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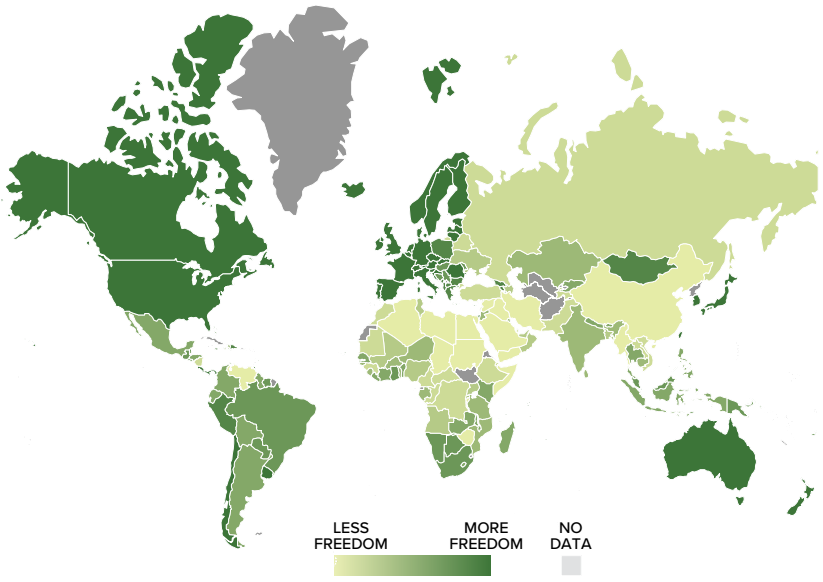
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Human Freedom Index* (HFI) presents a broad measure of human freedom, understood as the absence of coercive constraint. This 10th annual index uses 86 distinct indicators of personal and economic freedom in the following areas:

- Rule of law
- Security and safety
- Movement
- Religion
- Association, assembly, and civil society
- Expression and information
- Relationships
- Size of government
- Legal system and property rights
- Sound money
- Freedom to trade internationally
- Regulation

The HFI is the most comprehensive freedom index so far created for a globally meaningful set of countries and jurisdictions, representing 98 percent of the world's population. The HFI covers 165 jurisdictions for 2022, the most recent year for which sufficient data are available. The index ranks jurisdictions over a span of more than two decades, beginning in 2000, the earliest year for which a robust-enough index could be produced.

Human freedom deteriorated severely in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Most areas of freedom fell, including significant declines through 2022 in freedom of movement, expression, and association and assembly; and in sound money. After having fallen significantly in 2020 and further in 2021, human freedom increased in 2022 but remained well below its pre-pandemic level during the third year of the



pandemic. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 10 represents more freedom, the average human freedom rating for 165 jurisdictions fell from 6.98 in 2019 to 6.76 in 2020 and to 6.73 in 2021, and then increased in 2022 to 6.82. On the basis of that coverage, 87.4 percent of the world's population saw a fall in human freedom from 2019 to 2022, with many more jurisdictions decreasing (130) than increasing (28) their ratings and 7 remaining unchanged. The sharp decline in freedom that began in 2020 comes after years of slow descent following a high point in 2007. In the third year of the pandemic, global freedom remained at a level far below what it was in 2000.

The data show that there is an unequal distribution of freedom in the world, with only 14.1 percent of the world's population living in the top quartile of jurisdictions in the HFI and 43 percent living in the bottom quartile.

The countries that took the top 10 places, in order, were Switzerland, New Zealand, Denmark, Luxembourg, Ireland, Finland, Australia and Iceland and Sweden (tied at 7), and Estonia. Selected jurisdictions rank as follows: Canada (11), Japan (12), Germany (14), United Kingdom and United States (tied at 17), Taiwan (19), Chile (31), South Korea (32), France (34), Brazil (70), South Africa (73), Argentina (80), Mexico (94), India (110), Ukraine (122), Nigeria (126), Russia (139), Turkey (142), China (150), Saudi Arabia (155), Venezuela (159), and Iran (163). Out of 10 regions, those with the highest levels of freedom are North America (Canada and the United States), Western Europe, and Oceania. The lowest levels are in the Middle East and North Africa, sub-Saharan Africa, and South Asia. Women-specific freedoms, as measured by five indicators in the index, are strongest in North America, Western Europe, and East Asia and are least protected in the Middle East and North Africa, sub-Saharan Africa, and South Asia.

