

# Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index 2012





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Transparency International seeks to provide reliable quantitative diagnostic tools regarding levels of corruption, both at the global and local levels. The Corruption Perceptions Index is one of Transparency International's indices sponsored by Ernst & Young.



# 176 countries, 176 scores. How does your country measure up?

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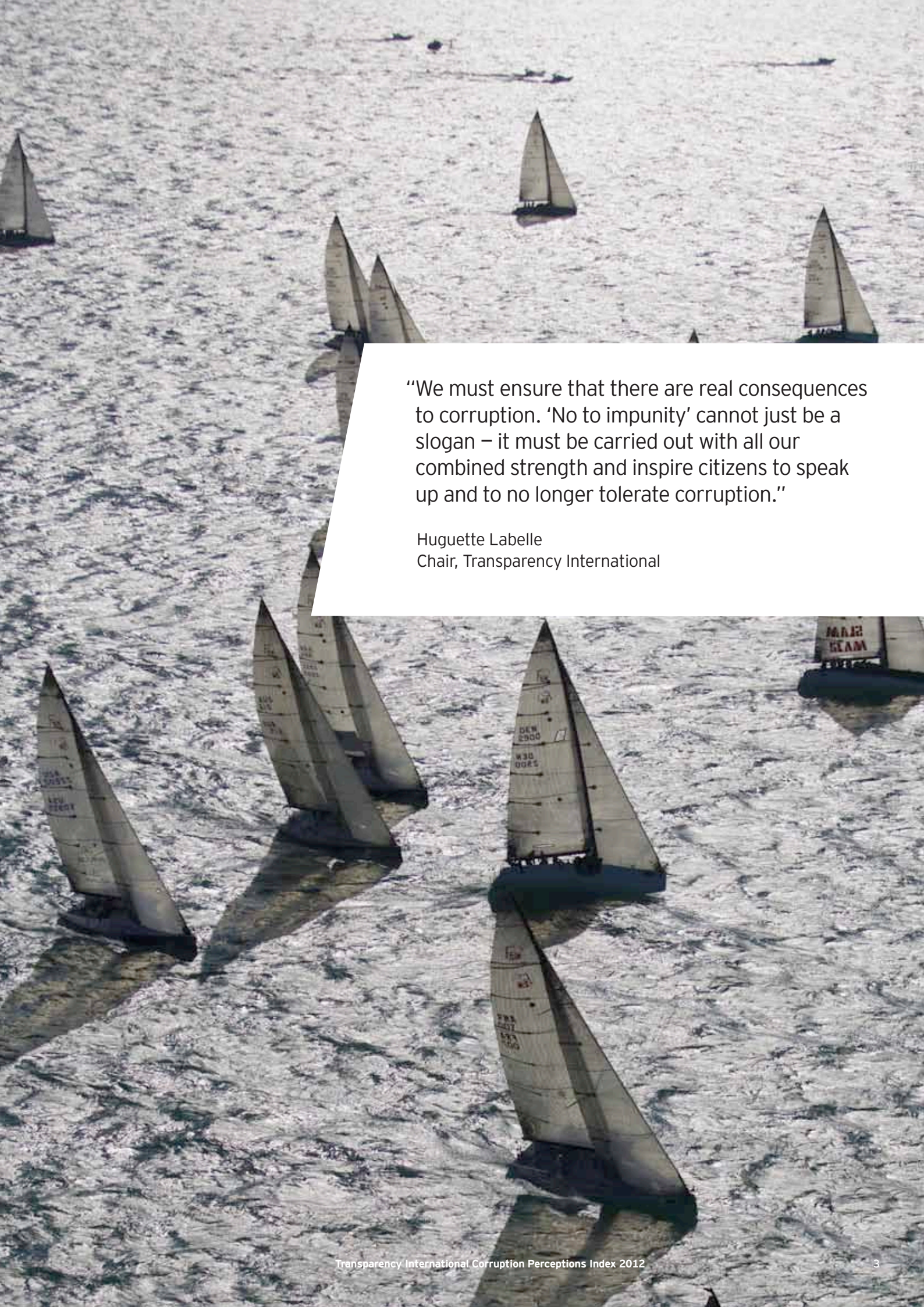
# About the index

