

HUMAN FREEDOM INDEX (HFI)

WC	Nation	Score	Overall
1	Switzerland	9.11	1
2	New Zealand	9.01	2
3	Denmark	8.98	3
4	Ireland	8.90	5
5	Canada	8.85	6
6	Australia	8.84	8
7	Sweden	8.83	9
8	Netherlands	8.78	11
9	Norway	8.76	13
10	England (UK)	8.75	14
11t	United States	8.73	15t
11t	Germany	8.73	15t
11t	Japan	8.73	15t
14	Portugal	8.69	18
15	Spain	8.56	25
16	Italy	8.49	26
17	South Korea	8.39	31
18	France	8.34	34
19	Costa Rica	8.25	37
20	Panama	8.12	44
21	Jamaica	7.91	52
22	Argentina	7.38	74
23	South Africa	7.30	77
24	Brazil	7.22	78
25	Haiti	7.21	80
26	Colombia	7.01	89
27	Philippines	6.83	101
28	Zambia	6.83	102
29	Nigeria	6.28	123
30t	Morocco	5.90	134t
30t	Viet Nam	5.90	134t
32	China	5.57	150

The [HFI](#) is compiled by the [Cato Institute](#), an American libertarian think tank headquartered in Washington, D.C. It presents the state of human freedom in the world based on a broad measure that encompasses personal, civil, and economic freedom.ⁱⁱⁱ The index presents a broad measure of human freedom, understood as the absence of coercive constraint. It uses 79 distinct indicators of personal and economic freedom. The index covers the following areas: Rule of Law, Security and Safety, Movement, Religion, Association, Assembly, Civil Society, Expression, Relationships, Size of Government, Legal System and Property Rights, Access to Sound Money, Freedom to Trade Internationally, and Regulation of Credit, Labor, and Business.

Note: England score uses United Kingdom data (includes independent FIFA members Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales) in the calculation.