





The Legatum Prosperity Index™

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Foreword



The Prosperity Index tells us that the story of human progress goes beyond economics. It tells us that for nations to flourish they must provide opportunity and freedom to their citizens. It shows how access to quality healthcare and education provide the foundations on which nations can grow. It proves that effective and transparent government empowers citizens to take control of their lives. And it shows that protection from violence and oppression, as well as strong social bonds, are crucial to a thriving society.

The 2015 Prosperity Index highlights the continued rise of many South East Asian economies—with Singapore climbing to first place in the Economy sub-index. Indonesia stands out as the top performer overall, having climbed 21 places in the global rankings in the last seven years. This has been driven by big improvements in the Economy and Entrepreneurship & Opportunity sub-indices.

While many developed economies, particularly those in Europe, remain in the doldrums, there is further evidence that some countries are escaping the worst of the financial crisis. Since 2013, the UK has improved the most economically of any major EU economy. This is partly because full time employment amongst the poorest has risen from being the second lowest of any major developed economy in 2009, to the highest of any major economy in the EU.

Last year the Prosperity Index struck an optimistic tone, explaining that the world was becoming increasingly prosperous. This remains true, but the 2015 Prosperity Index reveals that the world is becoming an increasingly dangerous place.

The rise of Islamic State has changed the nature of global security, particularly in the Middle East. The prelude to this in both Iraq and Syria was the fragmenting of social bonds. Worryingly, other countries in the region are seeing similar fissures emerging. A dramatic decline in the Safety & Security subindex in Africa and the Middle East has been driven by increased tensions and violence between different social groups as well as an increase in refugees and internally displaced persons.

Falling levels of safety and security also blight the United States' performance this year. The US has fallen one place in the overall rankings to 11th but one finding stands out: the US ranks outside the top 30 in the Safety & Security sub-index, down two places to 33rd this year. In contrast, Canada has risen to first place in the Personal Freedom sub-index this year, reflecting high scores in measures of tolerance and civil liberties.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Prosperity Index.

