

Countries' Risk Classification

The risk classification of countries relies on the Worldwide Governance Indicators, being aggregate indicators of Governance 1996-2011. These determine the level of risks **related to Governance** in sourcing countries.

There are 6 dimensions of governance identified by the World Bank:

1. **Voice and Accountability (VA)** – capturing perceptions of the extent to which a country's citizens are able to participate in selecting their government, as well as freedom of expression, freedom of association, and a free media.
2. **Political Stability and Absence of Violence/Terrorism (PV)** – capturing perceptions of the likelihood that the government will be destabilized or overthrown by unconstitutional or violent means, including politically-motivated violence and terrorism.
3. **Government Effectiveness (GE)** – capturing perceptions of the quality of public services, the quality of the civil service and the degree of its independence from political pressures, the quality of policy formulation and implementation, and the credibility of the government's commitment to such policies.
4. **Regulatory Quality (RQ)** – capturing perceptions of the ability of the government to formulate and implement sound policies and regulations that permit and promote private sector development.
5. **Rule of Law (RL)** – capturing perceptions of the extent to which agents have confidence in and abide by the rules of society, and in particular the quality of contract enforcement, property rights, the police, and the courts, as well as the likelihood of crime and violence.
6. **Control of Corruption (CC)** – capturing perceptions of the extent to which public power is exercised for private gain, including both petty and grand forms of corruption, as well as "capture" of the state by elites and private interests.

Full interactive access to the aggregate indicators, and the underlying source data, is available at www.govindicators.org

Worldwide Governance Indicators update incorporates revisions to data for previous years, and so this data release supersedes data from all previous releases.

For the purpose of BSCI, countries are classified in two different categories:

Risk countries: Countries with WGI average rating between 0-60 or three or more individual dimensions rated below 60.

Low-risk countries: Countries with WGI average rating higher than 60 and no more than two individual dimensions rated below 60.

An additional tool will be developed within the system to provide more specific information related to the **sector and sustainability issues**, which are not reflected in the classification below.

This countries' risk classification version 1/2014 enters into force on 1 January 2014 and overrules BSCI list of Risk countries version 2011.

BSCI audits conducted in countries classified as "risk-country" are acknowledged for the **BSCI Commitment Formula**.

Based on their own due diligence, BSCI participants may decide to implement BSCI in low risk countries. However, BSCI activities focus on high risk countries and audits conducted in low risk countries are not relevant for the BSCI Commitment formula.

Producers included in the BSCI monitoring process based on the previous list of risk countries version 2011 shall be asked to **complete their audit cycle**. These audits will be acknowledged for the BSCI Participants' Commitment Formula.

Risk Countries

Country	Average rating	Voice and Accountability	Political Stability and Absence of Violence	Government Effectiveness	Regulatory Quality	Rule of Law	Control of Corruption
Afghanistan	3.5	7.5	1.4	5.2	4.7	0.5	1.4
Albania	44.6	53.1	37.7	48.3	58.8	37.6	32.2
Algeria	21.3	18.3	9.4	29.4	11.4	24.9	34.6
Angola	14.7	14.6	35.8	11.4	12.3	10.3	3.8
Argentina	43.5	57.7	53.8	48.8	25.1	33.3	42.2
Armenia	42.4	27.7	43.4	52.1	58.3	43.2	29.9
Azerbaijan	22.0	11.7	27.8	23.2	37.9	21.6	10.0
Bahrain	52.5	14.1	26.4	71.1	75.8	62.4	64.9
Bangladesh	21.8	37.1	7.1	19.9	22.3	28.6	16.1
Belarus	17.4	5.2	37.3	13.7	9.5	14.1	24.6
Belize	46.6	68.1	48.6	43.1	32.7	36.2	51.2
Benin	40.9	55.4	56.1	38.4	40.8	27.2	27.5
Bhutan	53.4	32.4	73.1	70.6	10.9	59.6	73.9
Bolivia	33.1	47.4	29.7	41.2	24.2	16.9	38.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	38.2	41.3	18.9	25.1	52.1	45.5	46.4
Brazil	56.6	63.8	46.2	55.5	55.9	55.4	63.0
Bulgaria	59.0	61.5	58.5	56.4	70.6	51.6	55.5
Burkina Faso	39.7	36.6	28.8	37.0	47.4	44.6	44.1
Burundi	13.4	19.7	5.2	14.2	17.1	13.1	10.9
Cambodia	24.5	24.9	33.0	25.6	35.1	15.5	12.8
Cameroon	19.7	17.4	26.9	18.5	22.7	14.6	18.0
Central African Republic	10.8	16.4	2.8	8.1	10.0	7.0	20.4
Chad	9.0	10.3	11.3	6.6	15.2	3.8	6.6

