Global Innovation Index

How innovation is measured and what Saudi Arabia’s results show



Study group presentation
2026 edition

The seven pillars of innovation

INPUTS

Conditions that support innovation

1. Institutions
2. Human capital and research
3. Infrastructure
4. Market sophistication
5. Business sophistication

OUTPUTS

Results of innovative activity

6. Knowledge and technology outputs
7. Creative outputs

Source: WIPO, Global Innovation Index 2026

How the GII score works

79

indicators

0–100

common scoring scale

50% input score + 50% output score

The combined score determines the overall ranking.

Source: WIPO, Global Innovation Index 2026

Saudi Arabia’s 2026 results

Measure	Global rank
Overall GII	**42nd**
Innovation inputs	**30th**
Innovation outputs	**62nd**

Lower rank numbers indicate a higher position.

Stronger foundations than measured outputs

Saudi Arabia’s input position is stronger than its output position internationally.

Source: WIPO, Global Innovation Index 2026

Our key insight

Saudi Arabia’s next opportunity is turning strong foundations into stronger innovation results.

More technologies reaching the market
More globally competitive businesses

Interpretation based on WIPO’s 2026 assessment