

## 1.06 Judicial independence

In your country, how independent is the judicial system from influences of the government, individuals, or companies? [1 = not independent at all; 7 = entirely independent]

| Rank / 138 | Country / Economy    | Score | Trend | Distance from best | Rank / 138 | Country / Economy      | Score | Trend | Distance from best |
|------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|------------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| 1          | Finland              | 6.7   | ↔     | ■                  | 70         | Romania                | 3.9   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 2          | New Zealand          | 6.7   | ↔     | ■                  | 71         | Tanzania               | 3.9   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 3          | Norway               | 6.6   | ↔     | ■                  | 72         | Korea, Rep.            | 3.9   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 4          | Switzerland          | 6.5   | ↔     | ■                  | 73         | Ethiopia               | 3.8   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 5          | Sweden               | 6.5   | ↔     | ■                  | 74         | Italy                  | 3.8   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 6          | Ireland              | 6.4   | ↔     | ■                  | 75         | Tunisia                | 3.8   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 7          | Netherlands          | 6.4   | ↔     | ■                  | 76         | Nigeria                | 3.8   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 8          | Hong Kong SAR        | 6.3   | ↔     | ■                  | 77         | Lao PDR                | 3.8   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 9          | United Kingdom       | 6.3   | ↔     | ■                  | 78         | Liberia                | 3.8   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 10         | Australia            | 6.2   | ↔     | ■                  | 79         | Brazil                 | 3.8   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 11         | Luxembourg           | 6.2   | ↔     | ■                  | 80         | Philippines            | 3.8   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 12         | Denmark              | 6.2   | ↔     | ■                  | 81         | Poland                 | 3.8   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 13         | Canada               | 6.1   | ↔     | ■                  | 82         | Slovenia               | 3.7   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 14         | Israel               | 6.1   | ↔     | ■                  | 83         | Morocco                | 3.7   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 15         | Japan                | 6.1   | ↔     | ■                  | 84         | Mali                   | 3.7   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 16         | South Africa         | 5.8   | ↔     | ■                  | 85         | Azerbaijan             | 3.7   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 17         | Belgium              | 5.7   | ↔     | ■                  | 86         | Senegal                | 3.6   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 18         | Estonia              | 5.7   | ↔     | ■                  | 87         | Côte d'Ivoire          | 3.6   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 19         | United Arab Emirates | 5.7   | ↔     | ■                  | 88         | Pakistan               | 3.6   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 20         | Iceland              | 5.7   | ↔     | ■                  | 89         | Uganda                 | 3.6   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 21         | Uruguay              | 5.6   | ↔     | ■                  | 90         | Montenegro             | 3.6   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 22         | Qatar                | 5.6   | ↔     | ■                  | 91         | Iran, Islamic Rep.     | 3.5   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 23         | Singapore            | 5.6   | ↔     | ■                  | 92         | Vietnam                | 3.5   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 24         | Germany              | 5.6   | ↔     | ■                  | 93         | Gambia, The            | 3.5   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 25         | Rwanda               | 5.5   | ↔     | ■                  | 94         | Algeria                | 3.4   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 26         | Austria              | 5.4   | ↔     | ■                  | 95         | Russian Federation     | 3.4   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 27         | Saudi Arabia         | 5.3   | ↔     | ■                  | 96         | Benin                  | 3.4   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 28         | France               | 5.3   | ↔     | ■                  | 97         | Guatemala              | 3.3   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 29         | United States        | 5.3   | ↔     | ■                  | 98         | Kyrgyz Republic        | 3.3   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 30         | Namibia              | 5.2   | ↔     | ■                  | 99         | El Salvador            | 3.2   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 31         | Costa Rica           | 5.2   | ↔     | ■                  | 100        | Mongolia               | 3.2   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 32         | Bahrain              | 5.1   | ↔     | ■                  | 101        | Armenia                | 3.2   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 33         | Mauritius            | 5.0   | ↔     | ■                  | 102        | Hungary                | 3.1   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 34         | Jordan               | 4.9   | ↔     | ■                  | 103        | Peru                   | 3.1   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 35         | Jamaica              | 4.9   | ↔     | ■                  | 104        | Croatia                | 3.1   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 36         | Barbados             | 4.9   | ↔     | ■                  | 105        | Mexico                 | 3.1   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 37         | Chile                | 4.8   | ↔     | ■                  | 106        | Macedonia, FYR         | 3.1   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 38         | Bhutan               | 4.8   | ↔     | ■                  | 107        | Turkey                 | 3.1   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 39         | Kuwait               | 4.7   | ↔     | ■                  | 108        | Gabon                  | 3.1   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 40         | Portugal             | 4.7   | ↔     | ■                  | 109        | Lebanon                | 3.0   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 41         | Botswana             | 4.7   | ↔     | ■                  | 110        | Bulgaria               | 3.0   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 42         | Cyprus               | 4.7   | ↔     | ■                  | 111        | Cameroon               | 3.0   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 43         | Oman                 | 4.7   | ↔     | ■                  | 112        | Mozambique             | 2.9   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 44         | Malta                | 4.6   | ↔     | ■                  | 113        | Colombia               | 2.9   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 45         | Malaysia             | 4.6   | ↔     | ■                  | 114        | Honduras               | 2.9   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 46         | Ghana                | 4.6   | ↔     | ■                  | 115        | Zimbabwe               | 2.9   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 47         | Egypt                | 4.5   | ↔     | ■                  | 116        | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 2.9   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 48         | Lesotho              | 4.5   | ↔     | ■                  | 117        | Bangladesh             | 2.9   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 49         | Tajikistan           | 4.4   | ↔     | ■                  | 118        | Panama                 | 2.9   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 50         | Czech Republic       | 4.4   | ↔     | ■                  | 119        | Mauritania             | 2.8   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 51         | Sri Lanka            | 4.4   | ↔     | ■                  | 120        | Slovak Republic        | 2.8   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 52         | Taiwan, China        | 4.4   | ↔     | ■                  | 121        | Argentina              | 2.8   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 53         | Cape Verde           | 4.3   | ↔     | ■                  | 122        | Serbia                 | 2.8   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 54         | India                | 4.3   | ↔     | ■                  | 123        | Cambodia               | 2.8   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 55         | Trinidad and Tobago  | 4.2   | ↔     | ■                  | 124        | Sierra Leone           | 2.7   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 56         | China                | 4.2   | ↔     | ■                  | 125        | Albania                | 2.6   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 57         | Malawi               | 4.1   | ↔     | ■                  | 126        | Madagascar             | 2.5   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 58         | Lithuania            | 4.1   | ↔     | ■                  | 127        | Dominican Republic     | 2.5   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 59         | Nepal                | 4.1   | ↔     | ■                  | 128        | Yemen                  | 2.3   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 60         | Indonesia            | 4.1   | ↔     | ■                  | 129        | Ukraine                | 2.3   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 61         | Brunei Darussalam    | 4.1   | ↔     | ■                  | 130        | Chad                   | 2.2   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 62         | Kenya                | 4.0   | ↔     | ■                  | 131        | Congo, Democratic Rep. | 2.2   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 63         | Georgia              | 4.0   | ↔     | ■                  | 132        | Paraguay               | 2.2   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 64         | Thailand             | 4.0   | ↔     | ■                  | 133        | Moldova                | 2.0   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 65         | Spain                | 4.0   | ↔     | ■                  | 134        | Ecuador                | 1.9   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 66         | Latvia               | 4.0   | ↔     | ■                  | 135        | Burundi                | 1.7   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 67         | Zambia               | 4.0   | ↔     | ■                  | 136        | Nicaragua              | 1.7   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 68         | Kazakhstan           | 3.9   | ↔     | ■                  | 137        | Bolivia                | 1.6   | ↔     | ■                  |
| 69         | Greece               | 3.9   | ↔     | ■                  | 138        | Venezuela              | 1.1   | ↔     | ■                  |

Source: World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey. For more details, refer to Chapter 1.3 of [i]The Global Competitiveness Report 2016–2017[i]