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China	34.7	5.0	25.0	60.7	45.5	41.8	30.3
Colombia	46.2	44.6	12.3	62.6	61.1	47.9	48.8
Comoros	19.1	32.9	31.6	1.4	7.1	16.0	25.6
Congo, Dem. Rep.	3.9	8.0	2.4	1.9	5.7	1.9	3.3
Congo, Rep.	16.4	17.8	38.2	9.0	8.5	12.7	11.8
Côte d'Ivoire	12.6	15.5	8.5	9.5	21.8	8.0	12.3
Cuba	36.5	7.0	57.5	46.0	4.3	35.2	69.2
Djibouti	31.9	11.3	56.6	16.1	33.2	26.8	47.4
Dominican Republic	38.1	50.7	49.1	34.6	46.0	26.3	22.3
Ecuador	24.3	37.6	22.6	35.1	15.6	13.6	21.3
Egypt	28.5	16.0	11.8	32.2	41.2	42.7	27.0
El Salvador	50.2	52.1	50.0	51.2	67.8	27.7	52.1
Equatorial Guinea	11.8	2.8	43.9	3.3	7.6	11.3	1.9
Eritrea	12.0	0.5	21.7	5.7	0.9	7.5	35.5
Ethiopia	21.9	10.8	5.7	41.7	18.0	29.1	26.1
Fiji	31.0	19.2	47.6	27.0	34.6	19.7	37.9
Gabon	32.6	23.9	59.9	19.4	30.8	38.0	23.7
Gambia, the	35.3	13.1	49.5	31.8	43.1	36.6	37.4
Georgia	52.4	43.2	22.2	68.7	73.5	50.7	56.4
Ghana	56.6	62.4	51.4	53.6	55.5	54.5	62.6
Guatemala	31.1	36.2	23.1	28.0	47.9	15.0	36.5
Guinea	11.8	23.5	8.0	10.9	16.6	3.3	8.5
Guinea-Bissau	15.4	21.1	24.5	14.7	11.8	6.1	14.2
Guyana	39.0	50.2	33.5	50.2	28.0	39.0	33.2

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Haiti	12.6	28.2	18.4	2.8	14.2	5.6	6.2
Honduras	31.8	31.9	34.4	34.1	49.3	19.2	21.8
India	42.4	59.2	12.7	54.5	40.3	52.6	35.1
Indonesia	36.0	46.9	21.2	46.9	41.7	30.5	28.4
Iran, Islamic Rep.	15.7	6.6	7.5	38.9	2.8	20.2	18.5
Iraq	8.6	15.0	3.8	10.4	12.8	2.3	7.1
Jamaica	51.5	61.0	42.5	61.1	60.2	41.3	42.7
Jordan	49.3	25.4	34.0	57.3	57.3	62.0	59.7
Kazakhstan	31.6	13.6	41.0	45.5	42.7	31.5	15.2
Kenya	28.2	40.4	9.9	36.0	46.9	16.4	19.4
Kiribati	53.5	73.7	96.2	24.2	6.6	58.2	62.1
Korea (North)	7.1	0.0	32.5	0.5	0.0	6.6	2.8
Kosovo	34.5	39.9	14.6	37.9	48.8	32.9	32.7
Kuwait	53.8	30.5	59.0	53.1	54.5	65.7	60.2
Kyrgyz Republic	23.1	27.2	15.6	30.8	45.0	9.4	10.4
Laos	20.2	5.6	47.2	17.1	19.4	18.3	13.7
Lebanon	31.2	34.3	6.6	43.6	53.6	30.0	19.0
Lesotho	47.9	45.1	55.7	44.5	30.3	47.4	64.5
Liberia	25.0	38.0	30.2	8.5	16.1	17.8	39.3
Libya	8.3	6.1	17.0	4.7	5.2	12.2	4.7
Macedonia	49.6	49.8	32.1	50.7	59.7	48.4	56.9
Madagascar	28.3	25.8	19.8	19.0	32.2	23.9	49.3
Malawi	41.1	39.4	44.3	40.3	26.5	50.2	45.5
Malaysia	60.9	33.8	52.4	81.0	74.4	66.2	57.8

