

The Human Development Index (HDI) is a composite statistic of life expectancy, education, and income per capita indicators. A country scores higher HDI when the life expectancy at birth is longer, the education period is longer, and the income per capita is higher. It is used to distinguish whether the country is a developed, a developing or an underdeveloped country. The index was developed in 1990 by Indian economist Amartya Sen^[4] and Pakistani economist Mahbub ul Haq^[5] The UN report covers 185 member states of the United Nations (out of 193), along with Hong Kong and the Palestinian territories; 8 UN member states are not included because of lack of data. The average HDI of regions of the World and groups of countries are also included for comparison.

Countries fall into four broad human development categories: Very High Human Development, High Human Development, Medium Human Development and Low Human Development.

Because of the new methodology adopted since the 2010 Human Development Report, the new reported HDI figures appear lower than the HDI figures in previous reports.

From 2007 to 2010, the first category was referred to as *developed countries*, and the last three are all grouped in *developing countries*. The original "high human development" category has been split into two as above in the report for 2007.

Some older groupings (*high/medium/low income countries*) that were based on the gross domestic product (GDP) in purchasing power parity (PPP) per capita have been replaced by another index based on the gross national income (GNI) in purchasing power parity per capita.


The country with the largest decrease in HDI since 1998 is Zimbabwe, falling from 0.514 in 1998 by 0.140 to 0.374 in 2010. The country with the largest decrease since 2009 is Cape Verde, which decreased by 0.170.

Over half of the world's population live in countries with "medium human development" (51%), while less than a fifth (18%) populate countries falling in the "low human development" category. Countries with "high" to "very high" human development account for slightly less than a third of the world's total population (30%).

Complete list of countries

- ▲ = increase.
- ▬ = steady.
- ▼ = decrease.

Very high human development

Rank			HDI		Rank			HDI	
2015 estimates for 2014 ^[2]	Change in rank from previous year ^[2]	Country	2015 estimates for 2014 ^[2]	Change from previous year ^[2]	2015 estimates for 2014 ^[2]	Change in rank from previous year ^[2]	Country	2015 estimates for 2014 ^[2]	Change from previous year ^[2]
1	▬	Norway	0.944	▲0.002	26	▬	Spain	0.876	▲0.002
2	▬	Australia	0.935	▲0.002	27	▬	Italy	0.873	▬
3	▬	Switzerland	0.930	▲0.002	28	▬	Czech Republic	0.870	▲0.002
4	▬	Denmark	0.923	▬	29	▬	 Greece	0.865	▲0.002
5	▬	Netherlands	0.922	▲0.002	30	▬	Estonia	0.861	▲0.002
6	▬	Germany	0.916	▲0.001	31	▬	Brunei	0.856	▲0.004
6	▲(2)	Ireland	0.916	▲0.004	32	▬	Cyprus	0.850	▬
8	▼(1)	United States	0.915	▲0.002	32	▲(1)	Qatar	0.850	▲0.001
9	▼(1)	Canada	0.913	▲0.001	34	▬	Andorra	0.845	▲0.001
9	▲(1)	New Zealand	0.913	▲0.002	35	▲(1)	Slovakia	0.844	▲0.005
11	▬	Singapore	0.912	▲0.003	36	▼(1)	Poland	0.843	▲0.003
12	▬	Hong Kong	0.910	▲0.002	37	▬	Lithuania	0.839	▲0.002
13	▬	Liechtenstein	0.908	▲0.001	37	▬	Malta	0.839	▲0.002
14	▬	Sweden	0.907	▲0.002	39	▬	Saudi Arabia	0.837	▲0.001
14	▲(1)	United Kingdom	0.907	▲0.005	40	▬	Argentina	0.836	▲0.003
16	▬	Iceland	0.899	▬	41	▼(1)	United Arab Emirates	0.835	▲0.002
17	▬	Korea, South	0.898	▲0.003					

18		Israel	0.894		0.001	42		Chile	0.832		0.002
19		Luxembourg	0.892		0.002	43		Portugal	0.830		0.002
20		(1) Japan	0.891		0.001	44		Hungary	0.828		0.003
21		Belgium	0.890		0.002	45		Bahrain	0.824		0.003
22		France	0.888		0.001	46		(1) Latvia	0.819		0.003
23		Austria	0.885		0.001	47		(1) Croatia	0.818		0.001
24		Finland	0.883		0.001	48		(1) Kuwait	0.816		
25		Slovenia	0.880		0.001	49		Montenegro	0.802		0.001

