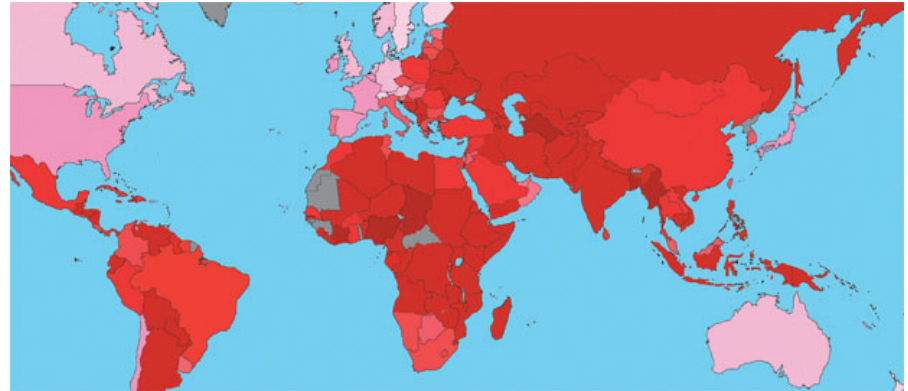


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Press release, 18 October 2005: ['Corruption still rampant in 70 countries, says Corruption Perceptions Index 2005'](#)

Corruption is a major cause of poverty as well as a barrier to overcoming it."

– Peter Eigen, Chair of Transparency International  
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More than two-thirds of the 159 nations surveyed in Transparency International's 2005 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) scored less than 5 out of a clean score of 10, indicating serious levels of corruption in a majority of the countries surveyed.

The 2005 Index bears witness to the double burden of poverty and corruption borne by the world's least developed countries.

"Corruption is a major cause of poverty as well as a barrier to overcoming it," said Transparency International Chairman Peter Eigen. "The two scourges feed off each other, locking their populations in a cycle of misery. Corruption must be vigorously addressed if aid is to make a real difference in freeing people from poverty."

Despite progress on many fronts, including the imminent entry into force of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, seventy countries – nearly half of those included in the Index – scored less than 3 on the CPI, indicating a severe corruption problem. Among the countries included in the Index, corruption is perceived as most rampant in Chad, Bangladesh, Turkmenistan, Myanmar and Haiti – also among the poorest countries in the world.

### CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2005: RESULTS

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RANK	COUNTRY/TERRITORY	CPI 2005 SCORE	CONFIDENCE RANGE	SURVEYS USED
1	Iceland	9.7	9.5 - 9.7	8
2	Finland	9.6	9.5 - 9.7	9
	New Zealand	9.6	9.5 - 9.7	9
4	Denmark	9.5	9.3 - 9.6	10
5	Singapore	9.4	9.3 - 9.5	12
6	Sweden	9.2	9.0 - 9.3	10

