

Paraguay - Country Brief

Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) 2025

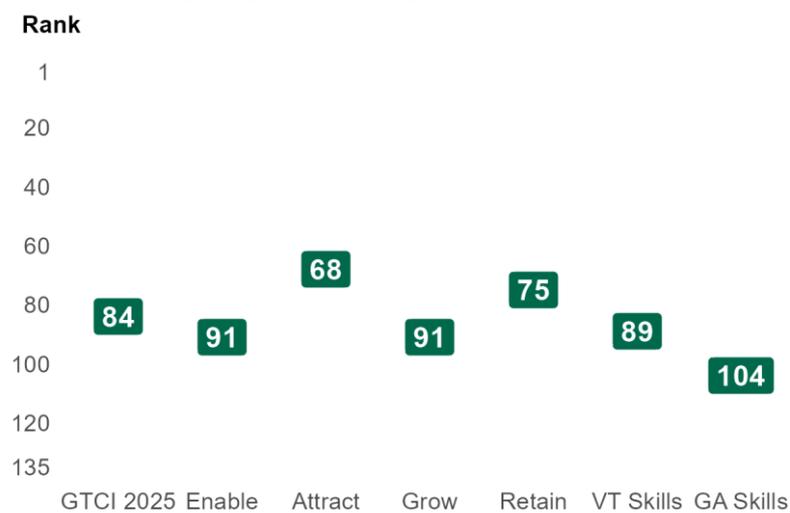


Total population:	6.93 million
GDP:	US\$ 43.118 billion
GDP (PPP) per capita:	US\$ 17,675 (75 out of 135 countries)
Country income level:	Upper-middle income
GTCI 2025 ranking:	84 (out of 135)

Global GTCI position

In GTCI 2025, Paraguay is ranked 84th out of a sample of 135 countries (Figure 1). When it comes to sub-pillars, the strongest showings of Paraguay relate to Internal Openness, Business and Labour Landscape and Lifestyle, among others. Still, more could be done to improve the economy's performances in the Employability, Formal Education and Talent Impact sub-pillars.

Figure 1: Paraguay 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

Paraguay is situated in Latin America and the Caribbean and is classified as Upper-middle income. Within its region, the country is ranked 10th out of 18 countries (Table 1).

Paraguay is ranked 27th within the group of Upper-middle income countries (implying that 23 percent of countries rank lower).

Table 1: Paraguay performance vs. income groups and regions

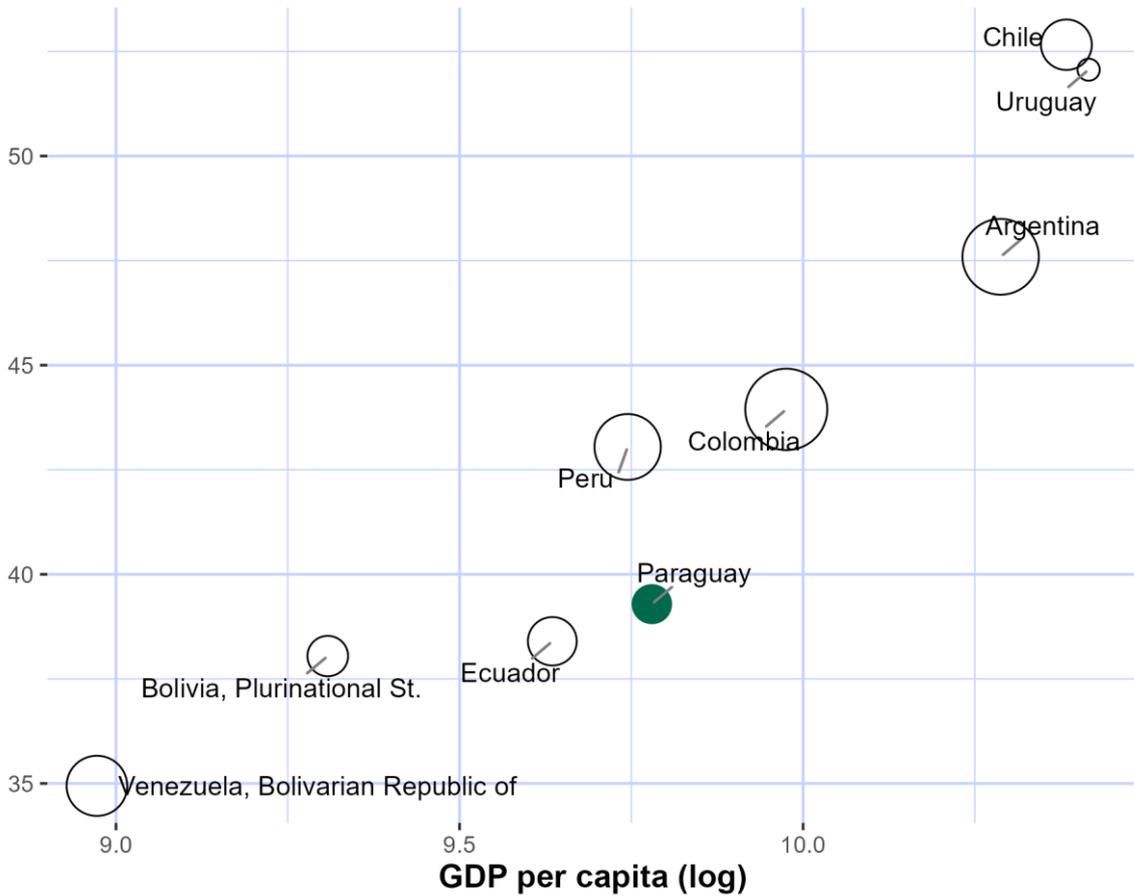
Comparison group	Top 3 scorers of the group	Score GAP: Paraguay score minus group highest score	Share of countries in the group ranked below Paraguay
Region			
Central and Southern Asia	Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan	-4.1	80%
Eastern, Southeastern Asia and Oceania	Singapore, Australia, New Zealand	-34.0	19%
Europe	Switzerland, Denmark, Finland	-33.9	0%
Latin America and the Caribbean	Chile, Uruguay, Costa Rica	-13.4	44%
Northern Africa and Western Asia	Israel, United Arab Emirates, Cyprus	-20.9	26%
Northern America	United States of America, Canada	-30.1	0%
Sub-Saharan Africa	Mauritius, Seychelles, South Africa	-10.4	87%
Income group			
High income	Singapore, Switzerland, Denmark	-34.0	0%
Upper-middle income	Georgia, Malaysia, Mauritius	-11.7	23%
Lower-middle income	Uzbekistan, Jordan, Philippines	-4.1	86%
Low income	Rwanda, Malawi, Gambia	5.4	100%