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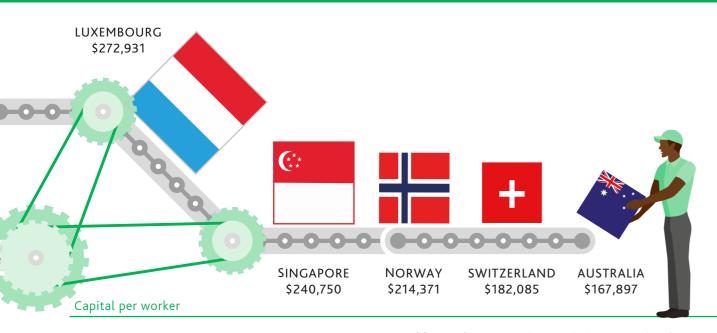
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OVERALL PROSPERITY RANK	COUNTRY	ECONOM4	ENTREPRENEURSHIP & OPPORTUNITY	8 GOVERNANCE	EDUCATION 2	НЕАГТН	8 SAFETY & SECURITY	E PERSONAL FREEDOM	> SOCIAL CAPITAL
2	Switzerland	2	3	1	18	3	13	11	9
3	Denmark	9	2	3	3	16	7	8	3
4	New Zealand	14	17	2	6	19	11	2	1
5	Sweden	7	1	4	17	12	5	7	8
6	Canada	8	15	7	2	11	9	1	6
7	Australia	12	14	10	1	15	15	9	4
8	Netherlands	10	13	12	4	5	19	13	7
9	Finland	33	8	5	7	13	3	18	5
10	Ireland	18	18	14	8	17	4	6	10
11	United States	11	11	11	9	1	33	15	11
12	Iceland	31	4	18	10	18	2	5	13
13	Luxembourg	6	9	6	43	2	10	4	24
14	Germany	5	16	16	12	6	21	17	16
15	United Kingdom	19	6	9	25	20	23	12	12
16	Austria	22	7	15	24	9	16	19	18
17 18	Singapore Belgium	1 23	12 24	13 17	15 21	14 10	12 20	38 20	25 20
19	Japan	25	22	19	28	7	22	33	29
20	Hong Kong	24	10	22	53	28	1	26	27
21	Taiwan	20	21	36	22	23	6	31	22
22	France	30	19	20	26	8	31	21	53
23	Malta	27	20	21	42	25	29	23	19
24	Spain	37	30	27	19	24	25	22	23
25	Slovenia	58	25	33	11	27	14	25	40
26	Czech Republic	26	29	34	13	26	24	45	66
27	Portugal	62	31	32	46	31	18	16	47
28	Korea, Rep.	17	23	35	20	21	17	66	85
29	Poland	34	36	39	33	33	26	29	34
30	United Arab Emirates	21	28	28	36	34	34	65	39
31 32	Estonia	35 47	26 55	23 31	39 60	40 41	36 28	61 10	30 43
33	Uruguay Chile	40	32	24	64	49	38	24	62
34	Costa Rica	45	47	29	54	46	49	14	45
35	Slovakia	36	34	46	14	30	32	63	58
36	Kuwait	13	33	44	27	37	35	84	52
37	Italy	44	41	42	47	22	39	48	42
38	Israel	16	27	25	16	32	98	98	36
39	Cyprus	84	39	26	38	35	45	46	86
40	Latvia	48	38	41	35	47	40	73	83
41	Lithuania	63	45	40	30	44	30	97	64
42	Saudi Arabia	29	49	50	23	43	73	110	26
43	Trinidad and Tobago	72	35	47 27	77 E1	64	44	28	56
44 45	Malaysia Hungary	28 52	40 50	37 38	51 34	52 36	60 37	114 99	33 98
45	Panama	49	44	60	75	72	52	34	49
47	Argentina	67	58	104	40	45	50	30	60
48	Thailand	15	66	56	69	54	88	106	15
49	Greece	102	46	49	32	29	27	108	100
50	Romania	69	48	63	61	69	46	37	109
51	Bulgaria	79	43	81	44	48	42	96	67
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58	Russia	55	42	106	29	42	91	111	50
59	Mongolia	94	60	76	48	94	43	89	31
60	Montenegro	112	62	69	50	60	48	76	68
61	Sri Lanka	65	85	58	59	77	113	43	32
62	Jamaica	132	61	68	91	81	51	35	38
63	Belarus	89	54	121	31	38	53	128	37
64	Belize	88	83	64	73	70	62	42	94
65	Macedonia	86	57	70	74	50	58	83	96
66	Kyrgyzstan	113	76	118	52	71	83	95	14
67	Mexico	42	81	61	87	66	103	68	74
68	Colombia	41	63 90	66	80	74	130	57	63
69 70	Indonesia Ukraine	39 127	90 52	78 120	78 37	93 79	70 54	123 91	21 41
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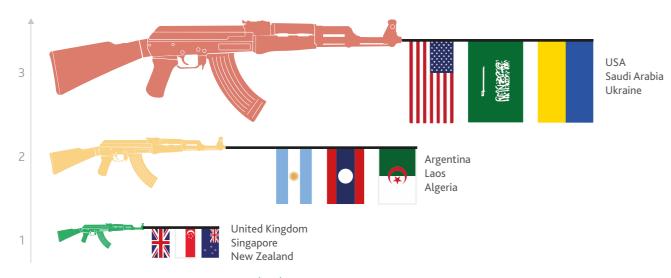
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72 73	Ecuador Serbia	46 121	75 82	89 77	67 45	75 55	90 64	47 59	113 107
