

Niger - Country Brief

Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) 2025

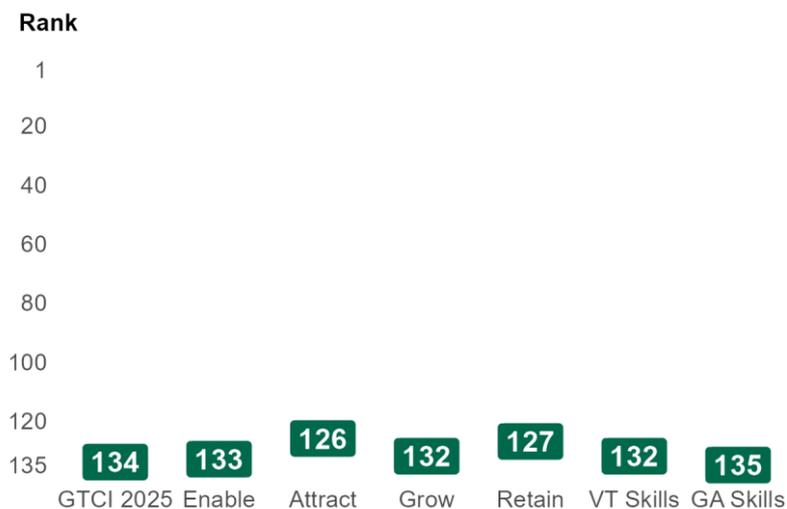


Total population:	27.03 million
GDP:	US\$ 15.458 billion
GDP (PPP) per capita:	US\$ 1,785 (130 out of 135 countries)
Country income level:	Low income
GTCI 2025 ranking:	134 (out of 135)

Global GTCI position

In GTCI 2025, Niger is ranked 134th out of a sample of 135 countries (Figure 1). When it comes to sub-pillars, the strongest showings of Niger relate to Regulatory Landscape, Formal Education and External Openness, among others. Still, more could be done to improve the economy's performances in the High-level Skills, Market Landscape and Mid-level Skills sub-pillars.

Figure 1: Niger 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

Niger is situated in Sub-Saharan Africa and is classified as Low income. Within its region, the country is ranked 30th out of 31 countries (Table 1).

Niger is ranked 12th within the group of Low income countries (implying that 8 percent of countries rank lower).

Table 1: Niger performance vs. income groups and regions

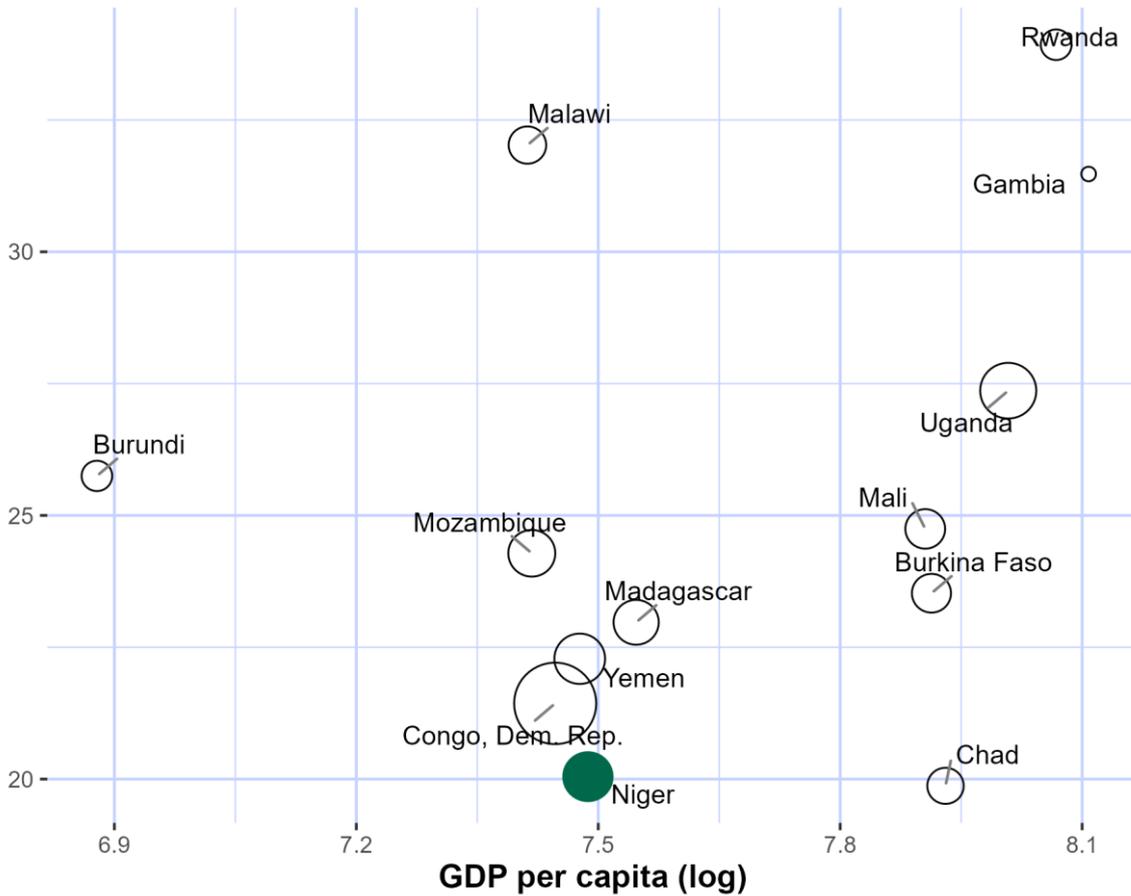
Comparison group	Top 3 scorers of the group	Score GAP: Niger score minus group highest score	Share of countries in the group ranked below Niger
Region			
Central and Southern Asia	Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan	-23.3	0%
Eastern, Southeastern Asia and Oceania	Singapore, Australia, New Zealand	-53.2	0%
Europe	Switzerland, Denmark, Finland	-53.1	0%
Latin America and the Caribbean	Chile, Uruguay, Costa Rica	-32.6	0%
Northern Africa and Western Asia	Israel, United Arab Emirates, Cyprus	-40.1	0%
Northern America	United States of America, Canada	-49.4	0%
Sub-Saharan Africa	Mauritius, Seychelles, South Africa	-29.7	3%
Income group			
High income	Singapore, Switzerland, Denmark	-53.2	0%
Upper-middle income	Georgia, Malaysia, Mauritius	-30.9	0%
Lower-middle income	Uzbekistan, Jordan, Philippines	-23.3	0%
Low income	Rwanda, Malawi, Gambia	-13.9	8%

