

4 Human poverty in developing countries

HDI rank	Human poverty index (HPI-1) 1997		People not expected to survive to age 40		Population without access			Under-weight children under age five	Real GDP per capita (PPP\$)			Population below income poverty line (%)	
	Rank	Value (%)	(as % of total population)	Adult illiteracy rate (%)	To safe water	To health services	To sanitation		Poorest 20%	Richest 20%	Richest 20% to poorest	\$1 a day	National
					(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				(%)	(1985 PPP\$)	(1989-1994^{a})
High human development	–	..	4.7	4.7	14	..	14	3	..	..	..	..	..
22 Singapore	..	..	2.3	8.6	0 ^b	0	..	..	4,934	47,311	9.6	..	..
24 Hong Kong, China (SAR)	..	..	2.2	7.6	..	..	..	..	5,821	50,666	8.7	..	..
25 Brunei Darussalam	..	..	3.2	9.9	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
26 Cyprus	..	..	3.2	4.1	0	0	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
29 Barbados	1	2.6	3.2	2.4	0	0	0	5 ^b	..	..	..	..	..
30 Korea, Rep. of	..	..	4.7	2.8	7	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
31 Bahamas	..	..	5.8	4.2	6	0	18	..	..	..	..	..	..
34 Chile	6	4.8	4.5	4.8	9	5	..	1	1,558	27,145	17.4	15.0	..
35 Kuwait	..	..	2.9	19.6	..	0	..	6 ^b	..	..	..	..	..
37 Bahrain	10	9.8	4.7	13.8	6	0	3	9	..	..	..	..	..
38 Antigua and Barbuda	..	..	..	..	..	0	4	10 ^b	..	..	..	..	12.0
39 Argentina	..	..	5.6	3.5	29	..	32	..	..	..	..	..	26.0
40 Uruguay	3	4.0	5.1	2.5	5 ^b	0 ^{b,c}	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
41 Qatar	..	..	4.9	20.0	..	0	3	6	..	..	..	..	..
43 United Arab Emirates	27	17.7	3.1	25.2	3	10	8	14	..	..	..	..	..
45 Costa Rica	4	4.1	4.0	4.9	4	3	16	2	1,136	14,399	12.7	18.9	11.0
Medium human development	–	25.3	11.9	26.2	26	..	57	30	..	..	..	..	..
46 Trinidad and Tobago	2	3.5	4.1	2.2	3	1	21	7 ^b	..	..	..	..	21.0
48 Venezuela	16	12.4	6.5	8.0	21	– ^d	42	5	1,505	24,411	16.2	11.8	31.0
49 Panama	8	9.0	6.4	8.9	7	18	17	7	589	17,611	29.9	25.6	..
50 Mexico	13	10.6	8.3	9.9	15	9	28	14 ^b	1,437	19,383	13.5	14.9	34.0
51 Saint Kitts and Nevis	..	..	..	..	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	15.0
52 Grenada	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20.0
53 Dominica	..	..	..	..	4	0	20	5 ^b	..	..	..	..	33.0
56 Malaysia	18	14.2	4.9	14.3	22	12	6	19	1,923	22,447	11.7	5.6	16.0
57 Colombia	12	10.5	10.1	9.1	15	13	15	8	1,042	16,154	15.5	7.4	19.0
58 Cuba	5	4.7	4.5	4.1	7	0	34	9	..	..	..	..	..
59 Mauritius	15	12.1	4.9	17.0	2	1	0	16	..	..	..	..	11.0
61 Fiji	7	8.6	5.0	8.2	23	1	8	8	..	..	..	..	..
64 Suriname	..	..	7.4	6.5	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
65 Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	22	16.4	6.4	23.5	3	0	2	5	..	..	..	..	..
66 Seychelles	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6 ^b	..	..	..	..	..
67 Thailand	29	18.7	10.5	5.3	19	41	4	19	1,778	16,732	9.4	0.1	13.0
69 Lebanon	14	11.3	7.5	15.6	6	5	37	3	..	..	..	..	..
70 Samoa (Western)	..	..	5.5	..	32	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
72 Ecuador	25	16.8	11.1	9.3	32	20	24	17 ^b	1,188	11,572	9.7	30.4	35.0
75 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	..	..	..	..	11	20	2	..	..	..	..	..	17.0
77 Philippines	20	16.3	9.2	5.4	16	– ^d	25	28	842	6,190	7.4	27.5 ^b	41.0
78 Saudi Arabia	..	..	5.9	26.6	5 ^b	2	14	..	..	..	..	..	..
79 Brazil	19	15.8	11.5	16.0	24	– ^d	30	6	578	18,563	32.1	28.7	17.0
80 Peru	23	16.6	11.6	11.3	33	– ^d	28	8	813	8,366	10.3	49.4	32.0
81 Saint Lucia	..	..	..	..	15	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	25.0
82 Jamaica	17	13.6	5.1	14.5	14	– ^d	11	10	922	7,553	8.2	4.7	32.0
83 Belize	..	..	6.1	..	17	5	43	6	..	..	..	..	35.0
84 Paraguay	21	16.4	8.7	7.6	40	– ^d	59	4	..	..	..	..	22.0
86 Turkey	24	16.7	9.6	16.8	51	0	20	10	..	..	..	..	..
88 Dominican Republic	26	17.7	9.0	17.4	35	– ^d	22	6	775	10,277	13.3	19.9	21.0
89 Oman	39	23.7	6.4	32.9	15	11	22	23	..	..	..	..	..
90 Sri Lanka	33	20.4	5.3	9.3	43	10	37	34	1,348	5,954	4.4	4.0	22.0
93 Maldives	43	25.4	13.5	4.3	40	25	56	43	..	..	..	..	..
94 Jordan	9	9.8	7.1	12.8	2	10	23	9	1,292	10,972	8.5	2.5	15.0
95 Iran, Islamic Rep. of	34	20.4	9.7	26.7	10	27	19	16

