

## Human development index trends

| HDI rank                      | 1975  | 1980  | 1985  | 1990  | 1995  | 2000  | 2005  |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>HIGH HUMAN DEVELOPMENT</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 1 Iceland                     | 0.868 | 0.890 | 0.899 | 0.918 | 0.923 | 0.947 | 0.968 |
| 2 Norway                      | 0.870 | 0.889 | 0.900 | 0.913 | 0.938 | 0.958 | 0.968 |
| 3 Australia                   | 0.851 | 0.868 | 0.880 | 0.894 | 0.934 | 0.949 | 0.962 |
| 4 Canada                      | 0.873 | 0.888 | 0.911 | 0.931 | 0.936 | 0.946 | 0.961 |
| 5 Ireland                     | 0.823 | 0.835 | 0.851 | 0.875 | 0.898 | 0.931 | 0.959 |
| 6 Sweden                      | 0.872 | 0.882 | 0.893 | 0.904 | 0.935 | 0.952 | 0.956 |
| 7 Switzerland                 | 0.883 | 0.895 | 0.902 | 0.915 | 0.926 | 0.946 | 0.955 |
| 8 Japan                       | 0.861 | 0.886 | 0.899 | 0.916 | 0.929 | 0.941 | 0.953 |
| 9 Netherlands                 | 0.873 | 0.885 | 0.899 | 0.914 | 0.934 | 0.947 | 0.953 |
| 10 France                     | 0.856 | 0.872 | 0.884 | 0.907 | 0.925 | 0.938 | 0.952 |
| 11 Finland                    | 0.846 | 0.866 | 0.884 | 0.906 | 0.918 | 0.940 | 0.952 |
| 12 United States              | 0.870 | 0.890 | 0.904 | 0.919 | 0.931 | 0.942 | 0.951 |
| 13 Spain                      | 0.846 | 0.863 | 0.877 | 0.896 | 0.914 | 0.932 | 0.949 |
| 14 Denmark                    | 0.875 | 0.883 | 0.890 | 0.898 | 0.916 | 0.935 | 0.949 |
| 15 Austria                    | 0.848 | 0.862 | 0.876 | 0.899 | 0.918 | 0.938 | 0.948 |
| 16 United Kingdom             | 0.853 | 0.860 | 0.870 | 0.890 | 0.929 | 0.931 | 0.946 |
| 17 Belgium                    | 0.852 | 0.869 | 0.883 | 0.903 | 0.931 | 0.943 | 0.946 |
| 18 Luxembourg                 | 0.836 | 0.850 | 0.863 | 0.890 | 0.913 | 0.929 | 0.944 |
| 19 New Zealand                | 0.854 | 0.860 | 0.871 | 0.880 | 0.908 | 0.927 | 0.943 |
| 20 Italy                      | 0.845 | 0.861 | 0.869 | 0.892 | 0.910 | 0.926 | 0.941 |
| 21 Hong Kong, China (SAR)     | 0.763 | 0.803 | 0.830 | 0.865 | 0.886 | 0.919 | 0.937 |
| 22 Germany                    | ..    | 0.863 | 0.871 | 0.890 | 0.913 | 0.928 | 0.935 |
| 23 Israel                     | 0.805 | 0.830 | 0.850 | 0.869 | 0.891 | 0.918 | 0.932 |
| 24 Greece                     | 0.841 | 0.856 | 0.869 | 0.877 | 0.882 | 0.897 | 0.926 |
| 25 Singapore                  | 0.729 | 0.762 | 0.789 | 0.827 | 0.865 | ..    | 0.922 |
| 26 Korea (Republic of)        | 0.713 | 0.747 | 0.785 | 0.825 | 0.861 | 0.892 | 0.921 |