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Maldives	39.4	41.8	39.6	44.1	37.4	44.1	29.4
Mali	34.4	54.9	24.1	21.3	38.4	35.7	31.8
Marshall Islands	47.6	87.3	62.7	3.8	19.9	60.1	51.7
Mauritania	22.0	22.1	13.2	17.5	23.7	21.1	34.1
Mexico	47.8	53.5	25.5	63.5	60.7	38.5	45.0
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	53.7	81.7	92.0	26.5	20.9	54.0	46.9
Moldova	41.8	48.4	42.0	33.6	51.2	45.1	30.8
Mongolia	44.0	49.3	64.6	31.3	44.5	46.0	28.0
Montenegro	56.3	55.9	62.3	59.2	51.7	55.9	52.6
Morocco	43.0	28.6	31.1	47.9	50.2	49.3	50.7
Mozambique	41.5	44.1	57.1	35.5	37.0	33.8	41.7
Myanmar	4.1	2.3	13.7	2.4	1.4	4.2	0.5
Namibia	61.8	56.8	75.9	57.8	55.0	61.0	64.0
Nauru	55.8	82.6	84.4	33.2	13.3	62.9	58.3
Nepal	21.1	31.5	6.1	22.7	25.6	17.4	23.2
Nicaragua	29.3	29.6	34.9	18.0	39.3	29.6	24.2
Niger	31.3	38.5	20.3	28.9	34.1	37.1	28.9
Nigeria	15.0	26.8	4.2	12.8	27.5	9.9	9.0
Oman	57.2	18.8	67.9	65.9	62.6	67.6	60.7
Pakistan	19.2	26.3	0.5	22.3	29.9	20.7	15.6
Palau	56.9	88.3	84.4	33.2	21.3	74.6	39.8
Panama	54.9	63.4	42.9	58.8	64.9	53.5	46.0
Papua New Guinea	27.1	47.9	19.3	26.1	33.6	24.4	11.4
Paraguay	29.6	46.0	23.6	20.9	39.8	22.1	25.1

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Peru	47.0	51.6	25.9	49.3	68.7	32.4	54.0
Philippines	35.8	48.8	9.0	55.9	43.6	34.7	22.7
Romania	57.2	59.6	50.5	47.4	74.9	56.3	54.5
Russia	27.2	22.5	20.8	42.2	38.9	25.4	13.3
Rwanda	46.9	12.2	45.8	58.3	48.3	46.9	69.7
São Tomé and Príncipe	37.2	54.5	45.3	27.5	24.6	28.2	43.1
Saudi Arabia	39.8	3.3	36.8	40.8	52.6	56.8	48.3
Senegal	38.5	39.0	36.3	39.8	44.1	40.4	31.3
Serbia (Yugoslavia)	49.3	56.3	35.4	49.8	53.1	46.5	55.0
Seychelles	58.5	52.6	79.7	62.1	36.0	54.9	65.4
Sierra Leone	27.7	40.8	40.1	10.0	26.1	22.5	26.5
Solomon Islands	36.2	51.2	59.4	20.4	13.7	31.9	40.3
Somalia	0.3	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
South Africa	60.4	65.7	48.1	64.9	65.9	58.7	59.2
South Sudan	6.5	16.9	14.2	0.9	3.3	2.8	0.9
Sri Lanka	42.7	31.0	28.3	52.6	50.7	53.1	40.8
Sudan	5.7	4.2	0.9	7.1	8.1	8.5	5.2
Suriname	48.4	57.3	53.3	51.7	31.3	52.1	44.5
Swaziland	32.1	12.7	30.7	28.4	28.4	42.3	50.2
Syria	19.1	3.8	4.7	39.3	18.5	31.0	17.5
Tajikistan	13.8	9.4	17.5	16.6	19.0	10.8	9.5
Tanzania	39.1	45.5	46.7	36.5	35.5	34.3	36.0
Thailand	43.1	33.3	16.5	59.7	56.4	48.8	43.6
Timor-Leste	22.8	54.0	29.2	12.3	14.7	11.7	14.7

