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Country	Economic Freedom		Trade Freedom		Competitiveness	Technology	Days to Start	Corruption	Personal
	2004	2004-1997	2004	2004-1997	Rank	Rank	a Business	Index	Freedom Index
Albania	3.10	-0.49	4	1	na	na	47	7.5	3.0
Algeria	3.31	-0.32	5	0	74	96	26	7.4	5.5
Angola	na	na	na	na	100	98	146	8.2	5.5
Argentina	3.48	0.73	4	0	78	45	32	7.5	2.0
Armenia	2.63	-0.87	2	0	na	na	25	7.0	4.0
Australia	1.88	-0.31	2	0	10	19	2	1.2	1.0
Austria	2.08	0.06	2	-1	17	27	29	2.0	1.0
Azerbaijan	3.39	-1.19	3	-2	na	na	123	8.2	5.5
Bahamas	2.25	0.20	5	0	na	na	na	na	1.0
Bahrain	2.08	0.28	3	1	na	na	na	3.9	5.0
Bangladesh	3.70	-0.06	5	0	98	95	35	8.7	4.0
Barbados	2.41	-0.52	4	0	na	na	na	na	1.0
Belarus	4.09	0.14	4	-1	na	na	79	5.8	6.0
Belgium	2.19	0.17	2	0	27	29	34	2.4	1.0
Belize	2.69	-0.02	4	-1	na	na	na	5.5	1.5
Benin	3.44	0.00	4	0	na	na	32	na	2.0
Bolivia	2.59	0.03	3	1	85	88	59	7.7	3.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.30	na	3	na	na	na	54	6.7	4.0
Botswana	2.55	-0.20	3	-2	36	59	108	4.3	2.0
Brazil	3.10	-0.18	4	0	54	35	155	6.1	2.5
Bulgaria	3.08	-0.45	4	1	64	63	32	6.1	1.5
Burkina Faso	3.28	-0.53	4	-1	na	na	135	na	4.0
Burundi	na	na	na	na	na	na	43	na	5.0
Cambodia	2.90	-0.78	4	-1	na	na	94	na	5.5
Cameroon	3.63	-0.32	5	0	91	93	37	8.2	6.0
Canada	1.98	-0.10	2	0	16	11	3	1.3	1.0
Cape Verde	2.86	-0.94	5	0	na	na	na	na	na
Central African Republic	3.38	na	5	na	na	na	14	na	6.0
Chad	3.54	-0.70	5	0	101	102	75	na	5.5
Chile	1.91	-0.35	2	0	28	31	28	2.6	1.0
China, PRC	3.64	-0.09	5	0	44	65	41	6.6	6.5
Colombia	3.13	-0.10	4	0	63	60	43	6.3	4.0
Congo, Dem. Rep.	na	na	na	na	na	na	188	na	6.0
Congo, Rep.	3.90	-0.43	5	1	na	na	67	7.8	4.5
Costa Rica	2.71	-0.32	3	-1	51	46	77	5.7	1.5
Cote d'Ivoire	3.18	-0.62	4	-1	na	na	58	7.9	5.5
Croatia	3.11	-0.45	4	1	53	41	49	6.3	2.0
Cuba	4.08	-0.82	3	-2	na	na	na	5.4	7.0
Cyprus	1.95	-0.68	2	-1	na	na	na	3.9	1.0
Czech Republic	2.39	0.10	3	2	39	21	40	6.1	1.5
Denmark	1.80	-0.18	2	0	4	8	4	0.5	1.0
Djibouti	3.23	0.06	5	1	na	na	na	na	na
Dominican Republic	3.51	0.27	5	0	62	52	78	6.7	2.5
Ecuador	3.60	0.39	4	1	86	76	92	7.8	3.0
Egypt	3.28	-0.21	4	-1	58	68	43	6.7	6.0
El Salvador	2.24	-0.36	2	-1	48	67	115	6.3	2.5
Equatorial Guinea	3.69	na	5	na	na	na	na	na	na
Estonia	1.76	-0.70	1	-1	22	10	72	4.5	1.5
Ethiopia	3.33	-0.47	4	0	92	100	32	7.5	5.0
Fiji	3.06	-0.17	4	-1	na	na	na	na	3.5
Finland	1.95	-0.23	2	0	1	2	14	0.3	1.0
France	2.63	0.31	2	0	26	28	8	3.1	1.0
