

Human Development Report 2023-24

The UNDP released its Human Development Report 2023-24 highlighting that after 20 years of steady progress, inequality between countries at the upper and lower ends of the HDI has reversed course, ticking up each year since 2020.

The 2023-2024 Human Development Report reveals that human development recovery is uneven in nature. While wealthy countries are showing signs of robust recovery, the poorest are struggling. All the member countries in the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) have surpassed their 2019 HDI level. But among least developed countries, only one in two have recovered their already low pre-crisis HDI levels.

Human Development Index and its components, ranks countries by 2022 HDI value and details the values of the three HDI components: longevity, education (with two indicators) and income per capita. The table also presents the difference in rankings by HDI value and gross national income per capita, as well as the rank on the 2021 HDI, calculated using the most recently revised historical data available in 2023.

Table: 1 Human Development Index and its components (Top 10 countries)

HDI RANK	Human Development Index (HDI)	SDG 3 Life expectancy at birth	SDG 4.3 Expected years of schooling	SDG 4.4 Mean years of schooling	SDG 8.5 Gross national income (GNI) per capita	GNI per capita rank minus HDI rank
	Value	(years)	(years)	(years)	(2017 PPP \$)	
	2022	2022	2022 ^a	2022 ^a	2022	2022 ^b
Very high human development						
1 Switzerland	0.967	84.3	16.6	13.9 ^c	69,433	6
2 Norway	0.966	83.4	18.6 ^d	13.1 ^c	69,190	6
3 Iceland	0.959	82.8	19.1 ^d	13.8	54,688	16
4 Hong Kong, China (SAR)	0.956	84.3	17.8	12.3	62,486	6
5 Denmark	0.952	81.9	18.8 ^d	13.0	62,019	6
5 Sweden	0.952	83.5	19.0 ^d	12.7 ^c	56,996	10
7 Germany	0.950	81.0	17.3	14.3	55,340	11
7 Ireland	0.950	82.7	19.1 ^d	11.7 ^c	87,468 ^a	-3
9 Singapore	0.949	84.1	16.9	11.9	88,761 ^a	-6
10 Australia	0.946	83.6	21.1 ^d	12.7	49,257	14
10 Netherlands	0.946	82.5	18.6 ^d	12.6	57,278	4

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According to the Human Development Report 2023-24, the top 10 countries are Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Hong Kong, China (SAR), Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Ireland, Singapore, Australia, and the Netherlands. Switzerland and Norway continue to hold their positions as the leading nations with a high level of human development. Denmark has made significant progress, moving up from the 8th to the 5th rank. Conversely, Australia has witnessed a decline, now ranking 10th after previously being placed 5th.

Table: 2 India Outlook

HDI RANK	Human Development Index (HDI)	SDG 3 Life expectancy at birth	SDG 4.3 Expected years of schooling	SDG 4.4 Mean years of schooling	SDG 8.5 Gross national income (GNI) per capita	GNI per capita rank minus HDI rank
	Value	(years)	(years)	(years)	(2017 PPP \$)	
	2022	2022	2022 ^a	2022 ^a	2022	2022 ^a
124 Suriname	0.690	70.3	11.0	8.4 ^c	12,310	-25
125 Bhutan	0.681	72.2	13.1 ^c	5.8 ^c	10,625 ^a	-15
126 Tajikistan	0.679	71.3	10.9 ^c	11.3 ^a	4,807	18
127 El Salvador	0.674	71.5	11.9 ^a	7.2	8,886	-7
128 Iraq	0.673	71.3	12.2 ¹	6.8 ^a	9,092	-11
129 Bangladesh	0.670	73.7	11.9	7.4	6,511	2
130 Nicaragua	0.669	74.6	12.6 ^a	7.3	5,427	4
131 Cabo Verde	0.661	74.7	11.5 ^c	6.1 ^a	7,601	-4
132 Tuvalu	0.653	64.9	12.1 ^c	10.6 ^c	4,754	15
133 Equatorial Guinea	0.650	61.2	12.1 ¹	8.3 ¹	10,663	-24
134 India	0.644	67.7	12.6	6.6	6,951	-6
135 Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.634	70.9	12.6 ¹	7.3 ¹	3,709	18

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In 2022, India saw improvements across all HDI indicators – life expectancy, education, and Gross National Income (GNI) per capita. Life expectancy rose from 67.2 to 67.7 years, expected years of schooling reached 12.6, mean years of schooling increased to 6.57, and GNI per capita saw an increase from \$6,542 to \$6,951.

After a drop in Human Development Index (HDI) value in 2021 and following a flat trend over the past few years, India's HDI value has increased to 0.644 in 2022, placing the country 134 out of 193 countries and territories.

To read the complete report, click the link below:

<https://www.undp.org/thailand/publications/human-development-report-2023-24>

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