| 27 Slovenia                   | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.851 | 0.857 | 0.891 | 0.917 |
| 28 Cyprus                     | ..    | 0.809 | 0.828 | 0.851 | 0.870 | 0.893 | 0.903 |
| 29 Portugal                   | 0.793 | 0.807 | 0.829 | 0.855 | 0.885 | 0.904 | 0.897 |
| 30 Brunei Darussalam          | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.894 |
| 31 Barbados                   | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.892 |
| 32 Czech Republic             | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.845 | 0.854 | 0.866 | 0.891 |
| 33 Kuwait                     | 0.771 | 0.789 | 0.794 | ..    | 0.826 | 0.855 | 0.891 |
| 34 Malta                      | 0.738 | 0.772 | 0.799 | 0.833 | 0.857 | 0.877 | 0.878 |
| 35 Qatar                      | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.875 |
| 36 Hungary                    | 0.786 | 0.801 | 0.813 | 0.813 | 0.817 | 0.845 | 0.874 |
| 37 Poland                     | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.806 | 0.822 | 0.852 | 0.870 |
| 38 Argentina                  | 0.790 | 0.804 | 0.811 | 0.813 | 0.836 | 0.862 | 0.869 |
| 39 United Arab Emirates       | 0.734 | 0.769 | 0.790 | 0.816 | 0.825 | 0.837 | 0.868 |
| 40 Chile                      | 0.708 | 0.743 | 0.761 | 0.788 | 0.819 | 0.845 | 0.867 |
| 41 Bahrain                    | ..    | 0.747 | 0.783 | 0.808 | 0.834 | 0.846 | 0.866 |
| 42 Slovakia                   | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.863 |
| 43 Lithuania                  | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.827 | 0.791 | 0.831 | 0.862 |
| 44 Estonia                    | ..    | 0.811 | 0.820 | 0.813 | 0.792 | 0.829 | 0.860 |
| 45 Latvia                     | ..    | 0.797 | 0.810 | 0.804 | 0.771 | 0.817 | 0.855 |
| 46 Uruguay                    | 0.762 | 0.782 | 0.787 | 0.806 | 0.821 | 0.842 | 0.852 |
| 47 Croatia                    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.812 | 0.805 | 0.828 | 0.850 |
| 48 Costa Rica                 | 0.746 | 0.772 | 0.774 | 0.794 | 0.814 | 0.830 | 0.846 |
| 49 Bahamas                    | ..    | 0.809 | 0.822 | 0.831 | 0.820 | 0.825 | 0.845 |
| 50 Seychelles                 | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.843 |
| 51 Cuba                       | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.838 |
| 52 Mexico                     | 0.694 | 0.739 | 0.758 | 0.768 | 0.786 | 0.814 | 0.829 |
| 53 Bulgaria                   | ..    | 0.771 | 0.792 | 0.794 | 0.785 | 0.800 | 0.824 |