High human development

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50		Belarus	0.798		0.002	79		(3) Grenada	0.750		0.008
50		Russia	0.798		0.001	80		(2) Jordan	0.748		
52		Oman	0.793		0.001	81		Macedonia	0.747		0.003
52		(1) Romania	0.793		0.002	81		(1) Ukraine	0.747		0.001
52		(2) Uruguay	0.793		0.003	83		(1) Algeria	0.736		0.002
55		Bahamas	0.790		0.004	84		(1) Peru	0.734		0.002
56		Kazakhstan	0.788		0.003	85		Albania	0.733		0.001
57		(1) Barbados	0.785			85		(2) Armenia	0.733		0.002
58		Antigua and Barbuda	0.783		0.002	85		(4) Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.733		0.004
59		Bulgaria	0.782		0.003	88		Ecuador	0.732		0.002
60		(2) Palau	0.780		0.005	89		Saint Lucia	0.729		
60		Panama	0.780		0.003	90		(3) China	0.727		0.004
62		(2) Malaysia	0.779		0.002	90		(1) Fiji	0.727		0.003
63		(1) Mauritius	0.777		0.002	90		(5) Mongolia	0.727		0.005
64		(4) Seychelles	0.772		0.005	93		(2) Thailand	0.726		0.002
64		Trinidad and Tobago	0.772		0.001	94		(1) Dominica	0.724		0.001
66		(2) Serbia	0.771			94		(11) Libya	0.724		0.014
67		(1) Cuba	0.769		0.001	96		Tunisia	0.721		0.001
67		(1) Lebanon	0.769		0.001	97		Colombia	0.720		0.002
69		Costa Rica	0.766		0.002	97		(1) Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.720		0.003
69		Iran	0.766		0.002	99		(1) Jamaica	0.719		0.002
71		(2) Venezuela	0.762		0.002	100		Tonga	0.717		0.001
72		Turkey	0.761		0.002	101		Belize	0.715		
73		(1) Sri Lanka	0.757		0.005	101		(2) Dominican Republic	0.715		0.004
74		(1) Mexico	0.756		0.001	103		(1) Suriname	0.714		0.001
75		(1) Brazil	0.755		0.003						

76		Georgia	0.754		0.004	—	—	World	0.711		0.002
77		Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.752		0.005	104		Maldives	0.706		0.003
78		Azerbaijan	0.751		0.002	105		Samoa	0.702		0.001

Medium human development

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106		Botswana	0.698		0.002	126		Morocco	0.628		0.002
107		Moldova	0.693		0.003	126		Namibia	0.628		0.003
108		Egypt	0.690		0.001	128		Guatemala	0.627		0.001
109		Turkmenistan	0.688		0.006	129		Tajikistan	0.624		0.003
110		Gabon	0.684		0.005	130		India	0.609		0.005
110		Indonesia	0.684		0.003	131		Honduras	0.606		0.002
112		Paraguay	0.679		0.002	132		Bhutan	0.605		0.010
113		Palestine	0.677		0.002	133		Timor Leste	0.595		0.006
114		Uzbekistan	0.675		0.003	134		Syria	0.594		0.013
115		Philippines	0.668		0.004	134		Vanuatu	0.594		0.002
116		El Salvador	0.666		0.002	136		Congo, Republic of the	0.591		0.009
116		South Africa	0.666		0.003	137		Kiribati	0.590		0.002
116		Vietnam	0.666		0.003	138		Equatorial Guinea	0.587		0.003
119		Bolivia	0.662		0.004	139		Zambia	0.586		0.006
120		Kyrgyzstan	0.655		0.003	140		Ghana	0.579		0.002
121		Iraq	0.654		0.003	141		Laos	0.575		0.005
122		Cabo Verde	0.646		0.003	142		Bangladesh	0.570		0.003
123		Micronesia	0.640		0.001	143		Cambodia	0.555		0.005
124		Guyana	0.636		0.002	143		São Tomé and Príncipe	0.555		0.002
125		Nicaragua	0.631		0.003						

Low human development

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145		Kenya	0.548		0.004	167		Sudan	0.479		0.002
145		Nepal	0.548		0.005	168		Djibouti	0.470		0.002
147		Pakistan	0.538		0.002	169		South Sudan	0.467		0.006
148		Myanmar	0.536		0.005	170		Senegal	0.466		0.003
149		Angola	0.532		0.002	171		Afghanistan	0.465		0.001
150		Swaziland	0.531		0.001	172		Ivory Coast	0.462		0.004

151		Tanzania	0.521		0.005	173		Malawi	0.445		0.006
152		Nigeria	0.514		0.004	174		Ethiopia	0.442		0.006
153		Cameroon	0.512		0.005	175		Gambia	0.441		0.001
154		Madagascar	0.510		0.002			Congo,			
155		Zimbabwe	0.509		0.008	176		Democratic	0.433		0.003
156		Mauritania	0.506		0.002			Republic of the			
156		Solomon Islands	0.506		0.001	177		Liberia	0.430		0.006
158		Papua New	0.505		0.002	178		Guinea Bissau	0.420		0.002
		Guinea				179		Mali	0.419		0.003
159		Comoros	0.503		0.002	180		Mozambique	0.416		0.003
160		Yemen	0.498			181		Sierra Leone	0.413		0.005
161		Lesotho	0.497		0.003	182		Guinea	0.411		
162		Togo	0.484		0.009	183		Burkina Faso	0.402		0.006
163		Haiti	0.483		0.002	184		Burundi	0.400		0.003
163		Rwanda	0.483		0.004	185		Chad	0.392		0.004
163		Uganda	0.483		0.005	186		Eritrea	0.391		0.001
166		Benin	0.480		0.003	187		Central African	0.350		0.002
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