RANK	COUNTRY/TERRITORY	CPI 2005 SCORE	CONFIDENCE RANGE	SURVEYS USED
7	Switzerland	9.1	8.9 - 9.2	9
8	Norway	8.9	8.5 - 9.1	9
9	Australia	8.8	8.4 - 9.1	13
10	Austria	8.7	8.4 - 9.0	9
11	Netherlands	8.6	8.3 - 8.9	9
	United Kingdom	8.6	8.3 - 8.8	11
13	Luxembourg	8.5	8.1 - 8.9	8
14	Canada	8.4	7.9 - 8.8	11
15	Hong Kong	8.3	7.7 - 8.7	12
16	Germany	8.2	7.9 - 8.5	10
17	USA	7.6	7.0 - 8.0	12
18	France	7.5	7.0 - 7.8	11
19	Belgium	7.4	6.9 - 7.9	9
	Ireland	7.4	6.9 - 7.9	10
21	Chile	7.3	6.8 - 7.7	10
	Japan	7.3	6.7 - 7.8	14
23	Spain	7.0	6.6 - 7.4	10
24	Barbados	6.9	5.7 - 7.3	3
25	Malta	6.6	5.4 - 7.7	5
26	Portugal	6.5	5.9 - 7.1	9
27	Estonia	6.4	6.0 - 7.0	11
28	Israel	6.3	5.7 - 6.9	10
	Oman	6.3	5.2 - 7.3	5
30	United Arab Emirates	6.2	5.3 - 7.1	6
31	Slovenia	6.1	5.7 - 6.8	11
32	Botswana	5.9	5.1 - 6.7	8
	Qatar	5.9	5.6 - 6.4	5
	Taiwan	5.9	5.4 - 6.3	14
	Uruguay	5.9	5.6 - 6.4	6
36	Bahrain	5.8	5.3 - 6.3	6
37	Cyprus	5.7	5.3 - 6.0	5
	Jordan	5.7	5.1 - 6.1	10
39	Malaysia	5.1	4.6 - 5.6	14
40	Hungary	5.0	4.7 - 5.2	11
	Italy	5.0	4.6 - 5.4	9
	South Korea	5.0	4.6 - 5.3	12
43	Tunisia	4.9	4.4 - 5.6	7
44	Lithuania	4.8	4.5 - 5.1	8
45	Kuwait	4.7	4.0 - 5.2	6
46	South Africa	4.5	4.2 - 4.8	11
47	Czech Republic	4.3	3.7 - 5.1	10
	Greece	4.3	3.9 - 4.7	9
	Namibia	4.3	3.8 - 4.9	8
	Slovakia	4.3	3.8 - 4.8	10
51	Costa Rica	4.2	3.7 - 4.7	7
	El Salvador	4.2	3.5 - 4.8	6
	Latvia	4.2	3.8 - 4.6	7
	Mauritius	4.2	3.4 - 5.0	6
55	Bulgaria	4.0	3.4 - 4.6	8
	Colombia	4.0	3.6 - 4.4	9
	Fiji	4.0	3.4 - 4.6	3
	Seychelles	4.0	3.5 - 4.2	3
59	Cuba	3.8	2.3 - 4.7	4
	Thailand	3,8	3.5 - 4.1	13

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	Trinidad and Tobago	3,8	3.3 - 4.5	6
62	Belize	3,7	3.4 - 4.1	3
	Brazil	3,7	3.5 - 3.9	10
64	Jamaica	3,6	3.4 - 3.8	6
65	Ghana	3,5	3.2 - 4.0	8
	Mexico	3,5	3.3 - 3.7	10
	Panama	3,5	3.1 - 4.1	7
	Peru	3,5	3.1 - 3.8	7
	Turkey	3,5	3.1 - 4.0	11
70	Burkina Faso	3,4	2.7 - 3.9	3
	Croatia	3,4	3.2 - 3.7	7
	Egypt	3,4	3.0 - 3.9	9
	Lesotho	3,4	2.6 - 3.9	3
	Poland	3,4	3.0 - 3.9	11
	Saudi Arabia	3,4	2.7 - 4.1	5
	Syria	3,4	2.8 - 4.2	5
77	Laos	3,3	2.1 - 4.4	3
78	China	3,2	2.9 - 3.5	14
	Morocco	3,2	2.8 - 3.6	8
	Senegal	3,2	2.8 - 3.6	6
	Sri Lanka	3,2	2.7 - 3.6	7
	Suriname	3,2	2.2 - 3.6	3
83	Lebanon	3,1	2.7 - 3.3	4
	Rwanda	3,1	2.1 - 4.1	3
85	Dominican Republic	3,0	2.5 - 3.6	6
	Mongolia	3,0	2.4 - 3.6	4
	Romania	3,0	2.6 - 3.5	11
88	Armenia	2,9	2.5 - 3.2	4
	Benin	2,9	2.1 - 4.0	5
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2,9	2.7 - 3.1	6
	Gabon	2,9	2.1 - 3.6	4
	India	2,9	2.7 - 3.1	14
	Iran	2,9	2.3 - 3.3	5
	Mali	2,9	2.3 - 3.6	8
	Moldova	2,9	2.3 - 3.7	5
	Tanzania	2,9	2.6 - 3.1	8
97	Algeria	2,8	2.5 - 3.3	7
	Argentina	2,8	2.5 - 3.1	10
	Madagascar	2,8	1.9 - 3.7	5
	Malawi	2,8	2.3 - 3.4	7
	Mozambique	2,8	2.4 - 3.1	8
	Serbia and Montenegro	2,8	2.5 - 3.3	7
103	Gambia	2,7	2.3 - 3.1	7
	Macedonia	2,7	2.4 - 3.2	7
	Swaziland	2,7	2.0 - 3.1	3
	Yemen	2,7	2.4 - 3.2	5
107	Belarus	2,6	1.9 - 3.8	5
	Eritrea	2,6	1.7 - 3.5	3
	Honduras	2,6	2.2 - 3.0	7
	Kazakhstan	2,6	2.2 - 3.2	6
	Nicaragua	2,6	2.4 - 2.8	7
	Palestine	2,6	2.1 - 2.8	3
	Ukraine	2,6	2.4 - 2.8	8
	Vietnam	2,6	2.3 - 2.9	10