74	Philippines	59	78	55	76	95	122	53	72
75	South Africa	95	37	54	83	109	112	54	61
76	Dominican Republic	74	79	82	79	91	92	62	57
77 78	Botswana	118 87	77 67	30 51	95 85	111 57	72 109	36 100	87
79	Turkey Morocco	38	80	72	104	80	79	100	102 71
80	Georgia	119	71	43	66	82	57	72	139
81	Paraguay	53	91	114	100	78	89	60	69
82 83	Peru Albania	56 109	74	83	88	89	101	71 82	111
84	Bolivia	57	73 98	91 97	71 93	65 99	47 78	44	93
85	Nicaragua	93	100	88	90	88	81	49	91
86	Bosnia-Herzegovina	116	95	108	68	58	61	112	88
87 88	Guatemala	70 97	88 72	90 57	105 58	92 61	96 84	80 136	55 110
89	Jordan Nepal	90	103	100	94	97	75	58	81
90	El Salvador	78	89	73	102	85	94	75	103
91	Tajikistan	122	108	113	62	96	65	105	44
92 93	Moldova	128	68	101	72 49	83	69	113	106
93	Armenia Namibia	126 110	69 84	92 45	99	86 117	55 80	119 50	124 112
95	Laos	68	106	75	101	106	63	86	84
96	Algeria	50	97	102	81	63	82	135	105
97	Tunisia	91	65	86	86	73	76	118	136
98 99	Lebanon India	71 61	86 94	109 53	89 92	59 107	99 114	124 79	123 129
100	Senegal	106	112	74	123	103	87	32	51
101	Rwanda	73	118	48	110	102	95	81	99
102	Ghana	129	101	65	103	101	59	69	116
103 104	Bangladesh Honduras	77 98	105 102	98 112	97 98	98 87	107 86	52 116	137 95
105	Venezuela	103	96	138	56	76	108	132	92
106	Iran	105	92	122	65	67	120	131	115
107	Burkina Faso	60	130	87	127	118	93	40	97
108 109	Kenya Benin	117 111	99 125	93 80	109 117	112 120	133 56	51 27	73 140
110	Egypt	100	87	116	96	84	105	140	118
111	Mali	96	127	111	139	119	110	56	35
112	Cambodia	80 123	111 110	79 84	108 106	104 136	97 119	122	126 79
113 114	Zambia Niger	75	140	85	140	116	102	88 67	76
115	Uganda	108	120	103	116	123	132	64	77
116	Cameroon	83	119	123	114	110	121	90	108
117 118	Tanzania Cote d'Ivoire	114 82	116 104	95 125	125 131	122 126	116 118	94 39	78 132
119	Mozambique	99	114	105	129	134	111	74	117
120	Djibouti	130	136	96	130	115	77	109	89
121	Mauritania	115	117	129	128	105	106	134	59
122 123	Malawi Iraq	138 81	131 123	71 131	118 111	113 114	104 135	107 125	90 90
124	Sierra Leone	135	133	110	126	139	125	78	54
125	Nigeria	104	107	126	122	130	134	121	82
126	Ethiopia	92	137	99	132	121	126	101	119
127 128	Congo, Rep. Zimbabwe	85 124	129 126	130 133	113 107	135 124	115 127	103 126	130 104
129	Togo	125	132	124	119	129	74	70	142
130	Pakistan	101	109	119	124	127	138	129	135
131	Guinea	141	138	136	136	133	117	87	121
132 133	Liberia Angola	142 107	115 128	128 127	138 135	132 131	124 129	117 137	101 128
134	Sudan	131	122	137	137	125	137	141	48
135	Yemen	134	121	134	121	108	128	142	131
136	Syria	137	124	135	112	100	140	139	127
137 138	Congo (DR) Burundi	120 139	134 135	140 115	133 120	137 138	142 131	127 130	65 134
139	Chad	76	141	141	141	141	136	115	114
140	Haiti	136	139	139	115	140	123	138	125
141	Afghanistan Central African Penublic	140	113	142	134	128	141	133	133
142	Central African Republic	133	142	132	142	142	139	93	141

