

2015 Index of Economic Freedom

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RANKING THE WORLD BY ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Rank	Country	Overall Score	Rank	Country	Overall Score	Rank	Country	Overall Score
1	Hong Kong	89.6	66	Montenegro	64.7	132	Burundi	53.7
2	Singapore	89.4	67	Trinidad and Tobago	64.1	133	Yemen	53.7
3	New Zealand	82.1	68	Panama	64.1	134	Maldives	53.4
4	Australia	81.4	69	Kazakhstan	63.3	135	Mauritania	53.3
5	Switzerland	80.5	70	Turkey	63.2	136	São Tomé and Príncipe	53.3
6	Canada	79.1	71	Ghana	63.0	137	Papua New Guinea	53.1
7	Chile	78.5	72	South Africa	62.6	138	Togo	53.0
8	Estonia	76.8	73	France	62.5	139	China	52.7
9	Ireland	76.6	74	Kuwait	62.5	140	Tajikistan	52.7
10	Mauritius	76.4	75	Thailand	62.4	141	Liberia	52.7
11	Denmark	76.3	76	The Philippines	62.2	142	Comoros	52.1
12	United States	76.2	77	Saudi Arabia	62.1	143	Russia	52.1
13	United Kingdom	75.8	78	Samoa	61.9	144	Guinea	52.1
14	Taiwan	75.1	79	Madagascar	61.7	145	Guinea-Bissau	52.0
15	Lithuania	74.7	80	Italy	61.7	146	Cameroon	51.9
16	Germany	73.8	81	Croatia	61.5	147	Sierra Leone	51.7
17	The Netherlands	73.7	82	Kyrgyz Republic	61.3	148	Vietnam	51.7
18	Bahrain	73.4	83	Paraguay	61.1	149	Ethiopia	51.5
19	Finland	73.4	84	Vanuatu	61.1	150	Laos	51.4
20	Japan	73.3	85	Azerbaijan	61.0	151	Haiti	51.3
21	Luxembourg	73.2	86	Dominican Republic	61.0	152	Nepal	51.3
22	Georgia	73.0	87	Guatemala	60.4	153	Belarus	49.8
23	Sweden	72.7	88	Slovenia	60.3	154	Micronesia	49.6
24	Czech Republic	72.5	89	Morocco	60.1	155	Lesotho	49.6
25	United Arab Emirates	72.4	90	Serbia	60.0	156	Ecuador	49.2
26	Iceland	72.0	91	Swaziland	59.9	157	Algeria	48.9
27	Norway	71.8	92	Uganda	59.7	158	Angola	47.9
28	Colombia	71.7	93	Namibia	59.6	159	Solomon Islands	47.0
29	South Korea	71.5	94	Lebanon	59.3	160	Uzbekistan	47.0
30	Austria	71.2	95	Tonga	59.3	161	Burma	46.9
31	Malaysia	70.8	96	Mongolia	59.2	162	Ukraine	46.9
32	Qatar	70.8	97	Bosnia and Herzegovina	59.0	163	Bolivia	46.8
33	Israel	70.5	98	Fiji	59.0	164	Kiribati	46.4
34	Macau	70.3	99	Benin	58.8	165	Chad	45.9
35	Saint Lucia	70.2	100	Zambia	58.7	166	Central African Republic	45.9
36	Botswana	69.8	101	Sri Lanka	58.6	167	Timor-Leste	45.5
37	Latvia	69.7	102	Burkina Faso	58.6	168	Congo, Dem. Rep.	45.0
38	Jordan	69.3	103	Côte d'Ivoire	58.5	169	Argentina	44.1
39	Brunei	68.9	104	Gabon	58.3	170	Congo, Republic of	42.7
40	Belgium	68.8	105	Indonesia	58.1	171	Iran	41.8
41	The Bahamas	68.7	106	Senegal	57.8	172	Turkmenistan	41.4
42	Poland	68.6	107	Tunisia	57.7	173	Equatorial Guinea	40.4
43	Uruguay	68.6	108	Nicaragua	57.6	174	Eritrea	38.9
44	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	68.0	109	Tanzania	57.5	175	Zimbabwe	37.6
45	Cyprus	67.9	110	Cambodia	57.5	176	Venezuela	34.3
46	Barbados	67.9	111	Moldova	57.5	177	Cuba	29.6
47	Peru	67.7	112	Djibouti	57.5	178	North Korea	1.3
48	Jamaica	67.7	113	The Gambia	57.5	N/A	Afghanistan	N/A
49	Spain	67.6	114	Seychelles	57.5	N/A	Iraq	N/A
50	Slovak Republic	67.2	115	Bhutan	57.4	N/A	Kosovo	N/A
51	Costa Rica	67.2	116	Honduras	57.4	N/A	Libya	N/A
52	Armenia	67.1	117	Belize	56.8	N/A	Liechtenstein	N/A
53	Macedonia	67.1	118	Brazil	56.6	N/A	Somalia	N/A
54	Hungary	66.8	119	Mali	56.4	N/A	Sudan	N/A
55	Bulgaria	66.8	120	Nigeria	55.6	N/A	Syria	N/A
56	Oman	66.7	121	Pakistan	55.6			
57	Romania	66.6	122	Kenya	55.6			
58	Malta	66.5	123	Guyana	55.5			
59	Mexico	66.4	124	Egypt	55.2			
60	Cabo Verde	66.4	125	Mozambique	54.8			
61	Dominica	66.1	126	Malawi	54.8			
62	El Salvador	65.7	127	Niger	54.6			
63	Albania	65.7	128	India	54.6			
64	Portugal	65.3	129	Suriname	54.2			
65	Rwanda	64.8	130	Greece	54.0			
			131	Bangladesh	53.9			

ECONOMIC FREEDOM SCORE

	80-100	FREE
	70-79.9	MOSTLY FREE
	60-69.9	MODERATELY FREE
	50-59.9	MOSTLY UNFREE
	0-49.9	REPPRESSED



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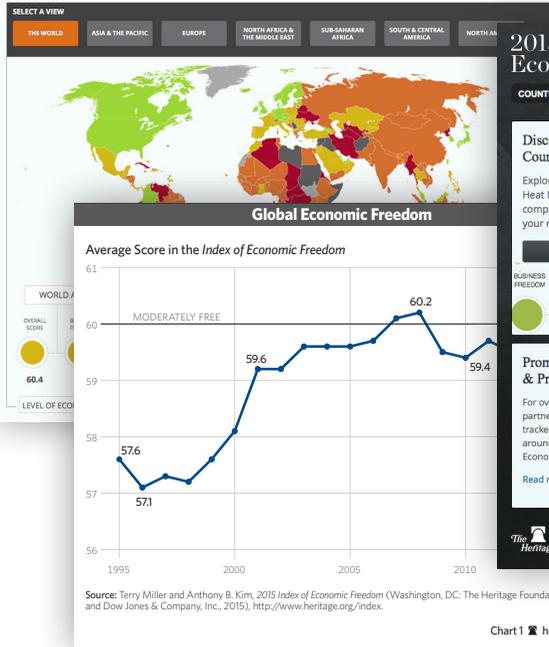
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