

How does the U.S. rank ...globally!

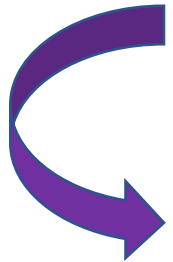
A "Top 10" Summary - 2022





Where am I “coming” from?

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Our goal is to show you
something you have
never seen before!



Is that a “*fact*” ... or an “*opinion*”?

FACT

“Russia is the largest country in the world.”
Russian land area includes more than 6.5 M. Square Miles
(Confirmed by land and aerial surveys)

OPINION

“Sydney, AU is the most walkable city in the world”
Reader survey conducted by *Smarter Travel* magazine.



Opinion vs. Fact - Survey Research

| Always ask these questions ▼ | ▼ |
|------------------------------|---|
| WHO | WHO is <i>asking</i> the questions! WHO is <i>answering</i> the questions! |
| WHAT | WHAT is the subject of the survey! WHAT format – phone, mail, FOCUS group, etc. |
| WHERE | WHERE geographically is the survey conducted? WHERE demographically is the survey conducted? |
| WHEN | WHEN is the survey started and finished? WHEN are the results reported? |
| HOW | HOW is the sample generated? HOW is the projection to a total population made? |
| WHY | WHY is the survey sponsor paying for the survey? |



Did Elvis shake hands with Kim Jong-un?



Or did Elvis shake hands with Nixon?



Kim Jong-un was born in 1983; Elvis died in 1977!

The 1st picture is an easily done “deep fake”!

Can we always recognize a “deep fake”?

“Things” aren’t always
what they appear
to be!

Topics we will consider:

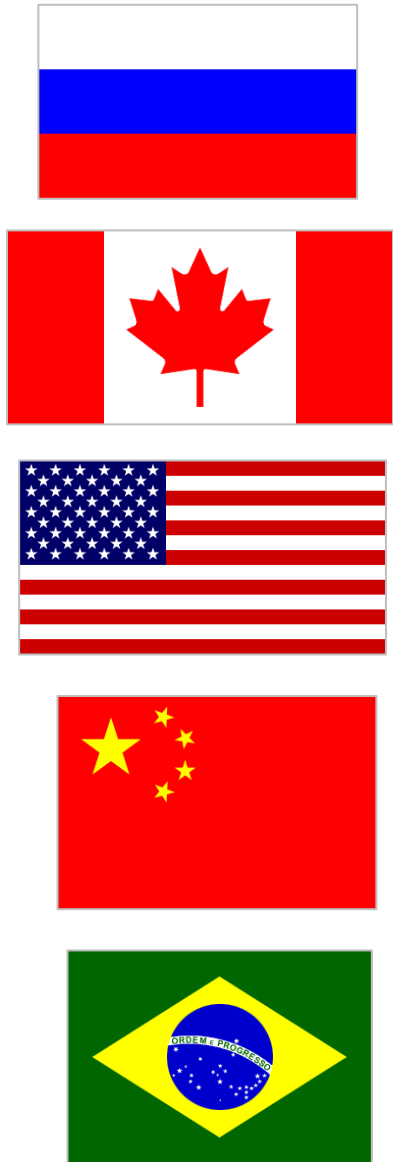
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| 9 | The Future? |

1 “Warm-up” Top 10’s



FACT

Largest Countries in the World by Area



| Rank | Country | Area Sq. Mi. |
|------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Russia | 6,599,291 |
| 2 | Canada | 3,854,082 |
| 3 | United States | 3,793,096 |
| 4 | China | 3,704,426 |
| 5 | Brazil | 3,286,742 |
| 6 | Australia | 2,988,110 |
| 7 | India | 1,268,883 |
| 8 | Argentina | 1,073,234 |
| 9 | Kazakhstan | 1,051,811 |
| 10 | Algeria | 919,352 |



Source: <https://www.worldatlas.com>

OPINION

Best Countries to Visit - 2022



| Rank | Country |
|------|-------------|
| 1 | Portugal |
| 2 | New Zealand |
| 3 | Japan |
| 4 | Morocco |
| 5 | Sri Lanka |
| 6 | Italy |
| 7 | Iceland |
| 8 | Greece |
| 9 | Croatia |
| 10 | Turkey |






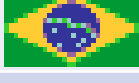






SOURCE: <https://www.cntraveler.com/gallery/are-these-the-best-countries-in-the-world>

FACT
All Estimates!

Top 10 Countries by Population – 2/12/22!



| Rank | | Country | Population |
|------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1 |  | China | 1,447,763,765 |
| 2 |  | India | 1,400,860,692 |
| 3 |  | United States | 333,962,165 |
| 4 |  | Indonesia | 277,976,538 |
| 5 |  | Pakistan | 227,617,837 |
| 6 |  | Brazil | 214,869,135 |
| 7 |  | Nigeria | 214,242,102 |
| 8 |  | Bangladesh | 167,212,252 |
| 9 |  | Russia | 146,028,821 |
| 10 |  | Mexico | 131,017,980 |



SOURCE: <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/population-by-country/>

OPINION

Trust in the News – December, 2021

“Proportion that trusts most news
most of the time”

| Rank | Country | % |
|----------|---------------|-----|
| 1 | Finland | 65% |
| 2 | Portugal | 61% |
| 3 | Kenya | 61% |
| 4 | Denmark | 59% |
| 5 | Brazil | 59% |
| 6 | Nigeria | 54% |
| 7 | Belgium | 54% |
| 8 | Germany | 53% |
| 9 | South Africa | 52% |
| 10 | Switzerland | 51% |
| 46 of 46 | United States | 29% |

The Association of News Media notes,
“trust is the new currency for success”

A three year in-depth study by the
Reuter Institute and Oxford University.



SOURCE: <https://reutersinstitute.politics.ox.ac.uk/digital-news-report/2021/dnr-executive-summary>

FACT?
 Some A/I Estimates
 Some Nations Missing

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Last updated: Last updated: March 4, 2022, 16:35 GMT

| # | Country | Cases | Deaths | % Deaths/ Case |
|----|----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| | World | 442,971,521 | 6,004,789 | 1.41% |
| 1 | United States | 80,843,570 | 981,729 | 1.19% |
| 2 | India | 42,951,556 | 514,620 | 1.19% |
| 3 | Brazil | 28,906,214 | 650,646 | 2.32% |
| 4 | France | 22,900,531 | 138,942 | 0.62% |
| 5 | United Kingdom | 19,119,181 | 162,008 | 0.87% |
| 6 | Russia | 16,775,024 | 354,787 | 2.36% |
| 7 | Germany | 15,433,663 | 124,335 | 0.96% |
| 8 | Turkey | 14,255,545 | 95,025 | 0.70% |
| 9 | Italy | 12,948,859 | 155,609 | 1.25% |
| 10 | Spain | 11,078,028 | 100,239 | 0.91% |



SOURCE: [HTTPS://.worldometers.info/coronavirus/?utm_campaign=homeAdvegas1?](https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/?utm_campaign=homeAdvegas1?)

The U.S. has 4% of the world's population,
but nearly 20% of the world's Covid 19 cases!



As of March 4, 2022:

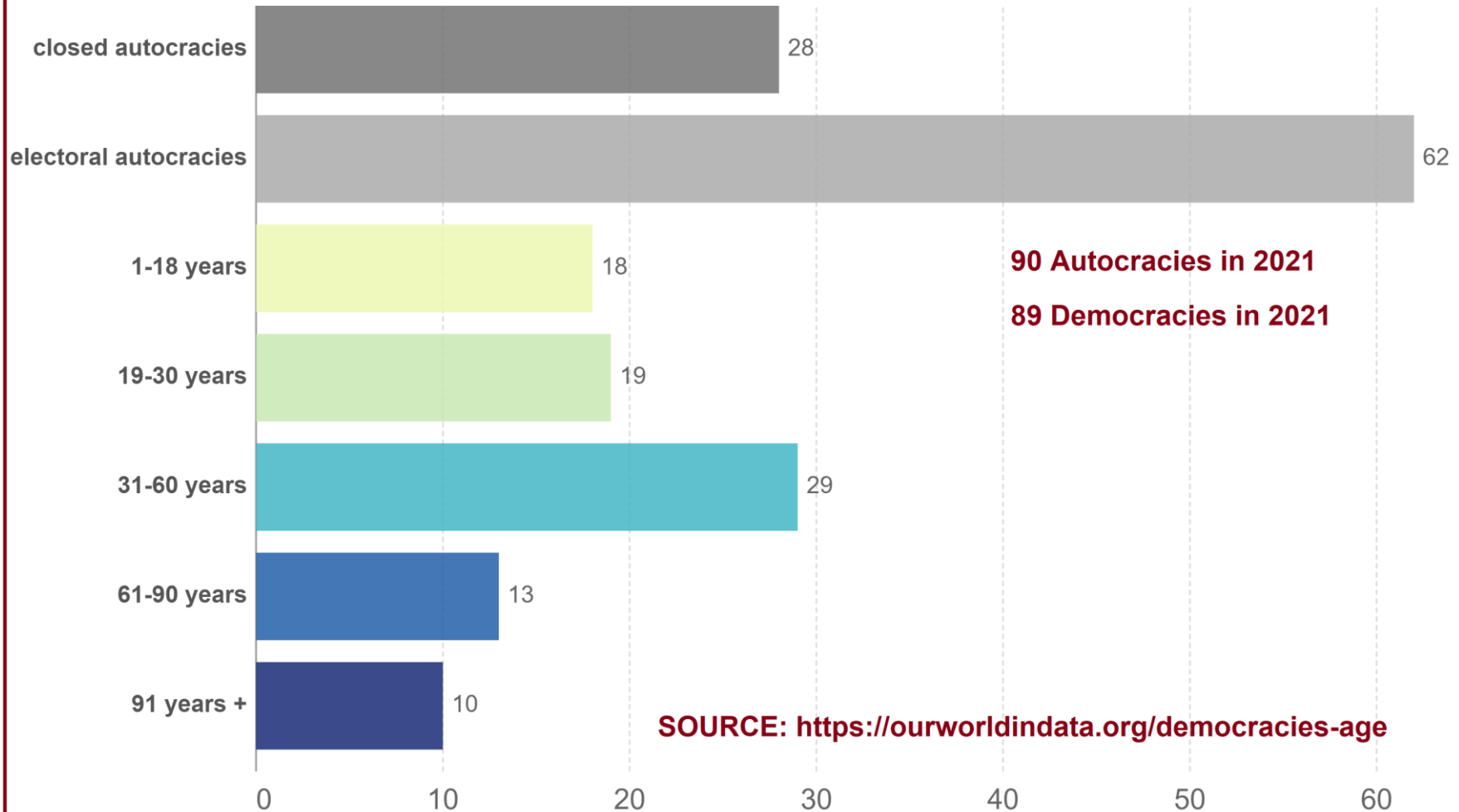
| CATEGORY | POPULATION | % OF WORLD TOTAL |
|----------|---------------|------------------|
| WORLD | 7,894,607,126 | 100.0% |
| U. S. A. | 333,612,378 | 4.3% |

| CATEGORY | CASES | % OF WORLD TOTAL |
|----------|-------------|------------------|
| WORLD | 442,971,521 | 100.0% |
| U. S. A. | 80,843,570 | 19.2% |

| CATEGORY | DEATHS | % OF WORLD TOTAL |
|----------|-----------|------------------|
| WORLD | 6,004,789 | 100.0% |
| U. S. A. | 981,729 | 16.4% |

Number of electoral democracies by age, 2021

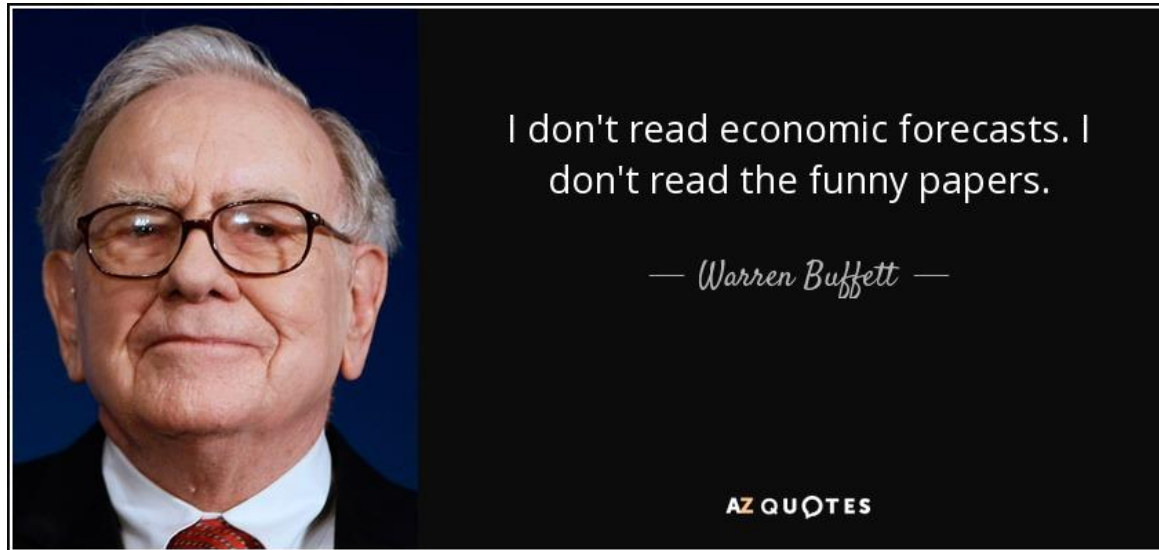
Based on the classification by Lührmann et al. (2018) and the data by V-Dem. Electoral democracies are understood here as political systems that hold meaningful, free and fair, and multi-party elections.



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2 Economy





GDP - 2021

Nominal vs. PPP



| Rank | Country | GDP Tr. \$ |
|------|----------------|------------|
| 1 | United States | 21.44 |
| 2 | China | 14.14 |
| 3 | Japan | 5.15 |
| 4 | Germany | 4.00 |
| 5 | United Kingdom | 2.83 |
| 6 | India | 2.94 |
| 7 | France | 2.71 |
| 8 | Italy | 1.99 |
| 9 | Brazil | 1.85 |
| 10 | Canada | 1.73 |

| Rank | Country | GDP TR. \$ |
|------|----------------|------------|
| 1 | China | 27.31 |
| 2 | United States | 21.44 |
| 3 | India | 10.51 |
| 4 | Japan | 5.75 |
| 5 | Germany | 4.44 |
| 6 | United Kingdom | 2.83 |
| 7 | France | 2.76 |
| 8 | Italy | 2.40 |
| 9 | Brazil | 2.40 |
| 10 | Canada | 1.83 |

Nominal GDP is useful for large-scale GDP comparison, either for a country or region or on an international scale. The nominal GDP of an area is determined using up-to-date market prices and shifts according to inflation. By incorporating an area's inflation rate in the GDP calculation, nominal GDP can indicate when prices rise in an economy. The rate of price increases in an economy is also factored into nominal GDP.

PPP GDP stands for purchasing power parity. PPP is used to measure both the economic growth and living standards in a country, making it a useful tool in global comparisons. The PPP approach uses exchange rates to convert one country's currency into the other. Then, using a consistent amount of money, the quantity of goods and services that may be purchased in the countries is compared. PPP GDP stays relatively stable from year to year and isn't significantly impacted by shifts in the exchange rate.

SOURCE: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/countries-by-gdp>

The Fastest Growing Economies in the World - 2021

| Rank | Country | Region | 2021 Real GDP Growth (Annual % Change) |
|------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| 1 | Libya | Africa | 123.2% |
| 2 | Guyana | South America | 20.4% |
| 3 | Macao | Asia | 20.4% |
| 4 | Maldives | Asia | 18.9% |
| 5 | Ireland | Europe | 13.0% |
| 6 | Aruba | Caribbean | 12.8% |
| 7 | Panama | Central America | 12.0% |
| 8 | Chile | South America | 11.0% |
| 9 | Peru | South America | 10.0% |
| 10 | Dominican Republic | Caribbean | 9.5% |



SOURCE: <https://www.visualcapitalist.com/visualizing-the-94-trillion-world-economy-in-one-chart/>

GDP FORECAST 2030 – LOWY INSTITUTE

GDP forecast at purchasing power parity, constant 2021 prices (2030)

| Rank '30 | Country | 2021 Base | 2030 Forecast | % Change |
|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------|
| 1 | China | \$26.07 Tr. | \$42.74 Tr. | 63.9% |
| 2 | U.S.A. | 22.94 | 28.15 | 22.7% |
| 3 | India | 10.18 | 18.01 | 76.9% |
| 4 | Japan | 5.63 | 6.24 | 10.8% |
| 5 | Russia | 4.45 | 5.29 | 18.9% |
| 6 | Indonesia | 3.53 | 5.59 | 58.3% |
| 7 | South Korea | 2.50 | 3.06 | 22.4% |
| 8 | Australia | 1.42 | 1.81 | 27.5% |
| 9 | Thailand | 1.33 | 1.82 | 36.8% |
| 10 | Vietnam | 1.14 | 2.01 | 76.3% |

Change > U.S.A.

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SOURCE: <https://power.lowyinstitute.org/>

GDP FORECAST 2030 VISUAL CAPITALIST *

GDP forecast at purchasing power parity,
constant 2021 prices

| Rank '30 | Country | 2021 Base | 2030 Forecast | % Change |
|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| 1 | China | \$26.1 Tr | \$64.2 Tr. | 146% |
| 2 | India | 10.1 | 46.3 | 358% |
| 3 | U.S.A. | 22.9 | 31.0 | 35% |
| 4 | Indonesia | 3.5 | 10.1 | 188% |
| 5 | Turkey | 2.2 | 9.1 | 314% |
| 6 | Brazil | 3.2 | 8.6 | 168% |
| 7 | Egypt | 1.2 | 8.2 | 583% |
| 8 | Russia | 4.4 | 7.9 | 80% |
| 9 | Japan | 5.6 | 7.2 | 29% |
| 10 | Germany | 4.2 | 6.9 | 64% |

SOURCE:

<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/worlds-largest-10-economies-2030/>

* Canadian Global Economics Firm

How do they compare?