Key Findings



SINGAPORE RISES TO 1ST
IN THE ECONOMY
SUB-INDEX

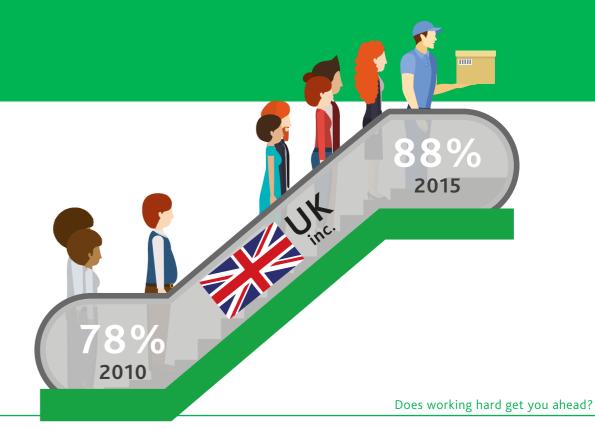
This year Singapore ranks 1st in the Economy sub-index, up from 2nd last year, displacing Switzerland. The country has the second highest capital per worker in the world: \$240,750 per worker. 47% of the country's manufactured exports are classified as 'high-tech', the third highest in the world.



Level of state-sponsored political violence (1-5)

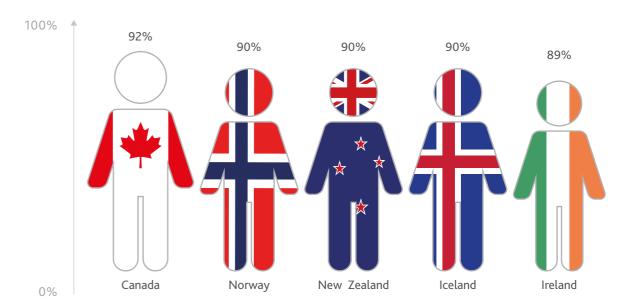
THE UNITED STATES
IS AN INCREASINGLY
DANGEROUS PLACE

This year the United States ranks 33rd on the Safety & Security sub-index, down from 31st last year. Safety & Security is the only sub-index in which the US ranks outside the top 30. It is also the only Western country to register high levels of state-sponsored political violence. According to Amnesty International the country has the same level of political violence as Saudi Arabia.



THE UK IS AN INCREASING WORLD-LEADER IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This year the UK ranks 6th on the Entrepreneurship & Opportunity sub-index, up from 8th last year. The country now ranks the best in Europe for people starting businesses and 88% of Britons believe that if you work hard you can get ahead in life, up from 84% last year, and 78% in 2010.



Is your country a good place for immigrants?

TOLERANCE REIGNS

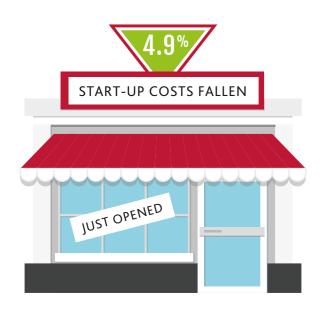
Canada, Norway, New Zealand, Iceland, and Ireland are the five most tolerant countries towards immigrants. The UK comes in at 17th. 92% of Canadians believe that their country is a good place for immigrants; this figure is 90% for Norway, New Zealand, and Iceland; and 89% for Ireland.

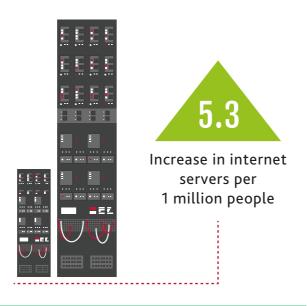
Key Findings



SINCE 2009 THE WORLD HAS BECOME A MORE DANGEROUS PLACE

The Prosperity Index shows that the world has become a more dangerous place since 2009. In the last seven years there have been dramatic declines in the Safety & Security sub-index in Africa and the Middle East, and all other regions except Europe have witnessed some decline. This has been driven by increased tension, violence, and displaced people.