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| 54 Saint Kitts and Nevis              | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.821 |
| 55 Tonga                              | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.819 |
| 56 Libyan Arab Jamahiriya             | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.818 |
| 57 Antigua and Barbuda                | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.815 |
| 58 Oman                               | 0.487 | 0.547 | 0.641 | 0.697 | 0.741 | 0.779 | 0.814 |
| 59 Trinidad and Tobago                | 0.756 | 0.784 | 0.782 | 0.784 | 0.785 | 0.796 | 0.814 |
| 60 Romania                            | ..    | 0.786 | 0.792 | 0.777 | 0.772 | 0.780 | 0.813 |
| 61 Saudi Arabia                       | 0.611 | 0.666 | 0.684 | 0.717 | 0.748 | 0.788 | 0.812 |
| 62 Panama                             | 0.718 | 0.737 | 0.751 | 0.752 | 0.775 | 0.797 | 0.812 |
| 63 Malaysia                           | 0.619 | 0.662 | 0.696 | 0.725 | 0.763 | 0.790 | 0.811 |
| 64 Belarus                            | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.790 | 0.755 | 0.778 | 0.804 |
| 65 Mauritius                          | ..    | 0.662 | 0.692 | 0.728 | 0.751 | 0.781 | 0.804 |
| 66 Bosnia and Herzegovina             | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.803 |
| 67 Russian Federation                 | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.815 | 0.771 | 0.782 | 0.802 |
| 68 Albania                            | ..    | 0.675 | 0.694 | 0.704 | 0.705 | 0.746 | 0.801 |
| 69 Macedonia (TFYR)                   | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.801 |
| 70 Brazil                             | 0.649 | 0.685 | 0.700 | 0.723 | 0.753 | 0.789 | 0.800 |
| <b>MEDIUM HUMAN DEVELOPMENT</b>       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 71 Dominica                           | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.798 |
| 72 Saint Lucia                        | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.795 |
| 73 Kazakhstan                         | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.771 | 0.724 | 0.738 | 0.794 |
| 74 Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 0.723 | 0.737 | 0.743 | 0.762 | 0.770 | 0.776 | 0.792 |
| 75 Colombia                           | 0.663 | 0.694 | 0.709 | 0.729 | 0.753 | 0.772 | 0.791 |
| 76 Ukraine                            | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.809 | 0.756 | 0.761 | 0.788 |
| 77 Samoa                              | ..    | ..    | 0.709 | 0.721 | 0.740 | 0.765 | 0.785 |
| 78 Thailand                           | 0.615 | 0.654 | 0.679 | 0.712 | 0.745 | 0.761 | 0.781 |
| 79 Dominican Republic                 | 0.628 | 0.660 | 0.684 | 0.697 | 0.723 | 0.757 | 0.779 |
| 80 Belize                             | ..    | 0.712 | 0.718 | 0.750 | 0.777 | 0.795 | 0.778 |
| 81 China                              | 0.530 | 0.559 | 0.595 | 0.634 | 0.691 | 0.732 | 0.777 |
| 82 Grenada                            | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.777 |
| 83 Armenia                            | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.737 | 0.701 | 0.738 | 0.775 |
| 84 Turkey                             | 0.594 | 0.615 | 0.651 | 0.683 | 0.717 | 0.753 | 0.775 |
| 85 Suriname                           | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.774 |
| 86 Jordan                             | ..    | 0.647 | 0.669 | 0.684 | 0.710 | 0.751 | 0.773 |
| 87 Peru                               | 0.647 | 0.676 | 0.699 | 0.710 | 0.737 | 0.763 | 0.773 |
| 88 Lebanon                            | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.692 | 0.730 | 0.748 | 0.772 |
| 89 Ecuador                            | 0.636 | 0.678 | 0.699 | 0.714 | 0.734 | ..    | 0.772 |
| 90 Philippines                        | 0.655 | 0.688 | 0.692 | 0.721 | 0.739 | 0.758 | 0.771 |
| 91 Tunisia                            | 0.519 | 0.575 | 0.626 | 0.662 | 0.702 | 0.741 | 0.766 |
| 92 Fiji                               | 0.665 | 0.688 | 0.702 | ..    | 0.743 | 0.747 | 0.762 |
| 93 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines   | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.761 |
| 94 Iran (Islamic Republic of)         | 0.571 | 0.578 | 0.615 | 0.653 | 0.693 | 0.722 | 0.759 |
| 95 Paraguay                           | 0.667 | 0.701 | 0.707 | 0.718 | 0.737 | 0.749 | 0.755 |
| 96 Georgia                            | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.754 |
| 97 Guyana                             | 0.682 | 0.684 | 0.675 | 0.679 | 0.699 | 0.722 | 0.750 |
| 98 Azerbaijan                         | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.746 |
| 99 Sri Lanka                          | 0.619 | 0.656 | 0.683 | 0.702 | 0.721 | 0.731 | 0.743 |
| 100 Maldives                          | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.741 |
| 101 Jamaica                           | 0.686 | 0.689 | 0.690 | 0.713 | 0.728 | 0.744 | 0.736 |
| 102 Cape Verde                        | ..    | ..    | 0.589 | 0.627 | 0.678 | 0.709 | 0.736 |
| 103 El Salvador                       | 0.595 | 0.590 | 0.611 | 0.653 | 0.692 | 0.716 | 0.735 |
| 104 Algeria                           | 0.511 | 0.562 | 0.613 | 0.652 | 0.672 | 0.702 | 0.733 |
| 105 Viet Nam                          | ..    | ..    | 0.590 | 0.620 | 0.672 | 0.711 | 0.733 |
| 106 Occupied Palestinian Territories  | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.731 |