Jurisdictions in the top quartile of freedom enjoy a significantly higher average per capita income ($56,366) than those in other quartiles; the average per capita income in the least free quartile is $15,826. The HFI also finds a strong, positive relationship between human freedom and democracy, and between human freedom and a range of human well-being indicators including tolerance, charitable giving, life expectancy, and environmental health, among other measures.

The findings in the HFI suggest that freedom plays an important role in human well-being, and they offer opportunities for further research into the complex ways in which freedom influences, and can be influenced by, political regimes, economic development, and the whole range of indicators of human well-being.

INDEX RATINGS AND RANKINGS 2024

Rank	Freedom rank change (2021–2022)	Country/Territory	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	Human freedom	Freedom score change (2021–2022)
1	0	Switzerland	9.65	8.43	9.14	▲ 0.12
2	0	New Zealand	9.58	8.39	9.08	▲ 0.19
3	0	Denmark	9.77	8.02	9.04	▲ 0.22
4	▲ 3	Luxembourg	9.61	7.98	8.93	▲ 0.22
5	▼ 1	Ireland	9.54	8.02	8.91	▲ 0.11
6	▲ 2	Finland	9.53	7.87	8.84	▲ 0.14
7	▼ 2	Sweden	9.66	7.61	8.80	▲ 0.06
7	▲ 2	Iceland	9.49	7.84	8.80	▲ 0.14
7	▲ 7	Australia	9.38	7.98	8.80	▲ 0.30
10	▼ 4	Estonia	9.56	7.67	8.78	▲ 0.05
11	▲ 2	Canada	9.28	7.99	8.74	▲ 0.23
12	▼ 2	Norway	9.56	7.58	8.73	▲ 0.16
12	▲ 4	Japan	9.31	7.90	8.73	▲ 0.31
14	▲ 6	Germany	9.30	7.80	8.67	▲ 0.31
15	▼ 5	Netherlands	9.33	7.74	8.66	▲ 0.09
15	▲ 4	Czechia	9.39	7.65	8.66	▲ 0.28
17	▲ 1	United Kingdom	9.18	7.88	8.64	▲ 0.25
17	▲ 4	United States	9.04	8.09	8.64	▲ 0.29
19	▼ 7	Taiwan	9.26	7.71	8.61	▲ 0.08
20	▲ 3	Portugal	9.27	7.59	8.57	▲ 0.30
21	▼ 6	Latvia	9.18	7.52	8.49	▲ 0.06
22	▲ 1	Austria	9.10	7.62	8.48	▲ 0.21
22	▲ 3	Malta	8.96	7.82	8.48	▲ 0.27
24	▼ 2	Belgium	9.21	7.42	8.47	▲ 0.15
25	▼ 8	Lithuania	9.01	7.51	8.38	▼ 0.02
26	▲ 5	Spain	8.91	7.54	8.34	▲ 0.32
27	▲ 5	Cabo Verde	8.95	7.37	8.29	▲ 0.28
28	▲ 6	Italy	9.00	7.22	8.26	▲ 0.31
28	▲ 8	Slovenia	9.05	7.14	8.26	▲ 0.35
30	▼ 3	Cyprus	8.77	7.53	8.25	▲ 0.15
31	▼ 3	Chile	8.81	7.45	8.24	▲ 0.17
32	▼ 6	Korea, Rep.	8.75	7.52	8.23	▲ 0.11
32	▼ 2	Costa Rica	8.68	7.60	8.23	▲ 0.19
34	▲ 5	France	8.72	7.49	8.21	▲ 0.35
35	▼ 6	Slovak Republic	8.78	7.39	8.20	▲ 0.14
36	▼ 3	Uruguay	9.01	7.04	8.19	▲ 0.21
37	▲ 1	Romania	8.47	7.41	8.03	▲ 0.15
38	▲ 4	Seychelles	8.74	6.98	8.01	▲ 0.27
39	▼ 3	Croatia	8.66	7.07	8.00	▲ 0.09
39	▲ 10	Panama	8.27	7.62	8.00	▲ 0.36
41	▲ 7	Albania	8.22	7.48	7.92	▲ 0.25
42	▼ 7	Armenia	8.21	7.49	7.91	▼ 0.02