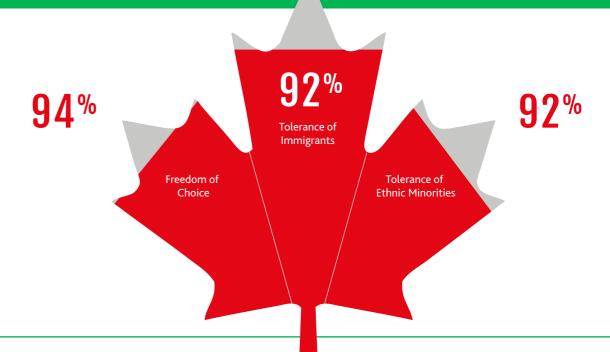




INDONESIA IMPROVING

Indonesia has climbed 21 places up the Prosperity Index in the last seven years—the most of any country in the world. The country's success is the result of a vibrant economy, rising 23 places in the Economy sub-index and 14 places in the

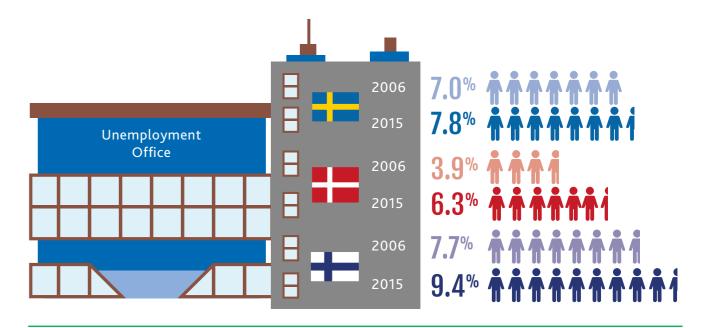
Entrepreneurship & Opportunity sub-index. Start-up costs have fallen from 26% to 21.1% of gross national income per capita, the number of secure internet servers has increased by 5.3 (per 1 million people), and the number of people satisfied with their living standards has increased from 63% to 71%.



CANADA, LAND OF THE FREE

Canada is now the freest country in the world, having risen five places to 1st in the Personal Freedom sub-index. The country is

the most tolerant of immigrants in the world—92% of people think the country is a good place for immigrants. It is also the fifth most tolerant of ethnic minorities—92% of people think that the country is a good place for ethnic minorities. 94% of Canadians believe that they have the freedom to choose the course of their own lives—the fifth highest in the world.



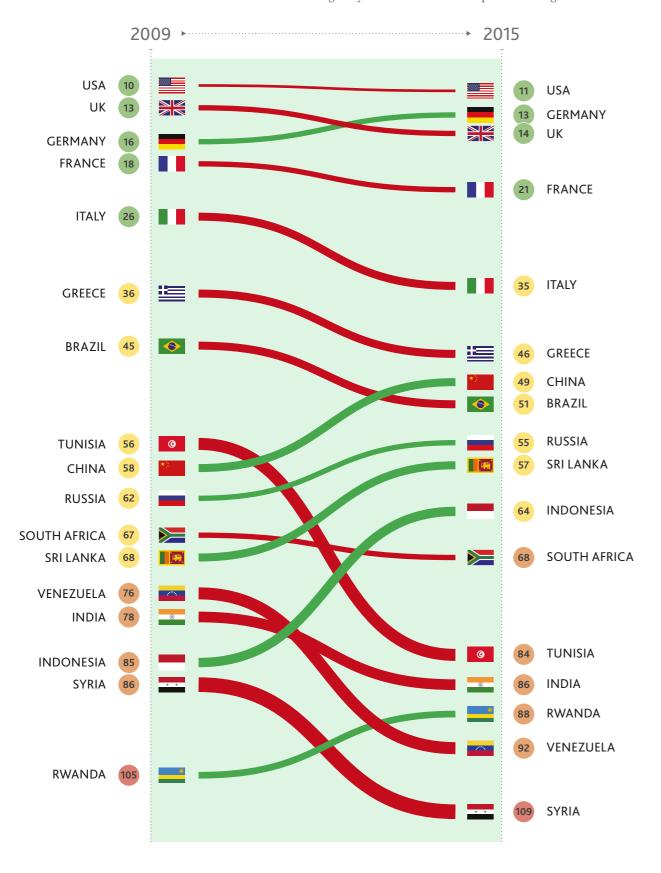
STRUGGLING VIKINGS

Three of the five Nordic countries have slipped down the Economy sub-index rankings since 2009 and the one that has improved, Iceland, remains low at 29th. The countries are failing to address unemployment. Unemployment stands at 7.8% in Sweden, 9.4% in Finland, and 6.3% in Denmark. Across all the Nordic countries employment is only 59.3%.