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														Rank
98	China	30	19.0	7.9	17.1	33	— ^d	76	16	722	5,114	7.1	29.4	11.0
99	Guyana	11	10.2	13.8	1.9	9	4	12	12	43.0
101	South Africa	31	19.1	23.4	16.0	13	— ^d	13	9	516	9,897	19.2	23.7	..
102	Tunisia	38	23.1	7.8	33.0	2	10	20	9	1,460	11,459	7.8	3.9	14.0
105	Indonesia	46	27.7	12.8	15.0	25	57	41	34	1,422	6,654	4.7	14.5	8.0
106	Cape Verde	40	24.7	10.4	29.0	49	18	76	14	44.0
107	El Salvador	35	20.6	10.9	23.0	34	— ^d	10	11	38.0
109	Algeria	52	28.8	9.1	39.7	22	— ^d	9	13	1,922	12,839	6.7	1.6 ^b	..
110	Viet Nam	51	28.7	11.6	8.1	57	— ^d	79	41	406	2,288	5.6	..	51.0
111	Syrian Arab Republic	32	20.1	8.5	28.4	14	1	33	13
112	Bolivia	36	21.1	18.4	16.4	37	— ^d	42	16	703	6,049	8.6	7.1	..
113	Swaziland	45	27.6	20.8	22.5	50	45	41	10 ^b
114	Honduras	41	24.8	11.5	29.3	24	38	26	18	399	6,027	15.1	46.5	53.0
115	Namibia	42	25.0	30.0	20.2	17	— ^d	38	26
116	Vanuatu	10.0	..	23	20	72	20 ^b
117	Guatemala	50	28.3	15.6	33.4	23	40	17	27	357	10,710	30.0	53.3	58.0
118	Solomon Islands	5.8	..	39 ^b	20	..	21 ^b
119	Mongolia	28	18.2	11.2	16.0	60	0	14	10	36.0
120	Egypt	57	33.0	10.3	47.3	13	1	12	15	1,653	7,809	4.7	7.6	..
121	Nicaragua	48	28.1	12.4	36.6	38	— ^d	65	12	479	6,293	13.1	43.8	50.0
122	Botswana	44	27.5	35.0	25.6	10	14	45	17	34.7 ^b	..
123	São Tomé and Príncipe	18	12	65	16	46.0
124	Gabon	30.6	33.8	33	13
125	Iraq	17.4	..	19	2	25	23
126	Morocco	67	39.2	11.8	54.1	35	38	42	9	1,079	7,570	7.0	1.1	13.0
127	Lesotho	37	23.0	25.1	17.7	38	20	62	16	137	2,945	21.5	50.4 ^b	26.0
128	Myanmar	55	32.3	18.1	16.4	40	52	57	43
129	Papua New Guinea	47	27.8	18.8	26.3	68	4	17	30 ^b
130	Zimbabwe	53	29.2	39.8	9.1	21	29	48	16	420	6,542	15.6	41.0	26.0
131	Equatorial Guinea	33.7	20.1	5	..	46
132	India	59	35.9	16.1	46.5	19	25	71	53	527	2,641	5.0	52.5	..
133	Ghana	60	36.2	21.1	33.6	35	75	45	27	790	4,220	5.3	..	31.0
134	Cameroon	62	38.1	27.2	28.3	50	85	50	14
135	Congo	56	32.3	34.9	23.1	66	— ^d	31	17 ^b
136	Kenya	49	28.2	29.8	20.7	47	— ^d	23	23	238	4,347	18.3	50.2	37.0
137	Cambodia	28.0	..	70	— ^d	81	52
138	Pakistan	71	42.1	14.7	59.1	21	15	44	38	907	4,288	4.7	11.6	34.0
139	Comoros	58	34.6	20.6	44.6	47	18	77	26
..	Low human development	..	44.9	32.3	53.5	43	..	63	38
140	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	66	38.9	29.5	41.4	56	33	82	40	700	2,931	4.2	..	46.0
141	Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	32.2	..	58	41	82	34
142	Sudan	61	36.8	27.1	46.7	27	30	49	34
143	Togo	65	38.4	34.5	46.8	45	— ^d	59	19	17.3
144	Nepal	85	51.9	22.5	61.9	29	90	84	47	455	1,975	4.3	53.1 ^b	..
145	Bhutan	70	41.8	20.2	55.8	42	20	30	38 ^b
146	Nigeria	63	38.2	33.4	40.5	51	33	59	36	308	3,796	12.3	28.9	21.0
147	Madagascar	22.3	..	74	35	60	40	203	1,750	8.6	72.3	59.0
148	Yemen	78	49.2	21.8	57.5	39	84	76	39
149	Mauritania	77	47.5	29.2	61.6	26	70	68	23	290	3,743	12.9	31.4 ^b	57.0

