

Doing Business 2007

Where is Latin America Going? A Business Perspective

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Doing Business indicators

2006



2007



2008

- Starting a business
- Dealing with licenses
- Employing workers
- Registering property
- Enforcing contracts
- Getting credit
- Trading across borders
- Protecting investors
- Paying taxes
- Closing a business

- Update of 2006
- Add 20 countries
 - 9 in Africa
- How to reform
 - 50 case studies

- Update of 2007
- Add Not paying bribes
- Add Using infrastructure

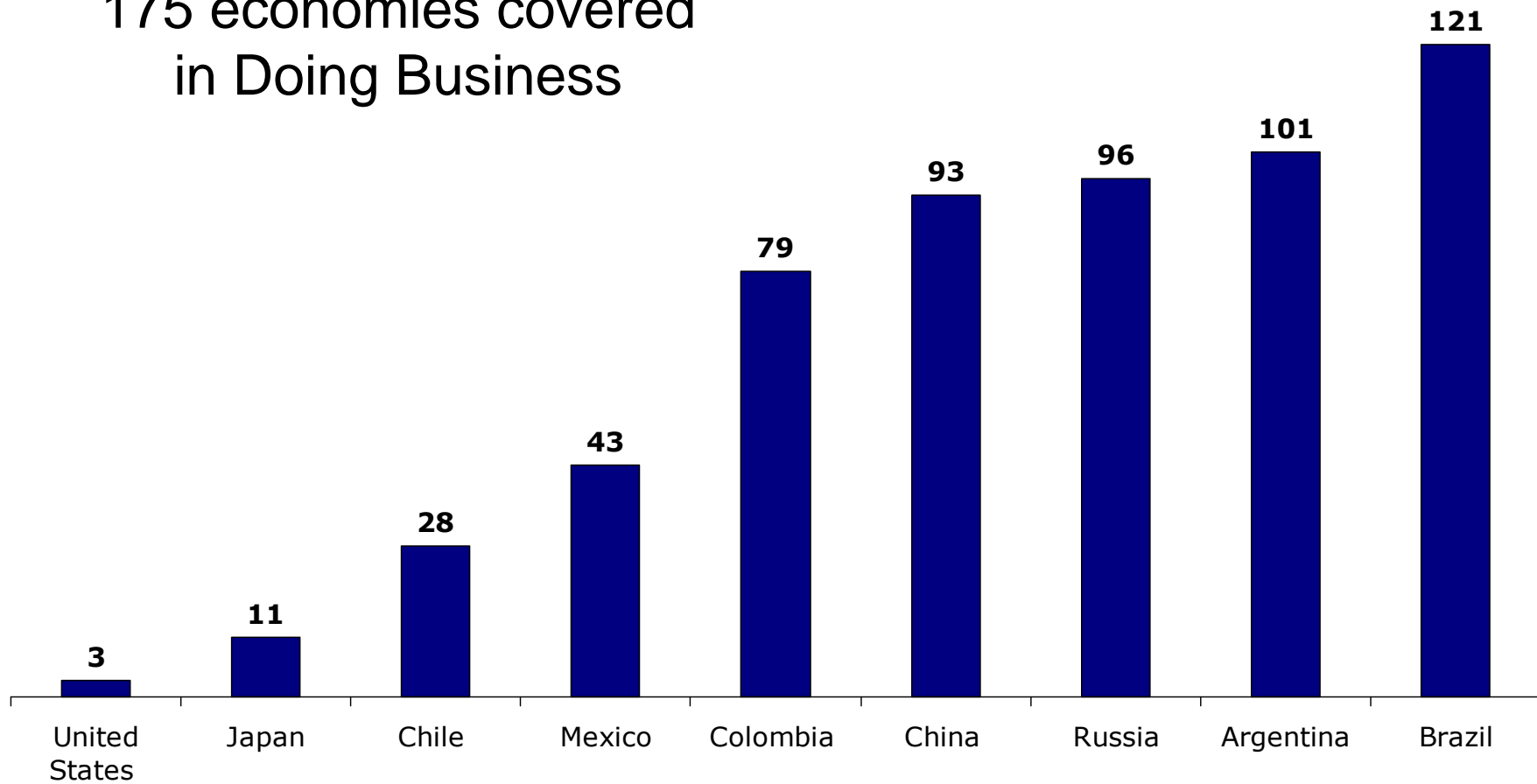
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Top 25 on the ease of doing business, 2007

1. Singapore
2. New Zealand
3. United States
4. Canada
5. Hong Kong
6. United Kingdom
7. Denmark
8. Australia
9. Norway
10. Ireland
11. Japan
12. Iceland
13. Sweden
14. Finland
15. Switzerland
16. Lithuania
17. Estonia
18. Thailand
19. Puerto Rico
20. Belgium
21. Germany
22. Netherlands
23. Korea
24. Latvia
25. Malaysia
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28. Chile

