COUNTRY PROFILE: SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

GENERAL INFORMATION - 2016

- Population: 18.4 Millions
- GDP: 22 163 Millions current US$
- Merchandise trade: 6 300 Millions current US$
- Internet users: 5.9 Millions
- GDP growth: -3.4%
- Land area: 183 630 km²

Source: UNCTAD and ITU (complete URL addresses in the General Notes)

E-COMMERCE ASSESSMENT - 2017

- Rank in UNCTAD B2C E-commerce Index: 127/144
- Rank in ITU ICT Development Index: 126/176
- Rank in WEF Networked Readiness Index: -/139

Source: UNCTAD, ITU and WEF (complete URL address in the General Notes)

Note: 1 = Best

ICT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES - 2016

- Internet users: 31.9
- Fixed broadband subscriptions: 5.5
- Active mobile broadband subscriptions: 12.8
- Fixed broadband Internet tariffs, PPP $/month:
  - Highest tariff: 874.4
  - Lowest tariff: 5.1
  - Tariffs in 50% of eco. are below this value: 34.1

Source: ITU (complete URL address in the General Notes)

PAYMENTS - 2014

- Debit card used in the past year:
  - SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, #N/A
  - WESTERN ASIA, 19.9
  - WORLD, 21.9

- Credit card used in the past year:
  - SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, #N/A
  - WESTERN ASIA, 15.1
  - WORLD, 13.5

- Used an account to make a transaction through a mobile phone:
  - SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, #N/A
  - WESTERN ASIA, 4.5
  - WORLD, 8.5

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**TRADE LOGISTICS - 2016**

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<td>Percent of population having mail delivered at home</td>
<td>50.0%</td>
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<td>Postal reliability index (0 to 100, 100 = Best)</td>
<td>13.9%</td>
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<td>Days to clear direct exports through customs</td>
<td>5.1%</td>
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**LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS - 2017**

**Syrian Arab Republic**
- Electronic Transactions: Legislation
- Consumer Protection: Legislation
- Privacy and data protection: No legislation
- Cybercrime: Legislation

Source: UNCTAD


**SKILLS DEVELOPMENT - 2013-17**

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<td>Percentage of firms using e-mail to interact with clients/suppliers</td>
<td>81.7*</td>
<td>47.8*</td>
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**FINANCING FOR eCOMMERCE - 2014-15**

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<td>Percentage of firms identifying access to finance as a major constraint</td>
<td>34.1*</td>
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COUNTRY PROFILE: GENERAL NOTES

NOTES:
- For merchandise trade - sum of exports and imports.
- Country groups are weighted using population for most indicators with the exception of those on skills development, financing for e-commerce and days to clear direct exports through customs.

SYMBOLS FOR MISSING VALUES:
0: Zero means nil or negligible
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