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Preface

The World Trade Indicators (WTI) database and ranking tool cover country-level indicators of trade performance and policies and institutions that affect trade. The purpose of this initiative by the World Bank is to benchmark progress in these areas while highlighting important data gaps. The value of timely, good-quality data for policy making and effective international negotiations cannot be underestimated. Such data are also needed for reducing transactions costs for businesses.

This publication summarizes patterns in world trade policy and trade outcomes revealed by the WTI database, focusing mainly on regional and income-level variations and providing the context to help evaluate individual country progress. It is hoped that this initiative, by benchmarking country performance in various policy and outcome areas, will enhance the ability of policy makers to design and implement needed trade-related reforms. It is also hoped that countries will be further encouraged to produce better and more up-to-date data and make it publicly available, both domestically and in international databases, in a timely manner.

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Abbreviations

APTDEA	Andean Pact Trade and Drug Enforcement Agreement
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
COMTRADE	United Nations Commodity Trade Statistics Database
EAP	East Asia and the Pacific
ECA	Europe and Central Asia
EIU	Economic Intelligence Unit
EU	European Union
EUROSTAT	European Statistics Database
FDI	foreign direct investment
FTA	free trade agreement
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services (WTO)
GDP	gross domestic product
HS	Harmonized Schedule
IDA	International Development Association
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ITC	International Trade Centre
ITCI	International Trade and Competitiveness Indicators
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
LAC	Latin America and the Caribbean
LDC	least developed countries
LPI	Logistics Performance Index
MA	Market Access
MA-TTRI	Market Access Trade Tariff Restrictiveness Index
MFN TTRI	Trade (MFN only) Tariff Restrictiveness Index
MFN	most favored nation
MNA	Middle East and North Africa
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OTRI	Overall Trade Restrictiveness Index

PCA	Principal Component Analysis
RFNI	raw food net importers
ROW	rest of the world
SAS	South Asia
SPS	Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards
SSA	Sub-Saharan Africa
TAAG	Trade-At-A-Glance
TBT	technical barriers to trade
TCI	Trade Competitiveness Index
TDI	Trade and Development Index
TPI	Trade Performance Index
TRAINS	Trade Analysis and Information System
TRI	Trade Restrictiveness Index
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
USITC	United States International Trade Commission
WB	World Bank
WBI	World Bank Institute
WDI	World Development Indicators
WITS	World Integrated Trade Solution
WTI	World Trade Indicators
WTO	World Trade Organization

Countries and Customs Territories in the WTI Database

For all countries and customs territories listed below, there are Trade-At-A-Glance (TAAG) tables in the WTI database that provide a snapshot of a country's policy and performance. For countries and customs territories marked with an *, the database includes a trade brief that also reflects the key findings from available analytical work.

Afghanistan*	Cayman Islands	Georgia*
Albania*	Central African Republic*	Germany
Algeria*	Chad*	Ghana*
American Samoa	Channel Islands	Greece
Andorra	Chile*	Greenland
Angola*	China*	Grenada*
Antigua and Barbuda*	Colombia*	Guam
Argentina*	Comoros*	Guatemala*
Armenia*	Congo, Democratic Republic of*	Guinea*
Aruba	Congo, Republic of*	Guinea-Bissau*
Australia	Costa Rica*	Guyana*
Austria	Cote d'Ivoire*	Haiti*
Azerbaijan*	Croatia*	Honduras*
Bahamas, The	Cuba	Hong Kong, China
Bahrain*	Cyprus	Hungary
Bangladesh*	Czech Republic	Iceland
Barbados	Denmark	India*
Belarus*	Djibouti*	Indonesia*
Belgium	Dominica*	Iran, Islamic Republic of*
Belize*	Dominican Republic*	Iraq*
Benin*	Ecuador*	Ireland
Bermuda	Egypt, Arab Republic of*	Isle of Man
Bhutan*	El Salvador*	Israel
Bolivia*	Equatorial Guinea*	Italy
Bosnia and Herzegovina*	Eritrea*	Jamaica*
Botswana*	Estonia	Japan
Brazil*	Ethiopia*	Jordan*
Brunei Darussaleem	Faeroe Islands	Kazakhstan*
Bulgaria	Fiji*	Kenya*
Burkina Faso*	Finland	Kiribati*
Burundi*	France	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of
Cambodia*	French Polynesia	Korea, Republic of*
Cameroon*	Gabon*	Kuwait
Canada	Gambia, The*	Kyrgyz Republic*
Cape Verde*		

Lao People's Democratic Republic*	New Zealand	St. Lucia*
Latvia	Nicaragua*	St. Vincent and the Grenadines*
Lebanon*	Niger*	Sudan*
Lesotho*	Nigeria*	Suriname*
Liberia*	Northern Mariana Islands	Swaziland*
Libya*	Norway	Sweden
Liechtenstein	Oman*	Switzerland
Lithuania	Pakistan*	Syrian Arab Republic of*
Luxembourg	Palau*	Taiwan, China
Macao, China	Panama*	Tajikistan*
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of*	Papua New Guinea*	Tanzania*
Madagascar*	Paraguay*	Thailand*
Malawi*	Peru*	Timor-Leste
Malaysia*	Philippines*	Togo*
Maldives*	Poland	Tonga*
Mali*	Portugal	Trinidad and Tobago*
Malta	Puerto Rico	Tunisia*
Marshall Islands*	Qatar	Turkey*
Mauritania*	Romania	Turkmenistan*
Mauritius*	Russian Federation*	Uganda*
Mayotte	Rwanda*	Ukraine*
Mexico*	Samoa*	United Arab Emirates
Micronesia, Federated States of*	San Marino	United Kingdom
Moldova*	São Tomé and Príncipe*	United States
Monaco	Saudi Arabia	Uruguay*
Mongolia*	Senegal*	Uzbekistan*
Montenegro*	Serbia*	Vanuatu*
Morocco*	Seychelles*	Venezuela, República Bolivariana de*
Mozambique*	Sierra Leone*	Vietnam*
Myanmar*	Singapore	Virgin Islands (U.S.)
Namibia*	Slovak Republic	West Bank and Gaza
Nepal*	Slovenia	Yemen, Republic of*
Netherlands	Solomon Islands*	Zambia*
Netherlands Antilles	Somalia*	Zimbabwe*
New Caledonia	South Africa*	
	Spain	
	Sri Lanka*	
	St. Kitts and Nevis*	