How large Latin American economies compare

175 economies covered
in Doing Business

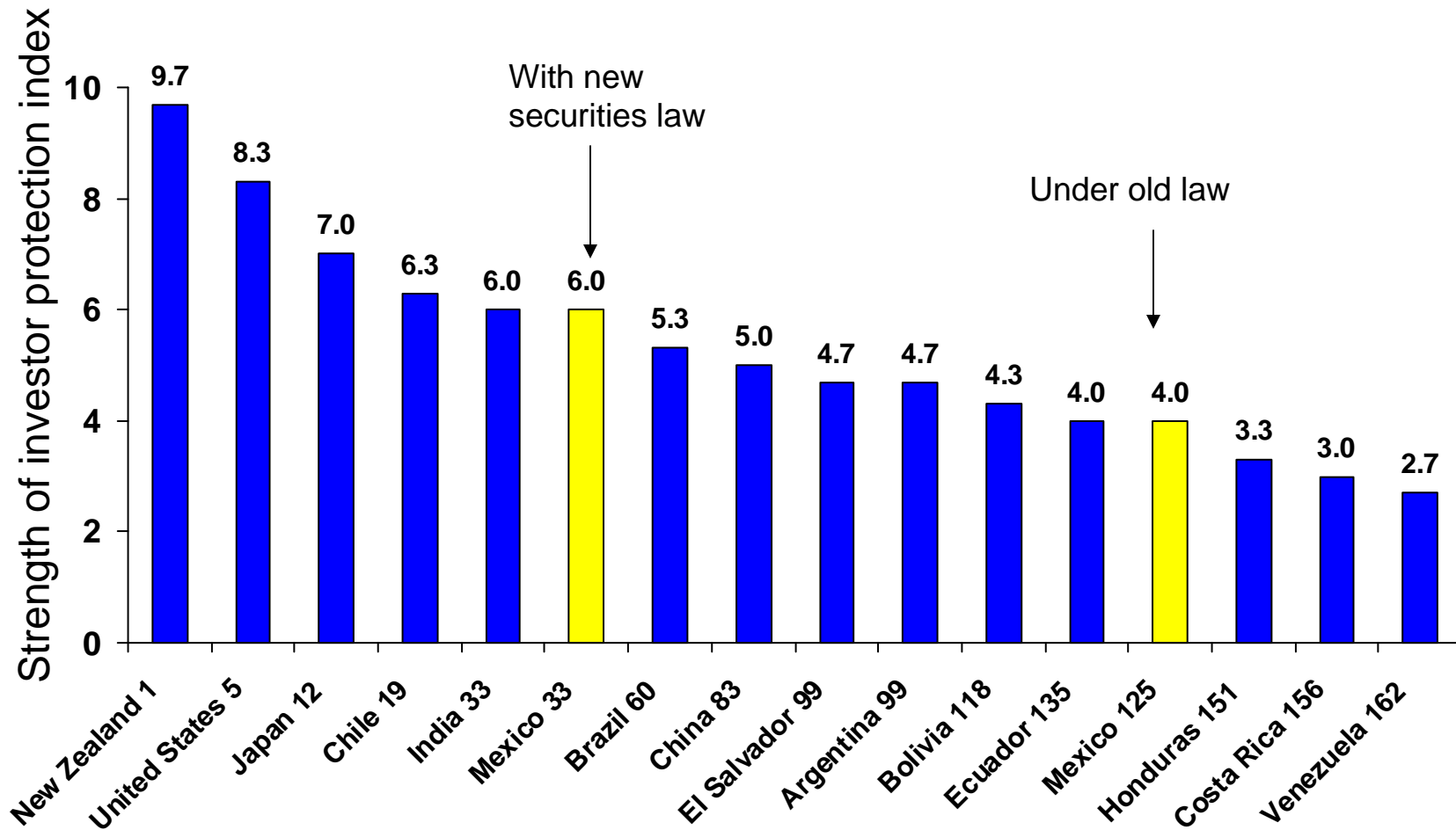


Top reformers in 2005/06

Reforms affecting Doing Business indicators on:

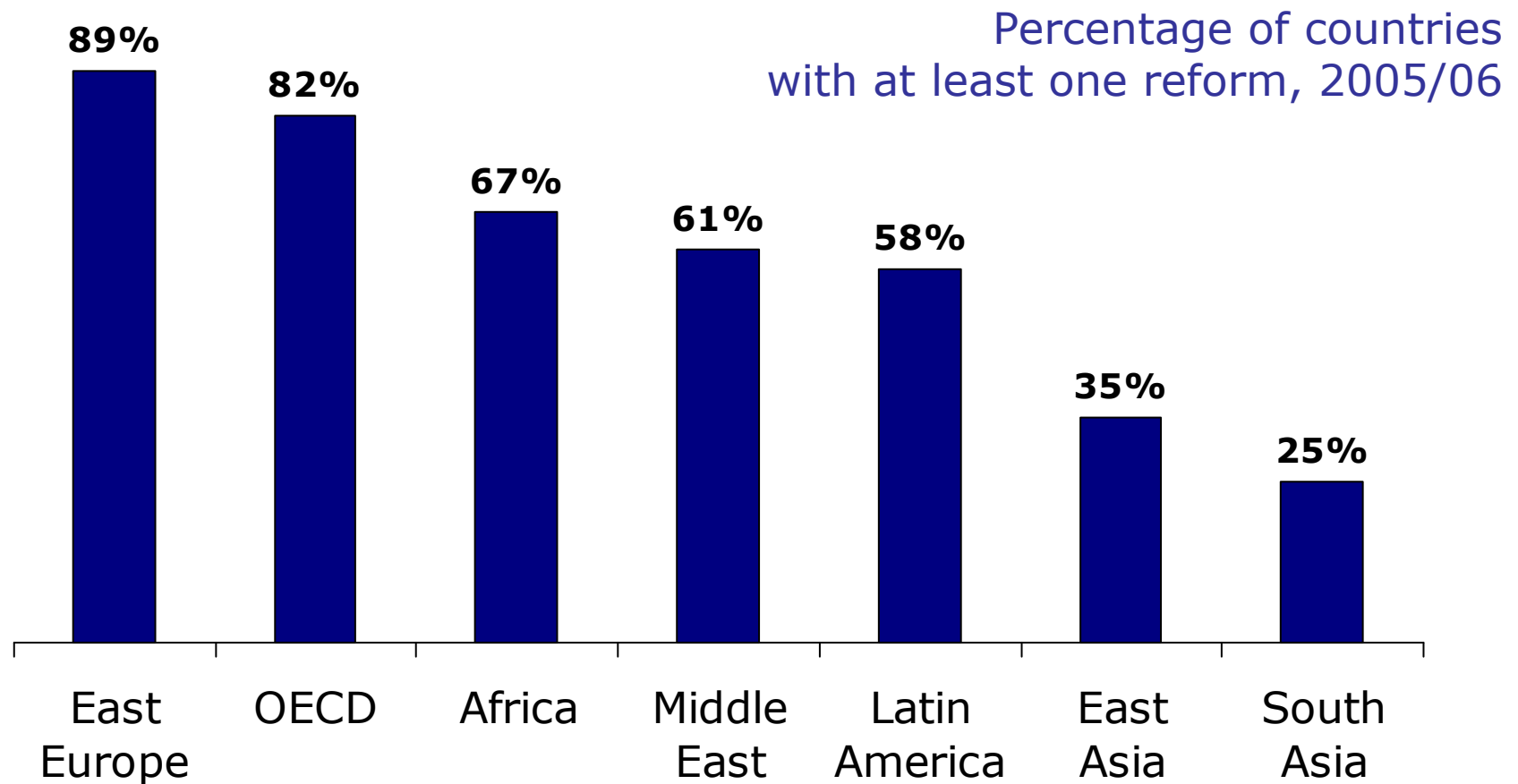
Country	Starting a business	Dealing with Licenses	Hiring and Firing	Registering Property	Getting Credit	Protecting Investors	Paying Taxes	Trading across borders	Enforcing contracts	Closing a business
Georgia	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	
Romania		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓
Mexico	✓					✓	✓			
China	✓				✓	✓		✓		
Peru	✓				✓	✓			✓	X
France		✓			✓			✓	✓	✓
Croatia	✓			✓					✓	
Guatemala	✓	✓		✓						
Ghana				✓			✓	✓		
Tanzania	✓			✓		✓		✓		

