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Human Development Index trends, 1980–2010

HDI rank	Human Development Index (HDI)							HDI rank		Average annual HDI growth rate			HDI improvement rank ^a	
	Value							Change		(%)				
	1980	1990	1995	2000	2005	2009	2010	2005–2010	2009–2010	1980–2010	1990–2010	2000–2010		1980–2010
VERY HIGH HUMAN DEVELOPMENT														
1	Norway	0.788	0.838	0.869	0.906	0.932	0.937	0.938	0	0	0.58	0.56	0.34	34
2	Australia	0.791	0.819	0.887	0.914	0.925	0.935	0.937	0	0	0.57	0.67	0.25	35
3	New Zealand	0.786	0.813	0.846	0.865	0.896	0.904	0.907	0	0	0.48	0.55	0.47	47
4	United States	0.810	0.857	0.873	0.893	0.895	0.899	0.902	0	0	0.36	0.25	0.10	65
5	Ireland	0.720	0.768	0.799	0.855	0.886	0.894	0.895	0	0	0.72	0.76	0.45	26
6	Liechtenstein	..	..	..	..	0.875	0.889	0.891	5	0	..	..	..	..
7	Netherlands	0.779	0.822	0.853	0.868	0.877	0.888	0.890	3	0	0.44	0.40	0.25	59
8	Canada	0.789	0.845	0.857	0.867	0.880	0.886	0.888	0	0	0.39	0.25	0.24	64
9	Sweden	0.773	0.804	0.843	0.889	0.883	0.884	0.885	-3	0	0.45	0.48	-0.04	..
10	Germany	..	0.782	0.820	..	0.878	0.883	0.885	-1	0	..	0.62	..	61
11	Japan	0.768	0.814	0.837	0.855	0.873	0.881	0.884	1	0	0.47	0.41	0.33	56
12	Korea, Republic of	0.616	0.725	0.776	0.815	0.851	0.872	0.877	8	0	1.18	0.95	0.74	11
13	Switzerland	0.800	0.824	0.836	0.859	0.870	0.872	0.874	0	0	0.30	0.30	0.18	76
14	France	0.711	0.766	0.807	0.834	0.856	0.869	0.872	5	2	0.68	0.65	0.45	37
15	Israel	0.748	0.788	0.809	0.842	0.861	0.871	0.872	0	-1	0.51	0.51	0.35	50
16	Finland	0.745	0.782	0.810	0.825	0.863	0.869	0.871	-2	-1	0.52	0.54	0.54	49
17	Iceland	0.747	0.792	0.815	0.849	0.881	0.869	0.869	-10	0	0.50	0.46	0.23	55
18	Belgium	0.743	0.797	0.840	0.863	0.858	0.865	0.867	-1	0	0.51	0.42	0.05	52
19	Denmark	0.770	0.797	0.821	0.842	0.860	0.864	0.866	-3	0	0.39	0.41	0.27	69
20	Spain	0.680	0.729	0.789	0.828	0.848	0.861	0.863	1	0	0.79	0.84	0.42	24
21	Hong Kong, China (SAR)	0.693	0.774	0.797	0.800	0.842	0.857	0.862	2	0	0.73	0.53	0.75	31
22	Greece	0.707	0.753	0.761	0.784	0.839	0.853	0.855	3	0	0.63	0.64	0.86	43
23	Italy	0.703	0.764	0.795	0.825	0.838	0.851	0.854	4	0	0.65	0.56	0.35	42
24	Luxembourg	0.719	0.784	0.812	0.845	0.856	0.850	0.852	-6	0	0.57	0.42	0.08	48
25	Austria	0.727	0.777	0.801	0.826	0.841	0.849	0.851	-1	0	0.52	0.45	0.30	58
26	United Kingdom	0.737	0.770	0.824	0.823	0.845	0.847	0.849	-4	0	0.47	0.49	0.31	63
27	Singapore	..	..	..	..	0.826	0.841	0.846	1	0	..	..	..	..
28	Czech Republic	..	..	0.774	0.801	0.838	0.841	0.841	-2	0	..	..	0.50	..
29	Slovenia	..	..	0.743	0.780	0.813	0.826	0.828	0	0	..	..	0.59	..
30	Andorra	..	..	..	..	0.803	0.822	0.824	2	0	..	..	..	..
31	Slovakia	..	..	0.738	0.764	0.796	0.815	0.818	5	0	..	..	0.69	..
32	United Arab Emirates	0.627	0.693	0.732	0.756	0.794	0.812	0.815	5	1	0.87	0.81	0.76	23
33	Malta	0.683	0.735	0.754	0.783	0.806	0.813	0.815	-3	-1	0.59	0.51	0.39	57
34	Estonia	..	..	0.700	0.762	0.805	0.809	0.812	-3	0	..	..	0.63	..
35	Cyprus	0.662	0.723	0.766	0.768	0.793	0.809	0.810	4	0	0.67	0.57	0.54	44
36	Hungary	0.689	0.692	0.723	0.767	0.798	0.803	0.805	-1	1	0.52	0.76	0.48	66
37	Brunei Darussalam	..	0.773	0.787	0.792	0.801	0.804	0.805	-5	-1	..	0.20	0.16	..
38	Qatar	..	..	..	0.764	0.799	0.798	0.803	-5	0	..	..	0.49	..
39	Bahrain	0.615	0.694	0.738	0.765	0.793	0.798	0.801	-1	0	0.88	0.72	0.46	25
40	Portugal	0.625	0.694	0.745	0.774	0.775	0.791	0.795	3	1	0.80	0.68	0.27	36
41	Poland	..	0.683	0.710	0.753	0.775	0.791	0.795	3	-1	..	0.76	0.54	..
42	Barbados	..	..	..	..	0.775	0.787	0.788	-1	0	..	..	..	..
HIGH HUMAN DEVELOPMENT														
43	Bahamas	..	..	..	..	0.776	0.783	0.784	-3	0	..	..	..	..
44	Lithuania	..	0.709	0.677	0.730	0.775	0.782	0.783	-2	0	..	0.50	0.71	..
45	Chile	0.607	0.675	0.707	0.734	0.762	0.779	0.783	2	0	0.85	0.74	0.65	30
46	Argentina	0.656	0.682	0.709	0.734	0.749	0.772	0.775	4	0	0.56	0.64	0.55	70
47	Kuwait	0.675	..	0.760	0.763	0.764	0.769	0.771	-2	0	0.44	..	0.10	80

