

Country Snapshot

The Economic Department



Bahrain

General Information

Capital:	Manama	Global Competitiveness Index Ranking (Out of 140):	50
Population (m):	1	Corruption Perceptions Index Ranking: (Out of 180):	103
Local Currency:	Bahraini dinar	Ease of Doing Business Ranking (Out of 190):	62
Exchange Rate (LCU:US\$):	0.4	Economic Freedom Ranking (Out of 180):	50
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	3.2	2.6
GDP (Bn\$) (market prices)	32	35	39	42
GDP per capita (\$) (PPP)	47,279	49,006	50,751	52,129
Export of Goods (Bn\$)	13	15	19	19
Import of Goods (Bn\$)	14	16	18	18
Unemployment Rate (% yearly)	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.8
Inflation (Av)	2	1	3	4

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

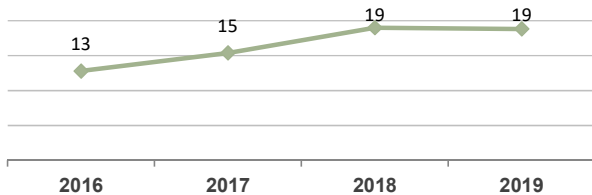
crude oil, machinery, chemicals

The most problematic factors for exporting to Bahrain *

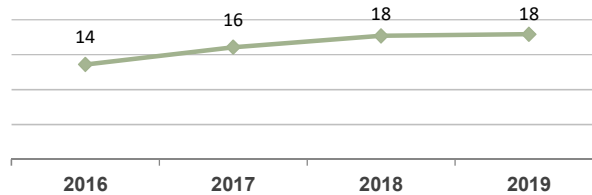
- 1 Burdensome import procedures
- 2 High cost or delays caused by international transportation
- 3 Domestic technical requirements and standards
- 4 Tariffs and non-tariff barriers
- 5 Inappropriate telecommunications infrastructure

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
Fuel	6.3	48%	-22%	Fuel	3.4	24%	-20%
Aluminium and articles	1.8	14%	-17%	Vehicles	1.7	12%	-19%
Ores, slag and ash	0.8	6%	96%	Machinery, Mechanic equipment	1.2	8%	-5%
Machinery, Mechanic equipment	0.6	5%	-41%	Machinery, Electrical equipment	1.0	7%	3%
Iron & steel	0.3	3%	3%	Ships and floating structures	0.5	4%	91%

* World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey

** Excluding Diamonds

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