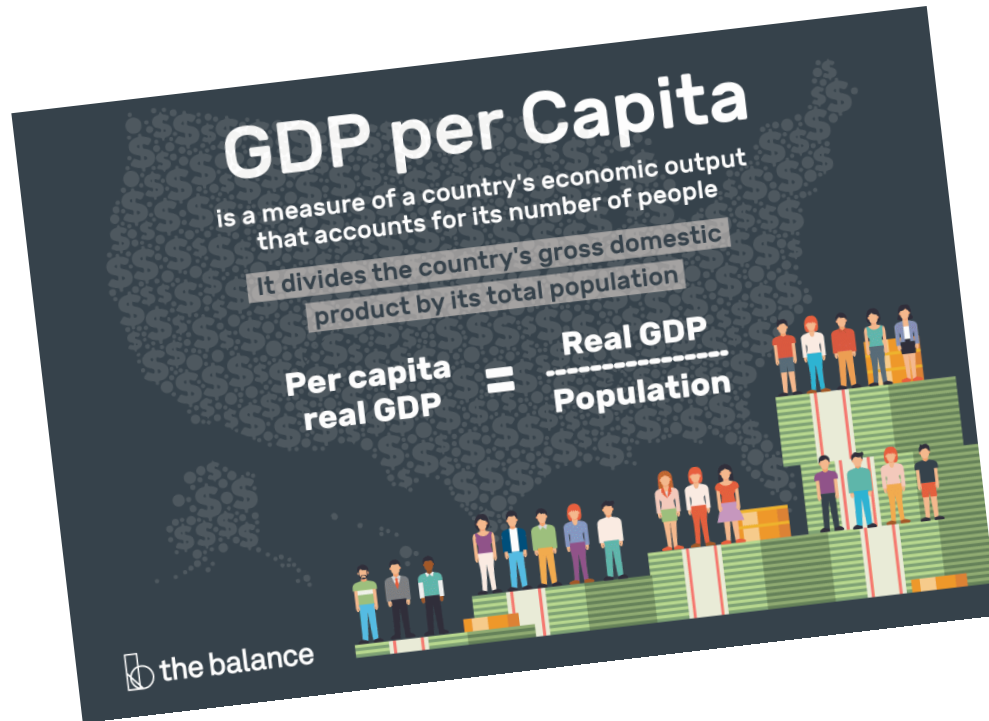
| Country | Lowy Australia | Visual Canada |
|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| China | 64% | 146% |
| U.S.A. | 23% | 35% |
| India | 77% | 358% |
| Japan | 11% | 29% |
| Russia | 19% | 80% |

“Economic forecasting is like driving a car blindfolded and getting instruction from a person looking out the rear window.”

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GDP / Capita (2021)

Projection: International Monetary Fund



| Rank | Country | GDP/ Capita | % Growth |
|------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| 1 | Luxembourg | \$131,302 | 5.5% |
| 2 | Ireland | \$102,394 | 13.0% |
| 3 | Switzerland | \$93,515 | 3.7% |
| 4 | Norway | \$82,244 | 3.1% |
| 5 | United States | \$69,375 | 6.0% |
| 6 | Iceland | \$68,844 | 3.7% |
| 7 | Denmark | \$67,920 | 3.8% |
| 8 | Singapore | \$66,263 | 6.0% |
| 9 | Australia | \$62,619 | 3.5% |
| 10 | Qatar | \$61,791 | 2.0% |
| | World Average: | \$12,284 | 5.8% |

SOURCE: <https://statisticstimes.com/economy/projected-world-gdp-capita>

Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development

The OECD provides a forum in which governments can work together to share experiences and seek solutions to common problems. The focus is on sharing data to access what factors drive economic, social and environmental change.

OECD began in 1960, includes 37 nations, with an HQ in Paris and a staff of 2,500.

| | | | |
|---------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Australia | Austria | Belgium | Brazil |
| Canada | Chile | Czech Republic | Denmark |
| Estonia | France | ⁴ Finland | Germany |
| Greece | Hungary | Iceland | Ireland |
| Israel | Italy | Japan | Latvia |
| Luxembourg | Netherlands | Norway | Poland |
| Portugal | Slovenia | Spain | South Korea |
| Sweden | Switzerland | Turkey | United Kingdom |
| United States | | | |

SOURCE: <http://www.oecd.org/about/>

NOTE: Data from non-member nations is collected for some studies

Average Wages – 36 OECD Countries



| Rank | Country | 2020 | 2019 | Δ 20 - 19 | % Δ |
|-------|---------------|----------|----------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | United States | \$69,392 | \$66,383 | \$3,009 | 4.53% |
| 2 | Luxembourg | \$65,854 | \$66,840 | \$986 | 1.48% |
| 3 | Switzerland | \$64,824 | \$65,906 | \$1,082 | 1.64% |
| 4 | Netherlands | \$58,828 | \$57,475 | \$1,353 | 2.35% |
| 5 | Denmark | \$58,430 | \$57,967 | \$463 | 0.79% |
| 6 | Norway | \$55,780 | \$55,753 | \$27 | 0.04% |
| 7 | Canada | \$55,342 | \$54,119 | \$1,223 | 2.25% |
| 8 | Australia | \$55,206 | \$54,021 | \$1,185 | 2.19% |
| 9 | Belgium | \$54,327 | \$56,022 | \$1,695 | 3.02% |
| 10 | Germany | \$53,745 | \$54,041 | \$296 | 0.05% |
| 36/36 | Mexico | \$16,230 | \$16,771 | \$541 | 3.22% |

Average wages are obtained by dividing the national-accounts-based total wage bill by the average number of employees in the total economy, which is then multiplied by the ratio of the average usual weekly hours per full-time employee to the average usually weekly hours for all employees. This indicator is measured in USD constant prices using 2016 base year and Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) for current year.

The 30 U.S. states with a minimum wage > \$7.25 \ Hour

| State | A. Min. Wage | B. Population (m.) | A X B |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------|
| D. C. | \$15.00 | 0.714 | 10.710 |
| Washington | \$12.00 | 7.796 | 93.552 |
| Massachusetts | \$12.00 | 6.912 | 82.944 |
| California | \$12.00 | 39.747 | 476.964 |
| New York | \$11.10 | 19.491 | 216.350 |
| Colorado | \$11.10 | 5.894 | 65.423 |
| Maine | \$11.00 | 1.355 | 14.905 |
| Arizona | \$11.00 | 7.520 | 82.720 |
| Vermont | \$10.78 | 0.624 | 6.727 |
| Oregon | \$10.75 | 4.289 | 46.107 |
| Rhode Island | \$10.50 | 1.062 | 11.151 |
| Maryland | \$10.10 | 6.065 | 61.257 |
| Hawaii | \$10.10 | 1.406 | 14.201 |
| Connecticut | \$10.10 | 3.553 | 35.885 |
| Alaska | \$9.89 | 0.724 | 7.160 |

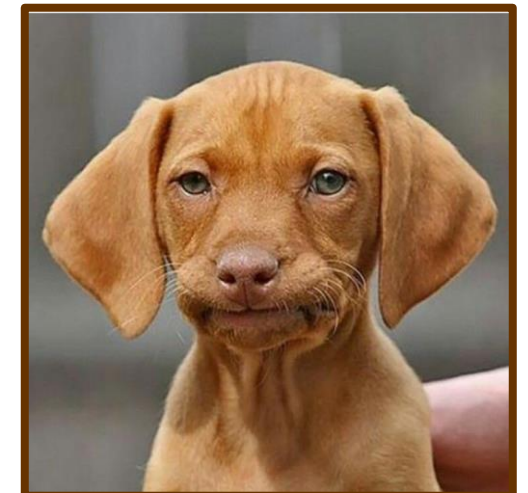
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|---------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Minnesota | \$9.86 | 5.706 | 56.261 |
| Michigan | \$9.25 | 9.992 | 92.426 |
| Arkansas | \$9.25 | 3.034 | 28.065 |
| South Dakota | \$9.10 | 0.897 | 8.163 |
| Nebraska | \$9.00 | 1.952 | 17.568 |
| New Jersey | \$8.85 | 8.875 | 78.544 |
| West Virginia | \$8.75 | 1.768 | 15.470 |
| Delaware | \$8.75 | 0.990 | 8.663 |
| Missouri | \$8.60 | 6.169 | 53.053 |
| Ohio | \$8.55 | 11.715 | 100.163 |
| Montana | \$8.50 | 1.085 | 9.223 |
| Florida | \$8.46 | 21.945 | 185.655 |
| Nevada | \$8.25 | 3.186 | 26.285 |
| Illinois | \$8.25 | 12.569 | 103.694 |
| New Mexico | \$7.50 | 2.105 | 15.788 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| U.S. Population 30 States | Wage Wtd. By 30 State Population A X B | “Average” Minimum Wage 30 States |
| 199.140 | 2,025.08 | \$10.17 / Hour |

The 21 states @ \$7.25 / hour or less



| | | | |
|----------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Wisconsin | \$7.25 | 5.853 | 42.434 |
| Virginia | \$7.25 | 8.604 | 62.379 |
| Utah | \$7.25 | 3.311 | 24.005 |
| Texas | \$7.25 | 29.730 | 215.543 |
| Pennsylvania | \$7.25 | 12.804 | 92.829 |
| North Dakota | \$7.25 | 0.770 | 5.583 |
| Oklahoma | \$7.25 | 3.990 | 28.928 |
| North Carolina | \$7.25 | 10.701 | 77.582 |
| Kentucky | \$7.25 | 4.481 | 32.487 |
| Kansas | \$7.25 | 2.917 | 21.148 |
| Iowa | \$7.25 | 3.168 | 22.968 |
| Indiana | \$7.25 | 6.806 | 49.344 |
| Idaho | \$7.25 | 1.860 | 13.485 |
| Tennessee | \$7.25 | 6.944 | 50.344 |
| South Carolina | \$7.25 | 5.278 | 38.266 |
| New Hampshire | \$7.25 | 1.372 | 9.947 |
| Mississippi | \$7.25 | 2.966 | 21.504 |
| Louisiana | \$7.25 | 4.627 | 33.546 |
| Alabama | \$7.25 | 4.934 | 35.772 |
| Wyoming | \$5.15 | 0.581 | 2.922 |
| Georgia | \$5.15 | 10.830 | 55.775 |



| U.S. Population 21 States | Wage Wtd. By 21 State Population A X B | “Average” Minimum Wage 21 States |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| 123.53 | 895.59 | \$7.25 / Hour |

“Effective” Minimum U.S. Wage / Regulation

| U.S. Population 50 States + DC (30 + 21) | Wage Wtd. By 51 Unit Population A X B (Population X Min. Wage) | “Average” Minimum Wage BY REGULATION In the U.S. |
|--|---|---|
| 322.67 | 2,896.71 | \$9.05 |



Poverty Rate

| Rank Worst - Best | Country 2020 or latest | % |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 1 | South Africa | 35.0% |
| 2 | Brazil | 34.1% |
| 3 | Costa Rica | 27.3% |
| 4 | Turkey | 22.7% |
| 5 | Israel | 22.2% |
| 6 | Chile | 21.5% |
| 7 | Romania | 21.0% |
| 8 | United States | 21.0% |
| 9 | Bulgaria | 20.9% |
| 10 | Spain | 20.9% |
| 1 | Iceland | 5.4% |

The poverty rate is the ratio of the number of people whose income falls below the poverty line; taken as half the median household income of the total population

U.S. Median – 2020 = \$67,521

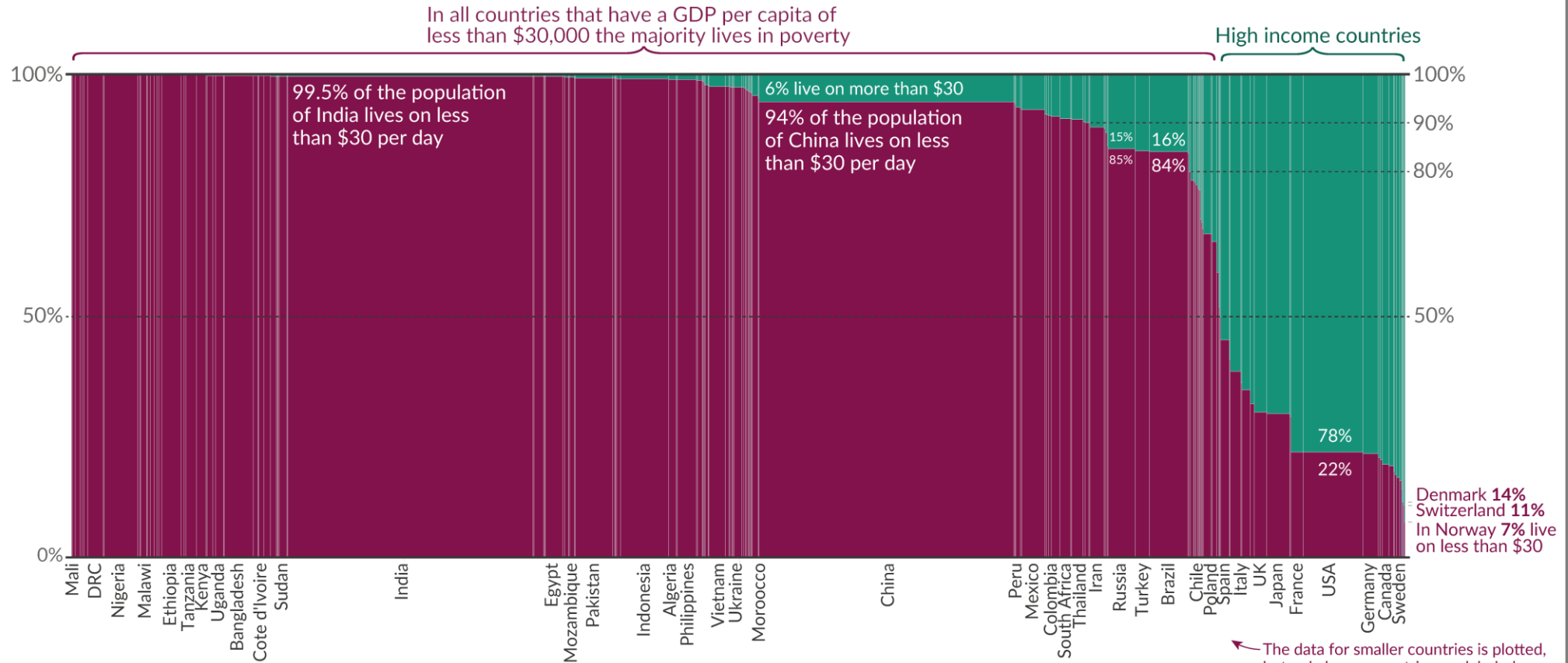
50% (Poverty Level) = **\$33,760**

Median household income was **\$67,521 in 2020**, a decrease of 2.9 percent from the 2019 median of \$69,560 The first significant decline in median household income since 2011.
(U.S. Census Department)

Global poverty: The share in each country living on less than \$30 per day

Adjusted for price differences: All incomes are adjusted for price differences between countries and expressed in international-dollars. One international-\$ has the same purchasing power as one US-\$ in the US. This means no matter where in the world a person is living on int.-\$30, the value of the goods and services they can buy would cost US-\$30 in the US.

How to read this chart: The width of each bar corresponds to the country's population size, the height of the purple bar shows the share in poverty, the area of each purple rectangle therefore represents the number of poor people in each country.



Data source: World Bank (PovcalNet) 2017 data. Non-monetary sources of income (e.g. subsistence farming) are taken into account. OurWorldinData.org – Research and data to make progress against the world's largest problems.

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SOURCE: <https://ourworldindata.org/history-of-poverty-has-just-begun>

TAXES!



| Rank | Country | Single No Children | Rank | Country | Married / 2 Incomes 2 children |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Belgium | 53.7% | 1 | Belgium | 46.2% |
| 2 | Germany | 49.7% | 2 | Germany | 42.7% |
| 3 | Italy | 47.7% | 3 | France | 42.2% |
| 4 | France | 47.6% | 4 | Italy | 41.5% |
| 5 | Austria | 47.4% | 5 | Austria | 40.0% |
| 6 | Hungary | 47.2% | 6 | Sweden | 39.3% |
| 7 | Czech Republic | 43.4% | 7 | Greece | 39.0% |
| 8 | Finland | 42.9% | 8 | Finland | 37.7% |
| 9 | Slovenia | 42.9% | 9 | Hungary | 37.0% |
| 10 | Sweden | 42.9% | 10 | Latvia | 36.4% |
| 25 | United States | 31.7% | 25 | United States | 26.5% |
| 27 | Canada | 30.9% | 28 | Canada | 24.3% |
| | O.E.C.D Avg.: | 35.9% | | O.E.C.D. Avg.: | 30.7% |

2018 Taxes - Paid 2019
Average Monthly Income
36 O.E.C.D. Nations

Income Taxes + VAT, if charged

| Rank | Country | % |
|------|-------------|-----|
| 1 | Finland | 57% |
| 2 | Denmark | 56% |
| 3 | Japan | 56% |
| 4 | Austria | 55% |
| 5 | Aruba | 52% |
| 6 | Belgium | 50% |
| 7 | Israel | 50% |
| 8 | Netherlands | 50% |
| 9 | Slovenia | 50% |
| 10 | Ireland | 48% |
| 41 | U.S.A. | 37% |
| 58 | Canada | 33% |

- A **value-added tax, or VAT**, is added to a product at every point on the supply chain where value is added to it.
- Advocates of VATs claim that they raise government revenues without punishing the wealthy by charging them more through an income tax.
- Critics say that VATs place an undue economic burden on lower-income taxpayers.

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We provide up-to-date numbers for GDP, inflation, credit, interest rates, employment, and 250 other indicators. The data series are updated continuously based on the release dates of individual countries.”