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48	Latvia	0.651	0.679	0.652	0.709	0.763	0.769	0.769	-2	0	0.55	0.63	0.81	71
49	Montenegro	0.755	0.768	0.769	-1	0
50	Romania	..	0.688	0.674	0.690	0.733	0.764	0.767	1	1	..	0.54	1.06	..
51	Croatia	..	..	0.690	0.720	0.752	0.765	0.767	-2	-1	..	..	0.63	..
52	Uruguay	..	0.670	0.691	0.716	0.733	0.760	0.765	0	0	..	0.67	0.67	..
53	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	..	..	..	..	0.726	0.749	0.755	3	1	..	..	..	..
54	Panama	0.613	0.644	0.672	0.703	0.724	0.751	0.755	4	-1	0.69	0.79	0.70	54
55	Saudi Arabia	0.556	0.620	0.649	0.690	0.732	0.748	0.752	-2	0	1.01	0.96	0.85	21
56	Mexico	0.581	0.635	0.660	0.698	0.727	0.745	0.750	-2	0	0.85	0.83	0.73	38
57	Malaysia	0.541	0.616	0.659	0.691	0.726	0.739	0.744	-2	1	1.06	0.94	0.73	19
58	Bulgaria	0.649	0.678	0.678	0.693	0.724	0.741	0.743	-1	-1	0.45	0.46	0.69	82
59	Trinidad and Tobago	0.656	0.660	0.662	0.685	0.713	0.732	0.736	1	1	0.38	0.54	0.71	84
60	Serbia	..	..	..	..	0.719	0.733	0.735	-1	-1	..	..	..	..
61	Belarus	..	..	..	..	0.706	0.729	0.732	1	0	..	..	..	..
62	Costa Rica	0.599	0.639	0.668	0.684	0.708	0.723	0.725	-1	0	0.63	0.63	0.59	68
63	Peru	0.560	0.608	0.644	0.675	0.695	0.718	0.723	4	0	0.85	0.87	0.69	41
64	Albania	..	0.647	0.633	0.670	0.700	0.716	0.719	-1	0	..	0.52	0.70	..
65	Russian Federation	..	0.692	0.644	0.662	0.693	0.714	0.719	3	0	..	0.19	0.82	..
66	Kazakhstan	..	0.650	0.620	0.614	0.696	0.711	0.714	-1	0	..	0.47	1.51	..
67	Azerbaijan	..	..	0.563	0.597	0.655	0.710	0.713	16	0	..	..	1.77	..
68	Bosnia and Herzegovina	..	..	..	..	0.698	0.709	0.710	-4	0	..	..	..	..
69	Ukraine	..	0.690	0.644	0.649	0.696	0.706	0.710	-3	0	..	0.14	0.89	..
70	Iran, Islamic Republic of	..	0.536	0.576	0.619	0.660	0.697	0.702	10	2	..	1.35	1.27	..
71	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	..	..	0.634	0.660	0.678	0.697	0.701	1	-1	..	..	0.61	..
72	Mauritius	0.525	0.602	0.631	0.657	0.685	0.697	0.701	-2	-1	0.96	0.76	0.64	28
73	Brazil	..	..	..	0.649	0.678	0.693	0.699	0	4	..	..	0.73	..
74	Georgia	..	..	..	..	0.679	0.695	0.698	-3	0	..	..	..	..
75	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	0.611	0.620	0.633	0.637	0.666	0.696	0.696	3	-2	0.44	0.58	0.90	85
76	Armenia	..	..	0.571	0.620	0.669	0.693	0.695	0	0	..	..	1.15	..
77	Ecuador	0.576	0.612	0.630	0.642	0.676	0.692	0.695	-2	1	0.62	0.64	0.79	72
78	Belize	..	..	..	..	0.690	0.694	0.694	-9	-3	..	..	..	..
79	Colombia	0.537	0.579	0.612	0.637	0.658	0.685	0.689	2	1	0.83	0.87	0.79	46
80	Jamaica	0.589	0.620	0.648	0.665	0.676	0.686	0.688	-6	-1	0.52	0.52	0.35	83
81	Tunisia	0.436	0.526	0.568	0.613	0.650	0.677	0.683	5	0	1.49	1.30	1.07	7
82	Jordan	0.509	0.564	0.595	0.621	0.652	0.677	0.681	2	0	0.97	0.94	0.92	32
83	Turkey	0.467	0.552	0.583	0.629	0.656	0.674	0.679	-1	1	1.24	1.03	0.76	14
84	Algeria	0.443	0.537	0.564	0.602	0.651	0.671	0.677	1	1	1.42	1.16	1.18	9
85	Tonga	..	0.619	0.641	0.651	0.663	0.675	0.677	-6	-2	..	0.45	0.39	..

