5
92	Guatemala	3.9	5.400	-10.5	13.0	-1.0
93	Kenya	4.1	1.800	-7.2	38.0	-2.4
94	Armenia	9.4	6.600	-11.8	3.0	-1.3
95	Moldova	5.7	2.500	-29.8	4.3	-0.1
96	Mozambique	6.9	900	-3.0	21.3	-1.6
97	Nigeria	6.2	2.200	11.2	146.3	-0.3
97	Ukraine	5.3	7.800	-4.9	46.0	-1.0
99	Paraguay	4.7	4.300	-1.5	6.8	0.3
100	Uganda	6.4	1.100	-4.5	31.4	-1.0
101	<u>Pakistan</u>	4.7	2.600	-3.2	172.8	-2.2
102	<u>Mauritania</u>	4.0	1.900	NA	3.4	NA
103	<u>Russia</u>	6.0	15.800	7.8	140.7	4.9

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104	Honduras	2.3	3.700	-13.9	7.6	-1.9
104	Tanzania	7.1	1.400	-6.1	40.2	-0.8
106	Bangladesh	5.9	1.500	-2.7	153.5	-1.6
107	Suriname	5.4	8.900	2.2	0.5	NA
108	Malawi	7.0	800	-2.9	13.9	-0.9
109	Lesotho	5.9	1.600	-8.2	2.1	NA
110	Nepal	4.0	1.000	-5.1	29.5	NA
111	Algeria	3.4	7.100	15.9	33.8	9.2
112	Cambodia	7.0	2.100	-6.2	14.2	-0.7
113	Vietnam	6.3	2.900	-6.3	86.1	-0.7
114	Cote d'Ivoire	2.5	1.700	11.9	20.2	-1.1
115	Guyana	4.8	4.000	-12.4	0.8	NA
116	Syria	2.4	4.900	-1.2	19.7	-3.0
117	Ethiopia	8.5	800	-7.5	82.5	-1.8
117	Venezuela	5.7	14.000	13.6	26.4	1.5
119	Bosnia and Herzegovina	5.5	6.600	-22.5	4.6	-1.2
120	Nicaragua	2.0	3.000	-12.1	5.8	-1.9
121	Cameroon	4.0	2.400	2.0	18.5	2.4
122	Gambia	4.5	1.200	-9.3	1.7	NA
123	Tajikistan	4.5	1.800	-16.3	7.2	NA
124	Bolivia	4.8	4.700	3.7	9.2	1.6
125	Chad	1.7	1.600	24.9	10.1	0.1
126	Burundi	6.0	400	-8.1	8.7	NA
127	Zimbabwe	-6.2	200	-23.2	11.4	NA

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