

Mauritania - Country Brief

Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) 2025

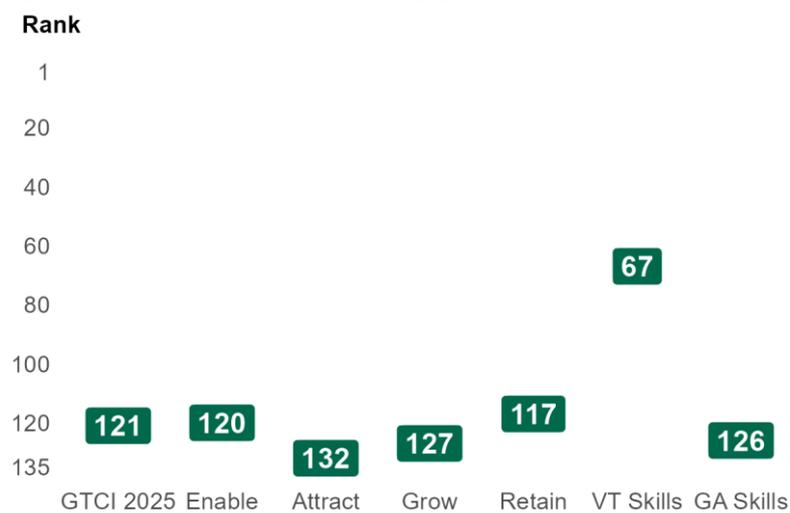


Total population:	5.17 million
GDP:	US\$ 10.649 billion
GDP (PPP) per capita:	US\$ 7,875
	(105 out of 135 countries)
Country income level:	Lower-middle income
GTCI 2025 ranking:	121 (out of 135)

Global GTCI position

In GTCI 2025, Mauritania is ranked 121st out of a sample of 135 countries (Figure 1). When it comes to sub-pillars, the strongest showings of Mauritania relate to Mid-level Skills, Lifelong Learning and Business and Labour Landscape, among others. Still, more could be done to improve the economy's performances in the External Openness, Internal Openness and Access to Growth Opportunities sub-pillars.

Figure 1: Mauritania 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

Mauritania is situated in Sub-Saharan Africa and is classified as Lower-middle income. Within its region, the country is ranked 20th out of 31 countries (Table 1).



Mauritania is ranked 31st within the group of Lower-middle income countries (implying that 11 percent of countries rank lower).

Table 1: Mauritania performance vs. income groups and regions

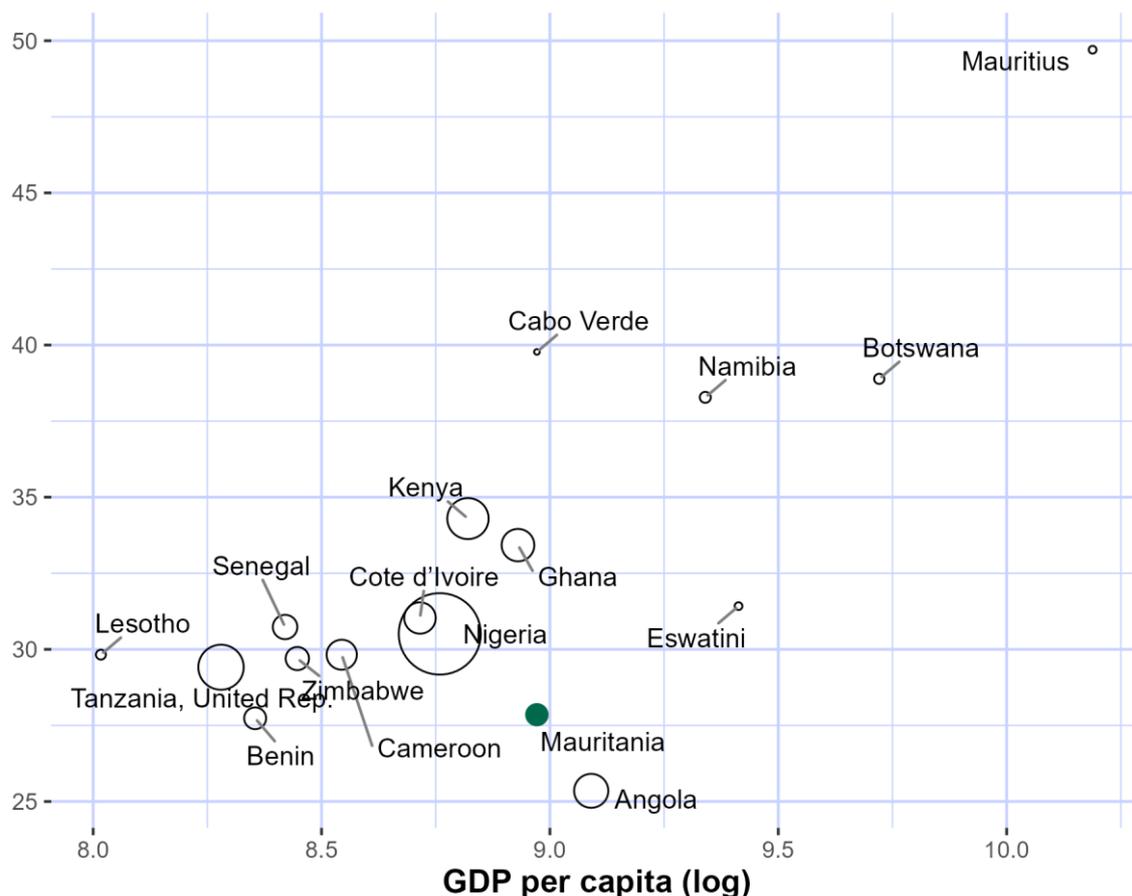
Comparison group	Top 3 scorers of the group	Score GAP: Mauritania score minus group highest score	Share of countries in the group ranked below Mauritania
Region			
Central and Southern Asia	Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan	-15.5	10%
Eastern, Southeastern Asia and Oceania	Singapore, Australia, New Zealand	-45.4	6%
Europe	Switzerland, Denmark, Finland	-45.3	0%
Latin America and the Caribbean	Chile, Uruguay, Costa Rica	-24.8	0%
Northern Africa and Western Asia	Israel, United Arab Emirates, Cyprus	-32.3	5%
Northern America	United States of America, Canada	-41.6	0%
Sub-Saharan Africa	Mauritius, Seychelles, South Africa	-21.9	35%
Income group			
High income	Singapore, Switzerland, Denmark	-45.4	0%
Upper-middle income	Georgia, Malaysia, Mauritius	-23.1	0%
Lower-middle income	Uzbekistan, Jordan, Philippines	-15.5	11%
Low income	Rwanda, Malawi, Gambia	-6.1	77%