Average Net Salary - After Tax 2021 Estimate (by Numbeo)

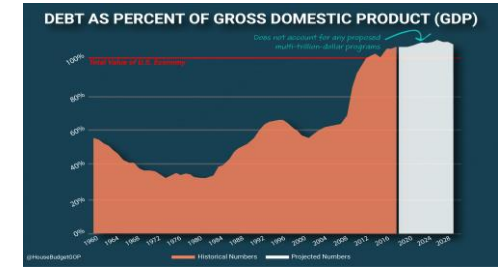
| | Country | \$ / Month | \$ Annually |
|-----|---------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. | Switzerland | \$6,302 | \$75,625 |
| 2. | Luxembourg | 4,184 | 50,208 |
| 3. | Singapore | 4,044 | 48,428 |
| 4. | Australia | 3,614 | 43,368 |
| 5. | United States | 3,595 | 43,140 |
| 6. | Denmark | 3,504 | 42,048 |
| 7. | Norway | 3,331 | 39,972 |
| 8. | Iceland | 3,142 | 37,704 |
| 9. | Qatar | 3,102 | 37,224 |
| 10. | Hong Kong | 3,074 | 36,888 |



SOURCE: https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/country_price_rankings?itemId=105



Can we talk about the national debt?



| Rank (154) | Country | June 30, 2021 Debt in U.S. \$ |
|------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | United States | \$19.230 TR. |
| 2 | Japan | \$9.087 TR. |
| 3 | Italy | \$2.480 TR. |
| 4 | Spain | \$1.242 TR. |
| 5 | Canada | \$925.000 B. |
| 6 | Belgium | \$456.180 B. |
| 7 | Greece | \$379.000 B. |
| 8 | Portugal | \$264.000 B. |
| 9 | Singapore | \$254.000 B. |
| 10 | Bhutan | \$2.33 B. |

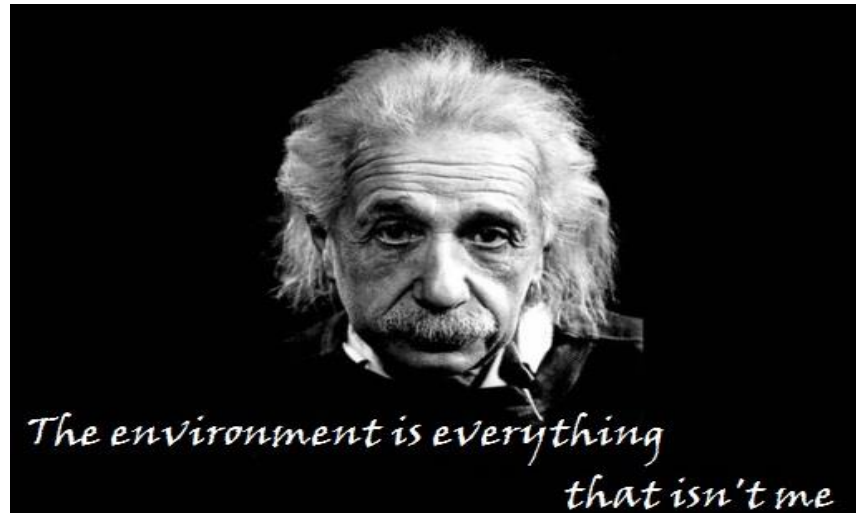
| Rank (154) | Country | Population | Debt to GDP Ratio |
|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Japan | 126,050,804 | 237.54% |
| 2 | Venezuela | 28,704,954 | 214.45% |
| 3 | Sudan | 45,141,917 | 177.87% |
| 4 | Greece | 10,370,744 | 174.15% |
| 5 | Lebanon | 6,769,146 | 157.81% |
| 6 | Italy | 60,367,477 | 133.43% |
| 7 | Eritrea | 3,601,467 | 127.34% |
| 8 | Cape Verde | 561,898 | 125.29% |
| 9 | Mozambique | 32,163,047 | 124.46% |
| 10 | Portugal | 10,167,925 | 119.46% |
| 13 | United States | 332,915,073 | 106.70% |
| 27 | Canada | 38,067,903 | 88.01% |
| 150 | Russia | 145,912,025 | 13.79% |

SOURCE: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/countries-by-national-debt>

2 Economy – Your quick comments?



3 Environment



The 2020 Environmental Performance Index (EPI)

| Rank | Country | Index |
|--------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | Denmark | 82.5 |
| 2 | Luxembourg | 82.3 |
| 3 | Switzerland | 81.5 |
| 4 | United Kingdom | 81.3 |
| 5 | France | 80.0 |
| 6 | Austria | 79.6 |
| 7 | Finland | 78.9 |
| 8 | Sweden | 78.7 |
| 9 | Norway | 77.7 |
| 10 | Germany | 77.2 |
| 17 | Iceland | 72.3 |
| 21 | Canada | 71.0 |
| 26/180 | United States | 69.3 |

The Yale Environmental Performance Index measures 32 performance indicators across 11 categories related to two overarching policy objectives: ecosystem vitality and environmental health. These categories include air quality, water and sanitation, biodiversity and habitat, and sustainability. 180 countries are included.



SOURCE: <https://epi.yale.edu/>

The 2020 Environmentally “Friendly” Rank

Being **environmentally friendly**, also called eco-friendly, nature-friendly, or green, means that you are engaging in processes and practices that are sustainable and reduce or minimize harm upon ecosystems and the environment. The term also applies to goods and services, laws, guidelines, and policies that claim reduced, minimal or no damage upon the environment and ecosystems. 180 countries are included.



| Rank | Country | Score |
|---------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | Switzerland | 93.6 |
| 2 | France | 84.0 |
| 3 | Denmark | 81.6 |
| 4 | Malta | 80.9 |
| 5 | Sweden | 80.5 |
| 6 | United Kingdom | 79.9 |
| 7 | Luxembourg | 79.1 |
| 8 | Austria | 79.0 |
| 9 | Ireland | 78.8 |
| 10 | Finland | 78.6 |
| 25 | Canada | 72.2 |
| 27 | United States | 71.2 |
| 120/180 | China | 30.7 |

SOURCE: <https://epi.yale.edu/>

Air Pollution!

The 10 major causes for air pollution:



| CAUSE |
|--|
| The Burning of Fossil Fuels |
| Industrial Emission |
| Indoor Air Pollution |
| Wildfires |
| Microbial Decaying Process |
| Transportation |
| Open Burning of Garbage Waste |
| Construction and Demolition |
| Agricultural Activities |
| Use of chemical and synthetic products |



SOURCE: <https://www.aqi.in/blog/here-are-the-10-main-causes-of-air-pollution/>

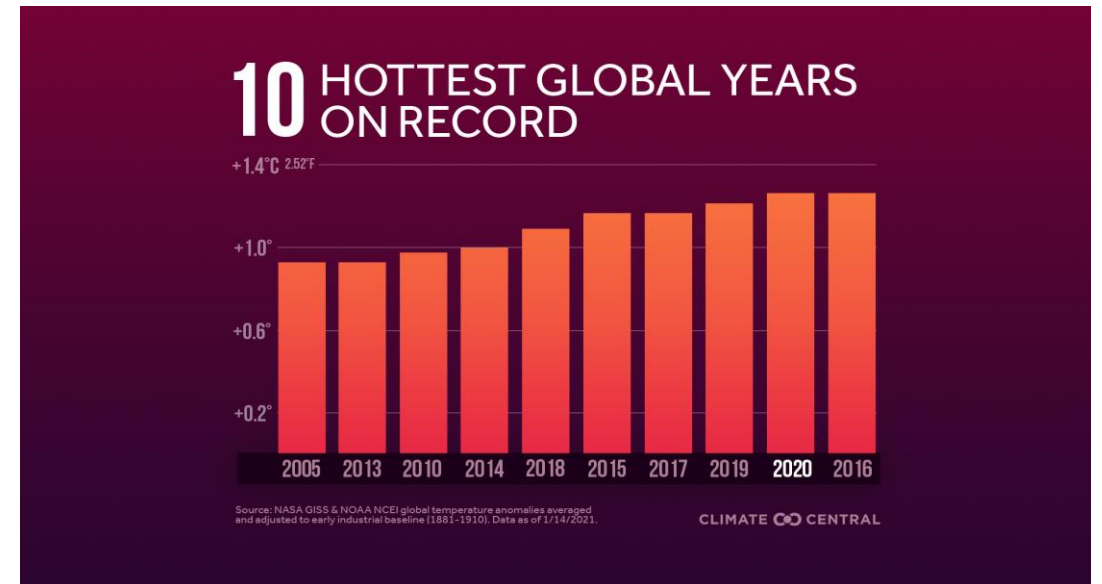
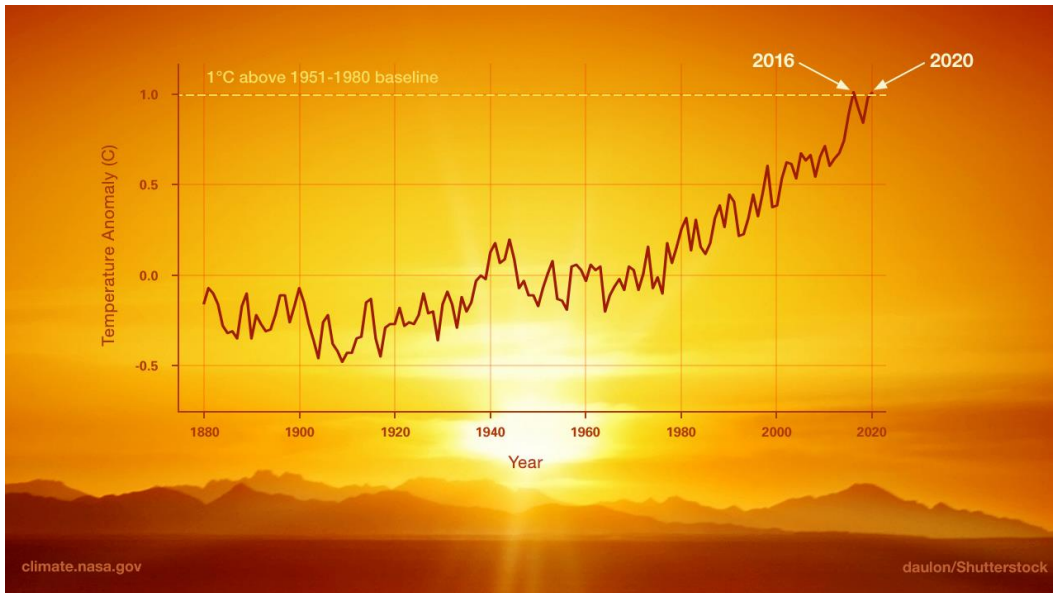
cli·mate change

noun

1.a change in global or regional climate patterns, in particular a change apparent from the mid to late 20th century onwards and attributed largely to the increased levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide produced by the use of fossil fuels

Definition from Oxford Languages Dictionary

Global warming?



Countries currently most threatened by climate change

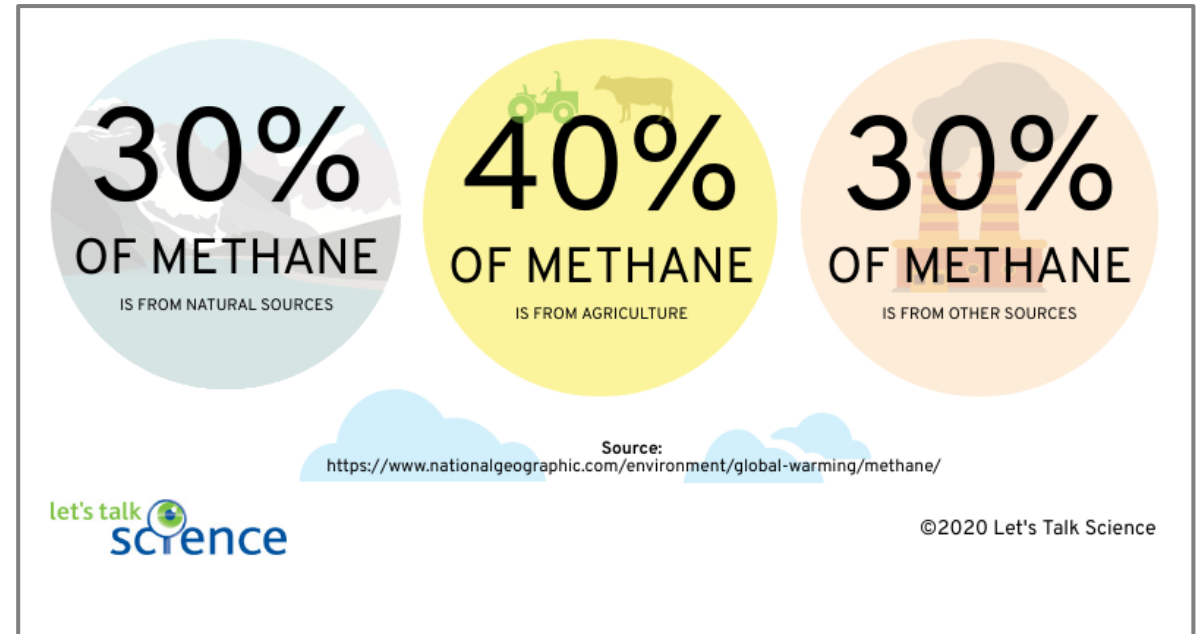
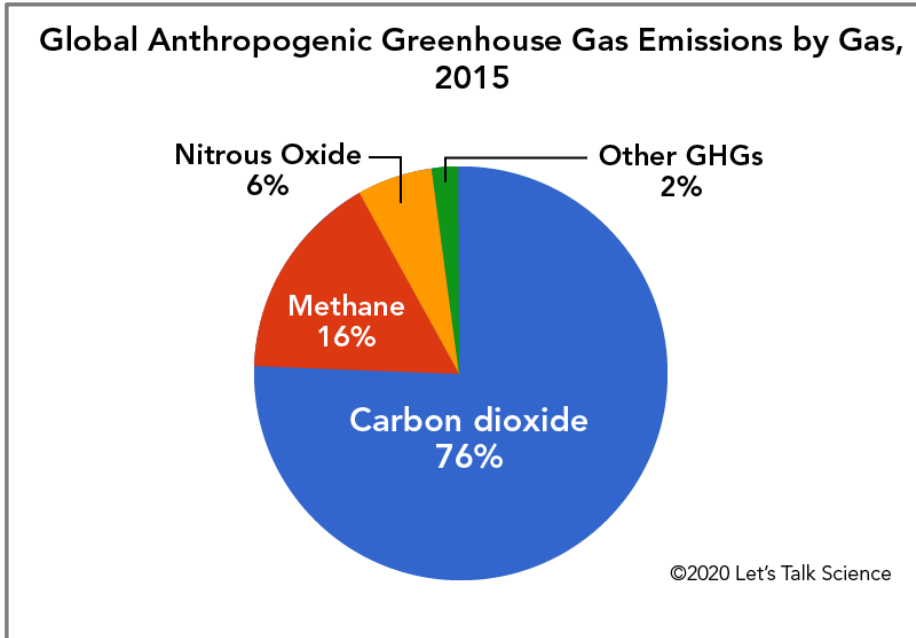
The *Germanwatch Institute* presented the results of the Global Climate Risk Index 2020 during COP25 in Madrid.



| Rank | Country | Index |
|--------|---------------|-------|
| 1 | Japan | 5.5 |
| 2 | Philippines | 11.7 |
| 3 | Germany | 13.8 |
| 4 | Madagascar | 15.3 |
| 5 | India | 18.2 |
| 6 | Sri Lanka | 19.0 |
| 7 | Kenya | 19.7 |
| 8 | Ruanda | 21.2 |
| 9 | Canada | 21.8 |
| 10 | Fiji | 22.5 |
| 12/180 | United States | 23.8 |

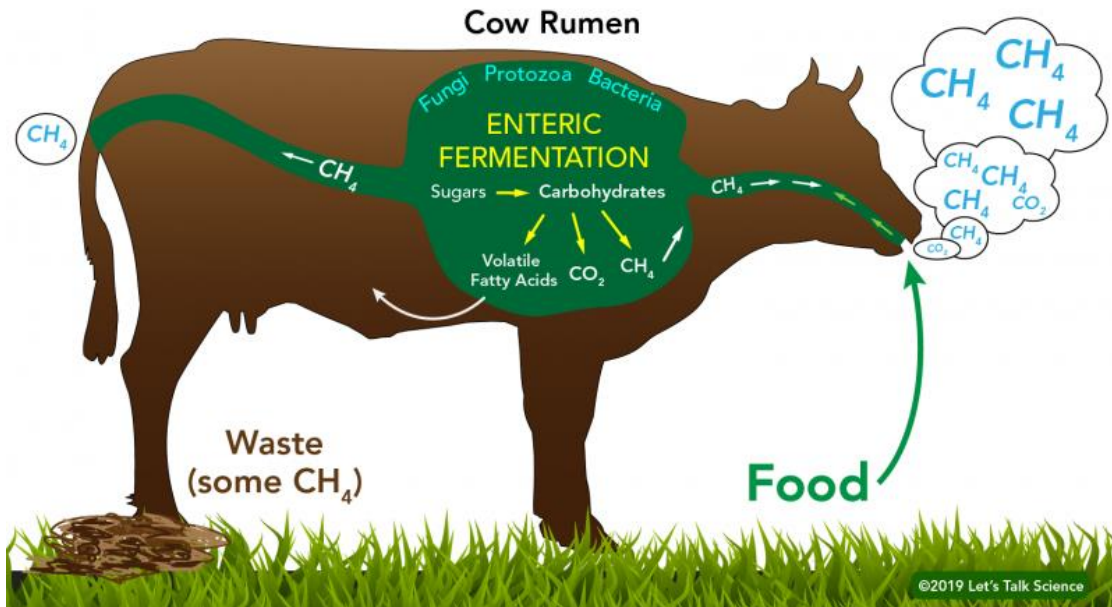


Methane and Cattle?



How do livestock produce methane? What to do about it!

Cows have stomachs with four distinct chambers, as do sheep, goats, and giraffes, et al..
The digestive process for grasses is complex, involves regurgitation and produces CH₄!



Cows release methane mainly through their belches (burps). The rest comes out as flatulence.

► Scientists are studying alternatives that produce less methane.

Corn feed variations produce less CH₄

Seaweed derivatives are proving positive

Genetic research is producing new breeds

The “Carbon Footprint”

A carbon footprint is the total greenhouse gas emissions (including carbon dioxide and methane) caused by an individual, community, event, organization, service, or product, expressed as a carbon dioxide equivalent.

Reducing the Carbon Footprint

- Using electricity from renewable energy sources
- Improving energy efficiency
- Promote biofuels in transportation
- Reduce CO₂ emissions from vehicles
- Recover gases from landfills and reduce fluorinated gases

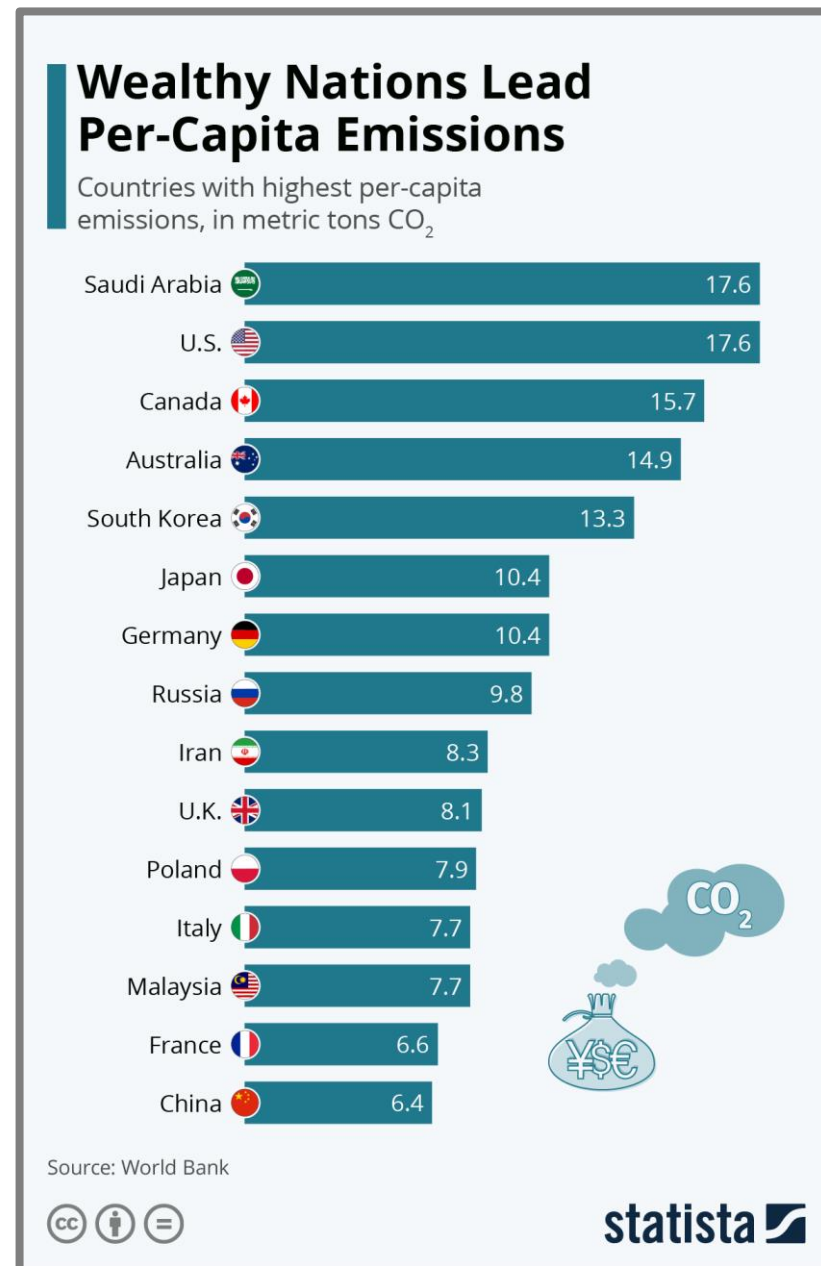


| RANK | COUNTRY | TOTAL CO2 EMISSIONS |
|------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | China | 10.06GT |
| 2 | United States | 5.41GT |
| 3 | India | 2.65GT |
| 4 | Russian Federation | 1.71GT |
| 5 | Japan | 1.16GT |
| 6 | Germany | 0.75GT |
| 7 | Republic of Iran | 0.72GT |
| 8 | South Korea | 0.65GT |
| 9 | Saudi Arabia | 0.62GT |
| 10 | Indonesia | 0.61GT |
| 11 | Canada | 0.56GT |
| 12 | Mexico | 0.47GT |
| 13 | South Africa | 0.46GT |
| 14 | Brazil | 0.45GT |
| 15 | Turkey | 0.42GT |
| 16 | Australia | 0.42GT |
| 17 | United Kingdom | 0.37GT |
| 18 | Poland | 0.34GT |
| 19 | France | 0.33GT |
| 20 | Italy | 0.33GT |