Gabon	3.43	0.12	5	0	na	na	na	na	4.5
Gambia	3.54	-0.01	4	0	55	80	na	7.5	4.0
Georgia	3.19	-0.69	4	1	na	na	25	8.2	4.0
Germany	2.03	-0.22	2	0	13	14	45	2.3	1.0
Ghana	3.40	-0.13	4	-1	71	86	85	6.7	2.0

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Greece	2.80	-0.01	2	0	25	30	38	5.7	1.5
Guatemala	3.16	0.27	3	0	89	79	39	7.6	4.0
Guinea	3.24	-0.15	5	0	na	na	49	na	5.0
Guinea Bissau	3.90	na	5	na	na	na	na	na	na
Guyana	3.13	-0.22	4	0	na	na	na	na	na
Haiti	3.78	-0.57	4	0	102	101	203	8.5	6.0
Honduras	3.53	-0.05	3	-1	94	87	62	7.7	3.0
Hong Kong	1.34	-0.20	1	0	24	37	11	2.0	4.0
Hungary	2.60	-0.44	3	-1	33	32	52	5.2	1.5
Iceland	2.00	-0.30	2	0	8	15	na	0.4	1.0
India	3.53	-0.35	5	0	56	64	89	7.2	2.5
Indonesia	3.76	0.71	3	1	72	78	151	8.1	3.5
Iran	4.26	-0.54	2	-3	na	na	48	7.0	6.0
Iraq	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	7.8	6.0
Ireland	1.74	-0.40	2	0	30	38	24	2.5	1.0
Israel	2.36	-0.28	2	0	20	9	34	3.0	2.0
Italy	2.26	-0.15	2	-1	41	44	13	4.7	1.0
Jamaica	2.81	-0.05	4	2	67	53	31	6.2	2.5
Japan	2.53	0.37	2	0	11	5	31	3.0	1.5
Jordan	2.73	-0.12	4	0	34	48	36	5.4	5.0
Kazakhstan	3.70	na	4	na	na	na	25	7.6	5.5
Kenya	3.26	0.00	5	1	83	75	47	8.1	3.0
Korea, North	5.00	0.05	5	0	na	na	na	na	na
Korea, South	2.69	0.38	4	1	18	6	22	5.7	2.0
Kuwait	2.70	0.31	2	0	na	na	35	4.7	4.5
Kyrgyzstan	3.36	na	4	na	na	na	21	7.9	5.5
Lao PDR	4.45	-0.25	5	0	na	na	198	na	6.5
Latvia	2.36	-0.55	2	-2	37	26	18	6.2	1.5
Lebanon	3.13	0.36	4	2	na	na	46	7.0	5.5
Lesotho	3.50	-0.20	4	0	na	na	92	na	2.5
Libya	4.55	-0.40	5	0	na	na	na	7.9	7.0
Liechtenstein	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1.0
Lithuania	2.19	-0.86	2	0	40	36	26	5.3	1.5
Luxembourg	1.71	-0.25	2	0	21	42	na	1.3	1.0
Macedonia, FYR	3.04	na	4	na	81	70	48	7.7	3.0
Madagascar	3.14	-0.30	3	-1	96	97	44	7.4	3.0
Malawi	3.46	-0.40	3	-2	76	94	35	7.2	3.5
Malaysia	3.16	0.31	3	-2	29	20	30	4.8	4.5
Mali	3.34	-0.16	3	0	99	99	42	7.0	2.0
Malta	2.51	-0.74	4	0	19	17	na	na	1.0
Mauritania	2.94	-1.09	3	-2	na	na	82	na	5.5
Mauritius	2.99	na	5	na	46	49	na	5.6	1.5
Mexico	2.90	-0.45	2	-1	47	43	58	6.4	2.0
Moldova	3.09	-0.56	2	-1	na	na	30	7.6	3.5
Mongolia	2.90	-0.33	2	-1	na	na	20	na	2.0
Morocco	2.93	-0.07	5	1	61	71	11	6.7	5.0
Mozambique	3.28	-0.87	4	1	93	92	153	7.3	3.5
Myanmar	4.45	0.08	5	0	na	na	na	8.4	7.0
Namibia	2.96	0.16	4	0	52	62	85	5.3	2.5
Nepal	3.53	-0.36	5	1	na	na	21	na	4.5
Netherlands	2.04	0.17	2	0	12	18	11	1.1	1.0
New Zealand	1.70	-0.05	2	0	14	23	12	0.5	1.0
Nicaragua	2.94	-0.86	2	-3	90	85	45	7.4	3.0