Rank	Freedom rank change (2021–2022)	Country/Territory	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	Human freedom	Freedom score change (2021–2022)
43	▼1	Singapore	7.35	8.55	7.85	▲0.11
43	▲13	Dominican Republic	8.23	7.32	7.85	▲0.35
45	▼4	Bahamas, The	8.66	6.65	7.82	▲0.07
46	▲7	Jamaica	8.15	7.32	7.80	▲0.24
47	▼2	Montenegro	8.22	7.15	7.77	▲0.07
47	▼2	Bulgaria	8.21	7.16	7.77	▲0.07
49	▲2	Barbados	8.42	6.81	7.75	▲0.13
50	▼10	Hong Kong SAR, China	7.12	8.58	7.73	▼0.06
51	▼4	Poland	8.34	6.85	7.72	▲0.04
52	▼8	Georgia	7.72	7.66	7.70	▼0.02
53	▲1	Mauritius	7.57	7.79	7.66	▲0.11
54	▲1	Peru	7.77	7.41	7.62	▲0.09
55	▼3	North Macedonia	8.24	6.74	7.61	0.00
55	▲4	Mongolia	8.14	6.86	7.61	▲0.21
57	▲1	Greece	8.10	6.85	7.58	▲0.13
58	▼1	Trinidad and Tobago	8.23	6.64	7.57	▲0.10
59	▲1	Israel	7.62	7.44	7.54	▲0.15
60	▲2	Namibia	8.37	6.23	7.48	▲0.20
60	▲17	Belize	8.53	6.00	7.48	▲0.63
62	▲1	Botswana	8.02	6.67	7.46	▲0.19
63	▲1	Hungary	7.67	7.12	7.44	▲0.20
64	▼14	Moldova	8.11	6.49	7.43	▼0.20
65	▼4	Timor-Leste	8.47	5.77	7.34	▲0.05
66	▲4	Suriname	8.60	5.46	7.29	▲0.32
67	▲14	Paraguay	7.43	6.98	7.24	▲0.47
68	0	Guatemala	7.04	7.45	7.21	▲0.17
69	0	Fiji	8.04	5.99	7.19	▲0.17
70	▲5	Brazil	7.62	6.56	7.18	▲0.30
71	▲2	Papua New Guinea	7.99	6.02	7.17	▲0.27
72	▼8	Bosnia and Herzegovina	7.81	6.22	7.15	▼0.09
73	▼2	South Africa	7.42	6.65	7.10	▲0.17
73	▲3	El Salvador	7.16	7.01	7.10	▲0.24
75	▼9	Serbia	7.36	6.70	7.08	▼0.09
76	▼9	Ghana	7.86	5.96	7.07	▼0.09
77	▲1	Malaysia	6.70	7.56	7.06	▲0.23
78	▼7	Ecuador	7.59	6.14	6.99	▲0.06
79	▲12	Colombia	7.25	6.54	6.95	▲0.38
80	▼1	Argentina	8.63	4.55	6.93	▲0.14
80	▲1	Benin	7.40	6.26	6.93	▲0.16
82	▼1	Guyana	7.85	5.60	6.91	▲0.14
83	▲3	Honduras	6.88	6.92	6.90	▲0.23
83	▲5	Nepal	7.16	6.54	6.90	▲0.24
85	▼1	Bolivia	7.44	6.11	6.88	▲0.12
86	▼7	Malawi	7.84	5.48	6.85	▲0.06