New securities law in Mexico: top reform worldwide in 2005/06

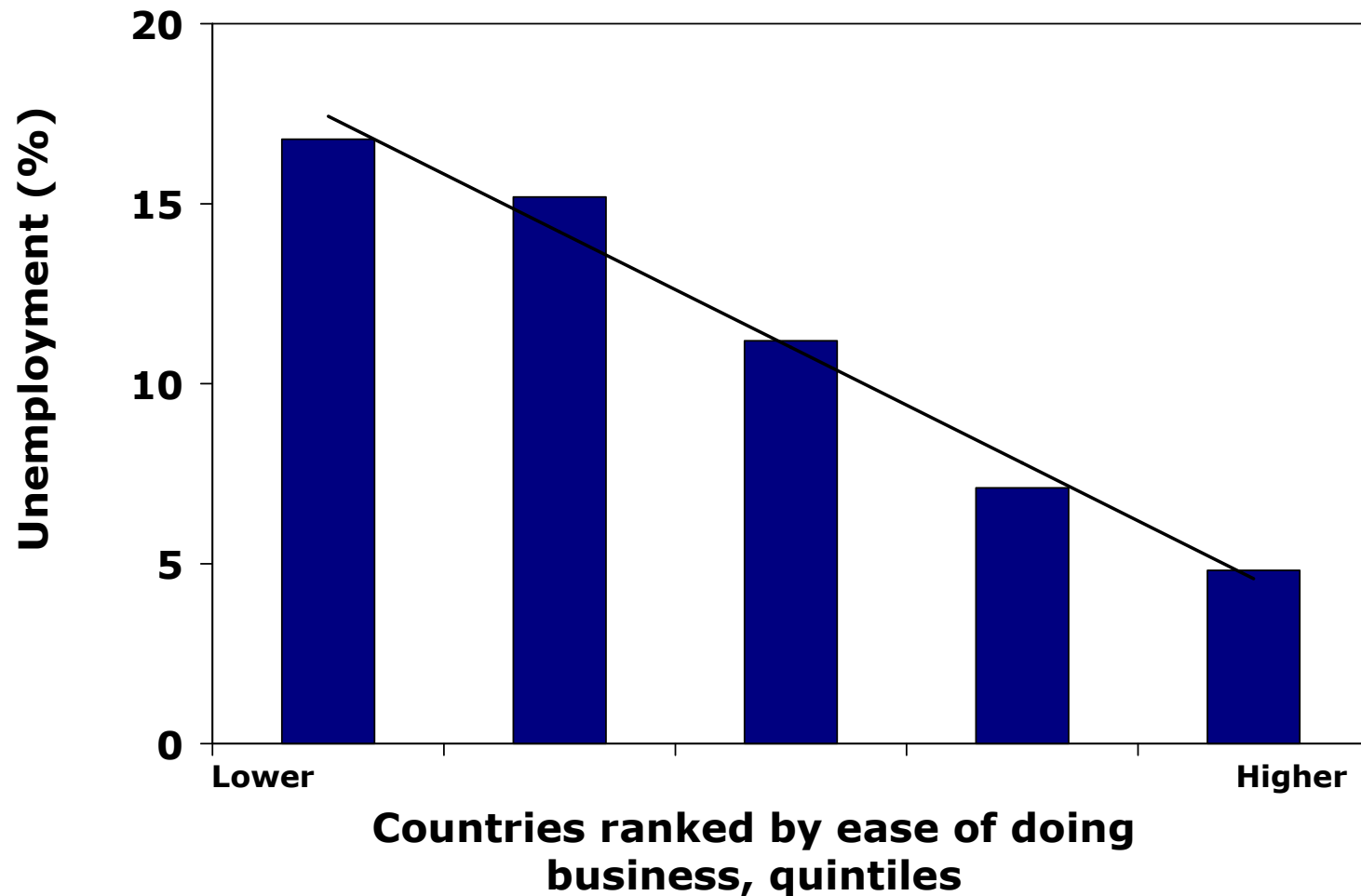


Protecting investors rank in **Doing Business 2007**