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86	Fiji	0.551	0.612	0.636	0.651	0.667	0.667	0.669	-9	0	0.65	0.45	0.28	75
87	Turkmenistan	0.642	0.662	0.669	0	0
88	Dominican Republic	..	0.560	0.591	0.624	0.638	0.660	0.663	0	0	..	0.85	0.61	..
89	China	0.368	0.460	0.518	0.567	0.616	0.655	0.663	8	0	1.96	1.83	1.57	2
90	El Salvador	0.456	0.511	0.562	0.606	0.635	0.655	0.659	0	0	1.23	1.27	0.85	16
91	Sri Lanka	0.513	0.558	0.584	..	0.635	0.653	0.658	0	0	0.83	0.82	..	51
92	Thailand	0.483	0.546	0.581	0.600	0.631	0.648	0.654	1	0	1.01	0.90	0.86	29
93	Gabon	0.510	0.593	0.610	0.616	0.628	0.642	0.648	1	1	0.80	0.45	0.50	62
94	Suriname	..	..	..	..	0.636	0.643	0.646	-5	-1	..	..	..	..
95	Bolivia, Plurinational State of	..	..	..	0.593	0.631	0.637	0.643	-3	0	..	..	0.80	..
96	Paraguay	0.528	0.557	0.580	0.593	0.619	0.634	0.640	0	1	0.64	0.69	0.75	79
97	Philippines	0.523	0.552	0.569	0.597	0.619	0.635	0.638	-2	-1	0.66	0.72	0.67	78
98	Botswana	0.431	0.576	0.589	0.572	0.593	0.627	0.633	2	0	1.28	0.47	1.01	15
99	Moldova, Republic of	..	0.616	0.547	0.552	0.606	0.620	0.623	0	0	..	0.06	1.21	..
100	Mongolia	..	0.520	0.502	0.539	0.588	0.616	0.622	2	0	..	0.90	1.43	..
101	Egypt	0.393	0.484	0.523	0.566	0.587	0.614	0.620	2	0	1.52	1.23	0.90	8
102	Uzbekistan	..	..	..	..	0.588	0.612	0.617	-1	1	..	..	..	..
103	Micronesia, Federated States of	..	..	..	..	0.614	0.612	0.614	-5	-1	..	..	..	..
104	Guyana	0.500	0.472	0.522	0.552	0.585	0.605	0.611	1	0	0.67	1.29	1.02	81
105	Namibia	..	0.553	0.582	0.568	0.577	0.603	0.606	2	0	..	0.46	0.64	..
106	Honduras	0.436	0.495	0.523	0.552	0.579	0.601	0.604	0	0	1.09	0.99	0.91	27