SEVEN-YEAR TRENDS

PROSPERITY INDEX RANKINGS 2009-2015

This graphic is based on the 110 countries originally included in the Prosperity Index. It excludes the 32 countries added in 2012 and therefore rankings may differ from the 2015 reported rankings.



YEAR-ON-YEAR PROSPERITY RANKINGS 2009–2015

In 2012 the number of countries in the Index increased to 142 (from 110 countries in 2009–2011). This should be borne in mind when looking at ranking movement over the seven years. This is particularly relevant for lower ranking countries that appear to have declined significantly in 2012. This may be due to the addition of 'new' countries above them.

COUNTRY			OUN				
	2009	2010	2011	2012		2014	2015
Norway	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Switzerland	8	8	8	9	2	2	2
Denmark	2	2	2	2	6	4	3
New Zealand	3	5	4	5	5	3	4
Sweden	7	6	5	3	4	6	5
Canada	6	7	6	6	3	5	6
Australia	5	4	3	4	7	7	7
Netherlands	11	9	9	8	9	9	8
Finland	4	3	7	7	8	8	9
Ireland	9	11	11	10	12	12	10
United States	10	10	10	12	11	10	11
Iceland	12	12	12	15	13	11	12
Luxembourg	/	/	/	11	10	16	13
Germany	16	15	15	14	14	14	14
United Kingdom	13	13	13	13	16	13	15
Austria	14	14	14	16	15	15	16
Singapore	17	17	16	19	18	18	17
Belgium	15	16	17	17	17	17	18
Japan	19	18	21	22	21	19	19
Hong Kong	21	20	19	18	19	20	20
Taiwan	22	22	20	20	22	22	21
France	18	19	18	21	20	21	22
Malta	/	/	/	25	25	23	23
Spain	20	23	23	23	23	26	24
Slovenia	23	21	22	24	24	24	25
Czech Republic	24	24	26	28	29	29	26
Portugal	25	26	25	26	27	27	27
Korea, Rep.	29	27	24	27	26	25	28
Poland	28	29	28	32	34	31	29
UAE	27	30	27	29	28	28	30
Estonia	31	35	33	35	36	32	31
Uruguay	32	28	29	31	30	30	32
Chile	35	32	31	34	35	33	33
Costa Rica	30	33	34	37	31	34	34
Slovakia	37	37	32	36	38	35	35
Kuwait	34	31	35	38	33	36	36
Italy	26	25	30	33	32	37	37
Israel	33	36	38	40	39	38	38
Cyprus	/	/	/	30	37	40	39
Latvia	41	47	51	47	48	44	40
Lithuania	40	42	44	43	43	42	41
Saudi Arabia	57	49	49	52	50	47	42
Trinidad and Tobago	46	44	47	51	42	43	43
Malaysia	43	43	43	45	44	45	44
Hungary	38	34	36	39	41	39	45
Panama	42	40	37	42	40	41	46
Argentina	44	41	39	41	45	46	47
Thailand	54	52	45	56	52	51	48