SOURCE: <https://www.ucsusa.org/resources/each-countrys-share-co2-emission>

The 20 countries that emitted the most
 ◀ CO2 in 2020

Per Capita CO2 Emissions by Country ▶



SOURCE: <https://www.statista.com/chart/24306/9-carbon-emissions-per-capita-by-country/>

Global CO₂ Emissions from Transportation

45% Passenger cars ... 29% Freight ... 12% Aviation ... 11% Shipping

Cars Owned / 1000 Citizens

| | | |
|--------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 | <u>San Marino</u> | 1,263 |
| 2 | <u>Monaco</u> | 899 |
| 3 | <u>Iceland</u> | 866 |
| 4 | <u>New Zealand</u> | 837 |
| 5 | <u>United States</u> | 816 |
| 6 | <u>Australia</u> | 789 |
| 7 | <u>Liechtenstein</u> | 781 |
| 8 | <u>Brunei</u> | 721 |
| 9 | <u>Canada</u> | 685 |
| 10 | <u>Luxembourg</u> | 681 |
| 74/190 | <u>China</u> | 210 |



Total Passenger Cars Sold 2020

| | | |
|----|----------------|------------|
| 1 | China | 20,177,731 |
| 2 | Japan | 3,809,977 |
| 3 | United States | 3,401,838 |
| 4 | Germany | 2,917,678 |
| 5 | India | 2,433,464 |
| 6 | France | 1,650,126 |
| 7 | United Kingdom | 1,631,064 |
| 8 | South Korea | 1,618,333 |
| 9 | Brazil | 1,615,942 |
| 10 | Russia | 1,433,956 |

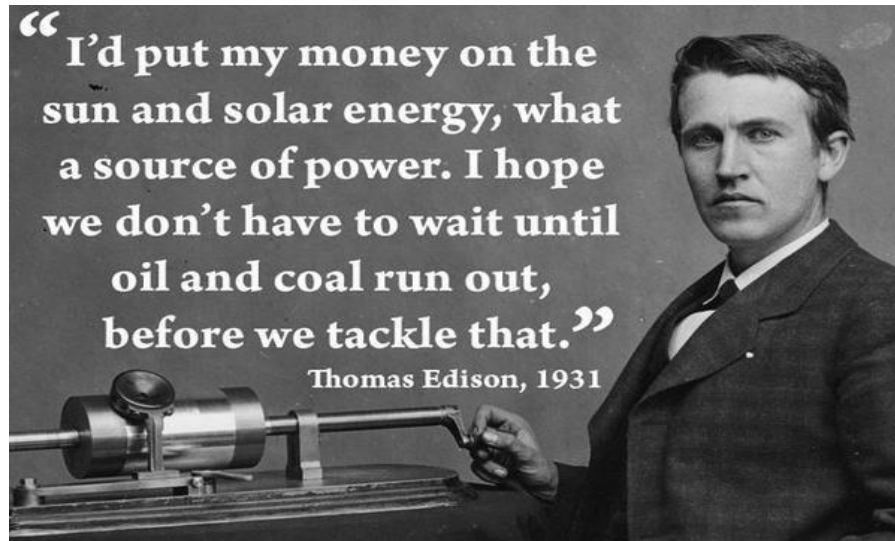
3 Environment – Your quick comments?



4 Energy

“I’d put my money on the sun and solar energy, what a source of power. I hope we don’t have to wait until oil and coal run out, before we tackle that.”

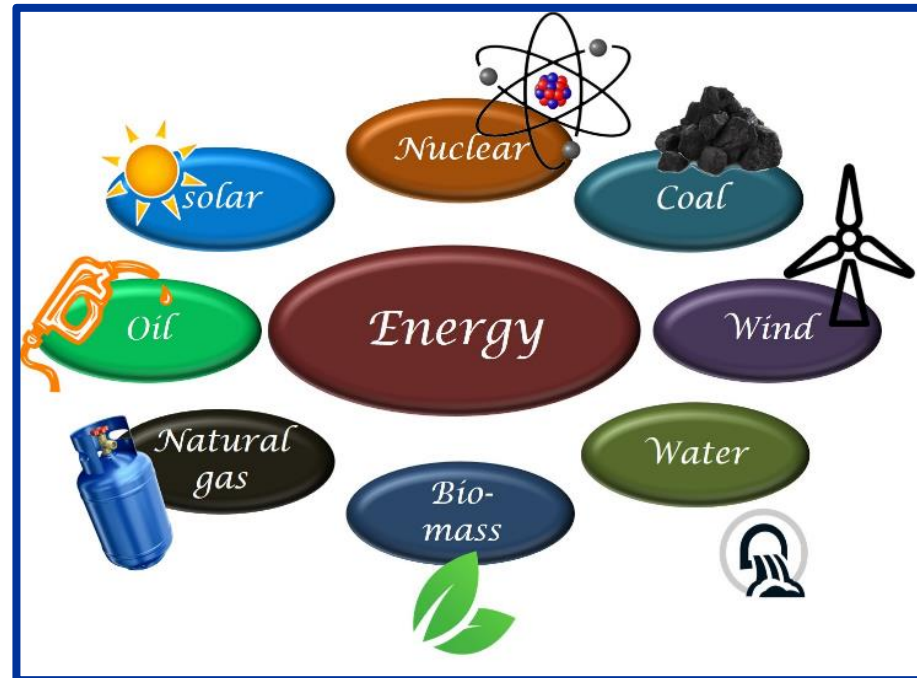
Thomas Edison, 1931



En·er·gy

/ˈenərjē/

Noun power derived from the utilization of physical or chemical resources, especially to provide light and heat or to work machines



JOULE: A unit of electrical energy equal to the work done when a current of one ampere is passed through a resistance of one ohm for one second.

The **exajoule** (EJ) is equal to 10^{18} (one quintillion) joules.

Total Energy Consumption - 2020



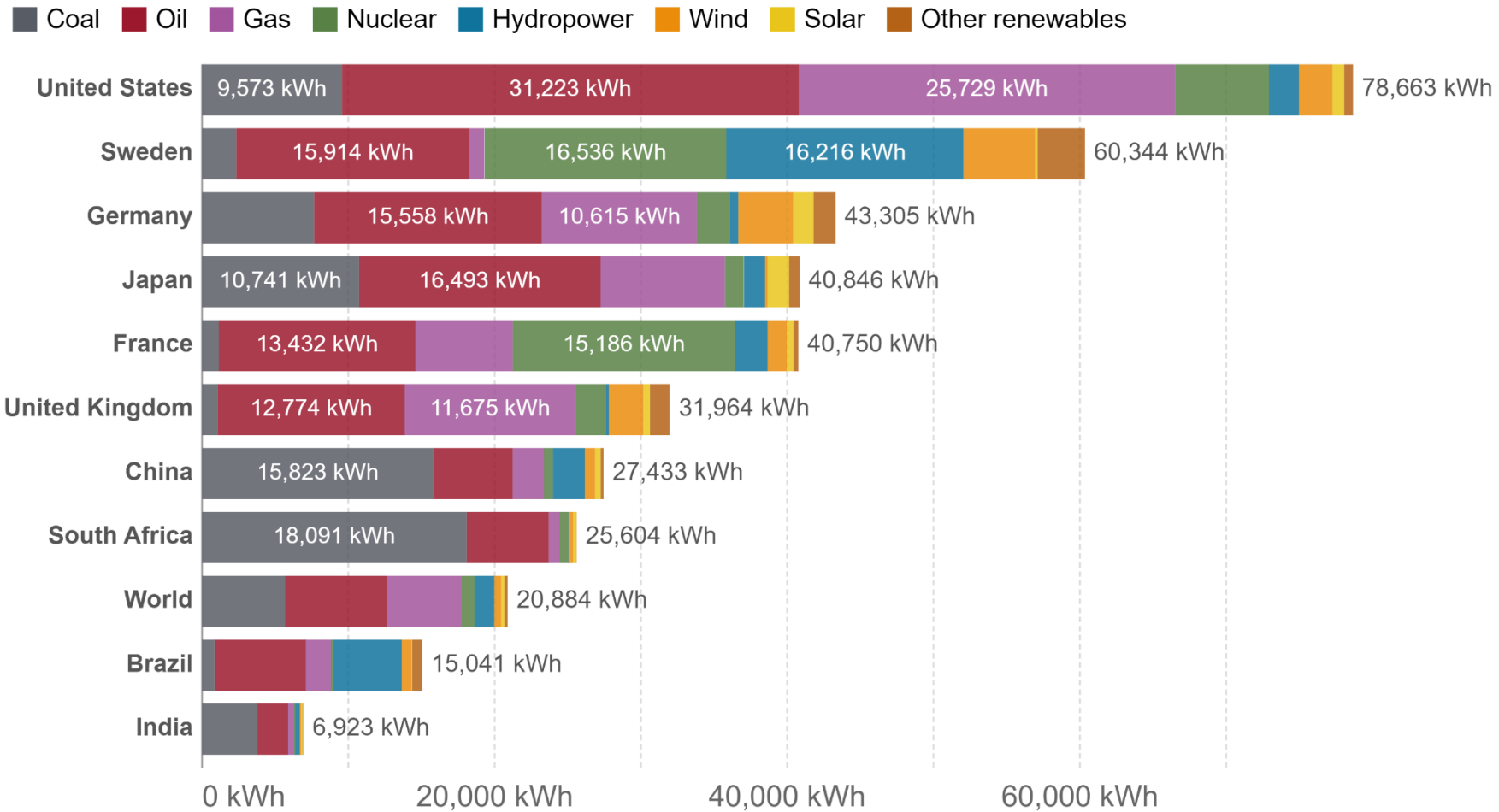
| Rank | Country | <u>Exajoules</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | China | 145.46 |
| 2 | United States | 87.79 |
| 3 | India | 31.89 |
| 4 | Russia | 28.31 |
| 5 | Japan | 17.03 |
| 6 | Canada | 13.63 |
| 7 | Germany | 12.11 |
| 8 | Iran | 12.03 |
| 9 | Brazil | 12.01 |
| 10 | South Korea | 11.79 |



SOURCE: <https://www.statista.com/statistics/263455/primary-energy-consumption-of-selected-countries/>

Per capita primary energy consumption by source, 2019

Primary energy is calculated based on the 'substitution method' which takes account of the inefficiencies in fossil fuel production by converting non-fossil energy into the energy inputs required if they had the same conversion losses as fossil fuels.



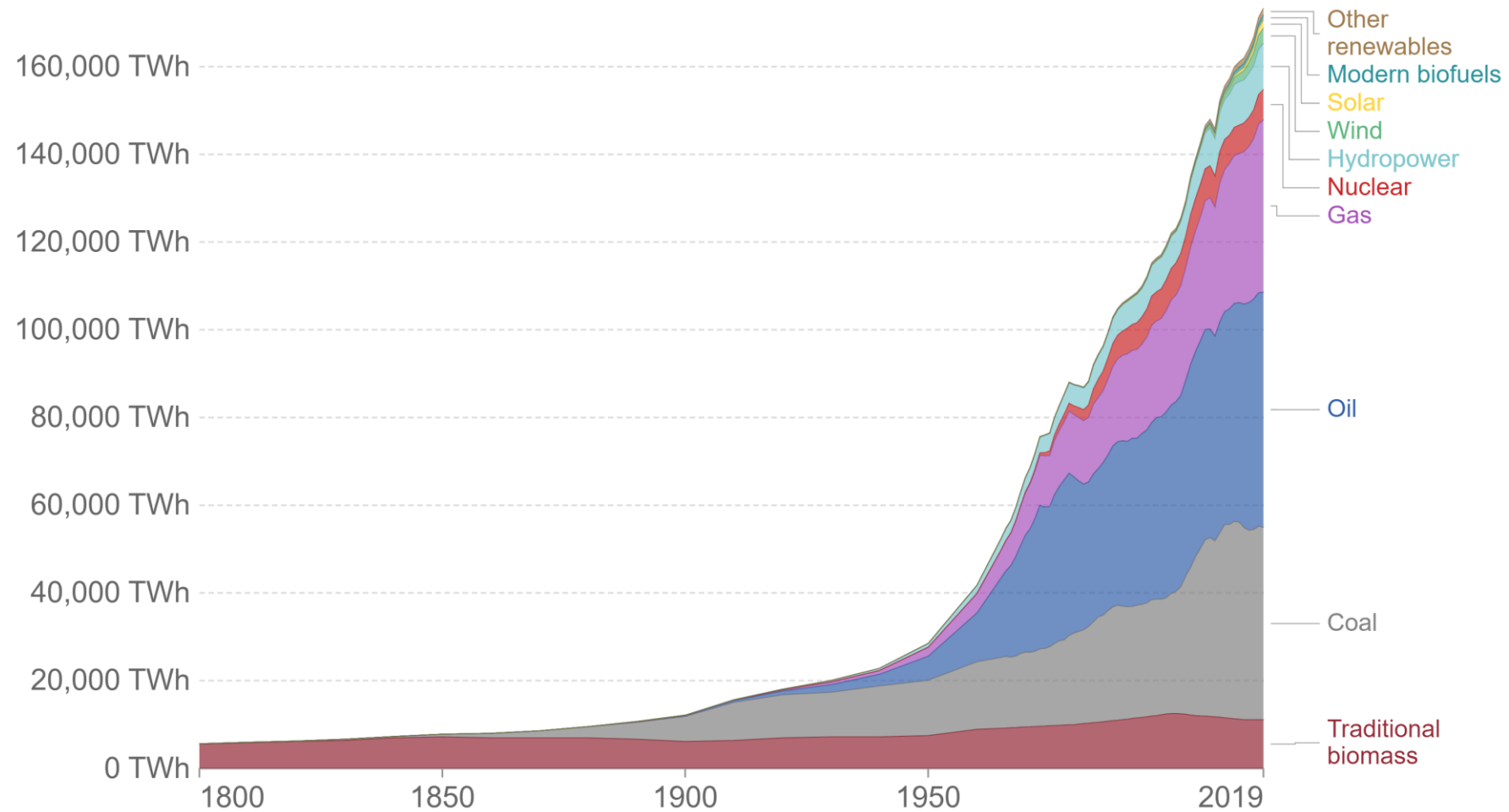
Source: Our World in Data based on BP Statistical Review of World Energy

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SOURCE: <https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/per-capita-energy>

Global primary energy consumption by source

Primary energy is calculated based on the 'substitution method' which takes account of the inefficiencies in fossil fuel production by converting non-fossil energy into the energy inputs required if they had the same conversion losses as fossil fuels.



Source: Vaclav Smil (2017) & BP Statistical Review of World Energy

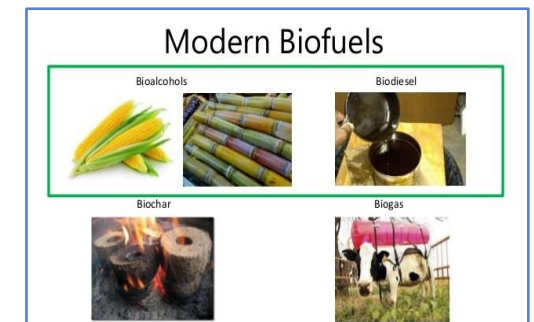
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SOURCE: <https://ourworldindata.org/energy-mix>

Ranking of Global Energy Sources - 2019



| Rank | Source | Terawatt Hours * | % of Total |
|--------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | Oil | 53,620 | 30.9% |
| 2 | Coal | 43,849 | 25.4% |
| 3 | Natural Gas | 39,292 | 22.7% |
| 4 | Bio Mass | 11,111 | 6.4% |
| 5 | Hydro | 10,455 | 6.0% |
| 6 | Nuclear | 6,923 | 4.0% |
| 7 | Wind | 3,540 | 2.0% |
| 8 | Solar | 1,793 | 1.0% |
| 9 | Other Renewables | 1,614 | 0.9% |
| 10 | Modern Bio Fuels | 1,143 | 0.6% |
| TOTAL: | | 173,340 | 100.0% |



* A terawatt-hour is a unit of energy equal to outputting one trillion watts for one hour. It is equal to 3.6×10^{15} Joules

SOURCE: <https://ourworldindata.org/energy-mix>

Energy consumption in the U.S. by Source

in quadrillion British thermal units (BTU's)*

2020 ▼ ?

| Source | 2020 | 2019 | % in 2019 |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Oil | 32.22 | 36.87 | 36.8 % |
| Natural Gas | 31.54 | 32.20 | 32.2 % |
| Coal | 9.18 | 11.32 | 11.3 % |
| Nuclear | 8.25 | 8.45 | 8.4 % |
| Bio Mass | 4.53 | 4.93 | 5.0 % |
| Wind | 3.01 | 2.64 | 2.6 % |
| Hydro-electric | 2.59 | 2.56 | 2.5 % |
| Solar | 1.25 | 1.02 | 1.0 % |
| Geo-thermal | 0.21 | 0.20 | 0.2 % |
| Totals: | 92.79 | 100.19 | 100.0 % |

| % in 2019 World-wide |
|----------------------|
| 30.9 % |
| 22.7 % |
| 25.4 % |
| 4.0 % |
| 6.4 % |
| 2.0 % |
| 6.0 % |
| 1.0 % |
| [1.5 % ?] |
| 100.0 % |

Coal Δ ?

* BTU: the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit

Top 10 Countries in installed renewable energy capacity worldwide in 2020



| Rank | Country | Gigawatts * |
|------|----------------|-------------|
| 1 | China | 895 |
| 2 | United States | 292 |
| 3 | Brazil | 150 |
| 4 | India | 134 |
| 5 | Germany | 132 |
| 6 | United Kingdom | 120 |
| 7 | Canada | 101 |
| 8 | Japan | 101 |
| 9 | Italy | 55 |
| 10 | France | 55 |



* Gigawatt + a unit of electric power equal to one billion (10^9) watts.

