



Overall performance

Niger has dramatically improved its position in permit processes since 2016, reducing the cost to start a business from 32% to 8% of income per capita and the time to register a property from 36 days to only 13, placing them among the top African countries for Permits. To build on these efficiency gains, the Niger government should seek to publish an infrastructure plan and project pipeline, as well as perform post-completion reviews.

Drivers	Rank (176)	Rank change (2017-20)	Score (100)	Emerging	Aspiring	Contender	Top performer	Global leader
Governance	72	↓ 1	27					
Regulatory frameworks	73	—	41					
Permits	49	↑ 9	64					
Planning	62	↓ 1	39					
Procurement	74	↑ 1	31					
Activity	15	↑ 1	51					
Funding capacity	66	↓ 3	21					
Financial markets	62	↓ 4	24					

Niger at a glance

\$405
GDP per capita
(USD, 2019)

23.3 million
Population
(2019)

—
Infrastructure investment
(2019 estimate)

—
Infrastructure gap
(2019 estimate)

—
Infrastructure quality
(0-100, 100 is best, 2019)

—
Private infrastructure investment
(5-year average, USD, 2019)

Top performing metrics



88.4/100

Registering property

It takes 13 days to register a property in Niger, the second lowest of Low Income and African Countries. This is down from 36 days in 2017. As infrastructure projects often involve property rights, the shorter the time to register properties, the less costly and risky the project.



84.1/100

Cost to start a business

According to the World Bank, the cost of starting a business in Niger is equal to 8% of income per capita, far lower than the African average of 27%, easing the entry of new firms.



77.9/100

Time required to start a business

According to the World Bank, the time required to start a business in Niger is 10 days, which is faster than the African average of 19 days. Shorter times to set up businesses can persuade businesses to set up in a country, including new infrastructure entities.

Opportunities to grow

For guidance on how to improve these metrics, please see the [Niger Country Page](#) on the InfraCompass website.



No

Published project pipeline

Niger does not currently publish an infrastructure pipeline of projects. The addition of an infrastructure pipeline could help provide infrastructure participants with a clear indication of prospective and confirmed infrastructure activity.



No

Published infrastructure procurement guidelines

Niger does not publish guidelines for the procurement of infrastructure projects. Publishing guidelines makes contractors aware of the government's processes, expectations and requirements, improves transparency and helps the government achieve better value for money.



No

Published infrastructure plan

Niger does not have a national or sub-national infrastructure plan. The addition of an infrastructure plan could highlight infrastructure challenges and opportunities for investment, as well as detail the government's planned responses.



ECONOMY OVERVIEW

GDP (\$US billion, 2019)	9.4	Population (million, 2019)	23.3	Unemployment rate (2019)	0.3%
GDP per capita (\$US, 2019)	405	Urbanisation ratio (2018)	16.0%	Inflation rate (2019)	-1.3%
GDP growth rate (annual, 2019)	6.3%	Gross Government Debt (% of GDP, 2019)	56.0%	Digital Adoption Index (0-1 best, 2016)	0.16
GDP per capita growth rate (annual, 2019)	-2.2%	Sovereign risk rating (2019)	NA	Gini coefficient (0-100 worst, 2014)	34.3

METRIC SCORES

The below metrics are normalised so that they all range from 0 to 100. For original metrics and data sources, please see <https://infracompass.github.org/>

GOVERNANCE		REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS		PERMITS	
Post-completion reviews?	No -	Effect of taxation on incentives to invest	41.3 [^] ↑	Cost to start a business	84.1 ↑
Infrastructure or PPP unit/agency?	Yes -	Prevalence of foreign ownership	54.1 [^] ↑	Dealing with construction permits	68.9 ↑
Recovery rate	20.9 ↓	Product market regulation, network sectors	35.2 [^] -	Quality of land administration	13.3 -
Rule of law	38.4 ↑	Regulatory (including competition) quality	37.2 ↑	Registering property	88.4 ↑
Shareholder governance	26.7 -	Strength of insolvency framework	56.2 -	Time required to start a business	77.9 ↑
Political stability and absence of violence	29 ↓	Investment promotion agency?	No -		
PLANNING		PROCUREMENT		ACTIVITY	
Published project pipeline?	No -	Average procurement duration – transaction RFP	63.6 [^] ↑	Infrastructure investment	91.9 [^] ↑
Published infrastructure plan?	No -	Degree of transparency in public procurement	50 -	Private infrastructure investment	34.7 [^] ↓
Preparation of PPPs	60 -	Published procurement guidelines?	No -	Value of closed PPP infrastructure deals	42.5 [^] ↓
Economic analysis assessment?	Yes -	Procurement of PPPs	43 -	Value of closed infrastructure deals with foreign equity sponsorship	33.2 ↓
Market sounding and/or assessment?	Yes -	PPP contract management	52 -		
Environmental impact analysis?	Yes -				

FUNDING CAPACITY

FINANCIAL MARKETS

GDP per capita	0.5 ↑	Domestic credit to private sector	6.8 ↓
Gross government debt	56.3 ↓	Financing through local equity market	41.2 [^] ↑
Long term GDP growth trend	52.3 ↓	Stocks traded	15 [^] ↓
Summary credit rating	32.5 [^] ↑	Financial depth	25.3 [^] ↑
		Financial stability	80.9 [^] ↓

Drawing on data from: International Monetary Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, World Bank, World Economic Forum, IJ Global, CEPII, Oxford Economics, Trading Economics, and Deloitte.

Metric key:

↑ Increase from InfraCompass 2017 ↓ Decrease from InfraCompass 2017 - No change from InfraCompass 2017

Note:

'Top performing metrics' are the metrics with the highest score out of 100.

'Opportunities to grow' are the metrics with the lowest weighted score out of 100. These metrics would have the greatest impact on the overall score.

[^]Denotes interpolated metric data. See Technical Appendix for further explanation on the interpolation techniques.