Comparison with group of competitors

Mauritania's group of competitors is defined as lower-middle-income and upper-middle-income countries located in Sub-Saharan Africa. It comprises a group of 17 economies. Figure 2 plots how Mauritania fares against each competitor in terms of GTCI score and GDP per capita.

As can be seen, Mauritania's GTCI score and GDP per capita are, respectively, lower and higher than the corresponding medians of its group of competitors. Thus, Mauritania is underachieving against its group of competitors. Thus, the country's talent competitiveness is below what would be expected given its income level.

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



Note: Bubble size indicates country population.

Performance against its income group and region

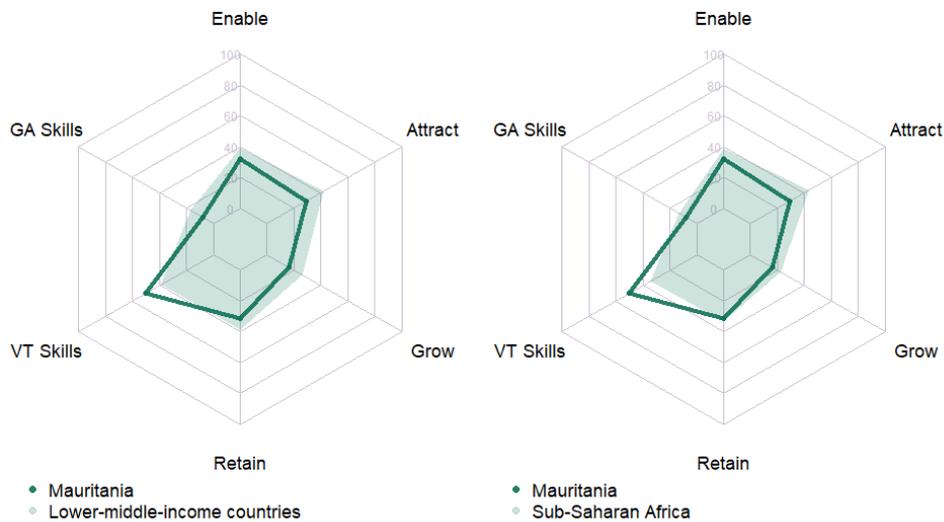
Lower-middle-income countries

Mauritania is ranked 31st 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 one of the six pillars: VT. At the sub-pillar level, it outperforms lower-middle-income countries in one of the fourteen sub-pillars: Midlevel Skills.

Sub-Saharan Africa

Mauritania is ranked 20th within Sub-Saharan Africa (Figure 3, right panel). It has a score above the regional average in one of the six pillars: VT. With regard to sub-pillars, it outperforms the average in Sub-Saharan Africa in two of the fourteen sub-pillars: Lifelong Learning and Midlevel Skills.

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

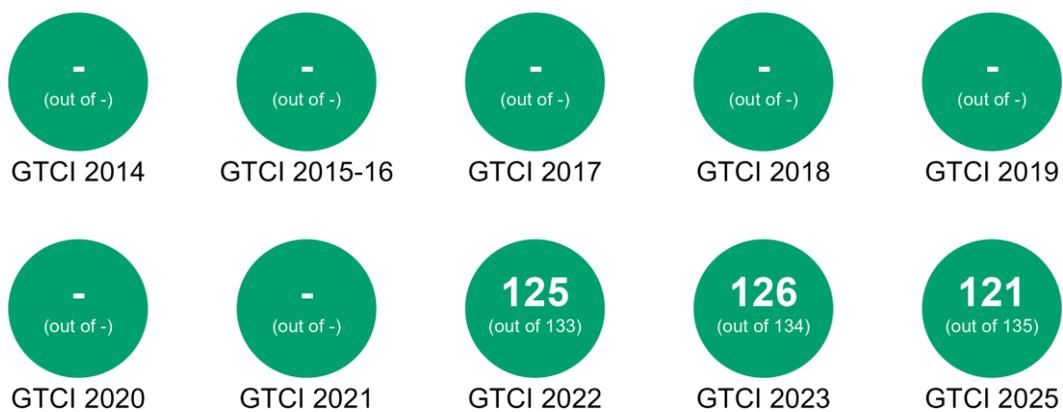


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Longer-term trends in talent competitiveness

Across all GTCI editions from 2015 to 2025, Mauritania’s ranking ranges from 121st to 126th place (see Figure 4).

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





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