Rank	Freedom rank change (2021–2022)	Country/Territory	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	Human freedom	Freedom score change (2021–2022)
87	▲3	Indonesia	6.73	6.96	6.82	▲0.21
88	▼2	Senegal	7.25	5.99	6.73	▲0.06
89	▲4	Gambia, The	6.60	6.85	6.71	▲0.16
90	▼17	Bhutan	7.03	6.24	6.70	▼0.20
91	▲6	Lesotho	7.22	5.96	6.69	▲0.22
92	▼3	Thailand	6.48	6.94	6.67	▲0.02
92	▲10	Madagascar	7.19	5.95	6.67	▲0.27
94	▼1	Mexico	6.47	6.94	6.66	▲0.11
94	▲22	Zambia	7.02	6.17	6.66	▲0.56
96	▼5	Kenya	6.48	6.82	6.62	▲0.05
97	▲1	Côte d'Ivoire	7.10	5.89	6.60	▲0.16
98	▼5	Kyrgyz Republic	6.60	6.53	6.57	▲0.02
99	0	Philippines	6.21	7.01	6.54	▲0.11
100	▲4	Liberia	6.99	5.87	6.52	▲0.14
101	▲5	Jordan	5.87	7.33	6.48	▲0.16
102	▲1	Guinea-Bissau	7.22	5.32	6.43	▲0.04
103	▼2	Mozambique	6.80	5.86	6.41	▼0.01
104	▲1	Kazakhstan	6.01	6.89	6.38	▲0.02
104	▲6	Tanzania	6.37	6.40	6.38	▲0.16
106	▼7	Sierra Leone	6.87	5.59	6.34	▼0.09
107	▲1	Togo	6.50	6.07	6.32	▲0.08
107	▲5	Gabon	7.06	5.28	6.32	▲0.13
109	▼13	Burkina Faso	6.61	5.90	6.31	▼0.21
110	▼2	Niger	6.66	5.70	6.26	▲0.02
110	▲1	India	6.03	6.58	6.26	▲0.06
112	▼5	Haiti	6.40	5.80	6.15	▼0.11
113	▲4	Cambodia	5.63	6.85	6.14	▲0.07
114	▲1	Sri Lanka	6.28	5.87	6.11	▼0.01
115	▼1	Kuwait	5.84	6.45	6.10	▼0.04
116	▼3	Tunisia	5.99	5.94	5.97	▼0.19
117	▲2	Lebanon	6.39	5.35	5.96	▲0.14
118	▲4	Uganda	5.32	6.75	5.92	▲0.12
119	▲6	United Arab Emirates	4.85	7.39	5.90	▲0.17
120	▲7	Brunei Darussalam	5.09	6.99	5.88	▲0.24
121	▼3	Rwanda	5.45	6.45	5.87	▼0.01
122	▼37	Ukraine	6.36	5.12	5.84	▼0.84
123	▼4	Mali	5.84	5.63	5.75	▼0.07
124	0	Angola	6.42	4.79	5.74	▼0.01
125	▲5	Oman	5.07	6.40	5.62	▲0.08
126	▼7	Nigeria	5.37	5.96	5.61	▼0.21
127	▼1	Azerbaijan	5.36	5.80	5.54	▼0.14
128	▲1	Bahrain	4.11	7.51	5.53	▼0.02
129	▲7	Bangladesh	5.29	5.85	5.52	▲0.07
130	▼2	Djibouti	4.97	6.23	5.49	▼0.08