	COUNTRY RANK							
COUNTRY	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
Greece	36	39	40	49	54	59	49	
Romania	48	51	58	60	55	60	50	
Bulgaria	47	46	48	48	49	48	51	
China	58	58	52	55	51	54	52	
Croatia	39	38	41	50	53	50	53	
Brazil	45	45	42	44	46	49	54	
Vietnam	50	61	62	53	62	56	55	
Kazakhstan	51	50	46	46	47	55	56	
Uzbekistan	65	76	64	64	63	57	57	
Russia	62	63	59	66	61	68	58	
Mongolia	60	60	60	59	57	52	59	
Montenegro	/	/	/	57	71	65	60	
Sri Lanka	68	59	63	58	60	62	61	
Jamaica	52	55	55	62	56	61	62	
Belarus	55	54	50	54	58	53	63	
Belize	53	56	56	65	65	58	64	
Macedonia	70	72	76	75	79	69	65	
Kyrgyzstan	/	/	/	88	80	74	66	
Mexico	49	53	53	61	59	64	67	
Colombia	64	65	61	69	67	66	68	
Indonesia	85	70	70	63	69	71	69	
Ukraine	63	69	74	71	64	63	70	
Azerbaijan	/	/	/	94	81	79	71	
Ecuador	77	77	83	76	74	73	72	
Serbia	/	/	/	79	76	77	73	
Philippines	61	64	66	67	66	67	74	
South Africa	67	66	69	74	77	81	75	
Dominican Rep.	71	68	72	81	70	72	76	
Botswana	59	57	67	70	72	75	77	
Turkey	80	80	75	89	87	86	78	
Morocco	66	62	71	73	82	85	79	
Georgia	/	/	/	93	84	80	80	
Paraguay	69	67	57	68	68	70	81	
Peru	72	73	68	72	75	78	82	
Albania	/	/	/	92	83	84	83	
Bolivia	84	82	85	95	86	87	84	
Nicaragua	73	87	86	91	73	76	85	
Bosnia-Herzegovina	/	/	/	99	97	91	86	
Guatemala	82	81	84	97	90	90	87	
Jordan	75	74	65	77	88	82	88	
Nepal	88	91	93	108	102	96	89	
El Salvador	81	78	77	90	85	83	90	
Tajikistan	/	/	/	86	94	94	91	
Moldova	83	86	79	84	89	89	92	
Armenia	/	/	/	98	95	95	93	
Namibia	74	71	80	83	93	88	94	
Laos	/	/	/	82	92	93	95	
Algeria	91	79	88	100	99	97	96	

	COUNTRY RANK								
COUNTRY	2009	2010		2012	2013	2014	2015		
unisia	56	48	54	78	91	92	97		
ebanon	90	84	82	85	98	101	98		
dia	78	88	91	101	106	102	99		
enegal	92	94	92	118	104	106	100		
wanda	105	98	98	111	105	99	101		
hana	89	90	78	87	100	98	102		
angladesh	95	96	95	103	103	104	103		
onduras	79	85	87	96	96	105	104		
enezuela	76	75	73	80	78	100	105		
an	93	92	97	102	101	107	106		
urkina Faso	/	/	/	112	112	103	107		
enya	97	104	102	116	116	109	108		
enin	/	/	/	119	113	108	109		
gypt	87	89	89	106	108	116	110		
ali	94	93	90	104	111	113	111		
ambodia	101	95	94	107	110	112	112		
ambia	98	101	101	110	107	110	113		
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ganda	102	99	100	117	114	111	115		
ameroon	99	102	99	115	115	115	116		
anzania	96	97	96	109	117	117	117		
ote d'Ivoire	/	/	/	126	131	121	118		
ozambique	104	103	103	124	121	120	119		
jibouti	/	/	/	121	120	119	120		
auritania	/	/	/	122	125	124	121		
alawi	/	/	/	105	119	118	122		
pe	/	/	/	131	130	128	123		
erra Leone	/	/	/	128	129	134	124		
igeria	103	106	104	123	123	125	125		
hiopia	108	107	108	133	126	126	126		
ongo, Rep.	/	/	/	120	118	122	127		
mbabwe	110	110	109	135	124	123	128		
ogo	/	/	/	136	137	136	129		
akistan	107	109	107	132	132	127	130		
uinea	/	/	/	127	135	133	131		
beria	/	/	/	130	127	131	132		
ngola	/	/	/	129	133	132	133		
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