Comparison with group of competitors

Niger'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 Niger fares against each competitor in terms of GTCI score and GDP per capita.

As can be seen, Niger'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 Niger and its identified competitors



Note: Bubble size indicates country population.

Performance against its income group and region

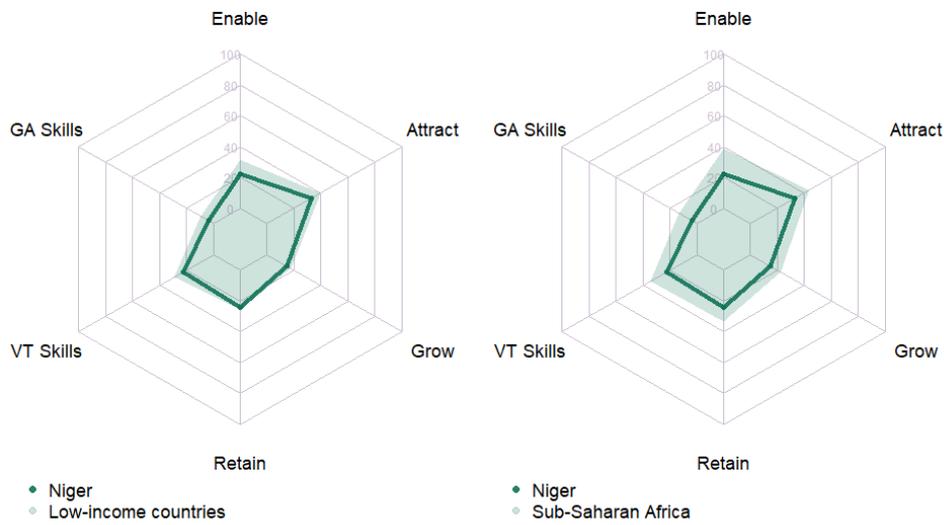
Low-income countries

Niger is ranked 12th in the group of low-income countries (Figure 3, left panel). In terms of pillar performance, it has a score below the income group average in each of the six pillars. At the sub-pillar level, it outperforms low-income countries in two of the fourteen sub-pillars: Regulatory Landscape and Lifestyle.

Sub-Saharan Africa

Niger is ranked 30th within Sub-Saharan Africa (Figure 3, right panel). It lags behind its region in each of the six pillars. With regard to sub-pillars, it trails the regional average in each of them.

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

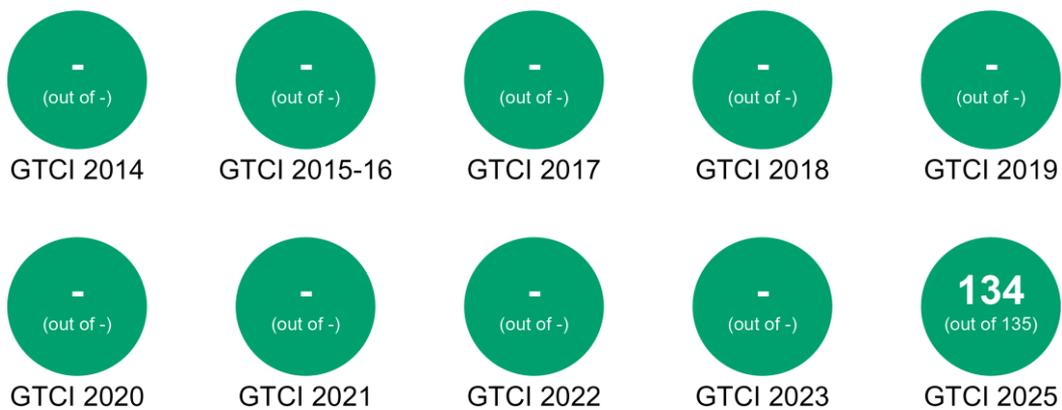


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Longer-term trends in talent competitiveness

Across all GTCI editions from 2015 to 2025, Niger’s ranking ranges from 134th to 134th place (see Figure 4).

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





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