**TABLE 2**
**Human development index trends**

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|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 107 Indonesia                        | 0.471 | 0.533 | 0.585 | 0.626 | 0.670 | 0.692 | 0.728 |
| 108 Syrian Arab Republic             | 0.547 | 0.593 | 0.628 | 0.646 | 0.676 | 0.690 | 0.724 |
| 109 Turkmenistan                     | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.713 |
| 110 Nicaragua                        | 0.583 | 0.593 | 0.601 | 0.610 | 0.637 | 0.671 | 0.710 |
| 111 Moldova                          | ..    | 0.700 | 0.722 | 0.740 | 0.684 | 0.683 | 0.708 |
| 112 Egypt                            | 0.434 | 0.482 | 0.532 | 0.575 | 0.613 | 0.659 | 0.708 |
| 113 Uzbekistan                       | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.704 | 0.683 | 0.691 | 0.702 |
| 114 Mongolia                         | ..    | ..    | 0.637 | 0.654 | 0.638 | 0.667 | 0.700 |
| 115 Honduras                         | 0.528 | 0.578 | 0.611 | 0.634 | 0.653 | 0.668 | 0.700 |
| 116 Kyrgyzstan                       | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.696 |
| 117 Bolivia                          | 0.519 | 0.553 | 0.580 | 0.606 | 0.639 | 0.677 | 0.695 |
| 118 Guatemala                        | 0.514 | 0.550 | 0.566 | 0.592 | 0.626 | 0.667 | 0.689 |
| 119 Gabon                            | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.677 |
| 120 Vanuatu                          | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.674 |
| 121 South Africa                     | 0.650 | 0.670 | 0.699 | 0.731 | 0.745 | 0.707 | 0.674 |
| 122 Tajikistan                       | ..    | ..    | 0.705 | 0.703 | 0.638 | 0.640 | 0.673 |
| 123 Sao Tome and Principe            | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.654 |
| 124 Botswana                         | 0.509 | 0.571 | 0.624 | 0.674 | 0.658 | 0.631 | 0.654 |
| 125 Namibia                          | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.698 | 0.657 | 0.650 |
| 126 Morocco                          | 0.435 | 0.483 | 0.519 | 0.551 | 0.581 | 0.613 | 0.646 |
| 127 Equatorial Guinea                | ..    | ..    | 0.484 | 0.505 | 0.529 | 0.606 | 0.642 |
| 128 India                            | 0.419 | 0.450 | 0.487 | 0.521 | 0.551 | 0.578 | 0.619 |
| 129 Solomon Islands                  | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.602 |
| 130 Lao People's Democratic Republic | ..    | ..    | 0.448 | 0.478 | 0.524 | 0.563 | 0.601 |
| 131 Cambodia                         | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.540 | 0.547 | 0.598 |
| 132 Myanmar                          | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.583 |
| 133 Bhutan                           | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.579 |
| 134 Comoros                          | ..    | 0.483 | 0.500 | 0.506 | 0.521 | 0.540 | 0.561 |
| 135 Ghana                            | 0.442 | 0.471 | 0.486 | 0.517 | 0.542 | 0.568 | 0.553 |
| 136 Pakistan                         | 0.367 | 0.394 | 0.427 | 0.467 | 0.497 | 0.516 | 0.551 |
| 137 Mauritania                       | 0.383 | 0.410 | 0.435 | 0.455 | 0.487 | 0.509 | 0.550 |
| 138 Lesotho                          | 0.499 | 0.541 | 0.571 | 0.605 | 0.616 | 0.581 | 0.549 |
| 139 Congo                            | 0.478 | 0.520 | 0.567 | 0.559 | 0.546 | 0.518 | 0.548 |
| 140 Bangladesh                       | 0.347 | 0.365 | 0.392 | 0.422 | 0.453 | 0.511 | 0.547 |
| 141 Swaziland                        | 0.527 | 0.561 | 0.588 | 0.633 | 0.641 | 0.592 | 0.547 |
| 142 Nepal                            | 0.301 | 0.338 | 0.380 | 0.427 | 0.469 | 0.502 | 0.534 |
| 143 Madagascar                       | 0.407 | 0.444 | 0.440 | 0.450 | 0.463 | 0.493 | 0.533 |
| 144 Cameroon                         | 0.422 | 0.468 | 0.523 | 0.529 | 0.513 | 0.525 | 0.532 |
| 145 Papua New Guinea                 | 0.431 | 0.462 | 0.481 | 0.495 | 0.532 | 0.544 | 0.530 |
| 146 Haiti                            | ..    | 0.442 | 0.462 | 0.472 | 0.487 | ..    | 0.529 |
| 147 Sudan                            | 0.354 | 0.381 | 0.400 | 0.429 | 0.463 | 0.491 | 0.526 |
| 148 Kenya                            | 0.466 | 0.514 | 0.534 | 0.556 | 0.544 | 0.529 | 0.521 |
| 149 Djibouti                         | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.476 | 0.485 | 0.490 | 0.516 |
| 150 Timor-Leste                      | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.514 |
| 151 Zimbabwe                         | 0.550 | 0.579 | 0.645 | 0.654 | 0.613 | 0.541 | 0.513 |
| 152 Togo                             | 0.423 | 0.473 | 0.469 | 0.496 | 0.514 | 0.521 | 0.512 |
| 153 Yemen                            | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.402 | 0.439 | 0.473 | 0.508 |
| 154 Uganda                           | ..    | ..    | 0.420 | 0.434 | 0.433 | 0.480 | 0.505 |
| 155 Gambia                           | 0.290 | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.436 | 0.472 | 0.502 |
| <b>LOW HUMAN DEVELOPMENT</b>         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 156 Senegal                          | 0.342 | 0.367 | 0.401 | 0.428 | 0.449 | 0.473 | 0.499 |
| 157 Eritrea                          | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.435 | 0.459 | 0.483 |
| 158 Nigeria                          | 0.321 | 0.378 | 0.391 | 0.411 | 0.432 | 0.445 | 0.470 |
| 159 Tanzania (United Republic of)    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.421 | 0.419 | 0.433 | 0.467 |