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Togo	21.1	23.0	38.7	7.6	17.5	23.5	16.6
Tonga	52.3	58.2	78.8	42.7	28.9	57.3	47.9
Trinidad and Tobago	56.8	62.9	51.9	63.0	63.5	49.8	49.8
Tunisia	47.1	35.7	39.2	56.9	46.4	51.2	53.1
Turkey	51.9	43.7	17.9	65.4	65.4	57.7	61.1
Turkmenistan	11.5	0.9	54.7	4.3	1.9	4.7	2.4
Tuvalu	50.3	70.0	96.2	23.7	9.0	64.3	38.4
Uganda	32.7	30.0	15.1	37.4	49.8	43.7	19.9
Ukraine	30.3	46.5	41.5	21.8	31.8	23.0	17.1
Uzbekistan	11.2	1.9	27.4	24.6	3.8	5.2	4.3
Vanuatu	59.7	66.2	89.2	46.4	27.0	61.5	67.8
Venezuela, Rb	10.5	24.4	10.4	13.3	6.2	1.4	7.6
Vietnam	34.9	8.5	52.8	45.0	29.4	39.9	33.6
West Bank and Gaza	29.2	20.7	3.3	30.3	59.2	40.8	20.9
Yemen, Rep.	10.6	9.9	1.9	11.8	23.2	8.9	8.1
Zambia	41.1	42.3	61.8	29.9	36.5	39.4	37.0
Zimbabwe	6.7	8.9	16.0	6.2	2.4	0.9	5.7

Low-risk Countries

Country	Average rating	Voice and Accountability	Political Stability and Absence of Violence	Government Effectiveness	Regulatory Quality	Rule of Law	Control of Corruption
Andorra	92.0	93.4	96.2	91.0	93.8	89.2	88.2
Anguilla	89.7	80.8	99.5	91.0	90.0	88.7	88.2
Antigua and Barbuda	75.5	64.3	80.7	67.8	72.5	79.8	88.2
Aruba	88.6	91.1	94.3	85.8	89.1	87.3	83.9
Australia	92.3	95.3	73.6	95.3	96.7	96.2	96.7
Austria	92.6	94.4	89.6	93.4	91.5	97.2	89.6
Bahamas, the	77.9	76.1	87.7	78.2	68.2	68.1	89.1
Barbados	86.5	89.2	93.4	90.0	71.1	82.2	93.4
Belgium	88.7	93.9	75.5	93.8	86.7	89.7	92.4
Bermuda	84.4	80.8	82.1	80.6	90.0	85.0	88.2
Botswana	72.1	60.6	84.9	68.2	69.2	69.5	80.1
Brunei Darussalam	72.4	29.1	88.2	77.3	84.8	77.9	77.3
Canada	93.9	94.8	85.4	97.2	95.7	94.8	95.3
Cape Verde	66.4	75.6	70.3	60.2	54.0	63.8	74.4
Cayman Islands	82.9	65.3	98.1	85.8	83.9	75.6	88.6
Chile	84.0	81.2	65.1	83.9	93.4	88.3	91.9
Costa Rica	68.7	77.5	67.0	64.0	66.8	64.8	72.0
Croatia	63.7	60.1	63.2	69.2	70.1	60.6	58.8
Cyprus	81.0	82.2	64.2	91.5	85.3	83.1	79.6
Czech Republic	79.9	76.5	87.3	81.5	86.3	81.2	66.8