SOURCE: <https://www.statista.com/statistics/267233/renewable-energy-capacity-worldwide-by-country/>

Countries leading the transition to sustainable energy

The Energy Transition Index (ETI) ranks 115 countries on their energy performance, including the resilience and efficiency of generation and transmission, and progress to cleaner forms of energy.

“SP” = System Performance “TR” = Transition Readiness

| Rank | Country | ETI Score (2012 - 2021) | SP ¹ | TR ² |
|------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Sweden | 79 | 84.4 | 72.7 |
| 2 | Norway | 77 | 82.7 | 70.8 |
| 3 | Denmark | 76 | 74.8 | 78.2 |
| 4 | Switzerland | 76 | 79.9 | 73.0 |
| 5 | Austria | 75 | 75.2 | 75.2 |
| 6 | Finland | 73 | 73.5 | 73.0 |
| 7 | United Kingdom | 72 | 75.8 | 69.2 |
| 8 | New Zealand | 71 | 76.5 | 65.6 |
| 9 | France | 71 | 77.6 | 64.4 |
| 10 | Iceland | 71 | 75.0 | 66.9 |
| 24 | United States | 67 | 70.7 | 62.3 |

SOURCE: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2021/04/these-countries-are-leading-the-transition-to-sustainable-energy/>

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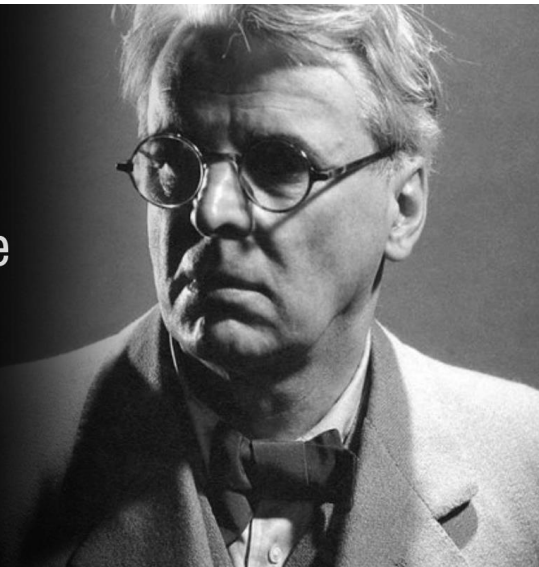


5 Education

“**Education** is not the filling of a **pail**, but the **lighting of a fire**”

— *William Butler Yeats*

Your Self
Quotes



World Education Rankings – 2021 Results

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. South Korea | 11. France |
| 2. Japan | 12. Singapore |
| 3. Denmark | 13. United States |
| 4. Netherlands | 14. Canada |
| 5. Australia | 15. Russia |
| 6. Belgium | 16. Portugal |
| 7. Germany | 17. China |
| 8. Slovenia | 18. Hong Kong |
| 9. Finland | 19. Sweden |
| 10. Ireland | 20. Israel |

World Top 20 Project - Factors Evaluated

- Early Childhood Enrollment Rates for 3 to 4 year old
- Primary Completion for 6 to 11 year old
- Lower Secondary Completion for 11 to 14 year old
- High School Graduation Rates for 14 to 18 year old
- College Graduation Rates for 18 to 25 year old
- Primary Test Scores for 6 to 11 year old
- Lower Secondary Test Scores for 11 to 14 year old
- School Safety Levels for 3 to 25 year old
- Out of School Children Ages 3 to 14 year old
- Adult Illiteracy Levels for 15 year old and .
- Students to Teacher Ratio
- Free Access to Schools from Early Childhood to Secondary

“The World Top 20 Project is an international project aimed to serve and protect children around the world by ensuring they have access to quality education in a safe and nurturing environment.”

SOURCE: <https://worldtop20.org/worldbesteducationsystem>

The 2021 Best Countries for Education – 80 Countries

| Rank | Country | GDP/Capita |
|------|----------------|------------|
| 1 | United States | \$65,298 |
| 2 | United Kingdom | 42,330 |
| 3 | Germany | 46,445 |
| 4 | Canada | 46,195 |
| 5 | France | 40,494 |
| 6 | Switzerland | 81,994 |
| 7 | Japan | 40,247 |
| 8 | Australia | 55,060 |
| 9 | Sweden | 51,615 |
| 10 | Netherlands | 52,331 |
| 22 | China | 10,217 |

Global study done by Young & Rubicon's *BAV Group* (New York), a global brand measurement firm, in conjunction with the *Wharton School* (University of Pennsylvania)

Ranked based on a **perception-based** global survey, which used a compilation of scores from three equal weighted country attributes: A well-developed public education system; Would consider attending university there; and provides top quality education.

“2021 Countries with Best Education System in the World”

The 2021 Countries with the Best Education System are ranked based on a **perception-based global survey**, e.g., does it have a well-developed public education system, would I consider attending university there and does it provides top-quality education.

| Rank | Country |
|------|---------------|
| 1 | United States |
| 2 | France |
| 3 | Estonia |
| 4 | Hungary |
| 5 | Portugal |
| 6 | Singapore |
| 7 | China |
| 8 | Germany |
| 9 | Belgium |
| 10 | Netherlands |



SOURCE: <https://www.currentschoolnews.com/education-news/best-educational-system-in-the-world/>

The Most “Educated” Countries in the World

[At least one two-year college degree +]

| Rank | Country | % |
|------|----------------|------|
| 1 | South Korea | 69.8 |
| 2 | Canada | 63.0 |
| 3 | Russia | 62.1 |
| 4 | Japan | 61.5 |
| 5 | Ireland | 55.4 |
| 6 | Lithuania | 55.1 |
| 7 | Luxembourg | 55.0 |
| 8 | Switzerland | 52.7 |
| 9 | Austria | 52.5 |
| 10 | United Kingdom | 51.8 |
| 11 | United States | 50.4 |



The PISA logo features the word "PISA" in a stylized, multi-colored font (blue, green, yellow, red) set against a white background with a hexagonal border. This is surrounded by a pattern of colorful hexagons in shades of blue, green, yellow, and red.

PISA

Programme for International Student Assessment

What is PISA?

The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) is a triennial international survey which aims to evaluate education systems worldwide by testing the skills and **knowledge of 15-year-old students** who are nearing the end of their compulsory education. PISA assesses how well they can apply what they learn in school to real-life situations. Over **90 countries** have participated in the assessment so far which began in 2000. Every three years students are tested in the key subjects: **reading, mathematics and science.**



Gray = O.E.C.D. Countries
Blue = Partner Countries

[SOURCE: https://www.oecd.org/pisa/aboutpisa/](https://www.oecd.org/pisa/aboutpisa/)

NOTE: The 2021 PISA Assessment Test was post-poned until 2022 due to COVID.

PISA – Combined READING Literacy Score

| Rank | Country 2009 | Score | Rank | Country 2015 | Score | Rank | Country 2018 | Score |
|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 | Shanghai | 556 | 1 | Singapore | 556 | 1 | China (BSJZ) | 555 |
| 2 | S. Korea | 539 | 2 | Japan | 538 | 2 | Singapore | 549 |
| 3 | Finland | 536 | 3 | Estoria | 534 | 3 | Macao (China) | 525 |
| 4 | Hong Kong | 533 | 4 | Taipei (China) | 532 | 4 | Hong Kong | 524 |
| 5 | Singapore | 536 | 5 | Finland | 531 | 5 | Estonia | 523 |
| 6 | Canada | 524 | 6 | Macao (China) | 529 | 6 | Canada | 520 |
| 7 | New Zealand | 521 | 7 | Canada | 528 | 7 | Finland | 520 |
| 8 | Japan | 520 | 8 | Viet Nam | 525 | 8 | Ireland | 518 |
| 9 | Australia | 515 | 9 | Hong Kong | 523 | 9 | South Korea | 514 |
| 10 | Netherlands | 508 | 10 | China (Proc) | 518 | 10 | Poland | 512 |
| 17/78 | U. S. A. | 500 | 27/90 | U. S. A. | 496 | 13/79 | U.S.A. | 505 |

SOURCE: <https://www.oecd.org/pisa/publications/pisa-2018-results.htm>

PISA – Combined MATHEMATICS Score

| Rank | Country 2009 | Score | Rank | Country 2015 | Score | Rank | Country 2018 | Score |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | Shanghai | 600 | 1 | Singapore | 564 | 1 | China (BSJZ) | 591 |
| 2 | Singapore | 555 | 2 | Hong Kong | 548 | 2 | Singapore | 569 |
| 3 | South Korea | 546 | 3 | Macao (China) | 544 | 3 | Macao (China) | 558 |
| 4 | Finland | 541 | 4 | Taipei (China) | 542 | 4 | Hong Kong | 551 |
| 5 | Liechtenstein | 536 | 5 | Japan | 532 | 5 | Taipei (China) | 531 |
| 6 | Japan | 529 | 6 | China (PRoC) | 531 | 6 | Japan | 527 |
| 7 | Sweden | 536 | 7 | South Korea | 524 | 7 | South Korea | 526 |
| 8 | Canada | 527 | 8 | Switzerland | 521 | 8 | Estonia | 523 |
| 9 | Netherlands | 526 | 9 | Estoria | 520 | 9 | Netherlands | 519 |
| 10 | Australia | 524 | 10 | Denmark | 511 | 10 | Poland | 516 |
| 23/78 | U. S. A. | 487 | 28/90 | U. S. A. | 470 | 39/79 | U.S.A. | 478 |

SOURCE: <https://www.oecd.org/pisa/publications/pisa-2018-results.htm>

PISA – Combined SCIENCE Score

| Rank | Country 2009 | Score | Rank | Country 2015 | Score | Rank | Country 2018 | Score ¹⁸ |
|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Shanghai | 575 | 1 | Singapore | 556 | 1 | China (BSJZ) | 590 |
| 2 | Finland | 554 | 2 | Japan | 538 | 2 | Singapore | 551 |
| 3 | Hong Kong | 549 | 3 | Estonia | 534 | 3 | Macao (China) | 544 |
| 4 | Singapore | 542 | 4 | Taipei | 532 | 4 | Estonia | 530 |
| 5 | Japan | 539 | 5 | Finland | 531 | 5 | Japan | 529 |
| 6 | New Zealand | 532 | 6 | Macao | 529 | 6 | Finland | 522 |
| 7 | Canada | 529 | 7 | Canada | 528 | 7 | South Korea | 519 |
| 8 | Estonia | 528 | 8 | Viet Nam | 525 | 8 | Canada | 518 |
| 9 | Australia | 527 | 9 | Hong Kong | 523 | 9 | Hong Kong | 517 |
| 10 | Netherlands | 522 | 10 | China (PRoC) | 518 | 10 | Taipei (China) | 516 |
| 24/78 | U. S. A. | 502 | 26/90 | U. S. A. | 496 | 18/79 | U.S.A. | 502 |

SOURCE: <https://www.oecd.org/pisa/publications/pisa-2018-results.htm>

U.S.A. PISA Trends – 2000 - 2018

| Year | Reading | Math | Science |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|
| 2000 | 504 | 493 | 499 |
| 2009 | 500 | 487 | 502 |
| 2015 | 496 | 470 | 496 |
| 2018 | 505 | 478 | 502 |
| Rank 2018 | 13/79 | 39/79 | 18/79 |



Are these trends “sufficient”?

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*“NCEE provides information about and analysis of the education systems in top-performing countries around the world. With the release of the **2018 PISA** results, NCEE has identified a new list of top-performing countries. We identify this group of countries by looking at achievement in all three tested subjects.*

Our objective is to learn from countries and economies and adapt those lessons for use in the United States at the national, state or district levels.”



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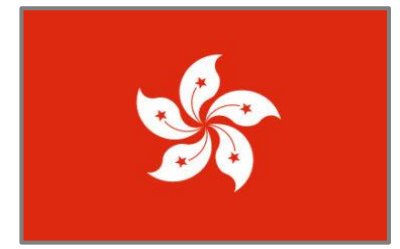
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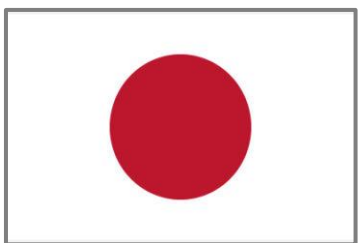
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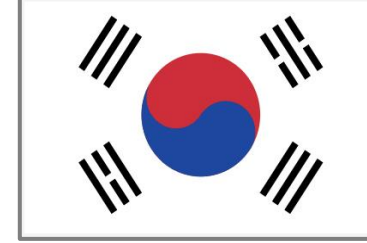
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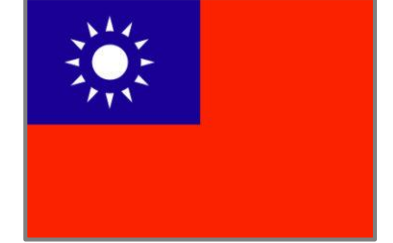
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2022 Best Global Universities

These institutions from the U.S. and 90 other countries have been ranked based on 13 indicators that measure their academic research performance and their global and regional reputations.



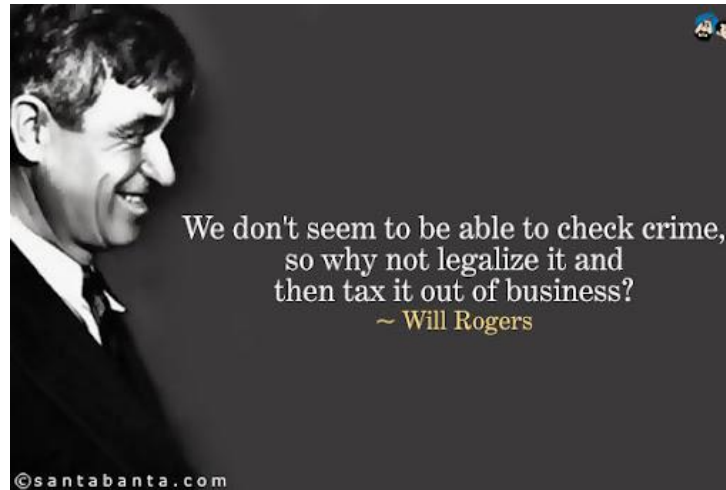
| Rank | School | Country | Score |
|------|--------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | Harvard | United States | 100.0 |
| 2 | M. I. T. | United States | 97.5 |
| 3 | Stanford | United States | 95.6 |
| 4 | U. of C. Berkeley | United States | 89.4 |
| 5 | U. of Oxford | United Kingdom | 87.1 |
| 6 | Columbia | United States | 86.7 |
| 7 | U. of Washington | United States | 86.5 |
| 8 | U. of Cambridge | United Kingdom | 86.1 |
| 9 | Cal. Ins. of Tech. | United States | 85.5 |
| (9) | Johns Hopkins U. | United States | 85.5 |



5 Education – Your quick comments?



6 Crime & Safety



Crime Rates by Country - 2021



“Crime rates vary greatly from country to country and are influenced by many factors. For example, high poverty levels and unemployment tend to inflate a country's crime rate. Conversely, strict police enforcement and severe sentences tend to reduce crime rates. There is also a strong correlation between age and crime, with most crimes, especially violent crimes, being committed by those ages 20-30 years old.”

SOURCE: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/crime-rate-by-country>

| Rank | Country | Rate per 100,000 citizens |
|------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Venezuela | 83.76 |
| 2 | Papua New Guinea | 80.79 |
| 3 | South Africa | 76.86 |
| 4 | Afghanistan | 76.31 |
| 5 | Honduras | 74.54 |
| 6 | Trinidad & Tobago | 71.63 |
| 7 | Guyana | 68.74 |
| 8 | El Salvador | 67.79 |
| 9 | Brazil | 67.49 |
| 10 | Jamaica | 67.42 |
| 39 | Mexico | 54.19 |
| 56 | United States | 47.81 |
| 82 | Canada | 41.89 |

Murder Rates By Country 2019-20

| Rank | Country (or territory – of 203) | Rate per 100,000 |
|------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | El Salvador | 61.8 |
| 2 | Jamaica | 57 |
| 3 | Venezuela | 56.33 |
| 4 | US Virgin Islands | 49.26 |
| 5 | Honduras | 41.7 |
| 6 | Lesotho | 41.25 |
| 7 | Belize | 37.9 |
| 8 | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 36.46 |
| 9 | South Africa | 35.9 |
| 10 | Saint Kitts and Nevis | 34.23 |
| 89 | United States | 5.3 |
| 151 | Canada | 1.8 |
| 173 | Finland | 1.2 |

Countries that do have a significant population of 5 million or more but an extremely low murder rate include:

- Singapore (0.21 per 100,000)
- Japan 0.22
- Hong Kong 0.30
- Switzerland 0.50
- Norway 0.50
- United Arab Emirates 0.51
- South Korea 0.60
- Czech Republic 0.60
- **China 0.67**
- Austria 0.67
- Italy 0.67
- Spain 0.70

SOURCE: <https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/murder-rates-by-country.html>

Estimated Gun Statistics - 2019

Civilian Gun Ownership

| Rank | Country | # Guns / 100 Citizens |
|------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | United States | 120.5 |
| 2 | Falkland Islands | 62.1 |
| 3 | Yemen | 52.8 |
| 4 | New Caledonia | 42.5 |
| 5 | Serbia | 39.1 |
| 6 | Montenegro | 39.0 |
| 7 | Uruguay | 34.7 |
| 8 | Canada | 34.6 |
| 9 | Cyprus | 34.0 |
| 10 | Finland | 32.4 |

An [ABC News article](#) about the survey pointed out that:

The U.S. has “less than 5% of the world’s population, but 40% of the world's civilian-owned guns.” *

* Surveys of registered gun ownership plus *estimates* of non-registered numbers.

SOURCE: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/gun-ownership-by-country>

Gun Deaths/ 100,000 Citizens

| Rank | Country | # Gun Deaths/ 100,000 Citizens |
|-------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Japan | 0.06 |
| 2 | Azerbaijan | 0.07 |
| 3 | South Korea | 0.08 |
| 4 | Romania | 0.14 |
| 5 | United Kingdom | 0.23 |
| 6 | Poland | 0.26 |
| 7 | India | 0.29 |
| 8 | Zimbabwe | 0.39 |
| 9 | Cuba | 0.50 |
| 10 | Netherlands | 0.58 |
| 65/74 | United States | 12.21 |

SOURCE: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/gun-ownership-by-country>

The “Top 10” (those with the very *best* rates) have far less than *ONE* gun death / 100,000 population, including suicide.

By this same measure, the U.S. has more than 12 gun deaths / 100,000 population.

Bobbies in London, UK only began carrying a gun in the early 21st century.

