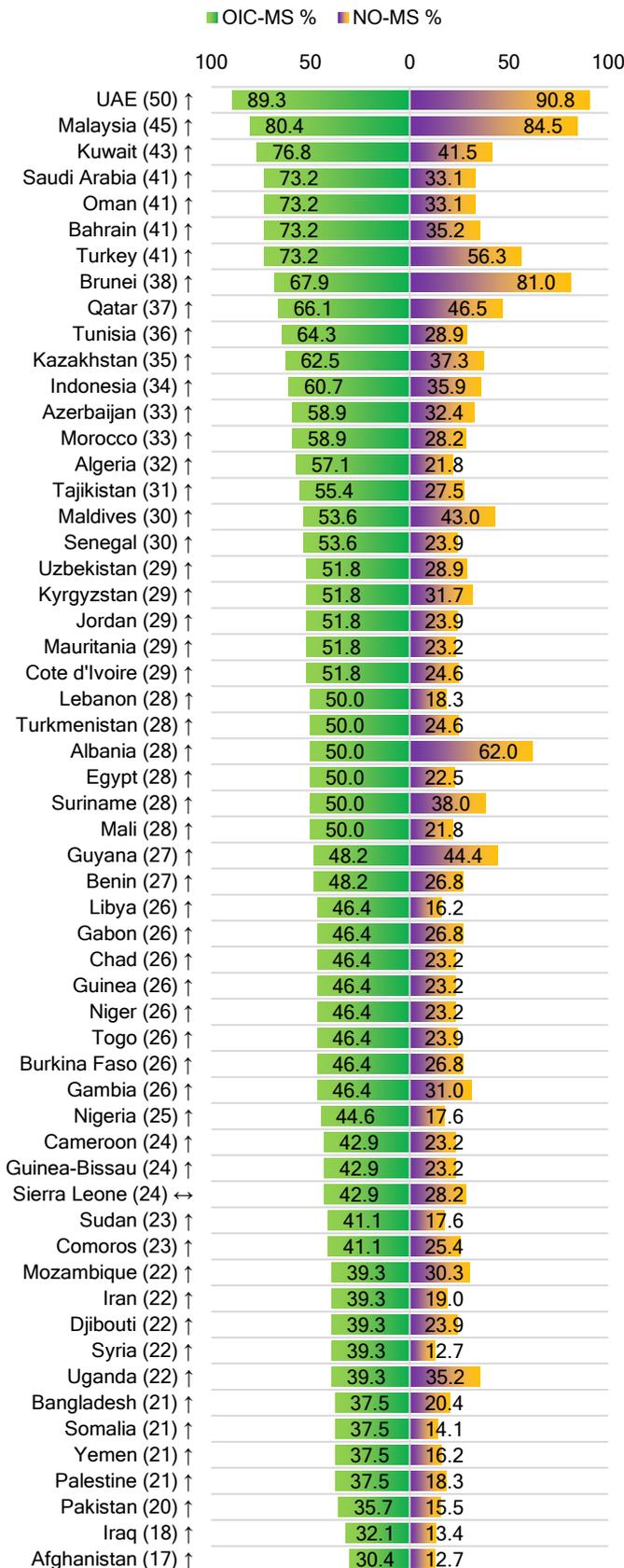


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## Mobility Scores of OIC Countries, OIC vs. Non-OIC (as of 18 February 2020, %)



■ A **passport** is a travel document issued by a country's government to its citizens that verifies the identity and nationality of the holder for the purpose of international travel. Possession of a passport does not necessarily guarantee entry into the country one wants to visit. However, passports are necessary for international travel. There is no real limit on how many passports a single individual can have. However, the citizenship laws of the home country may not allow their citizens to hold dual or multiple passports and require them to give up their current nationality for a new one. Other countries may allow dual or multiple citizenship with varying conditions.

■ The **OIC Mobility Score (OIC-MS %)** shows how many OIC countries out of 56 (in % terms) can be visited visa-free\* by a passport holder of another OIC country. On the other hand, the **Non-OIC Mobility Score (NO-MS %)** shows how many non-OIC countries out of 142 (in % terms) can be visited visa-free\* by a passport holder of an OIC country.

■ 29 OIC countries; namely, **UAE, Malaysia, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Turkey, Brunei, Qatar, Tunisia, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Azerbaijan, Morocco, Algeria, Tajikistan, Maldives, Senegal, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Jordan, Mauritania, Cote d'Ivoire, Lebanon, Turkmenistan, Albania, Egypt, Suriname, and Mali** have an OIC-MS % of equal to or more than 50% or can enter between 28 and 50 OIC countries visa-free\*.

■ At the intra-OIC level, the holders of **UAE passport** have advantage over the passport holders of other OIC countries as they can enter the largest number of OIC countries. They can access 89.3% or 50 out of 56 OIC countries without getting a visa\*. The UAE passport holders can also visit 90.8% or 129 out of 142 Non-OIC countries visa-free\*. **Malaysia** maintains the second place with an OIC-MS % of 80.4% (45 out of 56 OIC countries visa-free\*) and a NO-MS % of 84.5% (120 out of 142 Non-OIC countries visa-free\*).

■ The OIC-MS % values of 53 OIC countries are more than their NO-MS % values with major observations in 21 countries namely; **Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Tunisia, Algeria, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Libya, Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Tajikistan, Jordan, Egypt, Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Syria, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, and Kazakhstan** which have more than 25 percentage points in favour of intra-OIC mobility. Contrary to this, **4 OIC countries** namely; **UAE, Malaysia, Albania, and Brunei** are integrated more with non-OIC countries as their NO-MS % values are higher than their OIC-MS % values.

■ Between 02/04/2019 and 18/02/2020, the OIC-MS % values for **56 OIC countries increased** and for **1 OIC country no change was observed**.

**Note:** \*Visa-free in the context of the Passport Index includes visa-free, visa on arrival and e-visa privileges. Values in parentheses in the chart show the number of OIC countries in which citizens of the particular OIC country can enter visa-free. The direction of arrows next to country names is determined based on the OIC-MS % variation between 02/04/2019 and 18/02/2020.

**Source:** SESRIC staff calculations based on data extracted on 18/02/2020 from Passport Index (<https://www.passportindex.org/>). Please visit **OIC Statistics (OICStat) Database** (<http://bit.ly/2F7W8cv>) for other Tourism category indicators.