COUNTRY PROFILE: SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

**GENERAL INFORMATION - 2017**

- **Population**: 18.3 Millions
- **GDP**: 15 183 Millions current US$
- **Merchandise trade**: 6 900 Millions current US$
- **Internet users**: 6.3 Millions
- **GDP growth**: 1.9 %
- **Land area**: 183 630 km²

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

**E-COMMERCE ASSESSMENT - 2016-18**

- **Rank in UNCTAD B2C E-commerce Index**: 135/151
- **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 - 2017**

- **Internet users**: 34.3
- **Fixed broadband subscriptions**: 7.8
- **Active mobile broadband subscriptions**: 12.5

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

**PAYMENTS - 2014-17**

- **Debit card used in the past year**: SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, #N/A
- **Credit card used in the past year**: SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, #N/A
- **Mobile phone or the internet used to access a financial institution account in the past year**: SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, #N/A

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**TRADE LOGISTICS - 2013-18**

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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>3.3</td>
<td>58.2</td>
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<td>Days to clear direct exports through customs</td>
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**LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS - 2019**

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
- Electronic Transactions: Legislation
- Consumer Protection: Legislation
- Privacy and data protection: No legislation
- Cybercrime: Legislation

Source: UNCTAD


**SKILLS DEVELOPMENT - 2013-17**

**Percentage of firms using e-mail to interact with clients/suppliers**

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<td>63.8%</td>
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**FINANCING FOR eCOMMERCE - 2013-17**

**Percentage of firms identifying access to finance as a major constraint**

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<td>20.1%</td>
<td>16.4%</td>
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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. Regional average values relate to developing economies in those regions.

SYMBOLS FOR MISSING VALUES:
0: Zero means nil or negligible
#N/A: Not available or not publishable

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