

Global Hunger Index: India's ranking slips to 103 among 119 countries

India has been ranked at the 103rd position among 119 countries on the Global Hunger Index. According to the report, prepared by Welthungerhilfe and Concern Worldwide, India is among the 45 countries that have "serious levels of hunger". (Welthungerhilfe is a not-for-profit group and Concern Worldwide works towards improving lives of poor people). In 2017, India was ranked at the 100th position. The GHI, now in its 13th year, ranks countries based on four key indicators — undernourishment, child mortality, child wasting and child stunting.

Child wasting refers to share of children under the age of five who have low weight for their height, reflecting acute undernutrition. India is ranked below many neighbouring countries, including China (25th spot), Nepal (72), Myanmar (68), Sri Lanka (67) and Bangladesh (86). Pakistan is placed at the 106th position. According to the 2018 Global Hunger Index, hunger in Ethiopia and Bangladesh is serious, but the situation is improving due to a range of policies and programs that have been implemented.

Zero is the best score and a reading above 100 is the worst. 100 signifies that a country's undernourishment, child wasting, child stunting, and child mortality levels are at the highest level. According to the report, the world has made gradual, long-term progress in reducing overall hunger, but this progress has been "uneven". As per the report, around 124 million people suffer acute hunger in the world, a striking increase from 80 million two years ago while the reality of hunger and undernutrition continues to have a massive impact on the next generation. About 151 million children are stunted and 51 million children are wasted across the globe.

Global Hunger Index Scores by Rank, 2000 GHI, 2005 GHI, 2010 GHI, 2018 GHI

Rank	Country	2000	2005	2010	2018
2018 GHI Scores less than 5, collectively ranked 1-15	Belarus	5	<5	<5	<5
	Bosnia & Herzegovina	9.8	7.2	5.1	<5
	Chile	<5	<4	<5	<5
	Costa Rica	6.1	5.6	5	<5
	Croatia	6.2	<5	<5	<5
	Cuba	5.3	<5	<5	<5
	Estonia	6.7	5.4	<5	<5
	Kuwait	<5	<5	<5	<5
	Latvia	6.9	5	<5	<5
	Lithuania	5	<5	<5	<5
	Montenegro	-	-	<5	<5
	Romania	8.3	6.8	6.1	<5
	Turkey	10.3	7.3	5.3	<5
	Ukraine	13.6	5	<5	<5
Uruguay	7.7	8.1	5.4	<5	
16	Bulgaria	8.2	7.8	7	5
16	Slovak Republic	7.2	6.8	5.8	5
18	Argentina	6.7	6.2	5.9	5.3
19	Kazakhstan	11.3	12.4	8.8	5.5
20	Macedonia, FYR	7.7	8.5	7	5.9
21	Russian Federation	10.1	7.7	7	6.1
22	Mexico	10.8	9.1	7.7	6.5
22	Serbia	-	-	6.7	6.5
24	Iran	13.5	9.4	8.1	7.3

25	Armenia	18.4	12.8	11.3	7.6
25	China	15.8	13	10	7.6
27	Colombia	11.3	10.8	10	7.7
28	Tunisia	10.7	8.6	7.6	7.9
29	Trinidad & Tobago	11.7	12.2	12.2	8
30	Georgia	14.6	10.5	8.4	8.1
31	Brazil	13	7	6.6	8.5
31	Paraguay	13.9	12.5	11.4	8.5
31	Saudi Arabia	11.5	13.8	9.7	8.5
34	Jamaica	8.4	8.2	8.5	8.6
35	Peru	20.9	18.4	12.5	8.8
36	Fiji	9.8	9.3	8.6	9
37	Panama	19.8	17.7	12.6	9.1
38	Kyrgyz Republic	18.8	14	12.4	9.3
39	Algeria	15.6	12.9	10.6	9.4
40	Azerbaijan	27.4	17.4	12.3	9.5
41	El Salvador	16.3	13.3	12.8	10.1
42	Suriname	16	12.5	10.5	10.2
43	Dominican Republic	18.4	17.2	13	10.3
44	Morocco	15.7	17.8	10.2	10.4
44	Thailand	18.3	13.3	12.9	10.4
46	Oman	13.7	14.7	9.8	10.8
47	Mauritius	15.9	15.2	14.1	11
48	Jordan	12.2	8.5	8.3	11.2
49	Venezuela	15.2	12.7	8.4	11.4
50	Lebanon	9.1	10.3	8	11.7
51	Ecuador	20.6	17.6	14.1	11.8
52	Uzbekistan	23.7	17.9	15.6	12.1