**Corruption can happen anywhere. When politicians put their own interests above those of the public. When officials demand money and favors from citizens for services that should be free. Corruption is not just an envelope filled with money though – these people make decisions that affect our lives.**

We know corruption is a problem around the world. But how bad is it and what can be done? The *Corruption Perceptions Index* measures the perceived levels of public sector corruption in countries worldwide. Based on expert opinion, countries are scored from 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean). Some countries score well, but no country scores a perfect 100. Two-thirds of the 176 countries ranked in the 2012 index score below 50, showing that public institutions need to be more transparent, and powerful officials more accountable.

The *Corruption Perceptions Index* forces governments around the world to take notice of corruption – their country's score reflects on them. But recognizing the problem is only the first step toward a solution. That is why we help citizens to demand accountability from their leaders. And we show governments what they can do to tackle corruption. Together, we can make corruption a thing of the past.



An aerial photograph of a sailboat race on a choppy sea. Several sailboats with white sails are visible, some with numbers and names on their sails. The water is dark and textured with small waves. The sailboats are scattered across the frame, with some in the foreground and others further away. The overall scene is dynamic and captures the intensity of the race.

“We must ensure that there are real consequences to corruption. ‘No to impunity’ cannot just be a slogan – it must be carried out with all our combined strength and inspire citizens to speak up and to no longer tolerate corruption.”

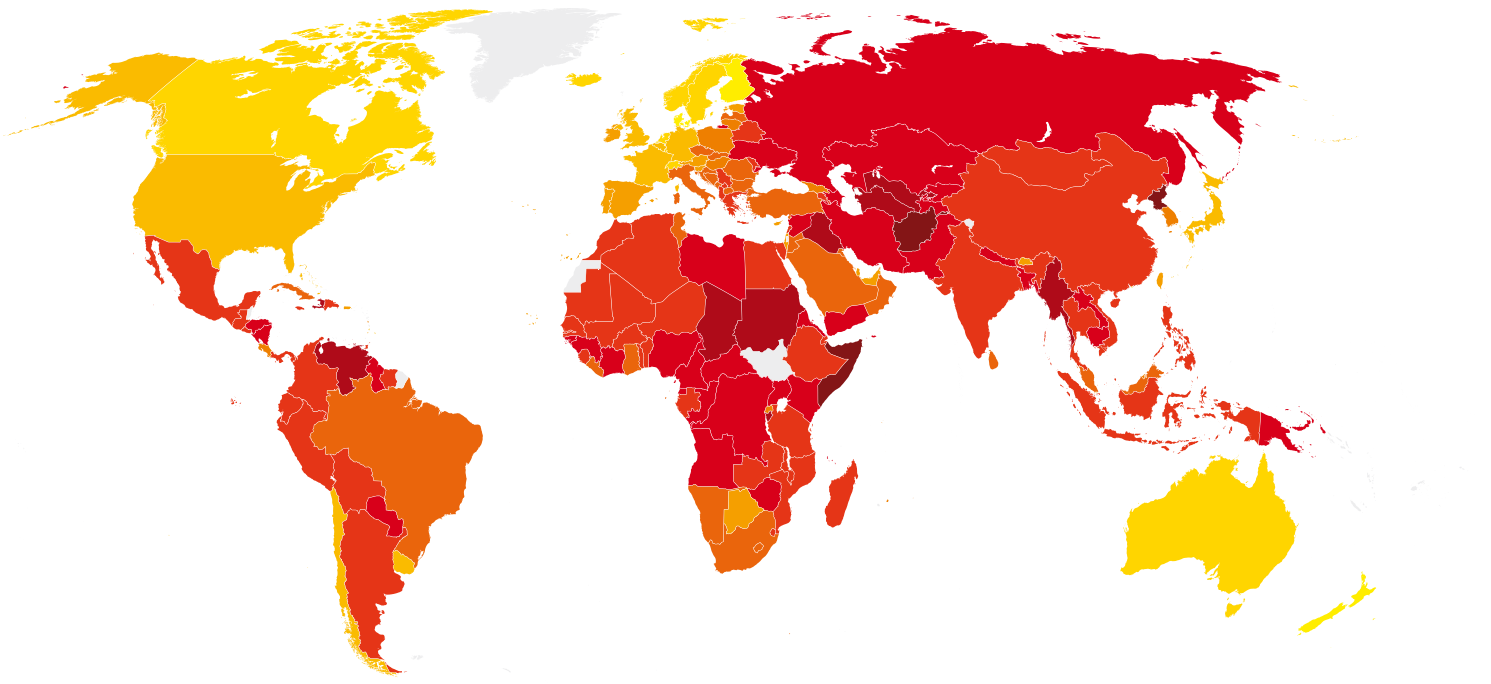
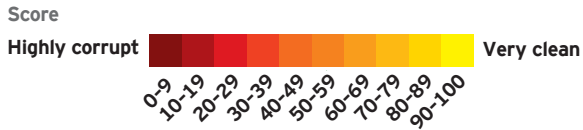
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Chair, Transparency International





