

Country Snapshot

The Economic Department



Bahrain

General Information

Capital:	Manama	Global Competitiveness Index Ranking (Out of 141):	45
Population (m):	2	Corruption Perceptions Index Ranking: (Out of 180):	42
Local Currency:	Bahraini dinar	Ease of Doing Business Ranking (Out of 190):	43
Exchange Rate (LCU:US\$):	0.4	Economic Freedom Ranking (Out of 180):	63
Head of State: King – Sheikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa		Enabling Trade Ranking (Out of 136):	42
Prime Minister – Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa			

Recent Economic Indicators	2016	2017	2018	2019
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY)	3.5	3.8	2.0	1.8
GDP (Bn\$) (market prices)	32	35	38	38
GDP per capita (\$) (PPP)	47,225	48,965	50,049	50,931
Export of Goods & Services (Bn\$)	24	27	30	30
Import of Goods & Services (Bn\$)	21	24	27	25
Unemployment Rate (% yearly)	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.0
Inflation (Av)	2.3	1.4	1.9	1.7

Principal Export Destinations

UAE 19.6%, Saudi Arabia 11.7%, US 10.8%, Oman 8.1%, China 6.5%, Qatar 5.7%, Japan 4.2%

Principal Import Destinations

China 8.8%, UAE 7.2%, US 7.1%, Australia 5.3%, Japan 4.8%

Principal Export Commodities

petroleum and petroleum products, aluminum, textiles

Principal Import Commodities

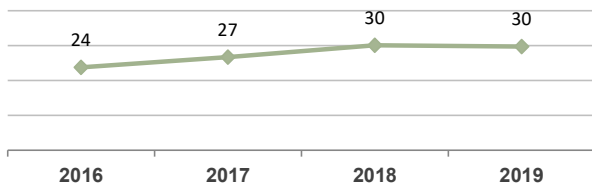
crude oil, machinery, chemicals

The most problematic factors for exporting to Bahrain *

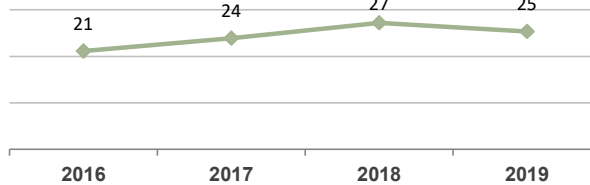
- 1 Burdensome import procedures
- 2 High cost or delays caused by international transportation
- 3 Domestic technical requirements and standards
- 4 Tariffs and non-tariff barriers
- 5 Inappropriate telecommunications infrastructure

Goods Trade Relations with Bahrain

world's import from Bahrain



world's export to Bahrain



The Main Sectors of Goods Trade

Sector	Export			Sector	Import		
	B\$	% Share	% Change		B\$	% Share	% Change
Fuels	6.9	48%	24%	Fuels	6.1	30%	35%
Aluminium and articles	2.1	14%	2%	Machinery, Mechanic equipment	2.0	10%	23%
Ores, slag and ash	1.0	7%	15%	Machinery, Electrical equipment	1.5	8%	6%
Iron and steel	0.7	5%	83%	Vehicles	1.4	7%	2%
Vehicles	0.4	3%	-18%	Inorganic chemicals	1.0	5%	80%

* World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey

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