





**TABLE 2 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX TRENDS, 1990–2018**

HDI rank	Human Development Index (HDI)								Change in HDI rank	Average annual HDI growth			
	Value									(%)			
	1990	2000	2010	2013	2015	2016	2017	2018	2013–2018 <sup>a</sup>	1990–2000	2000–2010	2010–2018	1990–2018
124 El Salvador	0.529	0.608	0.659	0.662	0.660	0.662	0.665	0.667	-5	1.40	0.82	0.14	0.83
125 Tajikistan	0.603	0.538	0.630	0.643	0.642	0.647	0.651	0.656	-1	-1.13	1.60	0.50	0.30
126 Cabo Verde	..	0.564	0.626	0.641	0.643	0.645	0.647	0.651	-1	..	1.06	0.48	..
126 Guatemala	0.477	0.546	0.602	0.616	0.647	0.648	0.649	0.651	2	1.36	0.98	0.98	1.11
126 Nicaragua	0.494	0.568	0.614	0.630	0.644	0.649	0.653	0.651	0	1.41	0.77	0.74	0.99
129 India	0.431	0.497	0.581	0.607	0.627	0.637	0.643	0.647	1	1.43	1.57	1.34	1.46
130 Namibia	0.579	0.543	0.588	0.622	0.637	0.639	0.643	0.645	-3	-0.64	0.78	1.17	0.38
131 Timor-Leste	..	0.505	0.620	0.613	0.628	0.628	0.624	0.626	-2	..	2.06	0.13	..
132 Honduras	0.508	0.555	0.598	0.603	0.613	0.618	0.621	0.623	0	0.88	0.76	0.51	0.73
132 Kiribati	..	0.564	0.589	0.605	0.619	0.622	0.623	0.623	-1	..	0.43	0.71	..
134 Bhutan	..	..	0.571	0.594	0.606	0.610	0.615	0.617	0	..	..	0.98	..
135 Bangladesh	0.388	0.470	0.549	0.572	0.588	0.599	0.609	0.614	5	1.95	1.56	1.40	1.65
135 Micronesia (Federated States of)	..	0.541	0.595	0.599	0.606	0.608	0.612	0.614	-2	..	0.95	0.41	..
137 Sao Tome and Principe	0.437	0.480	0.546	0.568	0.590	0.593	0.603	0.609	5	0.94	1.31	1.36	1.19
138 Congo	0.531	0.495	0.557	0.581	0.614	0.613	0.609	0.608	-1	-0.71	1.19	1.12	0.49
138 Eswatini (Kingdom of)	0.545	0.468	0.513	0.558	0.585	0.596	0.603	0.608	6	-1.51	0.92	2.15	0.39
140 Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.399	0.466	0.546	0.579	0.594	0.598	0.602	0.604	-2	1.55	1.60	1.28	1.49
141 Vanuatu	..	..	0.585	0.588	0.592	0.592	0.595	0.597	-6	..	..	0.26	..
142 Ghana	0.454	0.483	0.554	0.578	0.585	0.587	0.591	0.596	-3	0.61	1.39	0.91	0.97
143 Zambia	0.424	0.428	0.531	0.559	0.570	0.580	0.589	0.591	0	0.11	2.17	1.35	1.20
144 Equatorial Guinea	..	0.520	0.580	0.588	0.593	0.592	0.590	0.588	-9	..	1.09	0.18	..
145 Myanmar	0.349	0.424	0.523	0.551	0.565	0.571	0.577	0.584	2	1.94	2.13	1.39	1.85
146 Cambodia	0.384	0.419	0.535	0.555	0.566	0.572	0.578	0.581	-1	0.89	2.46	1.05	1.49
147 Kenya	0.467	0.446	0.533	0.551	0.562	0.568	0.574	0.579	0	-0.46	1.79	1.04	0.77
147 Nepal	0.380	0.446	0.527	0.555	0.568	0.572	0.574	0.579	-2	1.61	1.70	1.18	1.52
149 Angola	..	0.394	0.510	0.547	0.565	0.570	0.576	0.574	1	..	2.63	1.50	..
150 Cameroon	0.445	0.438	0.471	0.531	0.548	0.556	0.560	0.563	3	-0.15	0.71	2.26	0.84
150 Zimbabwe	0.498	0.452	0.472	0.527	0.543	0.549	0.553	0.563	4	-0.95	0.43	2.22	0.44
152 Pakistan	0.404	0.449	0.524	0.537	0.550	0.556	0.558	0.560	-1	1.06	1.55	0.85	1.17