2020 – Firearm Deaths - *Estimated*

| Rank | Country | Firearm-related deaths / 100K | Homicide rate per year | Suicide rate per year | Total deaths number per year |
|------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Honduras | 60 | 66.64 | 0.41 | 5,846 |
| 2 | Venezuela | 49.22 | 26.48 | 0.14 | 14,036 |
| 3 | El Salvador | 45.6 | 26.49 | 0.13 | 2,942 |
| 4 | Eswatini | 37.16 | 37.16 | - | 426 |
| 5 | Guatemala | 34.1 | 29.62 | 0.34 | 5,993 |
| 6 | Jamaica | 30.72 | 30.38 | 0.34 | 905 |
| 7 | Brazil | 21.9 | 20.7 | 0.5 | 46,215 |
| 8 | Colombia | 18.65 | 17.74 | 0.59 | 9,387 |
| 9 | Panama | 15.11 | 14.36 | 0.57 | 641 |
| 10 | United States | 12.21 | 4.46 | 7.32 * | 40,175 |

* NOTE: 60% of U.S. firearms deaths are suicides

SOURCE: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/gun-deaths-by-country> - 2020



Global Rates of Incarceration - 2020

| Rank | Country | # in Prison |
|------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 | United States | 2,068,800 |
| 2 | China | 1,690,000 |
| 3 | Brazil | 811,707 |
| 4 | India | 478,600 |
| 5 | Russia | 471,490 |
| 6 | Thailand | 309,282 |
| 7 | Turkey | 291,198 |
| 8 | Indonesia | 266,259 |
| 9 | Mexico | 229,866 |
| 10 | Iran | 189,000 |

| Rank | Country | # in Prison / 100,000 |
|------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | United States | 629 * |
| 2 | Rwanda | 580 |
| 3 | Turkmenistan | 576 |
| 4 | El Salvador | 564 |
| 5 | Cuba | 510 |
| 6 | Palau | 478 |
| 7 | B.V.I. (UK) | 477 |
| 8 | Thailand | 445 |
| 9 | Panama | 423 |
| 10 | Saint Kitts | 423 |



* 639 in 2018

SOURCE: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/incarceration-rates-by-country>

Countries with the Highest Rates of Firearm-Related Suicide (per 100k) in 2019



| | | |
|-----|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Greenland | (16.36) |
| 2. | United States | (7.12) |
| 3. | Uruguay | (4.74) |
| 4. | San Marino | (4.08) |
| 5. | Montenegro | (3.40) |
| 6. | Argentina | (2.67) |
| 7. | Finland | (2.66) |
| 8. | Monaco | (2.64) |
| 9. | France | (2.64) |
| 10. | Venezuela | (2.50) |



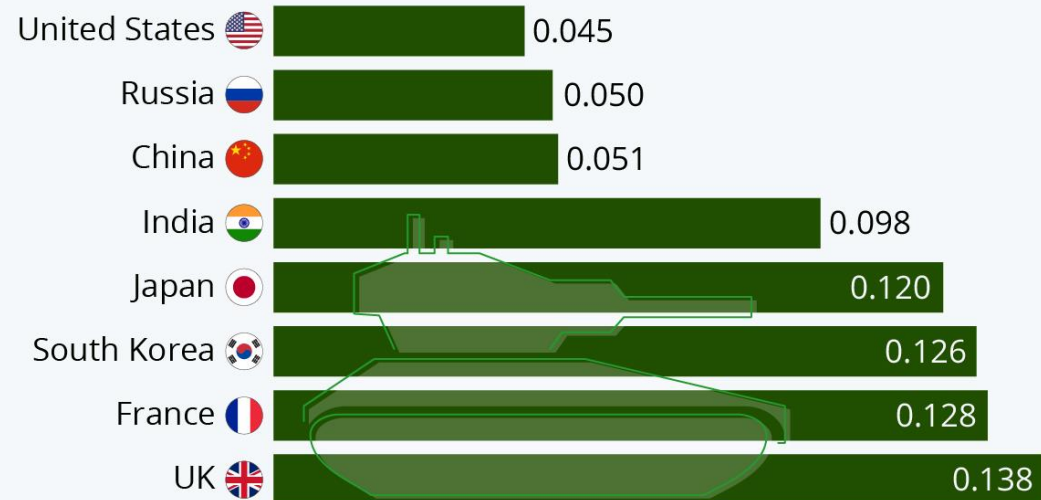
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The World's Most *Powerful* Militaries - 2022

When it comes to [manpower](#), no military in the world comes close to that of China. According to [Global Firepower](#) estimates, the People's Republic has around 2 million active [military](#) personnel. The United States in comparison, has significantly less - 1.4 million - but when assessing the overall power of the world's military forces, the U.S. comes out on top, ahead of Russia and China in second and third, respectively.

The World's Most Powerful Militaries

Countries ranked highest on the Global Firepower PowerIndex (0.000=perfect/most powerful)



As of January 2022. Takes into account (among others): weapon numbers, weapon diversity, natural resources, available industries, manpower, financial stability
Source: Global Firepower



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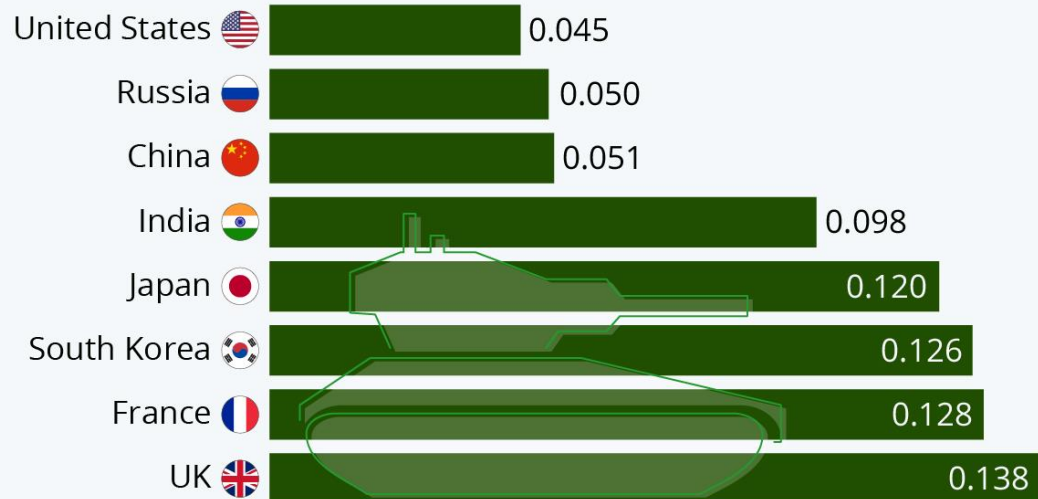
The index "utilizes over 50 individual factors to determine a given nation's PowerIndex score with categories ranging from military might and financials to logistical capability and geography."

While a rating of 0.000 would represent the perfect score, it is to be considered realistically unattainable.

Military Power - - - Nuclear Arsenal

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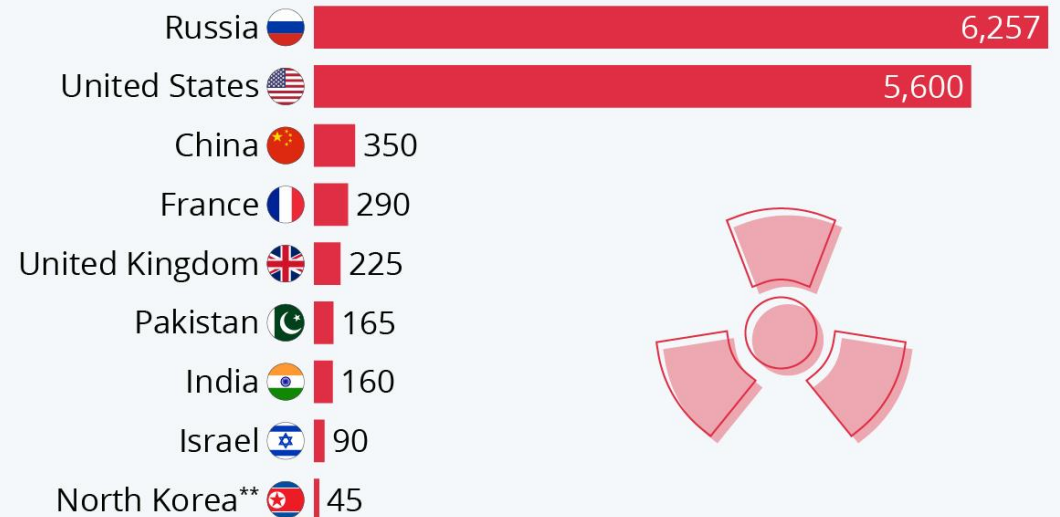
Source: Global Firepower



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The Countries Holding The World's Nuclear Arsenal

Estimated global nuclear warhead inventories as of October 2021*



* Includes deployed, stockpiled and retired warheads awaiting disarmament

** Warheads that could potentially be made from available fissile material

Source: Federation of American Scientists



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The Safest Countries in the World - 2021

1. Iceland
2. New Zealand
3. Portugal
4. Austria
5. Denmark
6. Slovenia
7. Singapore
8. Czech Republic
9. Japan
10. Switzerland

12. Canada
41. United Kingdom
51. South Korea
85. China

117. United States
156. Russia
161. Iraq

“Safety” in terms of ...

- Number of internal and external violent conflicts
 - Level of distrust
 - Political instability
 - Potential for terrorist acts
 - Number of homicides
- Military expenditures as a percentage of GDP

Based on these factors, a score is calculated for each of the **161 nations** featured in the report. The lower the score, the higher the nation is ranked in terms of safety.

SOURCE: Global Peace Index

<https://www.visionofhumanity.org/maps/#/>



SAFEST PLACES TO TRAVEL 2022

Berkshire Hathaway Travel Protection Program



1. Iceland
2. New Zealand
3. Canada
4. Sweden
5. Japan
6. Australia
7. Switzerland
8. Ireland
9. Germany
10. United Kingdom



“This year when we surveyed travelers, we asked people where they’ve traveled in the last five years, and then only had people who had visited specific countries rate them on safety.

We then augmented those ratings with other indices and information, including the [Global Peace Index](#) and the State Department’s own [travel safety ratings](#).

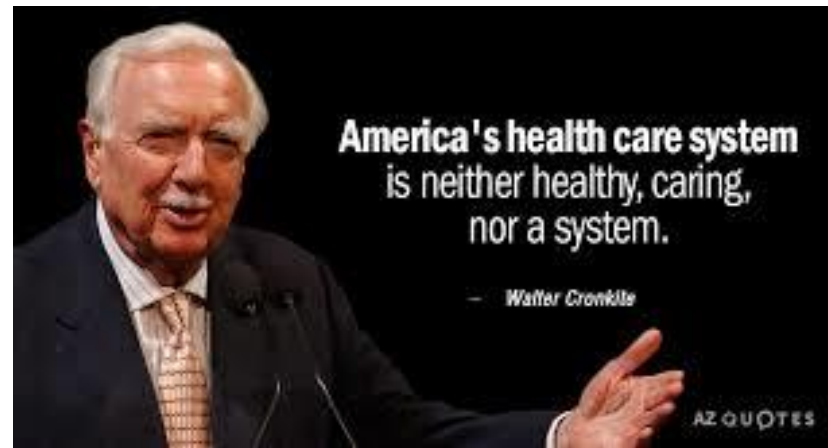
We also added in an index on [COVID performance](#) based on data from [Our World in Data](#),”

SOURCE: <https://www.bhtp.com/blog/safest-places-to-travel>

6 Crime & Safety – Your quick comments?



7 Healthcare



Births / 1000 Population

| Rank | Country - 2020 | Births / 1000 |
|------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Niger | 47.51 |
| 2 | Angola | 42.69 |
| 3 | Uganda | 42.27 |
| 4 | Mali | 42.15 |
| 5 | Benin | 42.05 |
| 6 | Chad | 41.67 |
| 7 | Congo Democratic Republic | 42.03 |
| 8 | Zambia | 40.43 |
| 9 | Malawi | 40,12 |
| 10 | South Sudan | 38.78 |
| 95 | Mexico | 17.56 |
| 155 | United States | 12.38 |
| 166 | China | 11.62 |
| 227 | Monaco | 6.37 |

SOURCE: <https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/field/birth-rate/country-comparison>

Deaths / 1000 Population

| Rank | Country - 2020 | Deaths / 1000 |
|------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Lesotho | 15.39 |
| 2 | Lithuania | 14.99 |
| 3 | Bulgaria | 14.61 |
| 4 | Latvia | 14.60 |
| 5 | Ukraine | 14.03 |
| 6 | Serbia | 13.48 |
| 7 | Russia | 13.40 |
| 8 | Belarus | 13.05 |
| 9 | Estonia | 12.94 |
| 10 | Hungary | 12.90 |
| 46 | United Kingdom | 9.47 |
| 77 | United States | 8.31 |
| 83 | China | 8.23 |
| 227 | Qatar | 1.58 |

SOURCE: <https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/field/death-rate/country-comparison>

Marriages / 1000 Population

| Rank | Country - 2019 | Marriages / 1000 |
|------|----------------|------------------|
| 1 | Palestine | 10.0 |
| 2 | Fiji | 9.8 |
| 3 | Egypt | 9.6 |
| 4 | Bahamas | 9.5 |
| 5 | Uzbekistan | 9.5 |
| 6 | Tajikistan | 8.9 |
| 7 | Albania | 8.0 |
| 8 | Mauritius | 7.9 |
| 9 | Kyrgyzstan | 7.8 |
| 10 | Sri Lanka | 7.8 |
| 18 | United States | 6.9 |
| 41 | Denmark | 5.6 |
| 73 | Mexico | 4.0 |

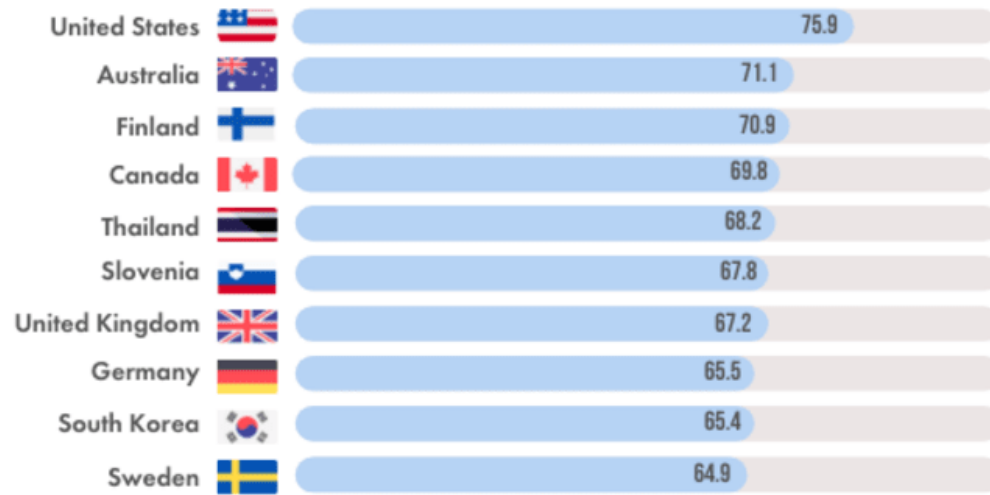
Divorces / 1000 Population

| Rank | Country - 2019 | Divorces / 1000 |
|------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Maldives | 5.5 |
| 2 | Kazakhstan | 4.6 |
| 3 | Russia | 3.9 |
| 4 | Belarus | 3.7 |
| 5 | Belgium | 3.7 |
| 6 | Moldova | 3.3 |
| 7 | China | 3.2 |
| 8 | Cuba | 2.9 |
| 9 | Ukraine | 2.9 |
| 10 | Denmark | 2.7 |
| 11 | Latvia | 2.7 |
| 12 | Lithuania | 2.7 |
| 13 | United States | 2.7 |

SOURCE: "Marriage and divorce - Rankings - The Economist - World in Figures". worldinfigures.com.

GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY INDEX 2021

Top 10 Countries



Bottom 10 Countries



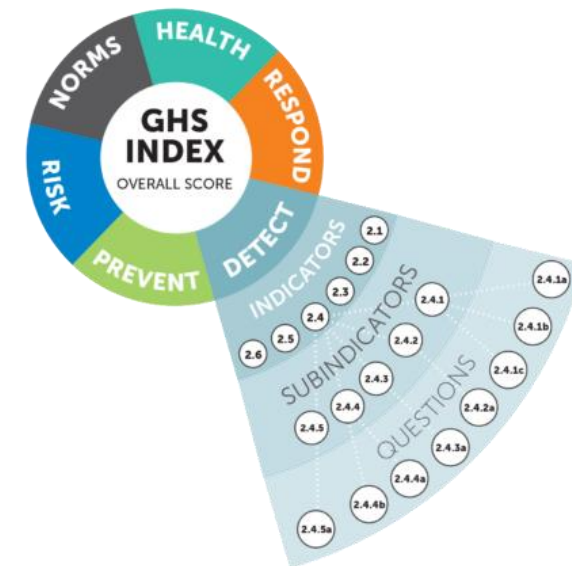
Source: Global Health Security Index
Icons by: Flaticon



The GHX Index – 2021

The GHS Index examines 195 countries' global health security capacities in preventing, detecting, and responding to a health threat. It also assesses countries' health systems, commitments to address those gaps including financing, and their overall risks and vulnerability to biological threats.