Rank	Freedom rank change (2021–2022)	Country/Territory	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	Human freedom	Freedom score change (2021–2022)
130	▲ 5	Morocco	4.81	6.46	5.49	▲ 0.03
132	▼ 1	Vietnam	4.85	6.23	5.43	▼ 0.07
132	▲ 11	Comoros	5.34	5.56	5.43	▲ 0.10
134	▲ 2	Mauritania	5.05	5.91	5.41	▼ 0.04
134	▲ 4	Qatar	4.49	6.71	5.41	▼ 0.02
136	▼ 3	Pakistan	5.25	5.62	5.40	▼ 0.07
136	▼ 3	Congo, Rep.	5.76	4.89	5.40	▼ 0.07
138	▲ 4	Tajikistan	4.61	6.46	5.38	▲ 0.01
139	▼ 16	Russian Federation	4.94	5.93	5.35	▼ 0.43
140	▼ 1	Belarus	4.85	5.98	5.32	▼ 0.07
141	▼ 2	Congo, Dem. Rep.	5.49	5.02	5.29	▼ 0.10
142	▼ 10	Turkey	5.06	5.57	5.28	▼ 0.21
143	▼ 2	Nicaragua	4.44	6.42	5.27	▼ 0.11
144	▲ 1	Cameroon	5.01	5.61	5.26	0.00
145	▲ 1	Central African Republic	5.37	4.92	5.18	▼ 0.04
146	▲ 2	Guinea	4.83	5.63	5.16	▲ 0.06
146	▲ 3	Ethiopia	5.10	5.24	5.16	▲ 0.09
148	▼ 4	Lao PDR	4.64	5.86	5.15	▼ 0.16
149	▲ 1	Eswatini	4.90	5.42	5.11	▲ 0.12
150	▼ 3	China	4.07	6.14	4.93	▼ 0.19
151	▲ 1	Libya	5.11	4.65	4.92	▲ 0.03
152	▲ 1	Burundi	4.65	5.22	4.88	▲ 0.01
153	▼ 2	Zimbabwe	5.82	3.53	4.87	▼ 0.09
154	0	Chad	4.63	5.05	4.81	▼ 0.04
155	▲ 3	Saudi Arabia	3.20	7.03	4.80	▲ 0.17
156	0	Iraq	4.32	5.25	4.71	▲ 0.01
157	▼ 2	Algeria	4.88	4.46	4.70	▼ 0.13
158	▼ 1	Somalia	3.75	5.95	4.67	▲ 0.03
159	0	Venezuela, RB	5.01	3.02	4.18	▲ 0.02
160	▼ 1	Egypt, Arab Rep.	3.32	5.36	4.17	▲ 0.01
161	0	Sudan	4.00	4.11	4.05	▲ 0.03
162	▲ 1	Myanmar	3.57	4.54	3.97	▲ 0.08
163	▼ 1	Iran, Islamic Rep.	3.48	4.63	3.96	▲ 0.01
164	0	Yemen, Rep.	3.14	4.68	3.78	▲ 0.09
165	0	Syrian Arab Republic	2.25	4.28	3.10	▲ 0.06

Notes: PDR = People's Democratic Republic; RB = Bolivarian Republic; SAR = Special Administrative Region.

INTRODUCTION

This 10th annual report presents a broad measure of human freedom around the world. It builds on a multiyear program of research and discussions held in Europe and North America, involving scholars from many disciplines and countries. It uses, adapts, and evolves the methodologies that emerged from the decades-long work of the Fraser Institute to define and measure economic freedom with the *Economic Freedom of the World* index.[1] The economic freedom project has demonstrated the power of such measurement to increase understanding about the concept of freedom and its contribution to human well-being.

A central purpose of this report is to paint a broad but reasonably accurate picture of the extent of overall freedom in the world. A larger purpose is to more carefully explore what we mean by freedom and to better understand its relationship to any number of other social and economic phenomena. This research could also help us more objectively observe the ways in which various freedoms—be they economic, civil, or personal—interact with one another. We hope that this index will become a resource for scholars, policymakers, and interested laypeople alike and that its value will increase as it is annually updated, thus allowing us to observe numerous relationships through time.

The *Human Freedom Index* (HFI) casts a wide net in an attempt to capture as broad a set of freedoms as could be clearly identified and measured. Some freedoms that could be clearly identified, such as the freedom to use drugs, could not be included because internationally comparable data could not be found. In other cases, data and clarity could be achieved for too few countries to satisfy the goal of making a global index.

We and the authors of the other preliminary papers and indexes that have contributed to the creation of this index recognize that the global characterization of the state of human freedom published here is a work in progress.[2] It is published with satisfaction but also with humility. We believe that we have constructed an index that provides a solid foundation for the ensuing work of refinement and recalibration in the face of new data sources or improved understanding as time passes. In that spirit, we welcome feedback, which may be appropriate in further consideration of the data found in the index and published in this volume.

DEFINING AND MEASURING FREEDOM

The contest between liberty and power has been ongoing for millennia. For just as long, it has inspired competing conceptions of freedom. Plato and Hobbes, for example, thought that extensive or absolutist rule over society was compatible with their definition of freedom because in their view it would prevent society from descending into violence or chaos, which they considered more detrimental to freedom than a powerful state.