# Corruption Perceptions Index 2012

The perceived levels of public sector corruption in 176 countries/territories around the world.



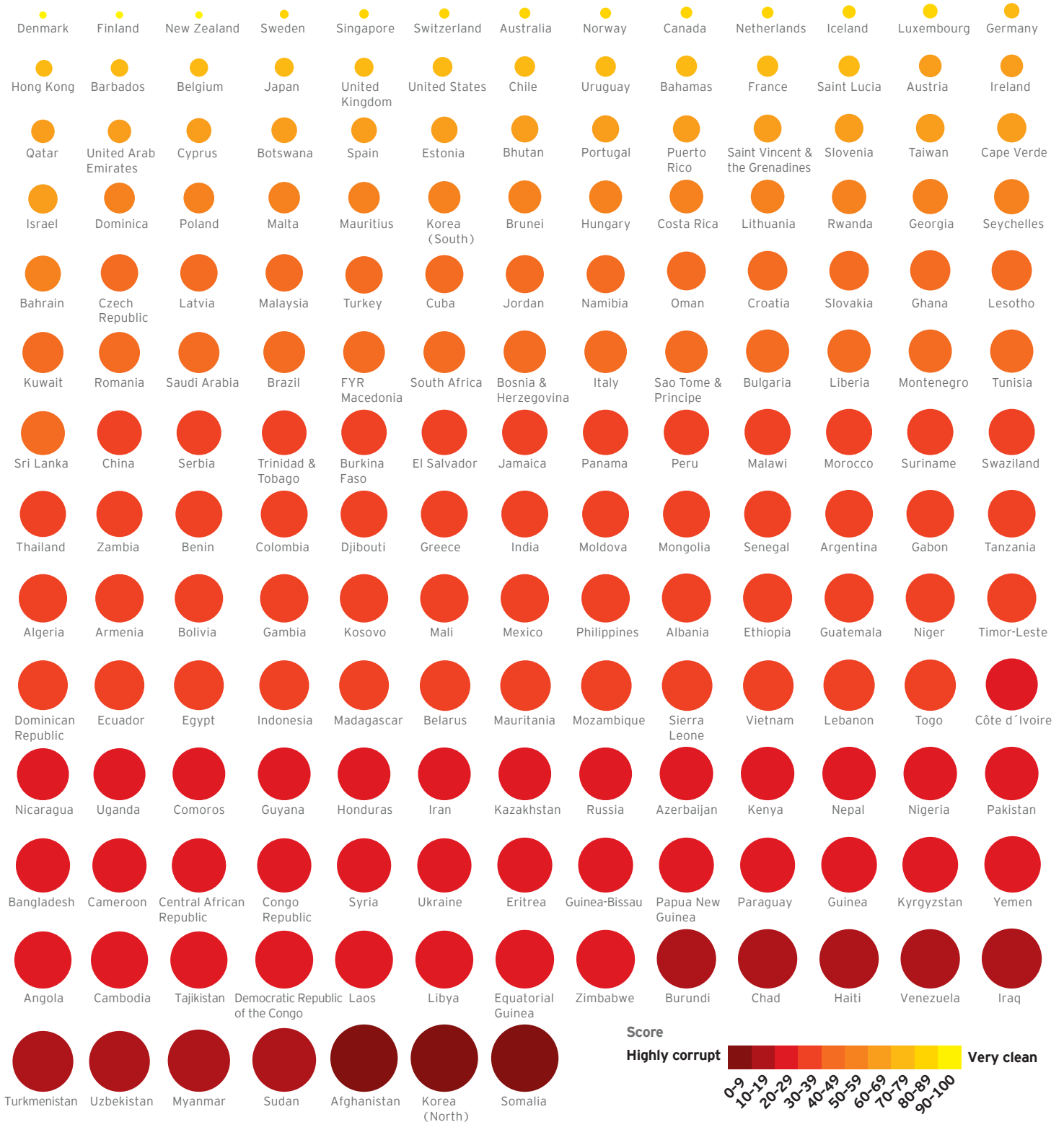


Rank	Country/territory	CPI score
01	Denmark	90
01	Finland	90
01	New Zealand	90
04	Sweden	88
05	Singapore	87
06	Switzerland	86
07	Australia	85
07	Norway	85
09	Canada	84
09	Netherlands	84
11	Iceland	82
12	Luxembourg	80
13	Germany	79
14	Hong Kong	77
15	Barbados	76
16	Belgium	75
17	Japan	74
17	United Kingdom	74
19	United States	73
20	Chile	72
20	Uruguay	72
22	Bahamas	71
22	France	71
22	Saint Lucia	71
25	Austria	69
25	Ireland	69
27	Qatar	68
27	United Arab Emirates	68
29	Cyprus	66
30	Botswana	65
30	Spain	65
32	Estonia	64
33	Bhutan	63
33	Portugal	63
33	Puerto Rico	63
36	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	62
37	Slovenia	61
37	Taiwan	61
39	Cape Verde	60
39	Israel	60
41	Dominica	58
41	Poland	58
43	Malta	57
43	Mauritius	57
45	Korea (South)	56
46	Brunei	55
46	Hungary	55
48	Costa Rica	54
48	Lithuania	54
50	Rwanda	53
51	Georgia	52
51	Seychelles	52
53	Bahrain	51
54	Czech Republic	49
54	Latvia	49
54	Malaysia	49
54	Turkey	49
58	Cuba	48