Latin America ranks 5th in reforms last year

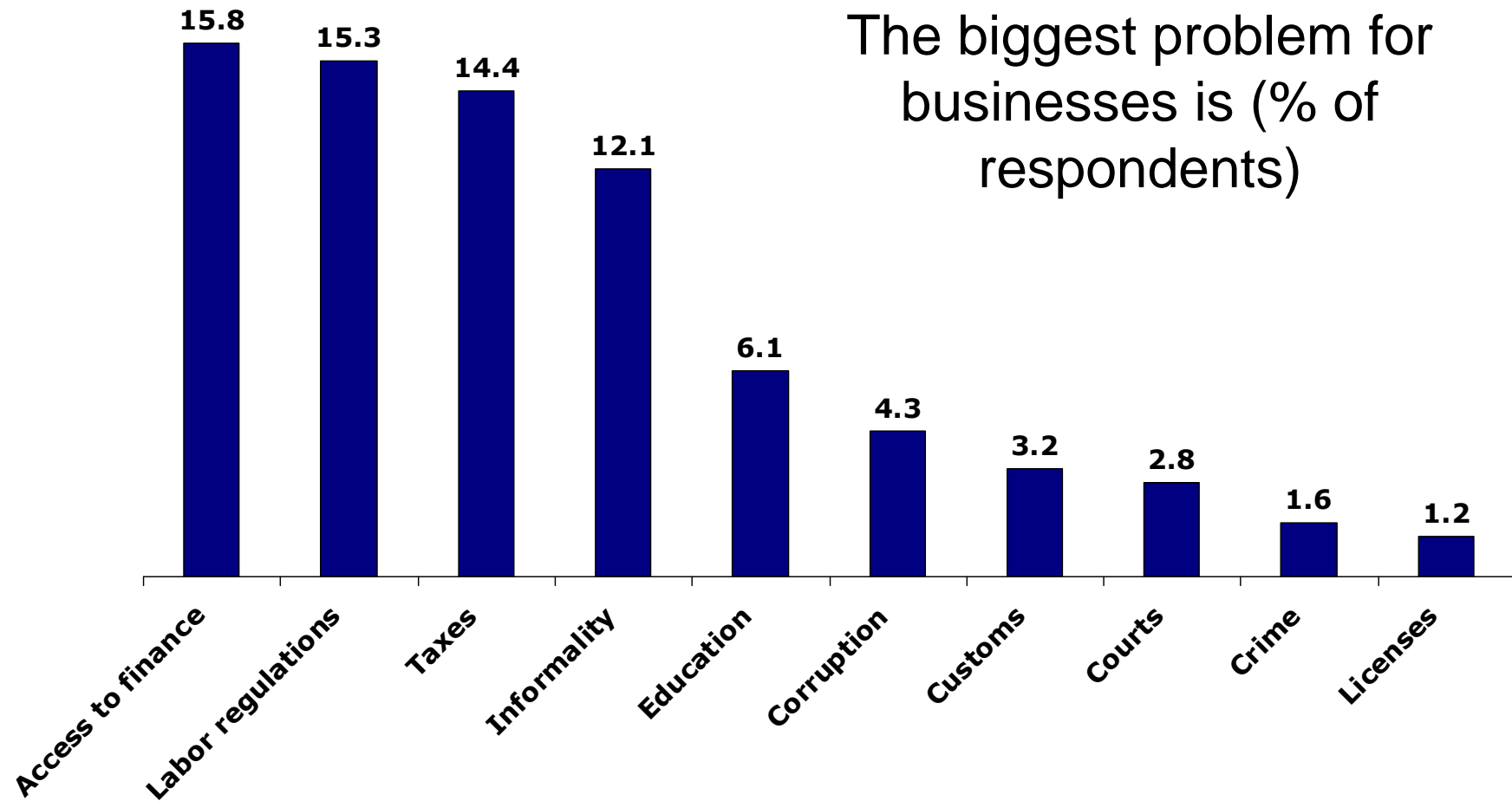


Reform payoff: creating jobs

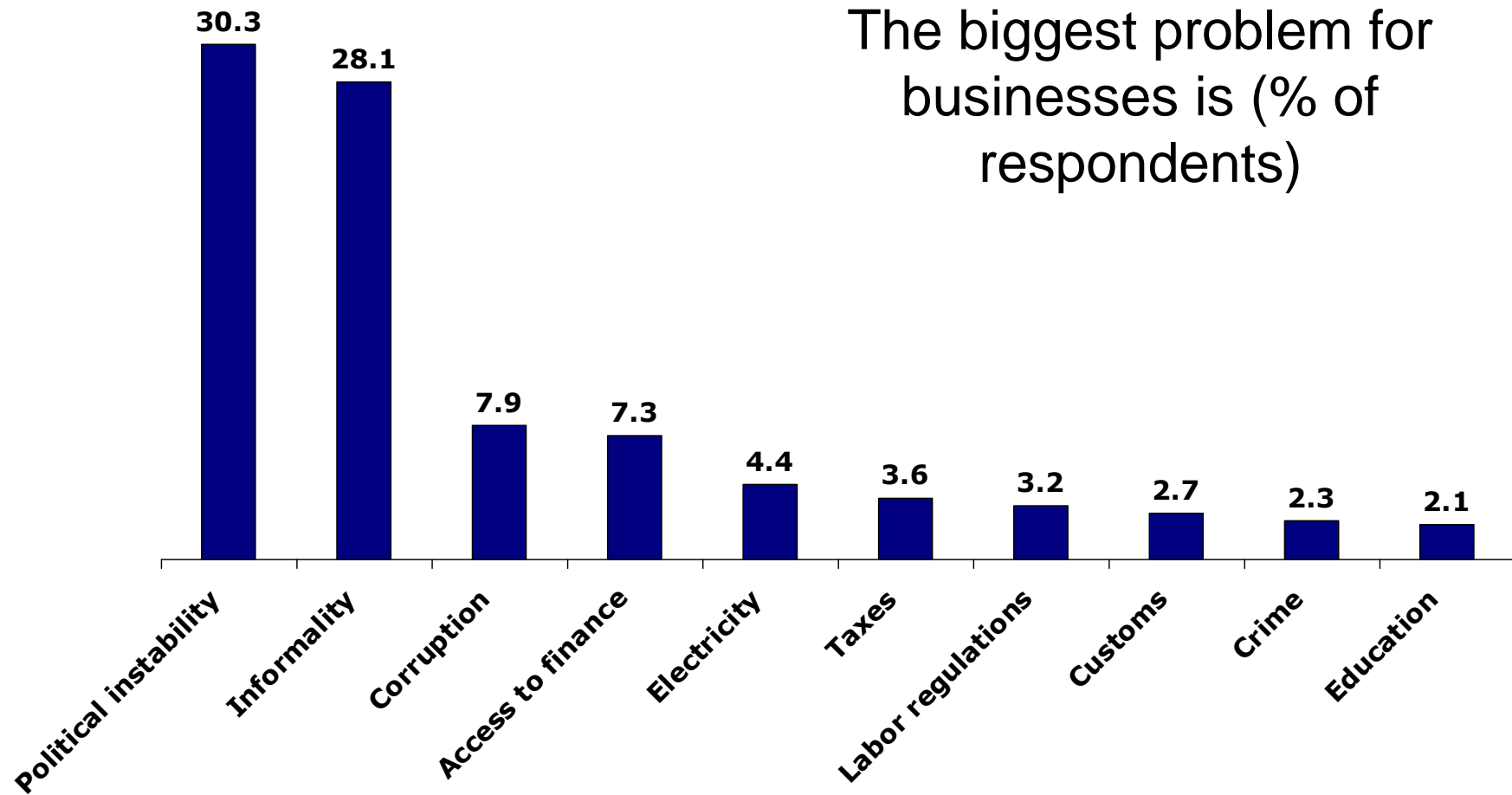


Note: relationship is statistically