Others, such as the 6th-century BCE Chinese philosopher Lao-tzu and the 16th-century Spanish scholastics, expressed and developed ideas consistent with the view of the father of modern political philosophy, John Locke, that

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freedom implies that an individual not "be subject to the arbitrary Will of another, but freely follow his own."[3]

This index follows that latter tradition, which in the past several hundred years has shaped the modern liberal world. Freedom in our usage is a social concept that recognizes the dignity of individuals and is defined by the absence of coercive constraint.[4] (That contrasts with a mechanistic concept whereby anything that limits a person's ability to do what they want—be it a natural, physical barrier or another person who happens to be standing in their way—is considered an infringement on their freedom.)

Freedom thus implies that individuals have the right to lead their lives as they wish as long as they respect the equal rights of others. Isaiah Berlin best elucidated this notion of freedom, commonly known as negative liberty.[5] In the simplest terms, negative liberty means noninterference by others. Berlin contrasts that type of liberty with positive liberty, which requires the removal of constraints that impede one's personal improvement or the fulfillment of his or her potential as the individual understands it. However, when positive liberty is imposed by others, it undermines negative liberty because individuals naturally have conflicting views on whether and how to achieve self-improvement. As in the case of the totalitarian systems of the 20th century, this discrepancy allows rulers to ignore the wishes of people and commit torture and other atrocities in the name of some higher form of freedom. Berlin further warned, as did F. A. Hayek, against the common tendency to call other good things—think of income or housing, for example—"freedom," because this merely causes confusion.[6]

Negative liberty "comes in only one flavor—the lack of constraint imposed on the individual"[7]—whereas positive freedom is far more likely to mean different things to different people and thus cannot be measured independently of the goals that conflicting ideologies or groups might identify with freedom.

This index is thus an attempt to measure the extent to which the negative rights of individuals are respected in the countries and jurisdictions observed. By negative rights, we mean freedom from interference—predominantly by government—in people's right to choose to do, say, or think anything they want, provided that it does not infringe on the rights of others to do likewise. The rule of law is thus essential to protect liberties such as freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, sexual freedom, economic freedom, and so on. Indeed, some of the rights that individuals legitimately claim depend partially or wholly on action by government to be realized. The right to personal security is the most important, but security in one's property rights and the rule of law also require government action.

While aspects of liberty associated with democracy—freedom of speech, assembly, and public demonstration—are included in this index, democracy, sometimes called political freedom, is not. Unrestrained democracy can be inconsistent with freedom. Democratic rule is ideally characterized by some combination of the division of power, limited government, decentralization, and structural characteristics designed to control the powers of the majority. For example, countries such as Canada and the United States have democratic elections and constitutional constraints as well as separation of powers and decentralization. The United Kingdom has checks and balances and other limits on power, but it has no written constitution. Which of democracy's forms is most consistent with personal, economic, and civil freedom is a major area of ongoing research.

This report does not address that topic directly. However, it is hoped that the data provided here will assist researchers as they seek to determine the political structure most consistent with democracy and the sustainability of personal, economic, and civil freedom. In that spirit, we look at the relationship between human freedom and democracy in the final section of this report.[8]

We use the following criteria to select data for the index: The data come from credible external sources and, for the sake of objectivity, are not generated by us; the index is transparent on methodology and sources; and the report covers as large a number of jurisdictions over as long a period as is possible given the data available. As previously noted, we generally measure official restrictions on freedom, although some measures capture social or nonofficial violations of liberty (e.g., violence or conflict measures).

This index fills a gap in the literature by examining overall freedom, including economic and other human freedoms. Existing economic freedom indexes examine only the former, of course. Similarly, other surveys of freedom focus on subsets of freedom that exclude economic freedom. Yet all these freedoms are crucial.