58	Jordan	48
58	Namibia	48
61	Oman	47
62	Croatia	46

Rank	Country/territory	CPI score
62	Slovakia	46
64	Ghana	45
64	Lesotho	45
66	Kuwait	44
66	Romania	44
66	Saudi Arabia	44
69	Brazil	43
69	FYR Macedonia	43
69	South Africa	43
72	Bosnia and Herzegovina	42
72	Italy	42
72	Sao Tome and Principe	42
75	Bulgaria	41
75	Liberia	41
75	Montenegro	41
75	Tunisia	41
79	Sri Lanka	40
80	China	39
80	Serbia	39
80	Trinidad and Tobago	39
83	Burkina Faso	38
83	El Salvador	38
83	Jamaica	38
83	Panama	38
83	Peru	38
88	Malawi	37
88	Morocco	37
88	Suriname	37
88	Swaziland	37
88	Thailand	37
88	Zambia	37
94	Benin	36
94	Colombia	36
94	Djibouti	36
94	Greece	36
94	India	36
94	Moldova	36
94	Mongolia	36
94	Senegal	36
102	Argentina	35
102	Gabon	35
102	Tanzania	35
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105	Armenia	34
105	Bolivia	34
105	Gambia	34
105	Kosovo	34
105	Mali	34
105	Mexico	34
105	Philippines	34
113	Albania	33
113	Ethiopia	33
113	Guatemala	33
113	Niger	33
113	Timor-Leste	33
118	Dominican Republic	32
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118	Madagascar	32
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123	Mauritania	31