153 Solomon Islands	..	0.476	0.524	0.550	0.555	0.553	0.555	0.557	-4	..	0.97	0.78	..
<b>LOW HUMAN DEVELOPMENT</b>													
154 Syrian Arab Republic	0.558	0.590	0.644	0.572	0.540	0.539	0.544	0.549	-14	0.57	0.88	-1.98	-0.06
155 Papua New Guinea	0.377	0.436	0.510	0.521	0.539	0.541	0.543	0.543	0	1.45	1.58	0.80	1.31
156 Comoros	..	0.457	0.513	0.532	0.535	0.537	0.539	0.538	-4	..	1.15	0.60	..
157 Rwanda	0.245	0.337	0.488	0.506	0.515	0.525	0.529	0.536	2	3.24	3.77	1.19	2.84
158 Nigeria	..	..	0.484	0.520	0.527	0.528	0.533	0.534	-2	..	..	1.25	..
159 Tanzania (United Republic of)	0.373	0.395	0.487	0.503	0.519	0.518	0.522	0.528	2	0.59	2.10	1.03	1.25
159 Uganda	0.312	0.395	0.489	0.503	0.515	0.520	0.522	0.528	2	2.37	2.16	0.97	1.89
161 Mauritania	0.378	0.446	0.490	0.511	0.521	0.519	0.524	0.527	-4	1.67	0.94	0.91	1.19
162 Madagascar	..	0.456	0.504	0.509	0.514	0.515	0.518	0.521	-4	..	1.01	0.42	..
163 Benin	0.348	0.398	0.473	0.500	0.510	0.512	0.515	0.520	0	1.36	1.74	1.19	1.45
164 Lesotho	0.488	0.444	0.461	0.486	0.499	0.507	0.514	0.518	2	-0.93	0.37	1.46	0.21
165 Côte d'Ivoire	0.391	0.407	0.454	0.475	0.494	0.508	0.512	0.516	5	0.40	1.09	1.61	0.99
166 Senegal	0.377	0.390	0.468	0.494	0.504	0.506	0.510	0.514	-2	0.36	1.84	1.17	1.12
167 Togo	0.405	0.426	0.468	0.490	0.502	0.506	0.510	0.513	-2	0.50	0.94	1.16	0.85
168 Sudan	0.332	0.403	0.471	0.477	0.501	0.505	0.507	0.507	1	1.97	1.57	0.93	1.53
169 Haiti	0.412	0.440	0.467	0.483	0.492	0.497	0.501	0.503	-1	0.67	0.60	0.92	0.72
170 Afghanistan	0.298	0.345	0.464	0.485	0.490	0.491	0.493	0.496	-3	1.47	3.01	0.83	1.84
171 Djibouti	..	0.361	0.446	0.467	0.482	0.489	0.492	0.495	0	..	2.14	1.32	..
172 Malawi	0.303	0.362	0.437	0.463	0.475	0.478	0.482	0.485	0	1.79	1.90	1.32	1.69
173 Ethiopia	..	0.283	0.412	0.439	0.453	0.460	0.466	0.470	3	..	3.81	1.66	..
174 Gambia	0.328	0.382	0.437	0.448	0.454	0.456	0.459	0.466	0	1.53	1.35	0.79	1.26
174 Guinea	0.278	0.335	0.408	0.439	0.449	0.456	0.463	0.466	2	1.86	2.00	1.67	1.86
176 Liberia	..	0.422	0.441	0.463	0.463	0.463	0.466	0.465	-4	..	0.44	0.67	..
177 Yemen	0.392	0.432	0.499	0.506	0.493	0.477	0.463	0.463	-18	0.99	1.44	-0.94	0.59
178 Guinea-Bissau	..	..	0.426	0.441	0.453	0.457	0.460	0.461	-3	..	..	1.01	..
179 Congo (Democratic Republic of the)	0.377	0.333	0.416	0.429	0.445	0.453	0.456	0.459	0	-1.24	2.24	1.24	0.70
180 Mozambique	0.217	0.301	0.396	0.412	0.428	0.435	0.442	0.446	3	3.34	2.79	1.51	2.61
181 Sierra Leone	0.270	0.298	0.391	0.426	0.422	0.423	0.435	0.438	-1	0.99	2.74	1.45	1.74
182 Burkina Faso	..	0.286	0.375	0.401	0.413	0.420	0.429	0.434	3	..	2.74	1.84	..
182 Eritrea	..	..	0.433	0.425	0.433	0.434	0.431	0.434	-1	..	..	0.02	..
184 Mali	0.231	0.308	0.403	0.408	0.412	0.420	0.426	0.427	0	2.92	2.72	0.72	2.22
185 Burundi	0.295	0.293	0.402	0.422	0.427	0.427	0.421	0.423	-3	-0.07	3.20	0.65	1.29