STRUCTURE OF THE INDEX



SOURCE: <https://www.ghsindex.org/>

Healthcare Costs as % of GDP

O.E.C.D. Average

'00 = 7.2% '19 = 8.8%

Highest 5 - 2019

| Country | 2000 | 2019 |
|----------------|------|------|
| Australia | 7.6% | 9.4% |
| Austria | 9.2 | 10.4 |
| Belgium | 7.9 | 10.7 |
| Canada | 8.2 | 10.8 |
| Chile | 7.0 | 9.3 |
| Czech Republic | 5.7 | 7.8 |
| Denmark | 8.1 | 10.0 |
| Estonia | 5.2 | 6.7 |
| Finland | 6.8 | 9.2 |
| France | 9.6 | 11.1 |
| Germany | 9.8 | 11.7 |
| Greece | 7.2 | 7.8 |
| Hungary | 6.8 | 6.4 |
| Iceland | 9.0 | 8.6 |
| Ireland | 5.9 | 6.7 |
| Israel | 6.8 | 7.5 |
| Italy | 7.6 | 8.7 |
| Japan | 7.2 | 11.0 |

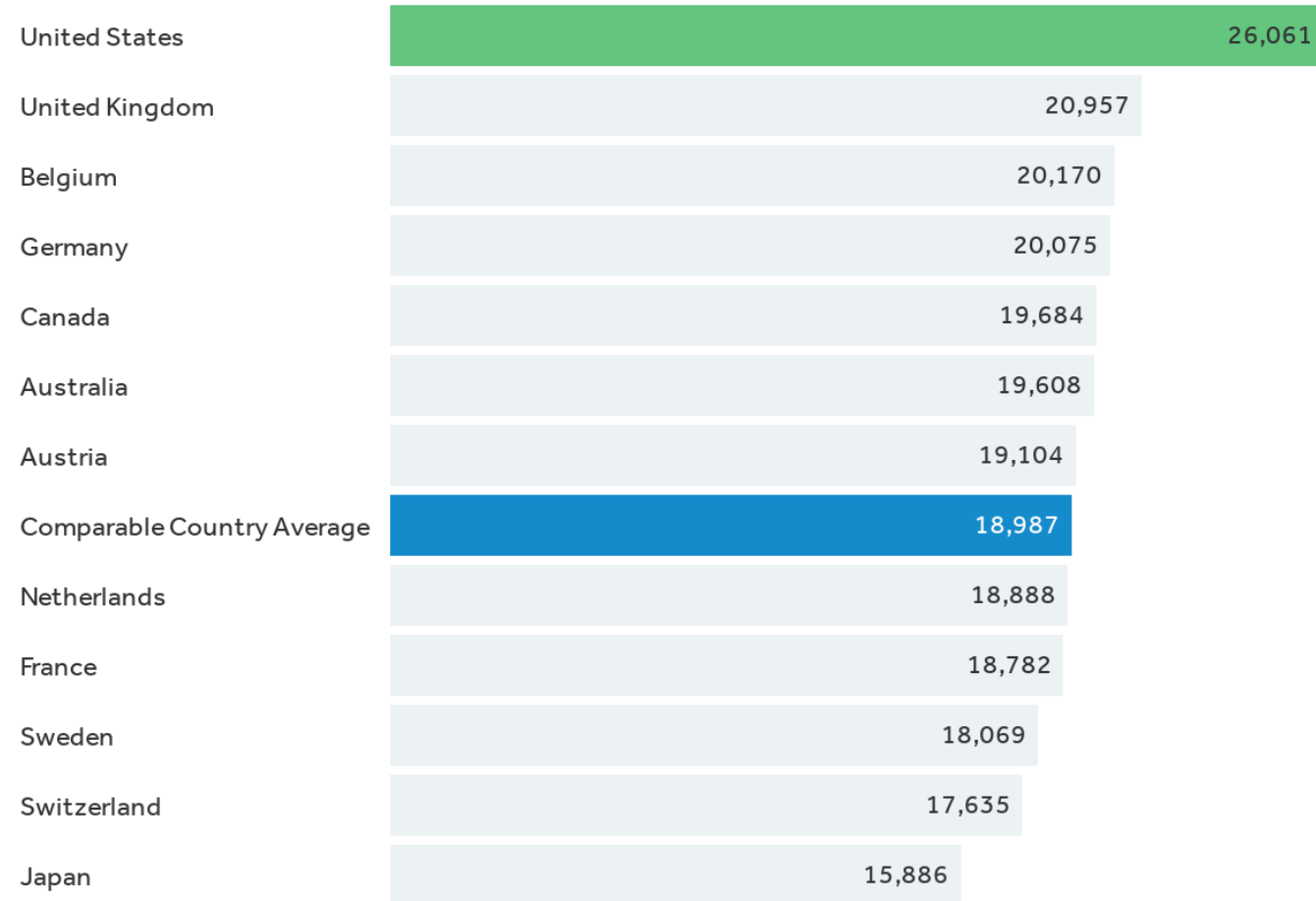
| Country | 2000 | 2019 |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Korea, South | 4.0% | 8.2% |
| Latvia | 5.4 | 6.7 |
| Lithuania | 6.2 | 7.0 |
| Luxembourg | 5.9 | 5.4 |
| Mexico | 4.4 | 5.4 |
| Netherlands | 7.7 | 10.2 |
| New Zealand | 7.5 | 9.1 |
| Norway | 7.7 | 10.5 |
| Poland | 5.3 | 6.5 |
| Portugal | 8.4 | 9.5 |
| Slovak Republic | 5.3 | 7.0 |
| Slovenia | 7.8 | 8.5 |
| Spain | 6.8 | 9.1 |
| Sweden | 7.4 | 10.9 |
| Switzerland | 9.8 | 11.3 |
| Turkey | 4.6 | 4.3 |
| U. K. | 6.0 | 10.2 |
| U. S. A. | 12.5 | 16.9 |

| Country | 2019 |
|-------------|-------|
| U. S. A. | 16.9% |
| Germany | 11.7 |
| Switzerland | 11.3 |
| France | 11.1 |
| Sweden | 10.9 |

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| China -Republic of | 5.0% |
| Russia | 5.3 |

<https://www.oecd.org/els/health-systems/health-expenditure>

Age-standardized disability adjusted life year (DALY) rate per 100,000 population, 2019



Source: KFF analysis of IHME GBD data

Peterson-KFF
Health System Tracker

Number living with Disabilities

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Health System Tracker

SOURCE: <https://www.healthsystemtracker.org/chart-collection/quality-u-s-healthcare-system-compare-countries/>

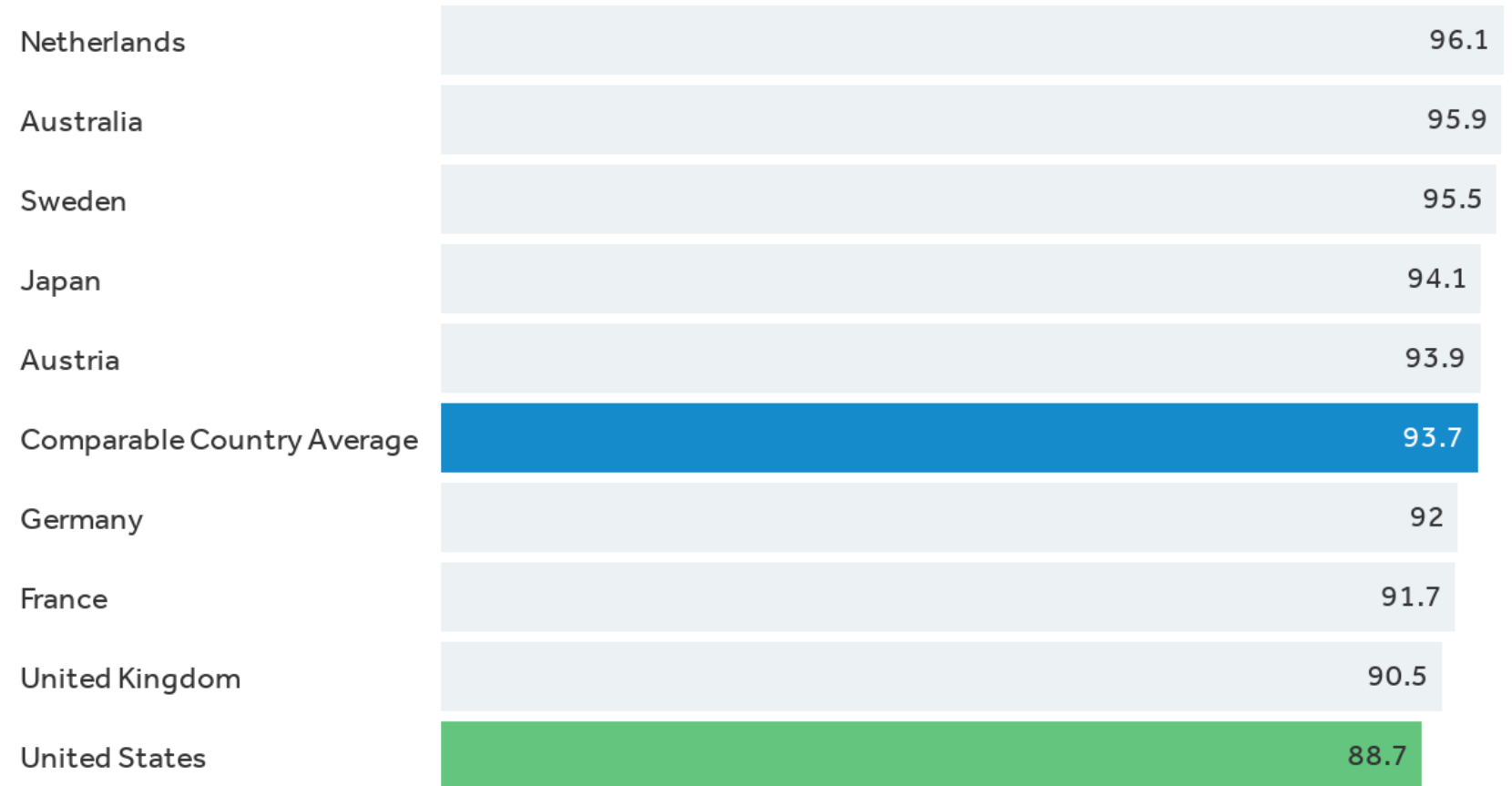
Overall Measure: Healthcare Quality & Access

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Health System Tracker

SOURCE:

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Healthcare Quality and Access (HAQ) Index Rating, 2016



Source: KFF analysis of data from: "Measuring performance on the Healthcare Access and Quality Index for 195 countries and territories and selected subnational locations: a systematic analysis from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2016," The Lancet, 23 May 2018.

• Created with Datawrapper

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Health System Tracker

Suicide – 36 O.E.C.D. Countries

Death Rate /100,000

| Rank | Country | Rate |
|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | Greece | 3.31 |
| 2 | Israel | 5.45 |
| 3 | Italy | 5.55 |
| 4 | United Kingdom | 7.52 |
| 5 | Turkey | 8.61 |
| 6 | Portugal | 8.77 |
| 7 | Germany | 9.29 |
| 8 | Denmark | 9.45 |
| 9 | Norway | 9.45 |
| 10 | Netherlands | 9.58 |
| 25/36 | United States | 12.70 |



SOURCE: <https://www.worldlifeexpectancy.com/cause-of-death/suicide/by-country/>

U.S. Global Rank

136 / 183

12.70

Obesity Rankings - 2018!

World-wide

| Rank | Country (Most to Least) | % Obese > Age 18 |
|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Palau | 47.1% |
| 2 | Nauru | 45.1% |
| 3 | Marshall Islands | 42.3% |
| 4 | Samoa | 41.5% |
| 5 | Tonga | 41.1% |
| 6 | Qatar | 41.0% |
| 7 | Kiribati | 40.1% |
| 8 | Tuvalu | 39.6% |
| 9 | Kuwait | 38.3% |
| 10 | Bahamas | 36.6% |
| 12/188 | United States | 35.0% |

O.E.C.D.

| Rank | Country (45) | % > Age 15 |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Japan | 3.7% |
| 2 | India | 5.0% |
| 3 | South Korea | 5.3% |
| 4 | Indonesia | 5.7% |
| 5 | China | 7.0% |
| 6 | Italy | 9.8% |
| 7 | Switzerland | 10.3% |
| 8 | Sweden | 12.3% |
| 9 | Netherlands | 12.8% |
| 10 | Austria | 14.7% |
| 45/45 | U. S. A. | 38.2% |
| | O.E.C.D Average | 19.5% |

SOURCE: <https://www.graphicmaps.com/most-obese-countries-in-the-world>

SOURCE: www.oecd.org/health/health-data.htm

So, What *is* considered obese?

World Health Organization Definition

Body Mass Index =
(Weight (lbs.) X 703) / (Height-ins.)²



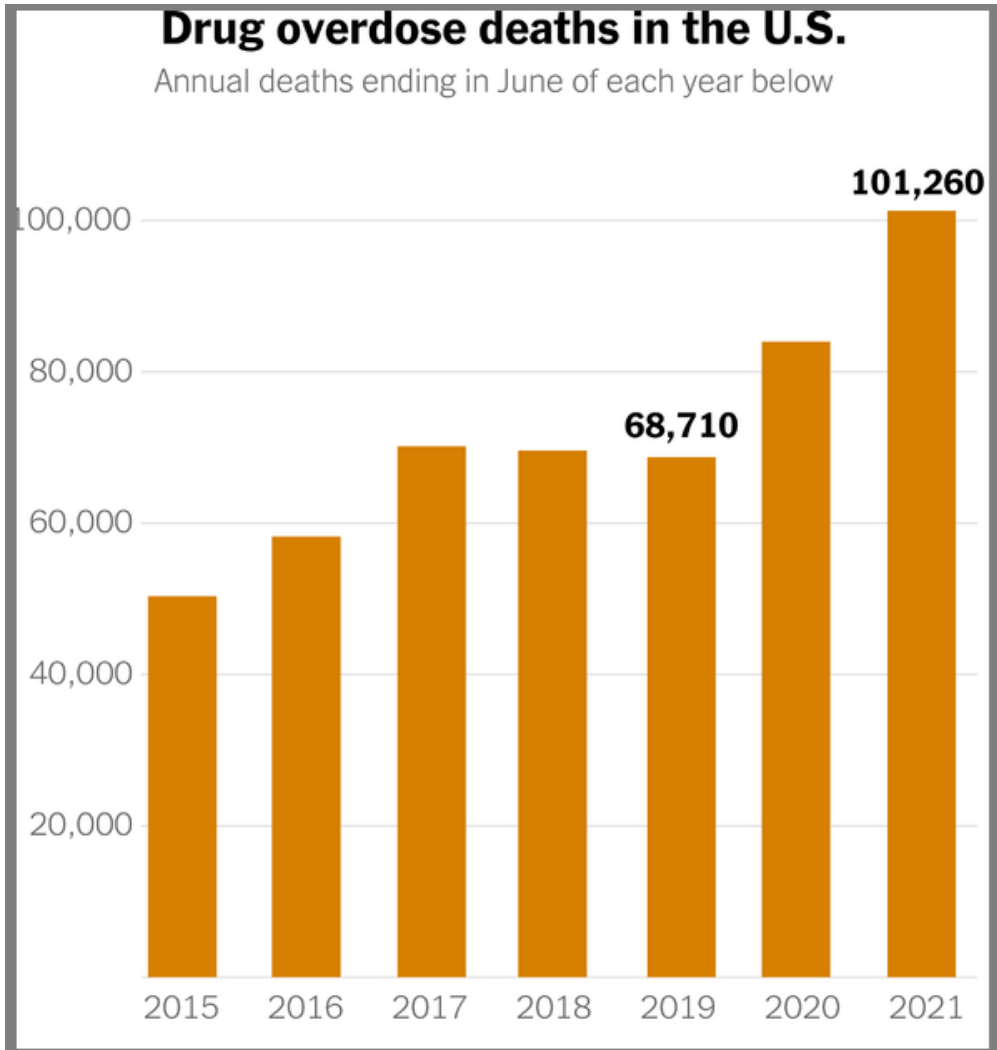
| <u>BMI</u> | <u>Range</u> |
|-------------|----------------|
| < 18.5 | Underweight |
| 18.5 - 24.9 | Healthy weight |
| 25 - 29.9 | Over-weight |
| 30.0 + | Obese |



SOURCE: <http://apps.who.int/bmi/index>.

[(170 X 703 = 119,510 / (72.5 x 72.5) = 119,510/5256 = 22.7]

Drug overdoses now kill [more than 100,000 Americans](#) a year— more than vehicle crash and gun deaths combined.



SOURCE: The New York Times nytdirect@nytimes.com
February 13, 2022

Cancer Deaths ►

SOURCE:
<https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer>

| Year | Deaths (est.) |
|------|---------------|
| 2016 | 595,690 |
| 2017 | 600,920 |
| 2018 | 604,640 |
| 2019 | 606,880 |
| 2020 | 606,520 |
| 2021 | 608,570 |

Heart Disease Deaths ►

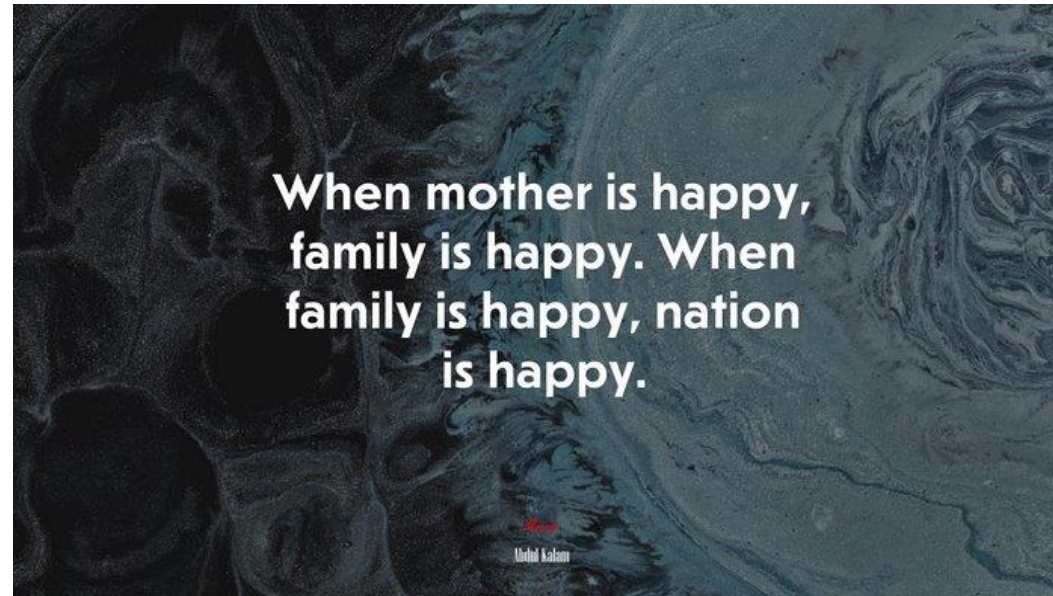
SOURCE
<https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/facts>.

| Year | Deaths (est.) |
|------|---------------|
| 2016 | 635,260 |
| 2017 | 647,457 |
| 2018 | 655,381 |
| 2019 | 659,041 |
| 2020 | 690,882 |
| 2021 | ? |

7 Healthcare – Your quick comments?



8 Prosperous & Happiest Nations!



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[SOURCE: https://li.com](https://li.com)

The Legatum Prosperity Index™

The Legatum Prosperity Index™ is a framework that assesses countries on the promotion of their residents' flourishing, reflecting both **economic** and **social wellbeing**.

Categories (“PILLARS”) Measured

| CATEGORY | CATEGORY |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Safety & Security | Infrastructure – Market Access |
| Personal Freedom | Economic Quality |
| Governance | Living Conditions |
| Social Capital | Health |
| Investment Environment | Education |
| Enterprise Conditions | Natural Environment |

300 different indicators from 70 different data sources are used to construct the Index!

SOURCE: <https://www.prosperity.com/about/methodology>



The Legatum Prosperity Index – 2021!

| Rank – '21 | Rank – '20 | Country | Score – '21 |
|------------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1 | 1 | Denmark | 83.86 |
| 2 | 2 | Norway | 83.50 |
| 3 | 5 | Sweden | 83.11 |
| 4 | 4 | Finland | 82.96 |
| 5 | 3 | Switzerland | 82.89 |
| 6 | 6 | Netherlands | 82.18 |
| 7 | 7 | Luxembourg | 81.10 |
| 8 | 8 | New Zealand | 80.93 |
| 9 | 9 | Germany | 80.57 |
| 10 | 10 | Iceland | 80.12 |
| 13 | 13 | United Kingdom | 79.60 |
| 15 | 14 | Canada | 78.99 |
| 20 | 20 | United States | 77.15 |
| 54 | 52 | China | 62.23 |

SOURCE: <https://www.prosperity.com/about/methodology>



The *HAPPIEST* countries in the world 2021

| Rank | Country | Score | Population (Millions) |
|------|---------------|-------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Finland | 7.809 | 5.55 |
| 2 | Denmark | 7.646 | 5.82 |
| 3 | Switzerland | 7.560 | 8.72 |
| 4 | Iceland | 7.504 | 0.35 |
| 5 | Norway | 7.488 | 5.47 |
| 6 | Netherlands | 7.449 | 17.17 |
| 7 | Sweden | 7.353 | 10.16 |
| 8 | New Zealand | 7.300 | 4.86 |
| 9 | Austria | 7.290 | 9.04 |
| 10 | Luxembourg | 7.238 | 0.64 |
| 11 | Canada | 7.232 | 38.07 |
| 18 | United States | 6.940 | 333.51 |




Since 2002, the World Happiness Report has detailed the world's happiest countries based on several factors. As of 2020, the World Happiness Report determined that Finland is the happiest country in the world out of **153 surveyed**.

