

Lebanon - Country Brief

Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) 2025

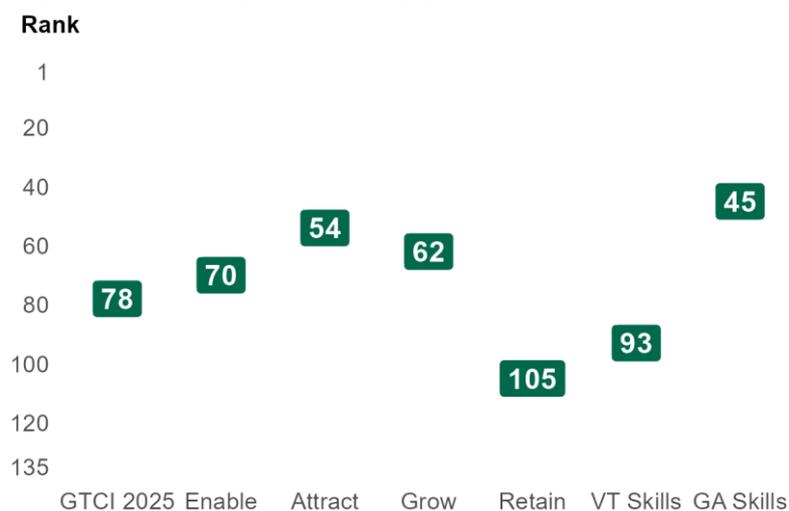


Total population:	5.81 million
GDP:	US\$ 19.782 billion
GDP (PPP) per capita:	US\$ 10,711 (95 out of 135 countries)
Country income level:	Lower-middle income
GTCI 2025 ranking:	78 (out of 135)

Global GTCI position

In GTCI 2025, Lebanon is ranked 78th out of a sample of 135 countries (Figure 1). When it comes to sub-pillars, the strongest showings of Lebanon relate to Market Landscape, External Openness and High-level Skills, among others. Still, more could be done to improve the economy's performances in the Internal Openness, Regulatory Landscape and Sustainability sub-pillars.

Figure 1: Lebanon 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

Lebanon is situated in Northern Africa and Western Asia and is classified as Lower-middle income. Within its region, the country is ranked 13th out of 19 countries (Table 1).

Lebanon is ranked 5th within the group of Lower-middle income countries (implying that 86 percent of countries rank lower).

Table 1: Lebanon performance vs. income groups and regions

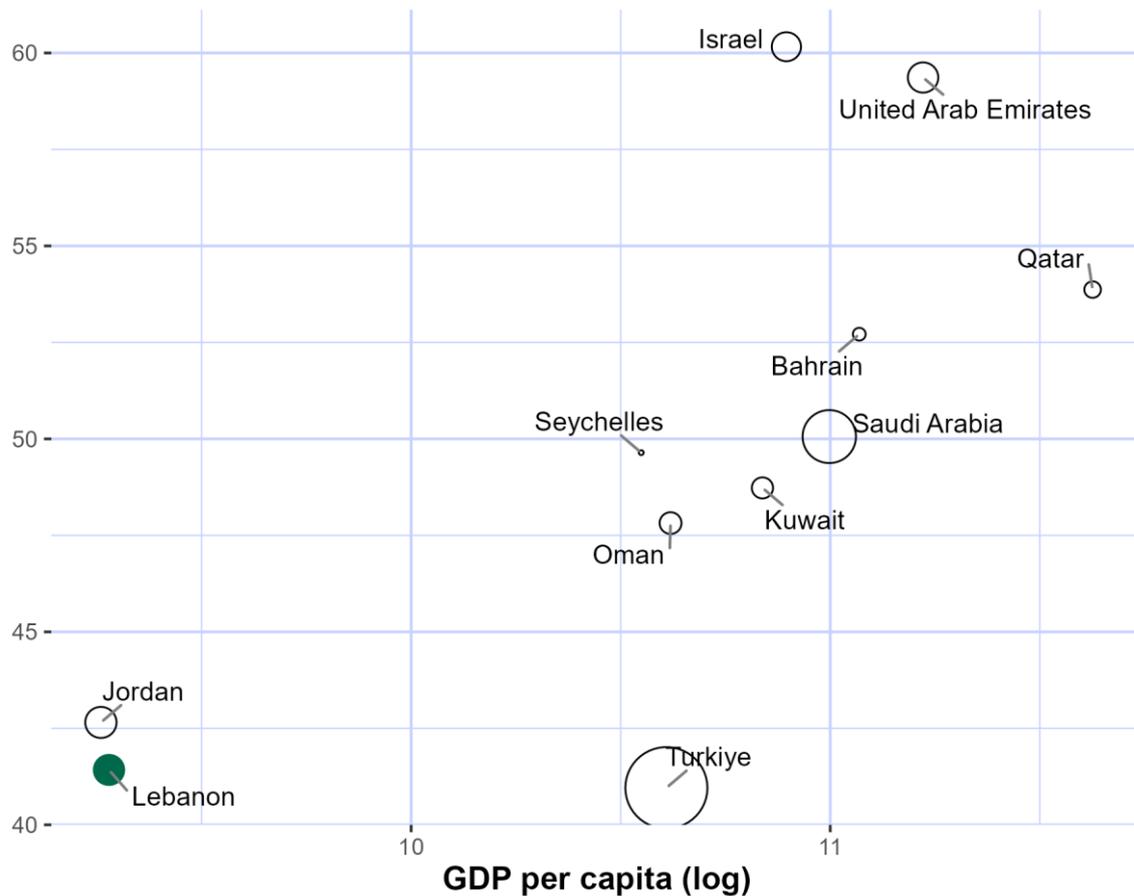
Comparison group	Top 3 scorers of the group	Score GAP: Lebanon score minus group highest score	Share of countries in the group ranked below Lebanon
Region			
Central and Southern Asia	Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan	-1.9	80%
Eastern, Southeastern Asia and Oceania	Singapore, Australia, New Zealand	-31.9	25%
Europe	Switzerland, Denmark, Finland	-31.7	0%
Latin America and the Caribbean	Chile, Uruguay, Costa Rica	-11.2	56%
Northern Africa and Western Asia	Israel, United Arab Emirates, Cyprus	-18.7	32%
Northern America	United States of America, Canada	-28.0	0%
Sub-Saharan Africa	Mauritius, Seychelles, South Africa	-8.3	94%
Income group			
High income	Singapore, Switzerland, Denmark	-31.9	2%
Upper-middle income	Georgia, Malaysia, Mauritius	-9.6	37%
Lower-middle income	Uzbekistan, Jordan, Philippines	-1.9	86%
Low income	Rwanda, Malawi, Gambia	7.5	100%