Niger	3.43	-0.76	4	-1	na	na	27	na	4.0
Nigeria	3.95	0.53	5	0	87	82	44	8.6	4.0
Norway	2.35	-0.04	2	-1	9	13	23	1.2	1.0
Oman	2.80	0.01	3	0	na	na	34	3.7	5.5

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Pakistan	3.40	0.11	5	0	73	83	24	7.5	5.5
Panama	2.83	0.29	3	-1	59	50	19	6.6	1.5
Papua New Guinea	na	na	na	na	na	na	56	7.9	3.0
Paraguay	3.39	0.48	3	1	95	91	74	8.4	3.0
Peru	2.83	-0.20	4	1	57	61	98	6.3	2.5
Philippines	3.05	-0.01	2	-3	66	56	50	7.5	2.5
Poland	2.81	-0.28	3	-1	45	34	31	6.4	1.5
Portugal	2.38	-0.03	2	0	25	22	78	3.4	1.0
Qatar	2.86	na	3	na	na	na	na	4.4	6.0
Romania	3.66	0.36	4	2	75	55	28	7.2	2.0
Russia	3.46	-0.37	3	-2	70	69	36	7.3	5.0
Rwanda	3.36	-1.24	3	-2	na	na	21	na	5.5
Samoa		-2.79		-3	na	na	na	na	na
Saudi Arabia	3.05	0.10	4	0	na	na	64	5.5	7.0
Senegal	3.00	-0.64	3	-2	79	89	57	6.8	2.5
Serbia and Montenegro	na	na	na	na	77	66	51	7.7	2.5
Sierra Leone	3.73	-0.06	5	1	na	na	26	7.8	3.5
Singapore	1.61	-0.06	1	0	6	12	8	0.6	4.5
Slovak Republic	2.44	-0.74	3	1	43	33	52	6.3	1.5
Slovenia	2.75	-0.70	3	-1	31	24	61	4.1	1.0
Somalia	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
South Africa	2.79	-0.20	4	-1	42	40	38	5.6	1.5
Spain	2.31	-0.19	2	0	23	25	108	3.1	1.0
Sri Lanka	3.06	0.45	3	0	68	72	50	6.6	3.0
Sudan	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	7.7	7.0
Suriname	3.96	-0.04	5	0	na	na	na	na	na
Swaziland	3.18	-0.13	4	0	na	na	na	na	na
Sweden	1.90	-0.35	2	0	3	4	16	0.7	1.0
Switzerland	1.84	-0.07	2	0	7	7	20	1.2	1.0
Syria	3.88	-0.26	4	-1	na	na	47	6.6	7.0
Taiwan	2.43	0.22	2	0	5	3	48	4.3	2.0
Tajikistan	4.15	na	3	na	na	na	na	8.2	5.5
Tanzania	3.29	-0.17	5	2	69	81	35	7.5	3.5
Thailand	2.86	0.29	4	1	32	39	33	6.7	2.5
Togo	3.73	na	3	na	na	na	53	na	5.5
Trinidad and Tobago	2.45	-0.23	2	-3	49	47	na	5.4	3.0
Tunisia	2.94	0.05	5	0	38	57	14	5.1	5.5
Turkey	3.39	0.69	3	2	65	54	9	6.9	3.5
Turkmenistan	4.31	na	5	na	na	na	na	na	na
Uganda	2.70	-0.05	3	-1	80	77	36	7.8	4.5
Ukraine	3.49	-0.34	3	-1	84	84	34	7.7	4.0
United Arab Emirates	2.60	0.25	2	0	na	na	54	4.8	6.0
United Kingdom	1.79	-0.16	2	0	15	16	18	1.3	1.0
United States	1.85	-0.02	2	0	2	1	5	2.5	1.0
Uruguay	2.55	-0.05	2	0	50	51	45	4.5	1.0
Uzbekistan	4.29	na	5	na	na	na	35	7.6	6.5
Venezuela	4.18	0.61	4	0	82	58	116	7.6	3.5
Vietnam	3.93	-0.53	5	0	60	73	56	7.6	6.5
Yemen	3.70	-0.25	3	-2	na	na	63	7.4	5.0
Zambia	3.50	0.63	4	2	88	90	35	7.5	4.0
Zimbabwe	4.54	0.85	5	0	97	75	96	7.7	6.0

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