In fact, early systemic writings on freedom during the Enlightenment often focused on economic liberalism, or what we would identify with economic freedom, as an intrinsic part of overall freedom. This index thus for the first time develops a broad measure of human freedom rather than select aspects of it. We combine economic freedom measures from the *Economic Freedom of the World* index with measures of what we call personal freedoms. Our definition of economic freedom is that of James Gwartney, Robert Lawson, and Walter Block: "Individuals have economic freedom when property they acquire without the use of force, fraud, or theft is protected from physical invasions by others and they are free to use, exchange, or give their property as long as

Freedom in our usage is a social concept that recognizes the **dignity of individuals**.

their actions do not violate the identical rights of others."[9] Economic freedom thus exists when there is voluntary exchange, competition, personal choice, and protection of persons and their property.

One of the biggest challenges in constructing any index is the organization and weighting of the variables.[10] Our guiding principle is that the structure should be simple and transparent. All the data that we use in the index are available, and their organization is clearly presented. This means that other researchers may restructure the index to their own preferences. We believe that the structure and weighting we have chosen, if not perfect for everyone, are consistent with the literature on freedom.[11]

The 12 broad areas measured in the index receive equal weights. This strikes a reasonable balance between the two areas comprising the rule of law and security and safety, and the other five areas each in personal freedom and economic freedom that we measure.[12] We weigh economic freedoms and the remaining personal freedoms that are not related to legal protection or security equally for two reasons. First, economic activities arguably predominate in the everyday lives of most people as they seek, at a minimum, to survive and to otherwise improve their welfare. Thus, the strong weighting for economic freedom reflects this consideration about how we live our lives.

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Second, economic freedom decreases the dependence of individuals on government or other potential forces in society that would restrict liberty or attempt to centralize power. As such, economic freedom is not just inherently valuable; it also empowers individuals to exercise other freedoms. Thus, the weighting reflects how economic freedom interacts with other freedoms. This point is illustrated by F. A. Hayek's observation:

> A complete monopoly of employment . . . would possess unlimited powers of coercion. As Leon Trotsky discovered: "In a country where the sole employer is the state, opposition means death by slow starvation. The old principle, who does not work shall not eat, has been replaced by a new one: who does not obey shall not eat."[13]

That is an extreme case, but it illustrates the broader point that where economic freedom is limited, the government or powerful cliques possess great control over where you work, how much you are paid, whether you are able to find employment in the formal economy (with many attendant benefits), whether you get a promotion, where you live (and whether you are subsidized), what kind of job you have, whether you are able to adequately feed and clothe your family, and so on. In the absence of economic freedom, the powers that be have many tools of coercion to

block other freedoms. These tools of coercion fade as people gain the power to make their own economic decisions.

The weighting employed here, like any weighting in any index, is not perfect, but we believe it is a good approximation of how people live and of the relation between economic and other freedoms.

We use 2022 as the latest year in our index because it is the most recent year for which sufficient data are available. We use 38 personal freedom variables covering 157 jurisdictions for the year 2000. The index covers an increasing number of countries for subsequent years. For 2022, we use 41 personal freedom variables and cover 165 jurisdictions, which represent 98 percent of the world's population. In selecting the jurisdictions, we limit ourselves to those that are presented in the *Economic Freedom of the World* report. In selecting time periods, we use 2000 as the earliest year for which we are able to produce a robust-enough index; many indexes of civil or other liberties are relatively new for a large number of jurisdictions.

The personal freedom variables we use thus include measures of legal protection and security, made up of rule of law and security and safety, with the remaining personal freedom measures made up of specific personal freedoms: movement; religion; association, assembly, and civil society; expression and information; and relationships.

This selection of variables, we believe, also provides an advance over other freedom

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indexes, which fail to account for the interaction between the rule of law and security on the one hand and specific freedoms on the other. Without the rule of law and security, specific freedoms cannot be lived out, in a practical sense. The rule of law and security are essential to provide reasonable assurance that life is protected. Security and safety are fundamental for survival and for the exercise of a vast array of freedoms. The rule of law, by providing predictable order and reducing arbitrary conduct by the authorities, further facilitates an environment in which freedoms are safeguarded. Without security or the rule of law, liberty is degraded or even meaningless. The most famous expression of this is perhaps found in Locke, who conceptualized the rule of law and security as a unified bundle, just as we do:

> The end of law is not to abolish or restrain, but to preserve and enlarge freedom: for in all the states of created beings capable of laws, "where there is no law, there is no freedom;" for liberty is to be free from restraint and violence from others; which cannot be where there is not law: but freedom is not,

> as we are told, "a liberty for every man to do what he lists:" (for who could be free, when every other man's humour might domineer over him?) but a liberty to dispose, and order as he lists, his person, actions, possessions, and his whole property, within the allowance of those laws under which he is, and therein not to be subject to the arbitrary will of another, but freely follow his own.[14]

A security state may increase or appear to increase some aspects of safety, but it would curtail freedoms by empowering the state to violate rights. Thus, legal security and specific personal freedoms are both necessary conditions for high levels of personal freedom.