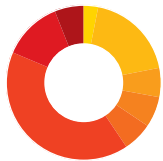
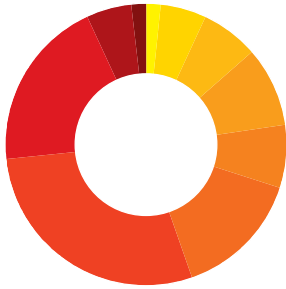
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123	Sierra Leone	31
123	Vietnam	31
128	Lebanon	30
128	Togo	30
130	Côte d'Ivoire	29
130	Nicaragua	29
130	Uganda	29
133	Comoros	28
133	Guyana	28
133	Honduras	28
133	Iran	28
133	Kazakhstan	28
133	Russia	28
139	Azerbaijan	27
139	Kenya	27
139	Nepal	27
139	Nigeria	27
139	Pakistan	27
144	Bangladesh	26
144	Cameroon	26
144	Central African Republic	26
144	Congo Republic	26
144	Syria	26
144	Ukraine	26
150	Eritrea	25
150	Guinea-Bissau	25
150	Papua New Guinea	25
150	Paraguay	25
154	Guinea	24
154	Kyrgyzstan	24
156	Yemen	23
157	Angola	22
157	Cambodia	22
157	Tajikistan	22
160	Democratic Republic of the Congo	21
160	Laos	21
160	Libya	21
163	Equatorial Guinea	20
163	Zimbabwe	20
165	Burundi	19
165	Chad	19
165	Haiti	19
165	Venezuela	19
169	Iraq	18
170	Turkmenistan	17
170	Uzbekistan	17
172	Myanmar	15
173	Sudan	13
174	Afghanistan	8
174	Korea (North)	8
174	Somalia	8

# Visualizing the data



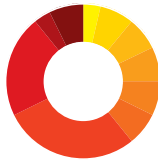


**Global**  
 70% of countries  
 score less than 50  
 out of 100.  
 43 is the average  
 score worldwide.



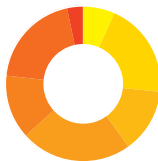
**Americas**  
 66% score below 50  
 Top: Canada  
 Bottom: Haiti, Venezuela

**Asia Pacific**  
 68% score below 50  
 Top: New Zealand  
 Bottom: Afghanistan,  
 Korea (North)



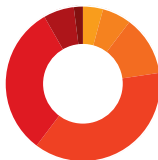
**Eastern Europe  
 & Central Asia**  
 95% score below 50  
 Top: Georgia  
 Bottom: Turkmenistan,  
 Uzbekistan

**EU & Western Europe**  
 23% score below 50  
 Top: Denmark, Finland  
 Bottom: Greece



**Middle East & North Africa**  
 78% score below 50  
 Top: Qatar, United Arab Emirates  
 Bottom: Iraq

**Sub-Saharan Africa**  
 90% score below 50  
 Top: Botswana  
 Bottom: Somalia



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An aerial photograph of a large fleet of sailboats racing on the ocean. The water is choppy with whitecaps. The sailboats are scattered across the frame, with some in the foreground and others in the distance. The sails are mostly white, and the hulls are dark. The overall scene is dynamic and captures the intensity of a sailing competition.

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