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Denmark	97.4	99.1	86.8	99.5	100.0	99.1	100.0
Dominica	72.7	77.0	91.5	70.1	56.9	67.1	73.5
Estonia	81.5	83.6	66.0	84.8	90.5	85.4	78.7
Finland	98.3	97.2	97.6	100.0	96.2	100.0	98.6
France	84.6	88.7	67.5	88.2	82.5	90.1	90.5
French Guiana	79.3	83.1	54.2	82.5	85.8	86.4	83.9
Germany	89.1	92.5	72.6	91.9	92.9	91.5	92.9
Greece	62.5	71.4	44.8	66.8	69.7	66.7	55.9
Greenland	89.5	90.6	100.0	79.1	88.2	94.4	84.8
Grenada	63.2	70.9	60.8	61.6	57.8	59.2	68.7
Guam	72.0	72.3	71.2	54.0	72.5	85.0	76.8
Hong Kong	86.8	64.8	77.8	94.3	99.1	90.6	94.3
Hungary	73.2	73.2	70.8	73.0	81.5	73.2	67.3
Iceland	91.3	95.8	91.0	92.9	80.6	93.0	94.8
Ireland	91.1	93.0	82.5	89.1	95.3	95.8	91.0
Israel	67.5	67.6	10.8	84.4	88.6	80.3	73.0
Italy	67.1	74.6	65.6	66.4	75.4	63.4	57.3
Japan	83.3	77.9	79.2	87.7	78.2	86.9	90.0
Jersey, Channel Islands	90.2	90.6	98.6	89.6	83.4	94.4	84.8
Korea (South)	73.3	68.5	55.2	86.3	79.1	80.8	70.1
Latvia	69.6	69.5	58.0	72.5	79.6	74.2	63.5
Liechtenstein	95.1	97.7	99.1	95.7	92.4	92.0	93.8
Lithuania	71.8	72.8	68.4	72.0	78.7	72.8	65.9
Luxembourg	96.9	98.1	94.8	94.8	98.6	96.7	98.1

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Macao	74.8	66.7	66.5	87.2	87.7	70.0	70.6
Malta	83.9	85.4	81.6	82.9	87.2	87.8	78.2
Martinique	73.7	67.1	69.3	73.9	77.7	77.5	76.8
Mauritius	74.0	70.4	75.0	74.4	76.8	75.1	72.5
Netherlands	95.8	96.2	88.7	96.7	98.1	97.7	97.6
Netherlands Antilles (former)	76.4	58.7	93.9	73.9	77.7	77.5	76.8
New Zealand	98.3	96.7	97.2	98.1	99.5	98.6	99.5
Norway	96.5	99.5	96.7	96.2	91.0	98.1	97.2
Poland	76.6	79.3	85.8	71.6	80.1	71.4	71.6
Portugal	78.7	85.0	69.8	78.7	73.9	81.7	82.9
Puerto Rico	70.3	69.0	68.9	64.5	76.3	72.3	71.1
Qatar	68.1	21.6	90.6	75.8	66.4	73.7	80.6
Réunion	78.4	91.5	61.3	80.6	82.9	77.5	76.8
Samoa	60.2	62.0	72.2	55.0	42.2	68.5	61.6
Singapore	86.4	42.7	90.1	99.1	97.2	93.4	96.2
Slovakia	74.4	75.1	78.3	76.3	81.0	69.0	66.4
Slovenia	77.6	78.4	71.7	79.6	73.0	83.6	79.1
Spain	77.7	84.0	50.9	82.0	82.0	85.9	81.0
St. Kitts and Nevis	77.6	87.8	86.3	75.4	64.0	70.4	82.0
St. Lucia	77.6	89.7	74.5	76.8	67.3	71.8	85.8
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	76.4	86.4	74.5	75.4	61.6	78.4	82.0
Sweden	97.6	98.6	92.5	98.6	97.6	99.5	99.1
Switzerland	96.1	100.0	92.9	97.6	94.8	95.3	95.7

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Taiwan	79.8	74.2	76.4	83.4	84.4	82.6	77.7
United Arab Emirates	64.3	20.2	77.4	77.7	63.0	65.3	82.5
United Kingdom	87.2	92.0	60.4	92.4	94.3	92.5	91.5
United States	84.4	85.9	63.7	88.6	91.9	91.1	85.3
Uruguay	75.4	84.5	76.9	69.7	64.5	70.9	86.3
Virgin Islands (U.S.)	77.8	72.3	81.1	86.7	72.5	77.5	76.8

The countries below were listed in the BSCI list of risk countries version 2011. They are now classified as “**Low-Risk country**” :

Country	Average rating	VA	PS	GE	RQ	RL	CC
Chile	84.0	81.2	65.1	83.9	93.4	88.3	91.9
Hong Kong	86.8	64.8	77.8	94.3	99.1	90.6	94.3
Korea (South)	73.3	68.5	55.2	86.3	79.1	80.8	70.1
Macao	74.8	66.7	66.5	87.2	87.7	70.0	70.6
Mauritius	74.0	70.4	75.0	74.4	76.8	75.1	72.5
Taiwan	79.8	74.2	76.4	83.4	84.4	82.6	77.7
Uruguay	75.4	84.5	76.9	69.7	64.5	70.9	86.3