

# SAUDI ARABIA

## MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

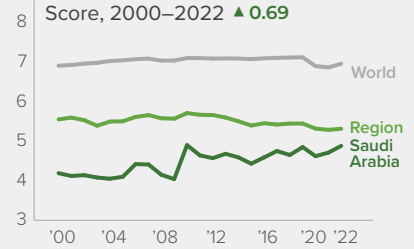
### HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking

**155**

Score

**4.80**



### PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking  
163/165

Score  
3.20

#### Rule of law

Procedural justice	3.6
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.6

#### Security and safety

Homicide	7.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.8

#### Movement

Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	4.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	5.2

#### Religion

Freedom of religion	1.6
Religious organization repression	0.4

#### Association, assembly, civil society

Civil society entry and exit	1.3
Freedom of assembly	0.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	0.4
Civil society repression	0.8

#### Expression and information

Direct attacks on the press	1.3
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.1
Media and expression (BTI)	0.0
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0

#### Relationships

Same-sex relationships	2.5
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

### ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking  
58/165

Score  
7.03

#### Size of government

Government consumption	6.4
Transfers and subsidies	1.0
Government investment	7.8
Top marginal tax rate	10.0
State ownership of assets	10.0

#### Legal system and property rights

Judicial independence	6.7
Impartial courts	5.4
Property rights	4.9
Military interference	7.7
Integrity of the legal system	8.3
Contracts	6.5
Real property	4.8
Police and crime	10.0

#### Sound money

Money growth	8.7
Standard deviation of inflation	9.8
Inflation: most recent year	5.8
Foreign currency bank accounts	9.0

#### Freedom to trade internationally

Tariffs	7.0
Regulatory trade barriers	6.0
Black-market exchange rates	7.1
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	10.0

#### Regulation

Credit market regulation	6.5
Labor market regulation	7.5
Business regulation	6.0
Freedom to compete	6.3

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	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
<b>Human freedom</b>	<b>4.11</b>	<b>4.06</b>	<b>3.97</b>	<b>4.34</b>	<b>4.07</b>	<b>4.82</b>	<b>4.49</b>	<b>4.51</b>	<b>4.51</b>	<b>4.57</b>	<b>4.54</b>	<b>4.80</b>
<b>Ranking</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>155</b>
Economic freedom	5.59	5.63	5.58	6.27	5.72	6.53	6.20	6.28	6.40	6.54	6.85	7.03
Personal freedom	3.26	3.17	3.04	3.23	3.13	3.60	3.27	3.24	3.16	3.17	2.89	3.20

<b>Rule of law</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6
<b>Security and safety</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.8</b>
Homicide	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.9	7.7	5.6	7.6	7.6	7.2	6.4	5.6	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.8
<b>Movement</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6	5.0	5.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	3.3
<b>Religion</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Freedom of religion	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.4
Religious organization repression	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9
<b>Association, assembly, civil society</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Civil society entry and exit	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Freedom of assembly	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.4	0.8
Civil society repression	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
<b>Expression and information</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.1	7.4	5.5	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)	3.0	1.9	3.5	3.3	2.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Relationships</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	9.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

Note: BTI = Bertelsmann Stiftung's Transformation Index; CLD = Civil Liberty Dataset; V-Dem = *Varieties of Democracy*. For the rule of law category, we use data from V-Dem for 2022 and early years covered in our index for which our primary source does not provide data.