The report looks at countries with respect to their **performance of six particular variables**:

- Gross domestic product per capita
 - Social support
 - Healthy life expectancy
- Freedom to make your own life choices
- Generosity of the general population
- Perceptions of internal and external corruption levels

Overall Best Countries 2021 Rankings

| Rank | Country | |
|------|----------------|---|
| 1 | Canada |  |
| 2 | Japan |  |
| 3 | Germany |  |
| 4 | Switzerland |  |
| 5 | Australia |  |
| 6 | United States |  |
| 7 | New Zealand |  |
| 8 | United Kingdom |  |
| 9 | Sweden |  |
| 10 | Netherlands |  |

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Annual global study done by Young & Rubicon's *BAV Group* (New York), a global brand measurement firm, in conjunction with the *Wharton School* (University of Pennsylvania)

A set of **76 country attributes** – terms that can be used to describe a country and that are also relevant to the success of a modern nation – were identified. Attributes by nation were presented in a survey of more than **17,000 people from across the globe**. Participants assessed how closely they associated an attribute with a nation.

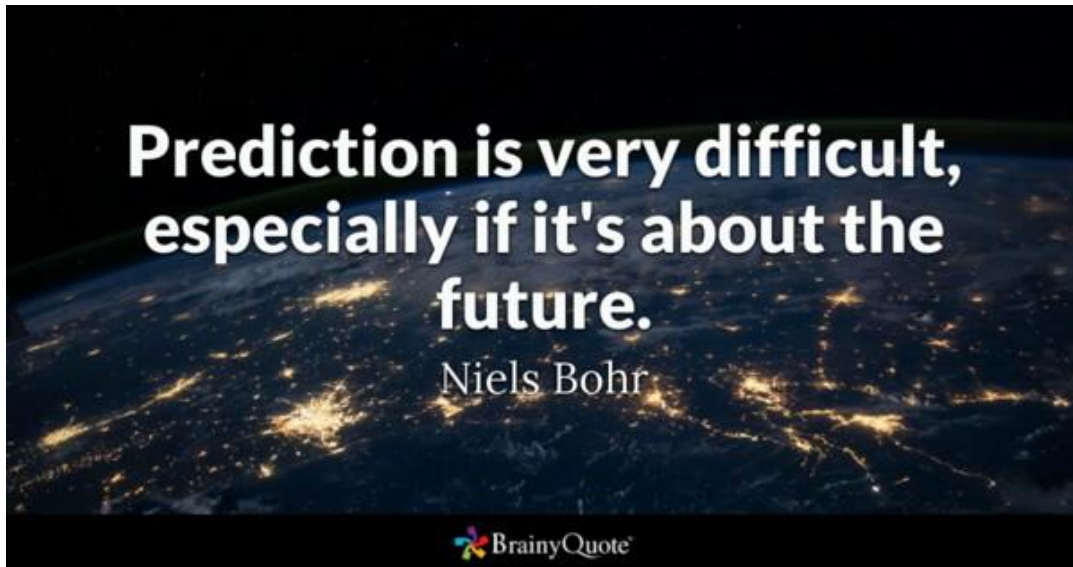
Each country was scored on each of the 76 country attributes based on a collection of individual survey responses. The **more a country was perceived to exemplify a certain characteristic** in relation to the average, the higher that country's attribute score and vice versa. These scores were normalized to account for outliers and transformed into a scale that could be compared across the board.

SOURCE: <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-countries/articles/methodology>

8 Prosperous & Happiest Nations! –
Your quick comments?



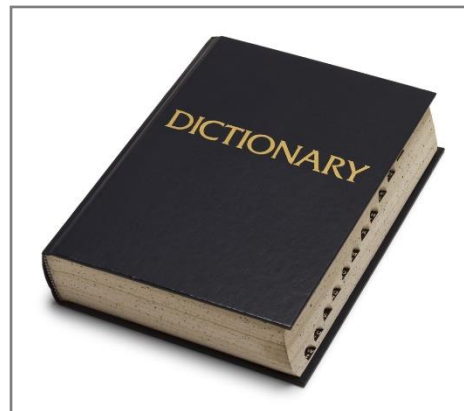
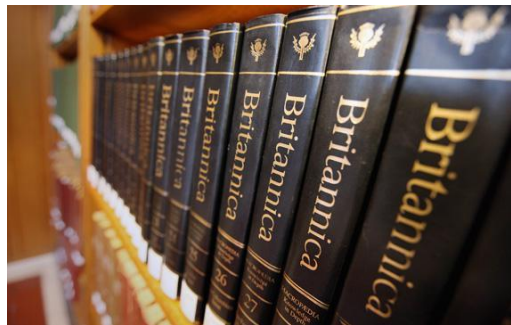
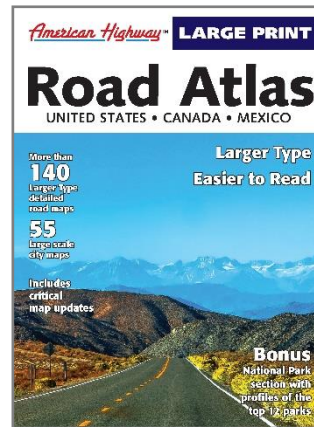
9 The Future?



The pace of technological change!



Some of the *things we used* to need!





**Today,
all we *need* is
this ONE *tool*:**



The world's Top 10 Technology Companies - 2022



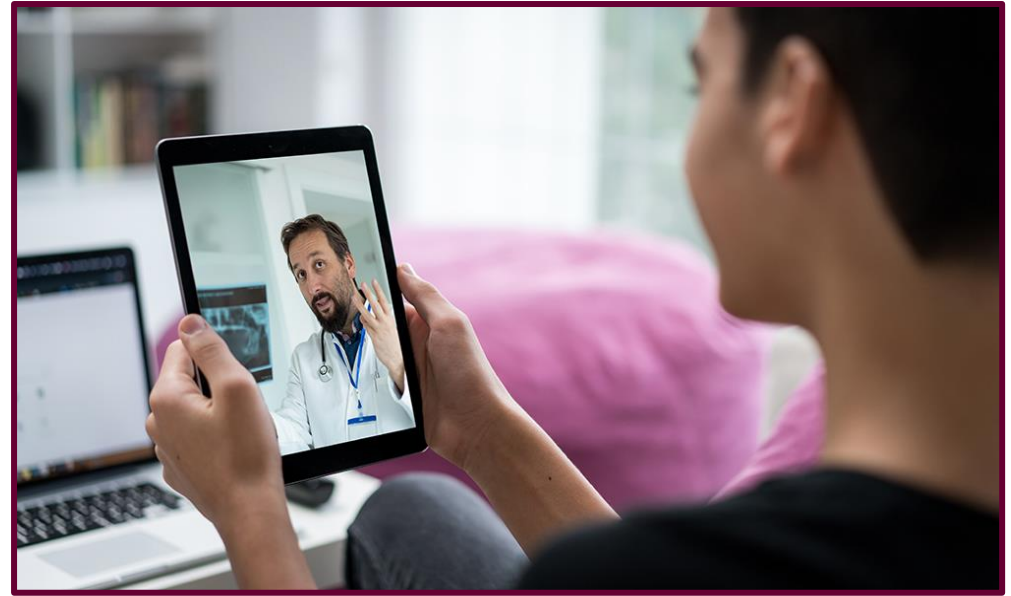
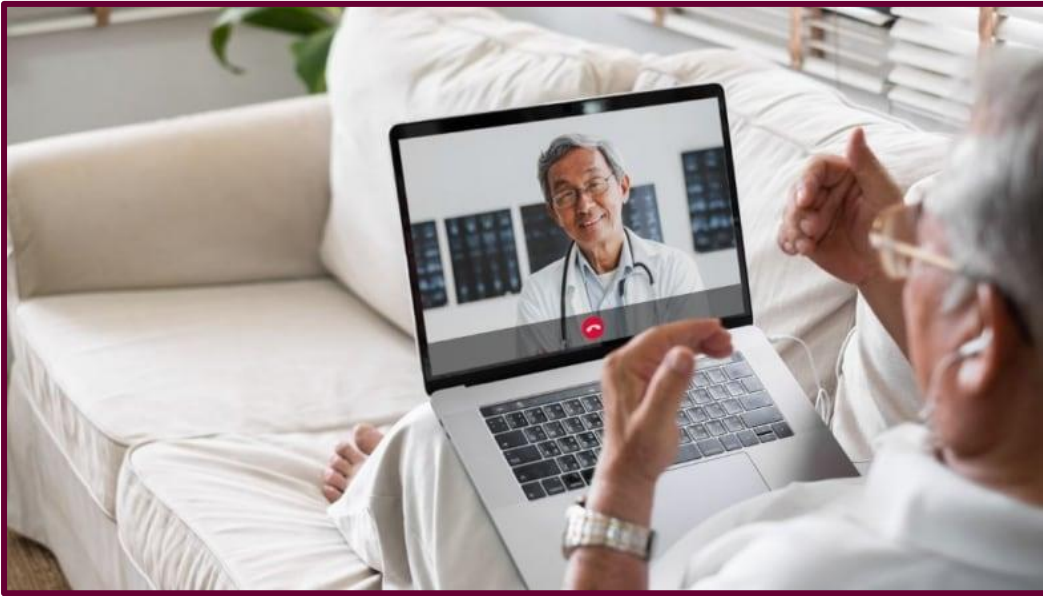
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More than half of U.S. car sales will be EVs by 2030!*

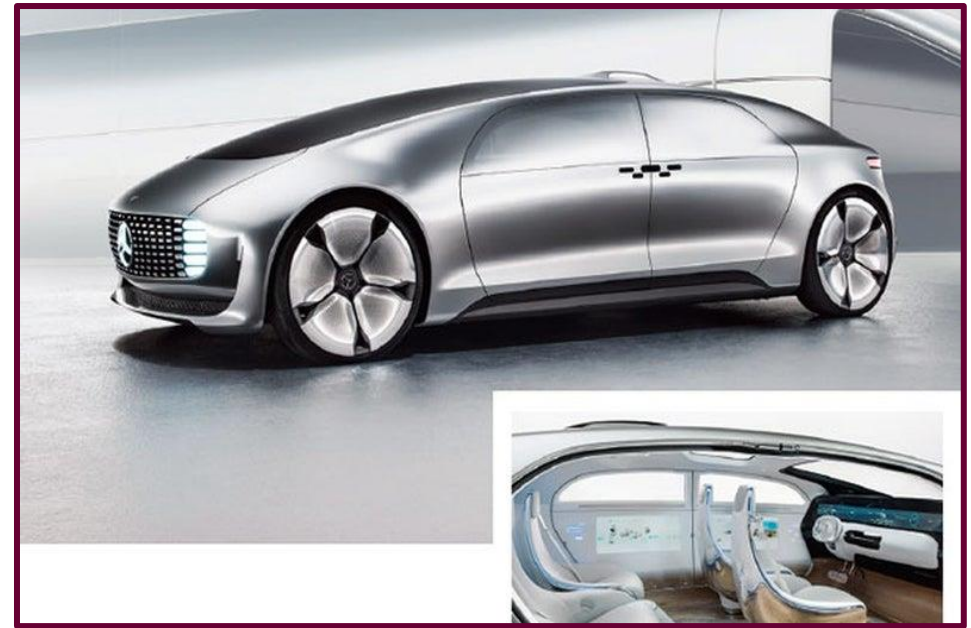


* KPMG Survey of Auto Executives – November, 2021

Virtual Doctor's Visits



Driverless vehicles?



Flying cars?

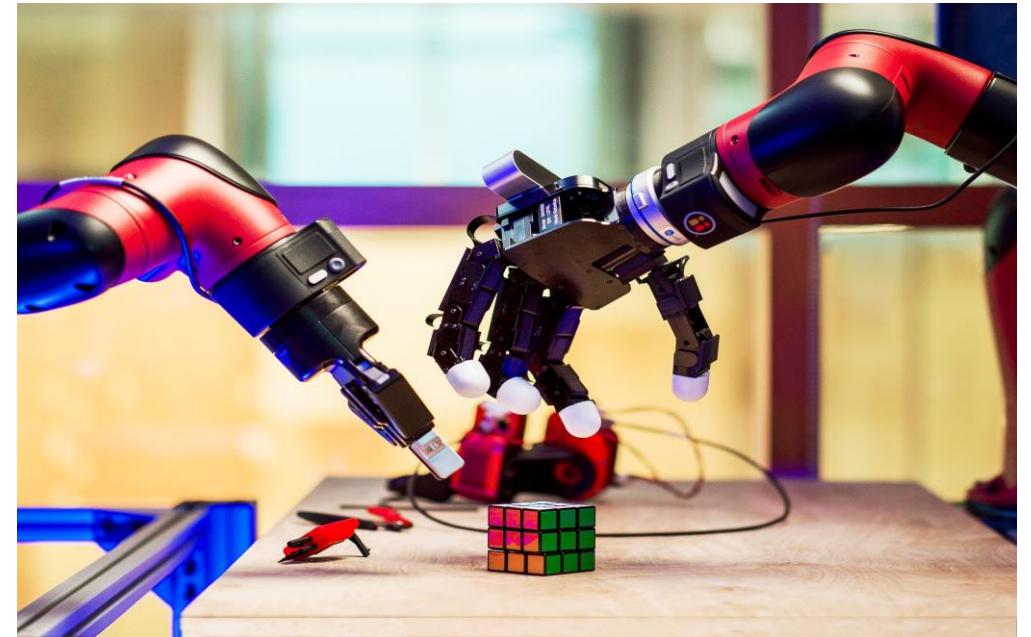
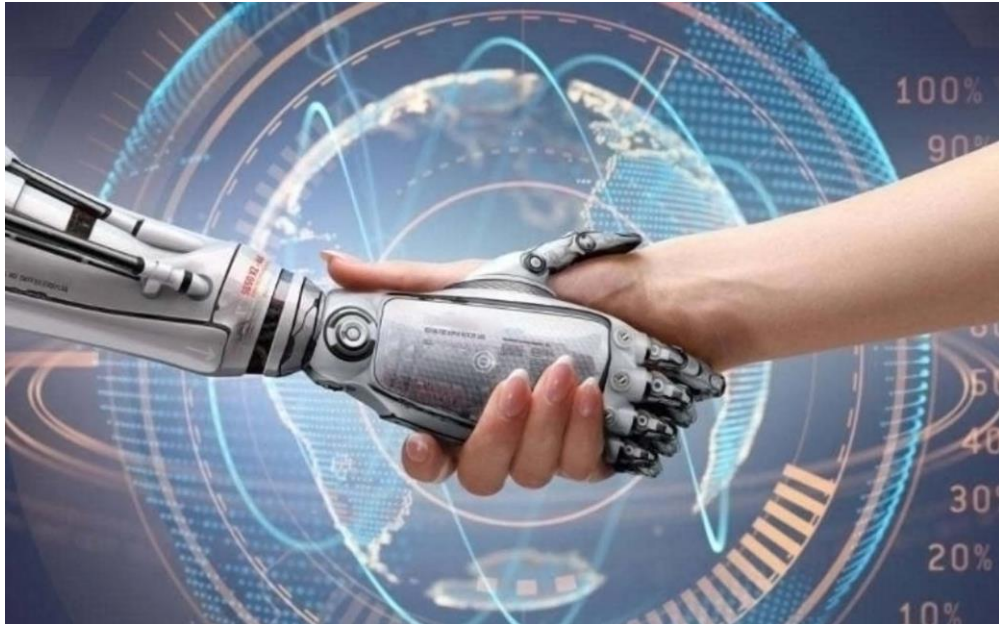


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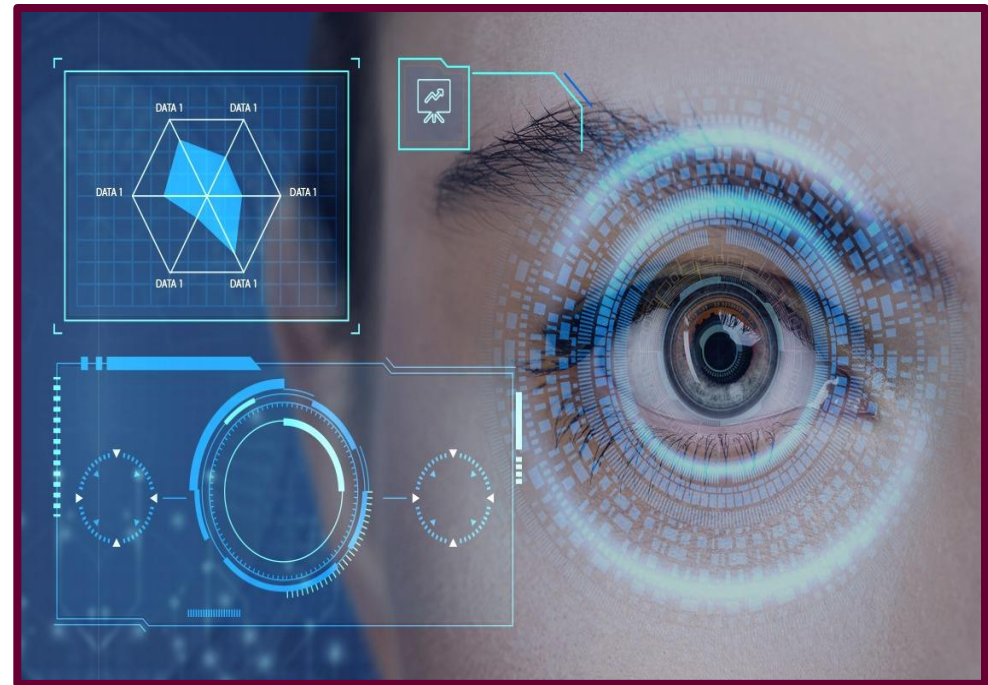
Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality



AI & Robotics – Next Generation



Artificial Vision Systems



Airbus Makes Successful Test Run of Pilotless Plane *AIRLINES & AIRPORTS* JULY 28, 2020



Pilotless planes are on the way!

The Economist June 1, 2019

Fully-automated, pilotless planes are in the pipeline!

The Canberra Times June 3, 2021
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“A pilotless airliner is going to come; it’s just a question of when!”

James Albaugh – in 2011 when he was president and CEO of Boeing,

A sunset over a field with a path leading towards the horizon. The sky is filled with warm, golden light, and the path is illuminated by the sun's rays.

**I look to the future because
that's where I'm going to
spend the rest of my life.**

-George Burns

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Ok! Anybody want to try this?



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