Comparison with group of competitors

Lebanon's group of competitors is defined as high-income countries located in Western Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa plus Jordan, Lebanon, and Türkiye. It comprises a group of 11 economies. Figure 2 plots how Lebanon fares against each competitor in terms of GTCI score and GDP per capita.

As can be seen, Lebanon's GTCI score and GDP per capita are both lower than the corresponding medians of its group of competitors. Thus, the country's talent competitiveness is not in line with what would be expected given its income level.

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



Note: Bubble size indicates country population.

Performance against its income group and region

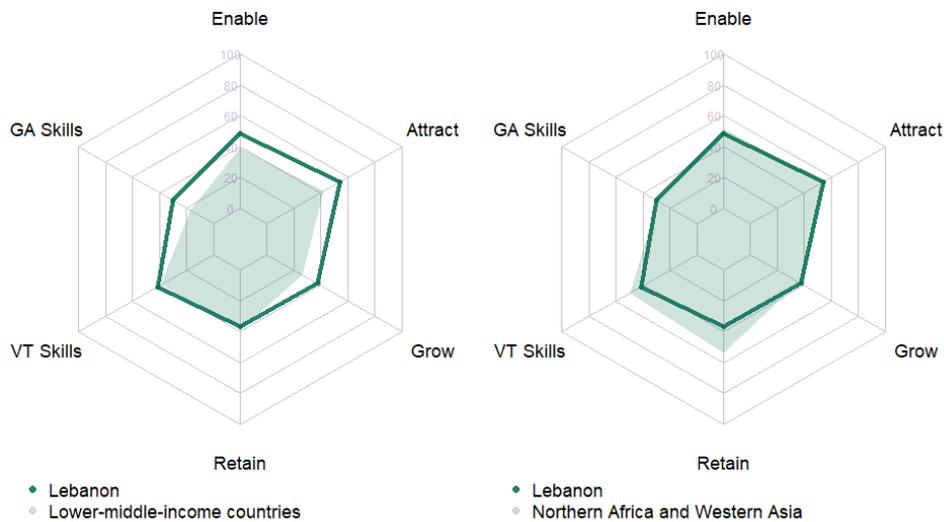
Lower-middle-income countries

Lebanon is ranked 5th in the group of lower-middle-income countries (Figure 3, left panel). In terms of pillar performance, it has a higher score than the income group average in five of the six pillars: GTCI, Enable, Attract, Grow, VT and GA. At the sub-pillar level, it outperforms lower-middle-income countries in ten of the fourteen sub-pillars: Market Landscape, Business Labour Landscape, External Openness, Formal Education, Lifelong Learning, Access Growth Opportunities, Lifestyle, Employability, Highlevel Skills and Talent Impact.

Northern Africa and Western Asia

Lebanon is ranked 13th within Northern Africa and Western Asia (Figure 3, right panel). It has a score above the regional average in three of the six pillars: Attract, Grow and GA. With regard to sub-pillars, it outperforms the average in Northern Africa and Western Asia in seven of the fourteen sub-pillars: Market Landscape, Business Labour Landscape, External Openness, Formal Education, Lifelong Learning, Employability and Highlevel Skills.

Figure 3: Lebanon 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, Lebanon’s ranking ranges from 57th to 84th place (see Figure 4). During GTCI 2020-GTCI 2025, Lebanon ranks 78 out of a total 134 countries (on average), which is a decline from the average rank of 63 in GTCI 2015-GTCI 2019.

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





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