

Highlights

Social Progress Index 2015

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This report defines and highlights the importance of measuring Social Progress Index for any particular nation. Further, it emphasizes the effectiveness of the Index in turning a country's economic success into social progress.

Social progress is the capacity of a society to meet the basic human needs of its citizens, establish the building blocks that allow citizens and communities to enhance and sustain the quality of their lives, and create the conditions for all individuals to reach their full potential.

Why measure Social Progress?

A development model based on economic growth alone is incomplete. A society that fails to address basic human needs, improve citizens' quality of life, or protect the environment is not successful unless it widens his understanding beyond economic outcomes, unless it includes social progress.

Social Progress Index

It is a framework for national social and environmental performance that can be used by leaders in government, business, and civil society to accelerate progress. It is the first comprehensive framework for measuring social progress that is independent of GDP, and complementary to it. It is structured around **12** components and **52** distinct indicators.

Social Progress Index Component-level Framework

Basic Human Needs

- Nutrition and Basic Medical Care
- Water and Sanitation
- Shelter
- Personal Safety

Foundation of Well-being

- Access to Basic Knowledge
- Access to Information and Communications
- Health and Wellness
- Ecosystem Sustainability

Opportunity

- Personal Rights
- Personal Freedom and Choice
- Tolerance and Inclusion
- Access to Advanced Education

Each component of the framework comprises between three and five specific outcome indicators. The included indicators are selected because they are measured appropriately, with a consistent methodology, by the same organization, and across all (or essentially all) of the countries in our sample. The overall Social Progress Index score is a simple average of the three dimensions. Each dimension, in turn, is the simple average of its four components.

Social Progress Globally (Few Points)

If the world were a country, it would score **64.39** in Social Progress based on a simple average of countries and **61.00** on a population-weighted basis.

On population-weighted basis,
The world scores **68.33** in Basic Human Needs and **66.45** on the Foundations of Wellbeing dimension, but in **Opportunity** scores just **48.23**.

Using simple average global scores,
The world scores 70.82 (Basic Human Needs), 67.68 (Foundations of Wellbeing) and 52.03 (Opportunity).

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