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186	South Sudan	..	..	0.425	0.439	0.428	0.418	0.414	0.413	–10	..	..	–0.35	..
187	Chad	..	0.298	0.374	0.399	0.403	0.398	0.401	0.401	–1	..	2.29	0.89	..
188	Central African Republic	0.320	0.307	0.355	0.351	0.362	0.372	0.376	0.381	–1	–0.41	1.44	0.89	0.62
189	Niger	0.213	0.253	0.319	0.345	0.360	0.365	0.373	0.377	–1	1.75	2.34	2.09	2.06
<b>OTHER COUNTRIES OR TERRITORIES</b>														
..	Korea (Democratic People's Rep. of)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	Monaco	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	Nauru	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	San Marino	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	Somalia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	Tuvalu	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>Human development groups</b>														
	Very high human development	0.779	0.823	0.866	0.878	0.886	0.888	0.890	0.892	—	0.55	0.52	0.36	0.48
	High human development	0.568	0.630	0.706	0.727	0.738	0.743	0.746	0.750	—	1.04	1.15	0.75	1.00
	Medium human development	0.436	0.497	0.575	0.599	0.616	0.625	0.630	0.634	—	1.30	1.48	1.22	1.34
	Low human development	0.352	0.386	0.473	0.490	0.499	0.501	0.505	0.507	—	0.94	2.04	0.88	1.32
	<b>Developing countries</b>	0.516	0.571	0.642	0.663	0.674	0.680	0.683	0.686	—	1.02	1.19	0.82	1.02
<b>Regions</b>														
	Arab States	0.556	0.613	0.676	0.688	0.695	0.699	0.701	0.703	—	0.99	0.98	0.49	0.84
	East Asia and the Pacific	0.519	0.597	0.691	0.714	0.727	0.733	0.737	0.741	—	1.42	1.48	0.87	1.28
	Europe and Central Asia	0.652	0.667	0.735	0.759	0.770	0.772	0.776	0.779	—	0.23	0.97	0.72	0.64
	Latin America and the Caribbean	0.628	0.687	0.731	0.748	0.754	0.756	0.758	0.759	—	0.90	0.62	0.46	0.68
	South Asia	0.441	0.505	0.585	0.607	0.624	0.634	0.639	0.642	—	1.36	1.48	1.18	1.35
	Sub-Saharan Africa	0.402	0.423	0.498	0.521	0.532	0.535	0.539	0.541	—	0.50	1.65	1.03	1.06
	<b>Least developed countries</b>	0.350	0.399	0.485	0.504	0.516	0.520	0.525	0.528	—	1.30	1.98	1.08	1.48
	<b>Small island developing states</b>	0.595	0.642	0.702	0.708	0.717	0.719	0.722	0.723	—	0.77	0.91	0.35	0.70
	<b>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development</b>	0.785	0.834	0.873	0.883	0.889	0.892	0.894	0.895	—	0.61	0.45	0.32	0.47
	<b>World</b>	<b>0.598</b>	<b>0.641</b>	<b>0.697</b>	<b>0.713</b>	<b>0.722</b>	<b>0.727</b>	<b>0.729</b>	<b>0.731</b>	—	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.72</b>

#### NOTES

For HDI values that are comparable across years and countries, use this table or the interpolated data at <http://hdr.undp.org/en/data>, which present trends using consistent data.

**a** A positive value indicates an improvement in rank.

#### DEFINITIONS

**Human Development Index (HDI):** A composite index measuring average achievement in three basic dimensions of human development—a long and healthy life, knowledge and a decent standard of living. See *Technical note 1* at [http://hdr.undp.org/sites/default/files/hdr2019\\_technical\\_notes.pdf](http://hdr.undp.org/sites/default/files/hdr2019_technical_notes.pdf) for details on how the HDI is calculated.

**Average annual HDI growth:** A smoothed annualized growth of the HDI in a given period, calculated as the annual compound growth rate.

#### MAIN DATA SOURCES

**Columns 1–8:** HDRO calculations based on data from UNDESA (2019b), UNESCO Institute for Statistics (2019), United Nations Statistics Division

(2019b), World Bank (2019a), Barro and Lee (2018) and IMF (2019).

**Column 9:** Calculated based on data in columns 4 and 8.

**Columns 10–13:** Calculated based on data in columns 1, 2, 3 and 8.