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| 160 Guinea                             | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.456 |
| 161 Rwanda                             | 0.337 | 0.385 | 0.403 | 0.340 | 0.330 | 0.418 | 0.452 |
| 162 Angola                             | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.446 |
| 163 Benin                              | 0.312 | 0.344 | 0.367 | 0.374 | 0.403 | 0.424 | 0.437 |
| 164 Malawi                             | 0.330 | 0.355 | 0.370 | 0.388 | 0.444 | 0.431 | 0.437 |
| 165 Zambia                             | 0.470 | 0.478 | 0.489 | 0.477 | 0.439 | 0.420 | 0.434 |
| 166 Côte d'Ivoire                      | 0.419 | 0.448 | 0.453 | 0.450 | 0.436 | 0.432 | 0.432 |
| 167 Burundi                            | 0.290 | 0.318 | 0.352 | 0.366 | 0.347 | 0.368 | 0.413 |
| 168 Congo (Democratic Republic of the) | 0.414 | 0.423 | 0.430 | 0.423 | 0.391 | 0.375 | 0.411 |
| 169 Ethiopia                           | ..    | ..    | 0.311 | 0.332 | 0.347 | 0.379 | 0.406 |
| 170 Chad                               | 0.296 | 0.298 | 0.342 | 0.364 | 0.377 | 0.397 | 0.388 |
| 171 Central African Republic           | 0.350 | 0.371 | 0.394 | 0.398 | 0.390 | 0.394 | 0.384 |
| 172 Mozambique                         | ..    | 0.304 | 0.291 | 0.317 | 0.335 | 0.375 | 0.384 |
| 173 Mali                               | 0.245 | 0.268 | 0.272 | 0.296 | 0.321 | 0.352 | 0.380 |
| 174 Niger                              | 0.246 | 0.264 | 0.261 | 0.279 | 0.296 | 0.321 | 0.374 |
| 175 Guinea-Bissau                      | 0.267 | 0.271 | 0.300 | 0.322 | 0.350 | 0.365 | 0.374 |
| 176 Burkina Faso                       | 0.257 | 0.280 | 0.305 | 0.321 | 0.337 | 0.353 | 0.370 |
| 177 Sierra Leone                       | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | ..    | 0.336 |

**NOTE**

The human development index values in this table were calculated using a consistent methodology and data series. They are not strictly comparable with those in earlier Human Development Reports. For detailed discussion, see *Readers guide and notes on tables*.

**SOURCES**

**Columns 1–6:** calculated on the basis of data on life expectancy from UN 2007e; data on adult literacy rates from UNESCO Institute for Statistics 2003 and 2007a; data on combined gross enrolment ratios from UNESCO Institute for Statistics 1999 and 2007c and data on GDP per capita (2005 PPP US\$) from World Bank 2007b.

**Column 7:** column 1 of indicator table 1.