

# Country Snapshot

The Economic Department



## Qatar

### General Information

Capital:	Doha	Global Competitiveness Index Ranking (Out of 140):	30
Population (m):	3	Corruption Perceptions Index Ranking: (Out of 180):	29
Local Currency:	Qatari riyal	Ease of Doing Business Ranking (Out of 190):	83
Exchange Rate (LCU:US\$) :	3.6	Economic Freedom Ranking (Out of 180):	29
Head of State: Emir – Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani		Enabling Trade Ranking (Out of 136):	43
Prime Minister – Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani			

Recent Economic Indicators	2016	2017	2018	2019
Real GDP Growth (% change YOY)	2.1	1.6	2.7	2.8
GDP (Bn\$) (market prices)	152	167	188	204
GDP per capita (\$) (PPP)	125,308	124,121	128,487	133,254
Export of Goods (Bn\$)	57	67	84	74
Import of Goods (Bn\$)	32	31	32	34
Unemployment Rate (% yearly)	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5

### Principal Export Destinations

Japan 17.3%, South Korea 16%, India 12.6%, China 11.2%, Singapore 8.2%, UAE 6.4%

### Principal Export Commodities

liquefied natural gas (LNG), petroleum products, fertilizers, steel

### Principal Import Destinations

China 10.9%, US 8.9%, UAE 8.5%, Germany 8.1%, UK 5.5%, India 5.4%, Japan 5.3%, Italy 4.3%

### Principal Import Commodities

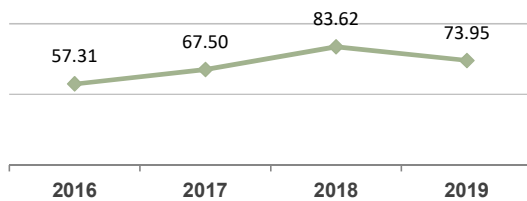
machinery and transport equipment, food, chemicals

### The most problematic factors for exporting to Qatar \*

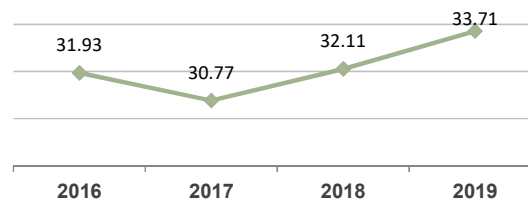
- 1 Burdensome import procedures
- 2 High cost or delays caused by international transportation
- 3 Domestic technical requirements and standards
- 4 High cost or delays caused by domestic transportation
- 5 Tariffs and non-tariff barriers

### Goods Trade Relations with Qatar \*\*

world's import from Qatar



world's export to Qatar



### The Main Sectors of Goods Trade \*\*

Sector	Export			Sector	Import		
	M\$	% Share	% Change		M\$	% Share	% Change
Fuel	47	82%	-28%	Machinery, Mechanic equipment	5	17%	6%
Plastics and articles	3	5%	1%	Vehicles	4	12%	-15%
Fertilizers	1	2%	-30%	Machinery, Electrical equipment	3	10%	-5%
Aluminium and articles	1	2%	-36%	Aircraft	2	6%	0%
Organic chemicals	1	2%	-36%	Iron / steel articles	2	5%	-15%

\* World Economic Forum, Executive Opinion Survey

\*\* Excluding Diamonds

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