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	Zambia	2.6	2.3 - 2.9	7
	Zimbabwe	2.6	2.1 - 3.0	7
117	Afghanistan	2.5	1.6 - 3.2	3
	Bolivia	2.5	2.3 - 2.9	6
	Ecuador	2.5	2.2 - 2.9	6
	Guatemala	2.5	2.1 - 2.8	7
	Guyana	2.5	2.0 - 2.7	3
	Libya	2.5	2.0 - 3.0	4
	Nepal	2.5	1.9 - 3.0	4
	Philippines	2.5	2.3 - 2.8	13
	Uganda	2.5	2.2 - 2.8	8
126	Albania	2.4	2.1 - 2.7	3
	Niger	2.4	2.2 - 2.6	4
	Russia	2.4	2.3 - 2.6	12
	Sierra Leone	2.4	2.1 - 2.7	3
130	Burundi	2.3	2.1 - 2.5	3
	Cambodia	2.3	1.9 - 2.5	4
	Congo, Republic of	2.3	2.1 - 2.6	4
	Georgia	2.3	2.0 - 2.6	6
	Kyrgyzstan	2.3	2.1 - 2.5	5
	Papua New Guinea	2.3	1.9 - 2.6	4
	Venezuela	2.3	2.2 - 2.4	10
137	Azerbaijan	2.2	1.9 - 2.5	6
	Cameroon	2.2	2.0 - 2.5	6
	Ethiopia	2.2	2.0 - 2.5	8
	Indonesia	2.2	2.1 - 2.5	13
	Iraq	2.2	1.5 - 2.9	4
	Liberia	2.2	2.1 - 2.3	3
	Uzbekistan	2.2	2.1 - 2.4	5
144	Congo, Democratic Republic	2.1	1.8 - 2.3	4
	Kenya	2.1	1.8 - 2.4	8
	Pakistan	2.1	1.7 - 2.6	7
	Paraguay	2.1	1.9 - 2.3	7
	Somalia	2.1	1.6 - 2.2	3
	Sudan	2.1	1.9 - 2.2	5
	Tajikistan	2.1	1.9 - 2.4	5
151	Angola	2.0	1.8 - 2.1	5
152	Cote d'Ivoire	1.9	1.7 - 2.1	4
	Equatorial Guinea	1.9	1.6 - 2.1	3
	Nigeria	1.9	1.7 - 2.0	9
155	Haiti	1.8	1.5 - 2.1	4
	Myanmar	1.8	1.7 - 2.0	4
	Turkmenistan	1.8	1.7 - 2.0	4
158	Bangladesh	1.7	1.4 - 2.0	7
	Chad	1.7	1.3 - 2.1	6

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

CPI Score relates to perceptions of the degree of corruption as seen by business people and country analysts and ranges between 10 (highly clean) and 0 (highly corrupt).

Confidence range provides a range of possible values of the CPI score. This reflects how a country's score may vary, depending on measurement precision. Nominally, with 5 percent probability the score is above this range and with another 5 percent it is below. However, particularly when only few sources (n) are available an unbiased estimate of the mean coverage probability is lower than the nominal value of 90%.