significant at the 1% level and remains significant when controlling for income per capita

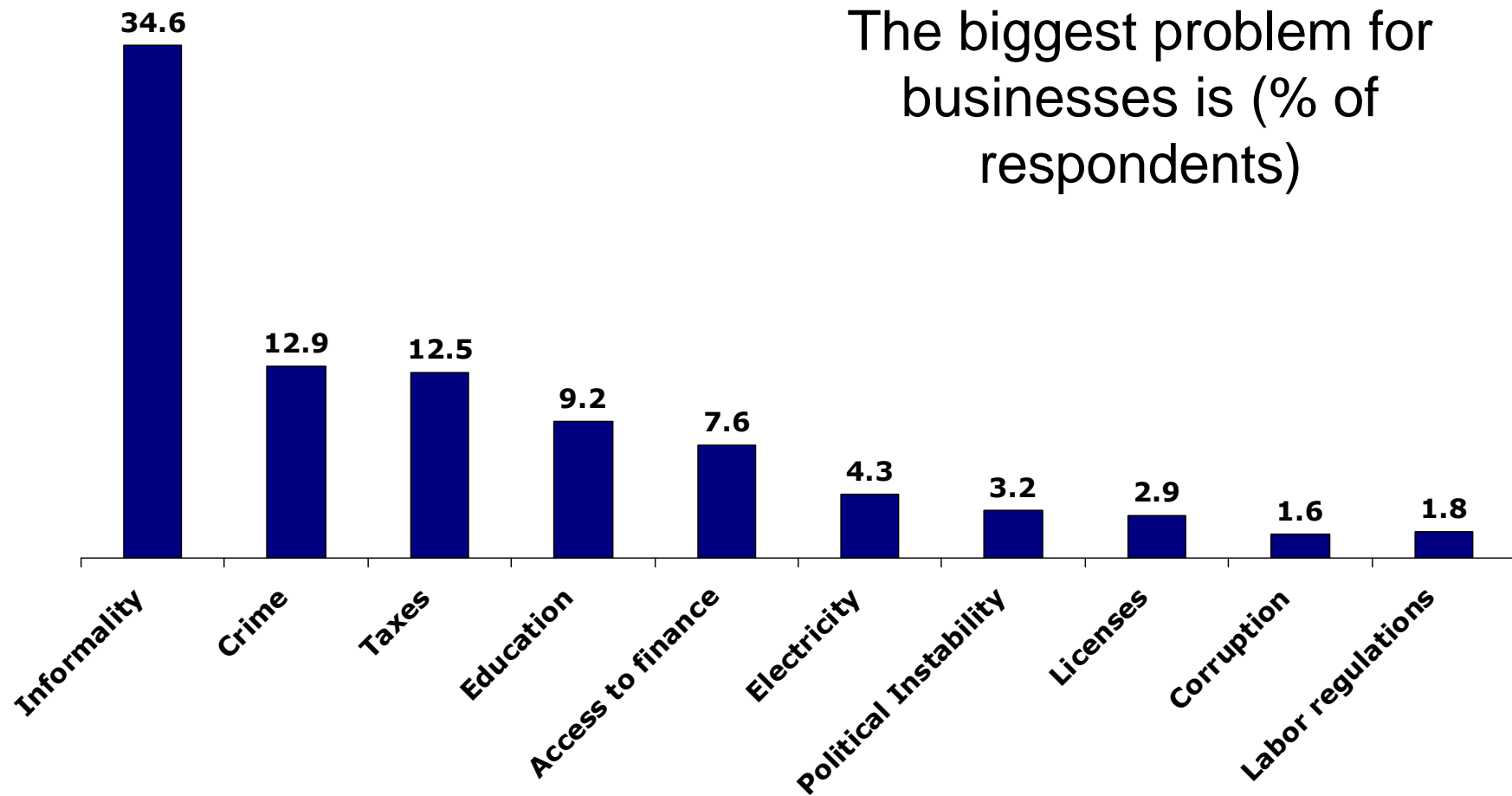
Largest constraints to business: Argentina