53	Albania	21.6	16.9	15.4	12.2
53	Turkmenistan	22	17.4	15.3	12.2
55	Guyana	17.8	16.9	15.9	12.6
55	Mongolia	31.7	24.9	15.8	12.6
57	Malaysia	15.5	13	11.9	13.3
58	Nicaragua	24.7	17.8	16.4	13.6
59	Honduras	20.6	17.7	14.7	14.4
60	South Africa	18.1	20.8	16.1	14.5
61	Egypt	16.4	14.3	16.3	14.8
62	Ghana	29	22.2	18.2	15.2
63	Gabon	21.1	19	16.7	15.4
64	Vietnam	28.2	23.8	18.8	16
65	Bolivia	30.3	27.1	21.8	16.7
66	Senegal	37.3	27.8	24.1	17.2
67	Sri Lanka	22.3	21.2	17.9	17.9
68	Myanmar	44.4	36.4	25.9	20.1
69	Phillippines	25.9	21.6	20.6	20.2
70	Guatemala	27.5	23.8	22	20.8
71	Cameroon	41.2	33.7	26.1	21.1
72	Nepal	36.8	31.4	24.5	21.2
73	Indonesia	25.5	26.5	24.5	21.9
74	Iraq	26.5	24.9	24.4	22.1
75	Gambia	27.3	26.2	22.3	22.3
76	Swaziland	28.9	27.6	26.7	22.5
77	Kenya	36.5	33.5	28	23.2
78	Cambodia	43.5	29.6	27.8	23.7
78	Lesotho	32.5	29.7	26.3	23.7
80	Benin	37.5	33.5	28.1	24.3

80	Namibia	30.6	28.4	30.9	24.3
80	Togo	39.1	36.4	27.1	24.3
83	Lao PDR	48	35.8	30.3	25.3
84	Botswana	33.1	31.2	28.4	25.5
85	Cote d'Ivoire	33.7	34.7	31	25.9
86	Bangladesh	36	30.8	30.3	26.1
87	Malawi	44.7	37.8	31.4	26.5
88	Mauritania	33.5	29.7	24.8	27.3
89	Burkina Faso	47.4	48.8	36.8	27.7
90	Mali	44.2	38.7	27.5	27.8
91	Rwanda	58.1	44.8	32.9	28.7
92	Guinea	43.7	36.8	30.9	28.9
93	Ethiopia	55.9	45.9	37.2	29.1
93	Guinea-Bissau	42.4	40.3	31	29.1
95	Angola	65.6	50.2	39.7	29.5
95	Tanzania	42.4	35.8	34.1	29.5
97	Papua New Guinea	30.9	28.2	34.3	29.7
98	Djibouti	46.7	44.1	36.5	30.1
99	Congo, Rep.	37.8	37.2	32.2	30.4
99	Niger	52.5	42.6	36.5	30.4
101	Comoros	38	33.6	30.4	30.8
102	Mozambique	49.1	42.4	35.8	30.9
103	India	38.8	38.8	32.2	31.1
103	Nigeria	40.9	34.8	29.2	31.1
105	Uganda	41.2	34.2	31.3	31.2
106	Pakistan	38.3	37	36	32.6
107	Zimbabwe	38.7	39.7	36	32.9
108	Liberia	48.4	42	35.2	33.3

109	North Korea	40.3	32.9	30.9	34
110	Timor-Leste	-	41.8	42.4	34.2
111	Afghanistan	52.3	43.2	35	34.3
112	Sudan	-	-	-	34.8
113	Haiti	42.7	45.2	48.5	35.4
114	Serra Leone	54.4	51.7	40.4	35.7
115	Zambia	52	45.8	42.8	37.6
116	Madagascar	43.5	43.4	36.1	38
117	Yemen	43.2	41.7	34.5	39.7
118	Chad	51.4	52	48.9	45.4
119	Central African Republic	50.5	49.6	41.3	53.7

Source: — = Data are not available or not presented. Some countries did not exist in their present borders in the given year or reference period. Note: Rankings and index scores from this table cannot be accurately compared with rankings and index scores from previous GHI reports (see Chapter 1). 1 Ranked according to 2018 GHI scores. Countries that have identical 2018 scores are given the same ranking (for example, Bulgaria and the Slovak Republic are both ranked 16th). The following countries could not be included because of lack of data: Bahrain, Bhutan, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Libya, Moldova, Qatar, Somalia, South Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, and Tajikistan. 2 The 15 countries with 2018 GHI scores of less than 5 are not assigned individual ranks, but rather are collectively ranked 1–15. Differences between their scores are minimal.

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