

LABOR REGULATIONS

2007

Labor regulations (hiring/firing practices, minimum wages, etc.)

hinder business activities  do not hinder business activities

Ranking		
1	ICELAND	8.57
2	SINGAPORE	8.19
3	DENMARK	8.14
4	SWITZERLAND	7.85
5	HONG KONG	7.43
6	CHINA MAINLAND	7.06
7	ISRAEL	7.05
8	AUSTRALIA	6.96
9	HUNGARY	6.82
10	MALAYSIA	6.78
11	THAILAND	6.30
12	ESTONIA	6.28
13	USA	6.25
14	COLOMBIA	6.15
15	CANADA	6.11
16	RUSSIA	6.10
17	AUSTRIA	6.00
18	TAIWAN	5.77
19	JORDAN	5.68
20	UKRAINE	5.60
21	IRELAND	5.33
22	LITHUANIA	5.16
23	UNITED KINGDOM	5.16
24	NORWAY	5.14
25	JAPAN	5.13
26	ROMANIA	5.06
27	TURKEY	5.04
28	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	4.77
29	FINLAND	4.52
30	CZECH REPUBLIC	4.48
31	NETHERLANDS	4.28
32	NEW ZEALAND	4.25
33	BULGARIA	4.24
34	LUXEMBOURG	4.24
35	CHILE	4.17
36	CROATIA	4.04
37	GREECE	4.03
38	INDIA	4.00
39	SWEDEN	3.88
40	MEXICO	3.71
41	SPAIN	3.69
42	ITALY	3.44
43	GERMANY	3.43
44	PHILIPPINES	3.42
45	KOREA	3.24
46	ARGENTINA	3.20
46	PORTUGAL	3.20
48	BELGIUM	3.16
49	POLAND	2.98
50	FRANCE	2.82
51	SOUTH AFRICA	2.55
52	SLOVENIA	2.45
53	INDONESIA	2.35
54	BRAZIL	2.31
55	VENEZUELA	0.77

UNEMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION

2007

Unemployment legislation

does not provide an incentive to look for work  provides an incentive to look for work

Ranking		
1	SINGAPORE	7.92
2	ICELAND	7.39
3	MALAYSIA	6.85
4	ESTONIA	6.53
5	HONG KONG	6.49
6	SWITZERLAND	6.43
7	HUNGARY	6.17
8	AUSTRALIA	6.13
9	TURKEY	6.04
10	CHINA MAINLAND	6.04
11	IRELAND	5.96
12	AUSTRIA	5.90
13	USA	5.90
14	THAILAND	5.83
15	COLOMBIA	5.73
16	KOREA	5.54
17	TAIWAN	5.54
18	GREECE	5.49
19	JAPAN	5.45
20	SOUTH AFRICA	5.40
21	CHILE	5.37
22	CANADA	5.36
23	ISRAEL	5.28
24	INDIA	5.24
25	LITHUANIA	5.21
26	RUSSIA	4.95
27	JORDAN	4.82
28	DENMARK	4.78
29	BRAZIL	4.74
30	ITALY	4.66
31	PHILIPPINES	4.58
32	LUXEMBOURG	4.57
33	NETHERLANDS	4.56
34	NEW ZEALAND	4.50
34	UKRAINE	4.50
36	UNITED KINGDOM	4.45
37	ROMANIA	4.38
38	MEXICO	4.34
39	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	4.32
40	SWEDEN	4.07
41	SPAIN	4.00
42	CROATIA	3.89
43	INDONESIA	3.86
44	PORTUGAL	3.66
45	NORWAY	3.63
46	GERMANY	3.52
47	CZECH REPUBLIC	3.47
48	BULGARIA	3.43
49	ARGENTINA	3.33
50	POLAND	3.14
51	FINLAND	3.05
52	VENEZUELA	2.98
53	FRANCE	2.94
54	SLOVENIA	2.58
55	BELGIUM	1.95