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														(as % of total population) 1997
150	Bangladesh	73	44.4	21.5	61.1	5	26	57	56	606	2,445	4.0	28.5	48.0
151	Zambia	64	38.4	46.9	24.9	62	25	29	24	216	2,797	12.9	84.6	86.0
152	Haiti	74	46.1	26.7	54.2	63	55	75	28	..	..	..	..	..
153	Senegal	80	49.6	28.5	65.4	37	60	61	22	299	5,010	16.8	54.0	..
154	Côte d'Ivoire	76	46.8	37.3	57.4	58	40	61	24	551	3,572	6.5	17.7 ^b	..
155	Benin	83	50.9	29.0	66.1	44	58	73	29	..	..	..	..	33.0
156	Tanzania, U. Rep. of	54	29.8	35.5	28.4	34	7	14	27	217	1,430	6.6	16.4	50.0
157	Djibouti	69	40.8	33.3	51.7	10	63	45	18	..	..	..	..	..
158	Uganda	68	40.6	47.4	36.0	54	29	43	26	309	2,189	7.1	50.0	55.0
159	Malawi	72	42.2	47.8	42.3	53	20	97	30	..	..	..	42.1	..
160	Angola	..	..	38.4	..	69	76	60	42	..	..	..	..	..
161	Guinea	82	50.5	38.3	62.1	54	55	69	26 ^{b,e}	270	4,518	16.7	26.3	..
162	Chad	86	52.1	37.4	49.7	76	74	79	39	..	..	..	..	..
163	Gambia	81	49.9	37.7	66.9	31	.. ^d	63	26	..	..	..	..	64.0
164	Rwanda	..	..	46.1	37.0	..	..	..	27	359	1,447	4.0	45.7 ^b	53.0
165	Central African Republic	88	53.6	40.4	57.6	62	88	73	27	..	..	..	..	..
166	Mali	87	52.8	33.6	64.5	34	80	94	40	..	..	..	..	..
167	Eritrea	..	..	31.8	..	78	.. ^d	87	44	..	..	..	..	..
168	Guinea-Bissau	84	51.8	40.6	66.4	57	36	54	23 ^b	90	2,533	28.1	87.0	49.0
169	Mozambique	79	49.5	39.8	59.5	37	70	46	27	..	..	..	..	..
170	Burundi	75	46.1	43.2	55.4	48	20	49	37	..	..	..	..	..
171	Burkina Faso	91	59.3	40.5	79.3	58	30	63	30	..	..	..	..	..
172	Ethiopia	89	55.8	42.3	64.6	75	45	81	48	..	..	..	33.8 ^b	..
173	Niger	92	65.5	35.7	85.7	52	70	83	43	296	1,742	5.9	61.5	..
174	Sierra Leone	90	57.7	51.0	66.7	66	64	89	29	..	..	..	..	75.0
All developing countries														
..	..	..	27.7	14.6	28.4	28	..	57	31	..	..	..	..	..
Least developed countries														
..	..	..	44.9	30.8	51.6	41	..	63	40	..	..	..	..	..
Sub-Saharan Africa														
..	..	..	40.6	34.6	42.4	50	..	56	32	..	..	..	..	..
Arab States														
..	..	..	32.4	13.1	41.3	18	..	29	19	..	..	..	..	..
East Asia														
..	..	..	19.0	7.8	16.6	32	..	73	16	..	..	..	..	..
East Asia (excluding China)														
..	..	..	..	4.7	3.9	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
South-East Asia and the Pacific														
..	..	..	25.0	12.4	11.8	31	..	41	34	..	..	..	..	..
South Asia														
..	..	..	36.6	16.1	47.8	18	..	64	48	..	..	..	..	..
South Asia (excluding India)														
..	..	..	38.6	16.1	51.6	15	..	46	39	..	..	..	..	..
Latin America and the Caribbean														
..	..	..	14.5	9.9	12.8	22	..	29	10	..	..	..	..	..
Eastern Europe and the CIS														
..	..	..	..	8.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Industrialized countries														
..	..	..	..	3.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
World														
..	..	..	..	12.5	..	..	..	..	29 ^f	..	..	..	..	..

a. Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified in the column heading.

b. Data refer to a year or period other than that specified in the column heading, differ from the standard definition or refer to only part of the country.

c. Human Development Report Office estimate based on national sources.

d. For the purpose of calculating the HPI-1, an estimate of 25%, the unweighted average for the 97 countries with data, was applied.

e. UNICEF 1998b.

f. UNICEF 1999a.

Source: Columns 1 and 2: Human Development Report Office calculations; column 3: UN 1998h; column 4: calculated on the basis of data from UNESCO 1999a; columns 5 and 7: calculated on the basis of data from UNICEF 1999a; column 6: unless otherwise noted, calculated on the basis of data from World Bank 1999e; column 8: UNICEF 1999a; columns 9-11: calculated on the basis of data from World Bank 1995; column 12: World Bank 1997a; column 13: World Bank 1997a and Lipton 1996.

5 Human poverty in industrialized countries, Eastern Europe and the CIS

HDI rank	Human poverty index (HPI-2) 1997		People not expected to survive to age 60 (as % of total population) 1997	People who are functionally illiterate (% age 16-65) 1995 ^a	Long-term unemployment (as % of labour force) 1997 ^b	Real GDP per capita (PPP\$)			Population below income poverty line (%)	
	Rank	Value (%)				Poorest 20% 1980-94 ^c	Richest 20% 1980-94 ^c	Richest 20% to poorest 20% 1980-94 ^c	50% of median income 1989-94 ^{c,d}	\$14.40 a day (1985 PPP\$) 1989-95 ^{c,e}
			Rank	Value (%)	1980-94 ^c					
High human development	–	13.5	11.0	19.2	4.2	..	..	..	..	..
1 Canada	9	12.0	9.3	16.6	1.3	5,971	42,110	7.1	11.7	5.9
2 Norway	4	11.3	9.1	16.8 ^f	0.8	6,315	37,379	5.9	6.6	2.6
3 United States	17	16.5	12.6	20.7	0.5	5,800	51,705	8.9	19.1	14.1
4 Japan	8	12.0	8.2	16.8 ^f	0.7	8,987	38,738	4.3	11.8	3.7
5 Belgium	11	12.4	10.1	18.4 ^g	5.8	7,718	35,172	4.6	5.5	12.0
6 Sweden	1	7.0	8.7	7.5	1.4	7,160	33,026	4.6	6.7	4.6
7 Australia	12	12.5	8.9	17.0	2.4	4,077	39,098	9.6	12.9	7.8
8 Netherlands	2	8.3	9.3	10.5	3.3	7,109	31,992	4.5	6.7	14.4
9 Iceland	..	..	8.4	..	0.7	..	..	..	..	..
10 United Kingdom	15	15.1	9.8	21.8	3.3	3,963	38,164	9.6	13.5	13.1
11 France	7	11.9	11.3	16.8 ^f	4.8	5,359	40,098	7.5	7.5	12.0 ^h
12 Switzerland	..	..	9.8	18.9	1.0	5,907	50,666	8.6	..	..
13 Finland	6	11.9	11.3	16.8 ^f	6.4	5,141	30,682	6.0	6.2	3.8
14 Germany	3	10.4	10.7	14.4	4.3	6,594	37,963	5.8	5.9	11.5
15 Denmark	10	12.2	12.8	16.8 ^f	1.8	5,454	38,986	7.1	7.5 ^h	7.6
16 Austria	..	..	10.9	..	1.4	..	..	..	..	8.0
17 Luxembourg	..	..	10.6	..	0.9	..	..	..	5.4 ^h	4.3 ^h
18 New Zealand	13	12.8	11.1	18.4	1.3	4,264	37,369	8.8	9.2	..
19 Italy	5	11.6	9.0	16.8 ^f	8.1	6,174	37,228	6.0	6.5	2.0
20 Ireland	16	15.3	10.0	22.6	7.1	..	..	..	11.1 ^h	36.5 ^h
21 Spain	14	13.0	10.1	16.8 ^f	12.5	5,669	24,998	4.4	10.4	21.1
23 Israel	..	..	9.3	..	..	4,539	29,957	6.6	..	..