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166	Burundi	0.181	0.236	0.216	0.223	0.239	0.276	0.282	1	0	1.47	0.87	2.33	17
167	Niger	0.166	0.180	0.192	0.212	0.241	0.258	0.261	–1	0	1.51	1.87	2.09	45
168	Congo, Democratic Republic of the	0.267	0.261	0.226	0.201	0.223	0.233	0.239	0	0	–0.37	–0.44	1.75	94
169	Zimbabwe	0.241	0.284	0.262	0.232	0.159	0.118	0.140	0	0	–1.81	–3.53	–5.05	95

Developed

OECD	0.754	0.798	0.827	0.852	0.868	0.876	0.879	—	—	0.51	0.48	0.31	—
Non-OECD	0.701	0.761	0.779	0.799	0.829	0.840	0.844	—	—	0.62	0.51	0.54	—

Developing

Arab States	0.396	0.470	0.505	0.525	0.562	0.583	0.588	—	—	1.32	1.12	1.14	—
East Asia and the Pacific	0.383	0.466	0.519	0.559	0.600	0.636	0.643	—	—	1.73	1.61	1.40	—
Europe and Central Asia	0.503	0.660	0.628	0.648	0.679	0.698	0.702	—	—	1.11	0.31	0.80	—
Latin America and the Caribbean	0.573	0.614	0.640	0.660	0.681	0.699	0.704	—	—	0.68	0.68	0.64	—
South Asia	0.315	0.387	0.415	0.440	0.481	0.510	0.516	—	—	1.65	1.44	1.61	—
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.293	0.354	0.358	0.315	0.366	0.384	0.389	—	—	0.94	0.46	2.10	—

Very high human development	0.753	0.797	0.827	0.851	0.867	0.875	0.878	—	—	0.51	0.48	0.31	—
High human development	0.556	0.633	0.634	0.659	0.692	0.712	0.717	—	—	0.85	0.62	0.84	—
Medium human development	0.361	0.440	0.480	0.510	0.555	0.586	0.592	—	—	1.65	1.49	1.49	—
Low human development	0.271	0.310	0.324	0.332	0.366	0.388	0.393	—	—	1.24	1.19	1.68	—

Least developed countries	0.251	0.292	0.311	0.325	0.357	0.382	0.386	—	—	1.44	1.40	1.72	—
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World	0.455	0.526	0.554	0.570	0.598	0.619	0.624	—	—	1.05	0.85	0.89	—
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NOTE

a Measured using deviation from fit (see chapter 2). Lower numbers indicate faster improvement.

SOURCES

Columns 1–7: Calculated based on data from UNDESA (2009d), Barro and Lee (2010), UNESCO Institute for Statistics (2010a), World Bank (2010g) and IMF (2010a).

Columns 8–13: Calculated based on Human Development Index values in the relevant years.