Largest constraints to business: Bolivia

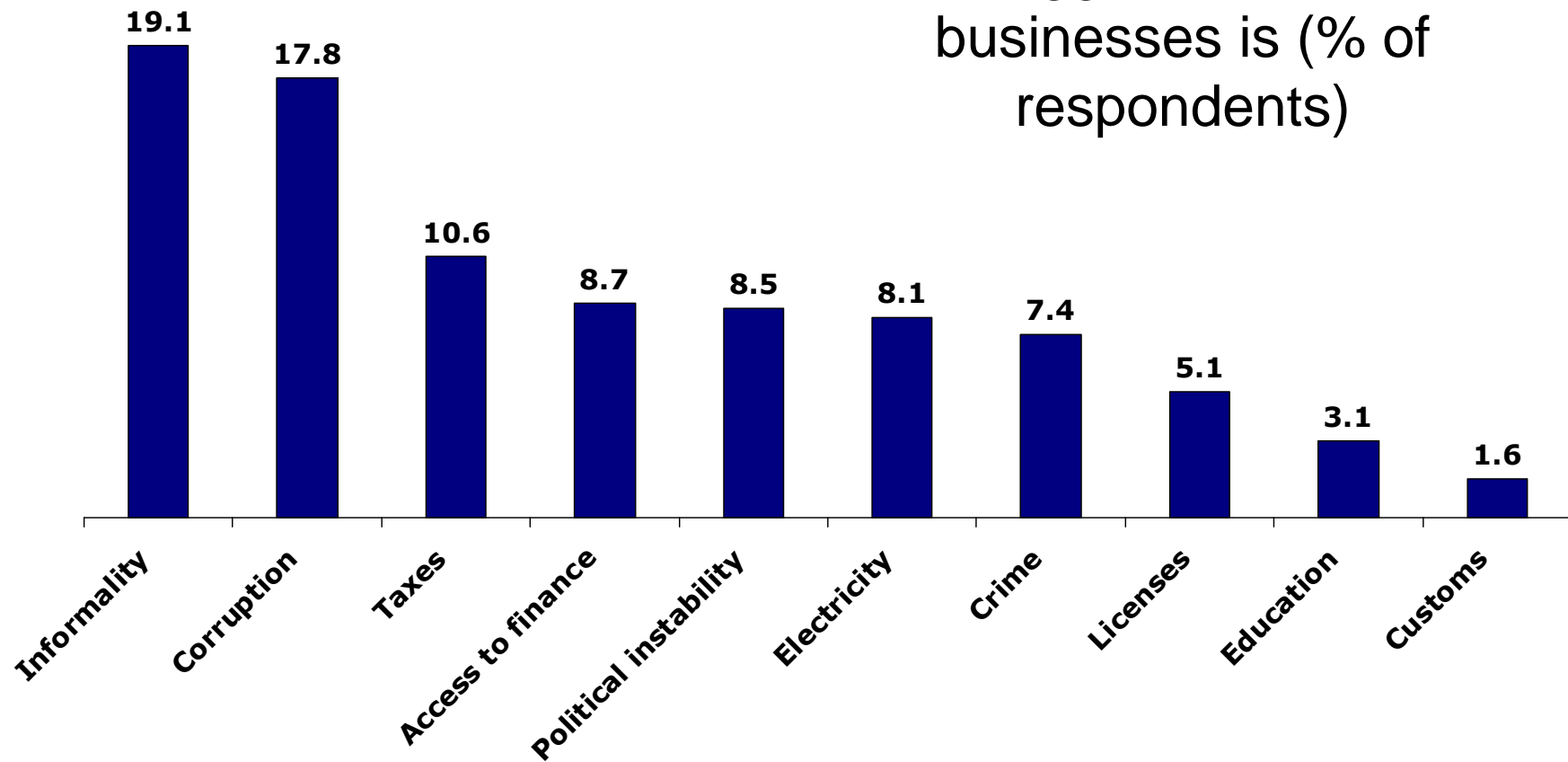


Largest constraints to business: Colombia

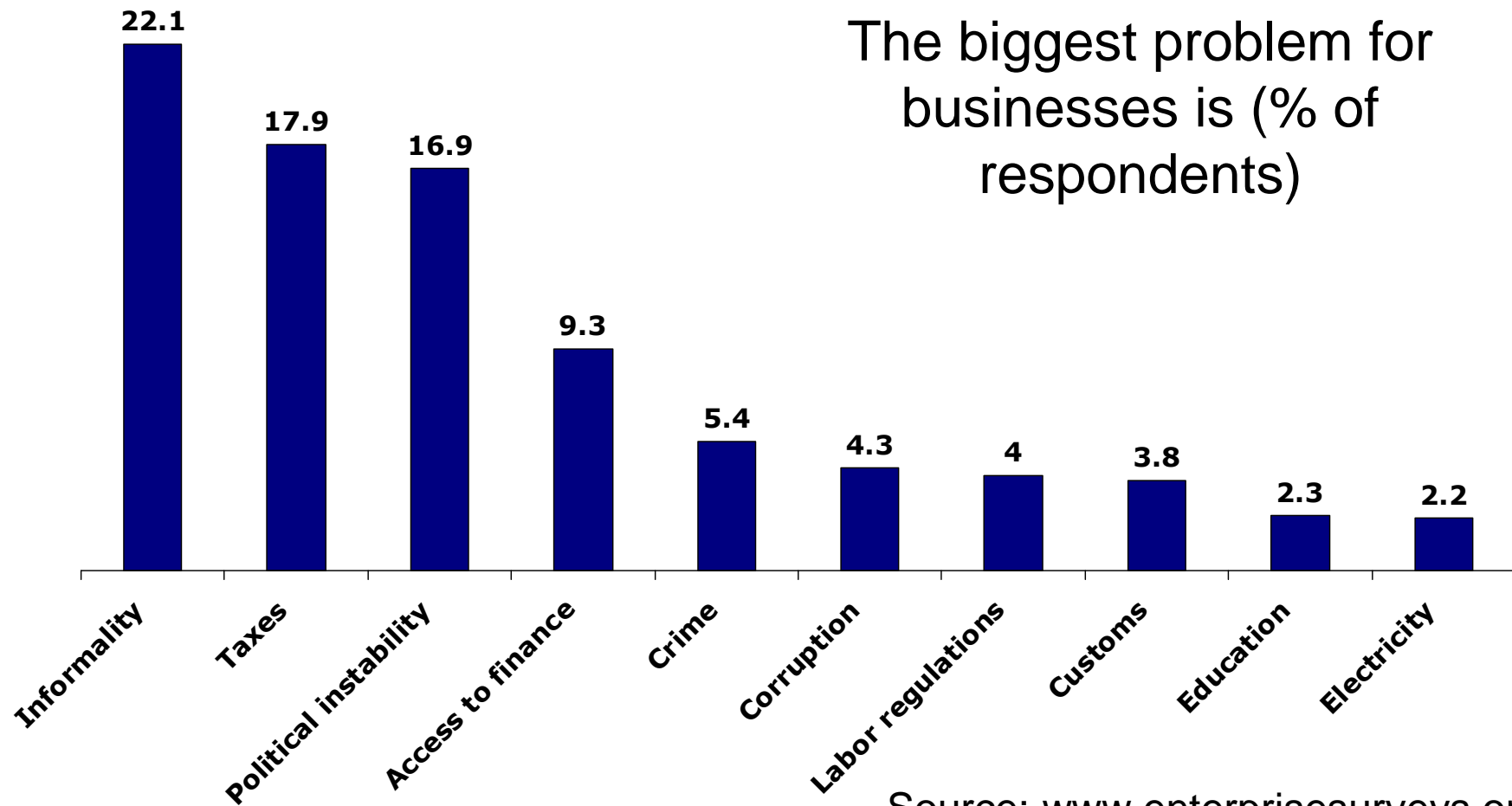


Largest constraints to business: Mexico

The biggest problem for businesses is (% of respondents)



Largest constraints to business: Peru



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