27 Greece	..	..	8.9	..	5.6	..	..	..	..	..
28 Portugal	..	..	12.6	..	4.1	..	..	..	..	..
32 Malta	..	..	8.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
33 Slovenia	..	..	14.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	<1.0 ⁱ
36 Czech Republic	..	..	14.2	..	1.2	4,426	15,764	3.6	..	<1.0 ⁱ
42 Slovakia	..	..	16.4	..	..	3,344	8,823	2.6	..	<1.0 ⁱ
44 Poland	..	..	17.3	42.6	5.0	2,186	8,605	3.9	11.6	20.0 ⁱ
Medium human development	–	..	26.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
47 Hungary	..	..	21.6	..	5.3	2,878	11,088	3.9	10.0	4.0 ⁱ
54 Estonia	..	..	23.8	..	..	1,191	8,357	7.0	..	37.0 ⁱ
55 Croatia	..	..	16.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
60 Belarus	..	..	26.1	..	..	2,355	6,981	3.0	..	22.0 ⁱ
62 Lithuania	..	..	23.3	..	..	1,260	6,547	5.2	..	30.0 ⁱ
63 Bulgaria	..	..	18.3	..	..	1,793	8,489	4.7	..	15.0 ⁱ
68 Romania	..	..	20.7	..	..	1,714	6,485	3.8	..	59.0 ⁱ
71 Russian Federation	..	..	29.7	..	..	881	12,804	14.5	22.1	50.0 ⁱ
73 Macedonia, TFYR	..	..	14.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
74 Latvia	..	..	25.0	..	..	2,405	9,193	3.8	..	22.0 ⁱ
76 Kazakhstan	..	..	25.8	..	..	1,391	7,494	5.4	..	65.0 ⁱ
85 Georgia	..	..	17.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
87 Armenia	..	..	19.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
91 Ukraine	..	..	24.1	..	..	1,544	5,753	3.7	..	63.0 ⁱ
92 Uzbekistan	..	..	25.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	63.0 ⁱ
96 Turkmenistan	..	..	27.6	..	..	1,048	6,694	6.4	..	61.0 ⁱ
97 Kyrgyzstan	..	..	25.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	88.0 ⁱ
100 Albania	..	..	13.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
103 Azerbaijan	22.1
104 Moldova, Rep. of	25.7	818	4,918	6.0	..	66.0 ⁱ
108 Tajikistan	25.3

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All developing countries	–	..	28.1
Eastern Europe and the CIS	–	..	24.7
Industrialized countries	–	13.5	10.6	18.0	4.2
World	–	..	25.3

a. Based on level 1 prose. Data refer to 1995 or a year around 1995.

b. Data refer to unemployment lasting at least 12 months or more.

c. Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified in the column heading.

d. Poverty is measured at 50% of the median adjusted disposable personal income.

e. Based on US poverty line.

f. For the purpose of calculating the HPI-2, an estimate of 16.8%, the unweighted average for level 1 prose (excluding Poland) was applied.

g. Data refer to Flanders.

h. Data refer to a year or period other than that specified in the column heading.

i. Income poverty line is \$4 (1990 PPP\$) a day per person.

Source: Columns 1 and 2: Human Development Report Office calculations; column 3: UN 1998h; column 4: OECD 1997a; column 5: OECD 1998b; columns 6-8: calculated on the basis of data from World Bank 1995; columns 9 and 10: Smeeding 1997 and Milanovic 1998.