Comparison with group of competitors

Paraguay's group of competitors is defined as countries located in South America. It comprises a group of 9 economies. Figure 2 plots how Paraguay fares against each competitor in terms of GTCI score and GDP per capita.

As can be seen, Paraguay's GTCI score and GDP per capita are, respectively, lower and higher than the corresponding medians of its group of competitors. Thus, Paraguay 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 Paraguay and its identified competitors



Note: Bubble size indicates country population.

Performance against its income group and region

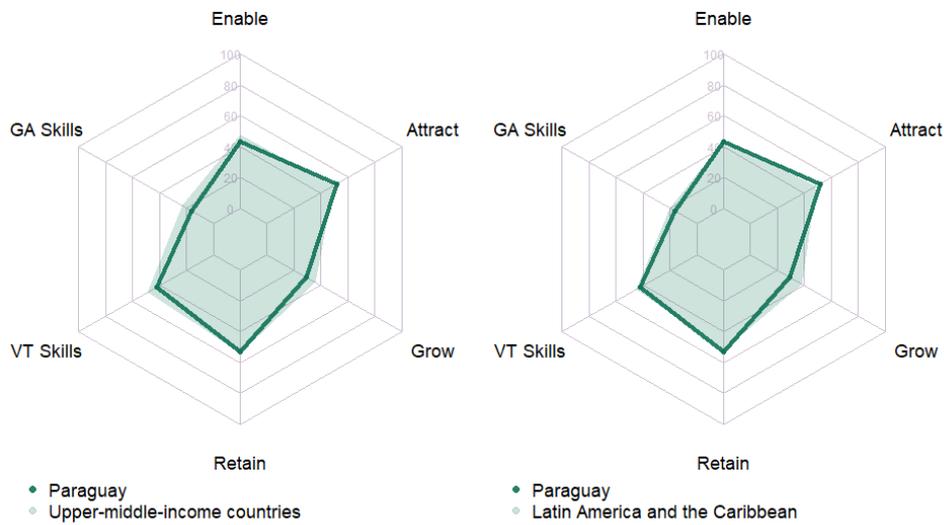
Upper-middle-income countries

Paraguay is ranked 27th in the group of upper-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: Attract. At the sub-pillar level, it outperforms upper-middle-income countries in two of the fourteen sub-pillars: Internal Openness and Lifestyle.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Paraguay is ranked 10th within Latin America and the Caribbean (Figure 3, right panel). It has a score above the regional average in two of the six pillars: Attract and Retain. With regard to sub-pillars, it outperforms the average in Latin America and the Caribbean in three of the fourteen sub-pillars: Business Labour Landscape, Internal Openness and Lifestyle.

Figure 3: Paraguay 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, Paraguay’s ranking ranges from 101st to 99th place (see Figure 4). During GTCI 2020-GTCI 2025, Paraguay ranks 90 out of a total 134 countries (on average), which is better than the average rank of 93 in GTCI 2015-GTCI 2019.

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





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