

Gambia - Country Brief

Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) 2025

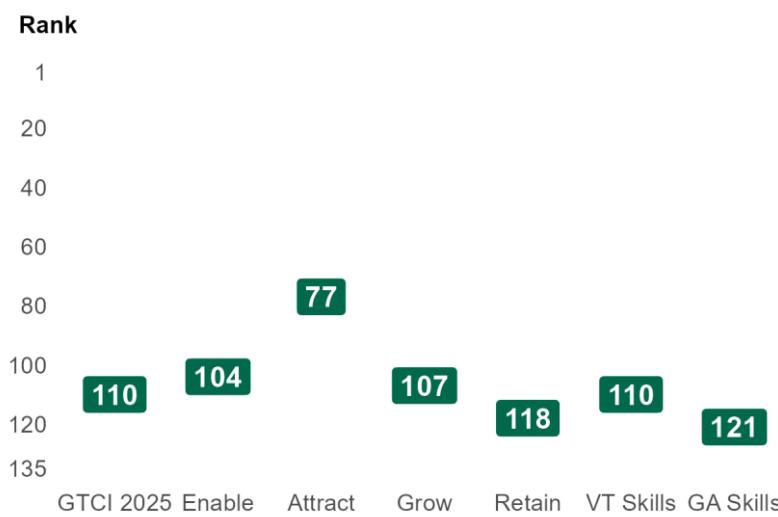


Total population:	2.76 million
GDP:	US\$ 2.345 billion
GDP (PPP) per capita:	US\$ 3,321
	(122 out of 135 countries)
Country income level:	Low income
GTCI 2025 ranking:	110 (out of 135)

Global GTCI position

In GTCI 2025, Gambia is ranked 110th out of a sample of 135 countries (Figure 1). When it comes to sub-pillars, the strongest showings of Gambia relate to Formal Education, Internal Openness and External Openness, among others. Still, more could be done to improve the economy's performances in the Lifelong Learning, Access to Growth Opportunities and High-level Skills sub-pillars.

Figure 1: Gambia global ranking (GTCI sample of 135 countries)



Note: VT Skills = Vocational and Technical Skills; GA Skills = Generalist Adaptive Skills.

Comparison with different groups of countries

Gambia is situated in Sub-Saharan Africa and is classified as Low income. Within its region, the country is ranked 11th out of 31 countries (Table 1).

Gambia is ranked 3rd within the group of Low income countries (implying that 77 percent of countries rank lower).

Table 1: Gambia performance vs. income groups and regions

Comparison group	Top 3 scorers of the group	Score GAP: Gambia score minus group highest score	Share of countries in the group ranked below Gambia
Region			
Central and Southern Asia	Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan	-11.9	20%
Eastern, Southeastern Asia and Oceania	Singapore, Australia, New Zealand	-41.8	12%
Europe	Switzerland, Denmark, Finland	-41.7	0%
Latin America and the Caribbean	Chile, Uruguay, Costa Rica	-21.2	0%
Northern Africa and Western Asia	Israel, United Arab Emirates, Cyprus	-28.7	5%
Northern America	United States of America, Canada	-37.9	0%
Sub-Saharan Africa	Mauritius, Seychelles, South Africa	-18.2	65%
Income group			
High income	Singapore, Switzerland, Denmark	-41.8	0%
Upper-middle income	Georgia, Malaysia, Mauritius	-19.5	0%
Lower-middle income	Uzbekistan, Jordan, Philippines	-11.9	43%
Low income	Rwanda, Malawi, Gambia	-2.5	77%

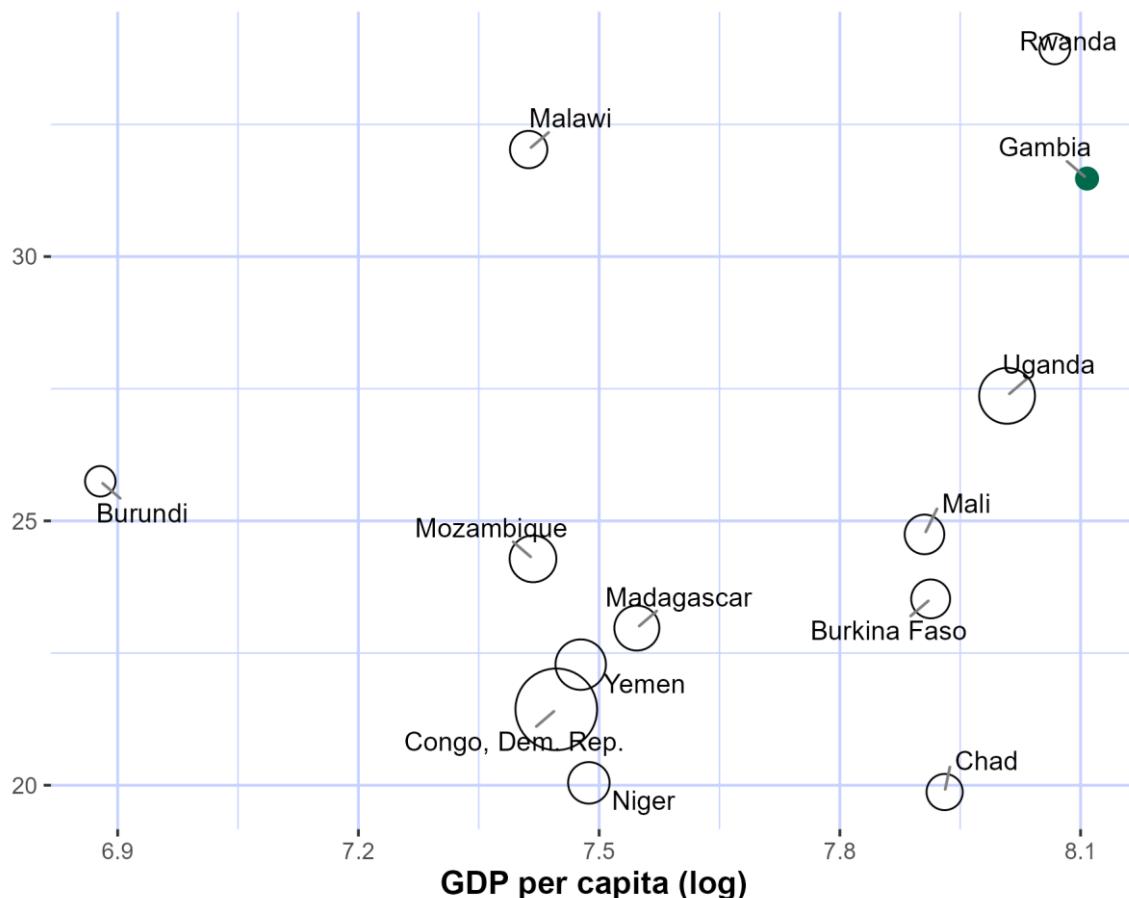
Comparison with group of competitors

Gambia's group of competitors is defined as low-income countries located in Sub-Saharan Africa and Western Asia. It comprises a group of 13 economies. Figure 2 plots how Gambia fares against each competitor in terms of GTCI score and GDP per capita.

As can be seen, Gambia's GTCI score and GDP per capita are both greater than the corresponding medians of its group of competitors. Thus, the country's talent competitiveness is in line with what would be expected given its income level.

Figure 2: GTCI score and GDP per capita (log) of Gambia and its identified competitors

GTCI score



Note: Bubble size indicates country population.

Performance against its income group and region

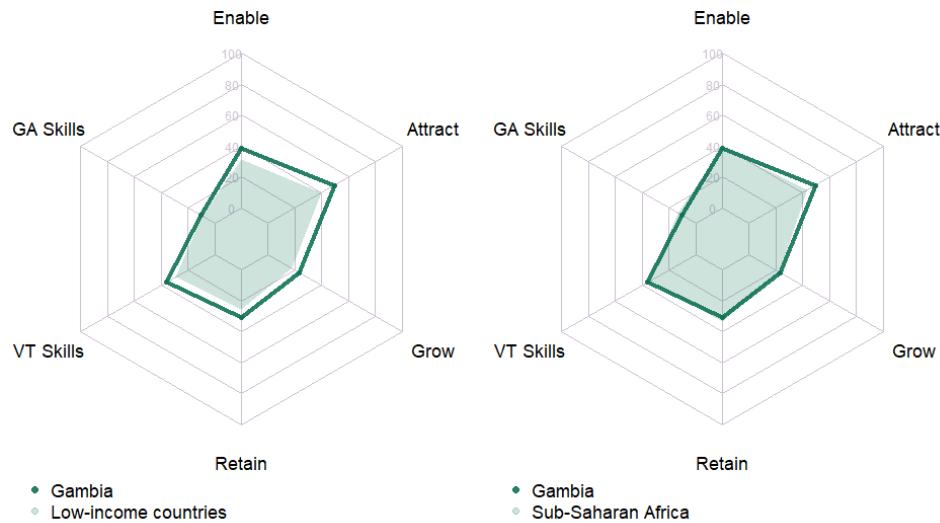
Low-income countries

Gambia is ranked 3rd in the group of low-income countries (Figure 3, left panel). In terms of pillar performance, it has a higher score than the income group average in each of the six pillars. At the sub-pillar level, it outperforms low-income countries in ten of the fourteen sub-pillars: Regulatory Landscape, Market Landscape, Business Labour Landscape, External Openness, Internal Openness, Formal Education, Lifestyle, Midlevel Skills, Employability and Talent Impact.

Sub-Saharan Africa

Gambia is ranked 11th within Sub-Saharan Africa (Figure 3, right panel). It has a score above the regional average in four of the six pillars: GTCI, Enable, Attract, Grow and VT. With regard to sub-pillars, it outperforms the average in Sub-Saharan Africa in eight of the fourteen sub-pillars: Regulatory Landscape, External Openness, Internal Openness, Formal Education, Lifestyle, Midlevel Skills, Employability and Talent Impact.

Figure 3: Gambia pillar scores vs. averages of relevant income group and region



Note: VT Skills = Vocational and Technical Skills; GA Skills = Generalist Adaptive Skills.

Longer-term trends in talent competitiveness

Across all GTCI editions from 2015 to 2025, Gambia's ranking ranges from 110th to 99th place (see Figure 4). During GTCI 2020-GTCI 2025, Gambia ranks 97 out of a total 134 countries (on average), which is a decline from the average rank of 94 in GTCI 2015-GTCI 2019.

Figure 4: Evolution of GTCI rank for Gambia, 2015-2025



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