The index is derived from a total of 86 distinct indicators (41 personal freedom variables and 45 economic freedom variables, along with a Gender Legal Rights Adjustment to measure the extent to which women have the same level of economic freedom as men[15]) covering 165 jurisdictions. (Table 1 outlines the categories and their components in the two subindexes, personal freedom and economic freedom.) Each indicator is rated on a scale of 0 to 10, with 10 representing the most freedom. We average the main components in each category to produce a rating for each of the categories. To produce a final rating for the HFI, we average the 12 categories, including the 5 categories of economic freedom: size of government, legal system and property rights, sound money, freedom to trade internationally, and regulation.

WHAT THE INDEX MEASURES

The HFI measures economic freedoms such as the freedom to trade or to use sound money, and it captures the degree to which people are free to enjoy the major freedoms often referred to as civil liberties—freedom of speech, religion, association, and assembly—in the jurisdictions in the survey. In addition, it includes indicators on rule of law, crime and violence, freedom of movement, and legal discrimination against same-sex relationships. We also include five variables pertaining to women-specific freedoms that are found in various categories of the index.

We would have liked to have included other important indicators, such as those quantifying drug and alcohol prohibition, but we found no reliable data sources that conformed to our methodological principles. What follows are a brief description and justification of the data we use in the personal freedom subindex, as well as a summary of the economic freedom indicators that make up the rest of the *Human Freedom Index*.

Rule of Law

The rule of law is an essential condition of freedom that protects the individual from coercion by others. John Locke's emphasis on the importance of law in securing and expanding freedom, cited previously, is an early formulation of that concept. A society ruled "by law, not men" implies that laws apply to everybody, including the authorities; that they be publicly known and understood; and that they limit the arbitrary decisions of rulers. To further increase the scope of individual freedom and reduce potential rule by personal will, Hayek proposed

Table 1

Structure of the Human Freedom Index

Personal freedom

A. Rule of law
- i. Procedural justice
- ii. Civil justice
- iii. Criminal justice

B. Security and safety
- i. Homicide
- ii. Disappearances, conflicts, and terrorism
  - a. Disappearances
  - b. Violent conflicts
  - c. Organized conflicts
  - d. Terrorism fatalities
  - e. Terrorism injuries
  - f. Freedom from torture
  - g. Freedom from political killings

C. Movement
- i. Freedom of movement (V-Dem)
  - a. Freedom of foreign movement
  - b. Freedom of movement for men
  - c. Freedom of movement for women
- ii. Freedom of movement (CLD)

D. Religion
- i. Freedom of religion
  - a. Freedom of religion (V-Dem)
  - b. Freedom of religion (CLD)
- ii. Religious organization repression

E. Association, assembly, and civil society
- i. Civil society entry and exit
- ii. Freedom of assembly
  - a. Freedom of assembly (Freedom House)
  - b. Freedom of assembly (BTI)
  - c. Freedom of assembly (CLD)
- iii. Freedom to form and run political parties
  - a. Barriers to parties
  - b. Party bans
  - c. Opposition parties autonomy
- iv. Civil society repression

F. Expression and information
- i. Direct attacks on the press
  - a. Press killed
  - b. Press jailed
- ii. Media and expression (V-Dem)
  - a. Freedom of academic and cultural expression
  - b. Harassment of journalists
  - c. Government censorship effort
  - d. Internet censorship effort
  - e. Media self-censorship
- iii. Media and expression (Freedom House)
- iv. Media and expression (BTI)
- v. Media and expression (CLD)

G. Relationships
- i. Same-sex relationships
  - a. Male-to-male relationships
  - b. Female-to-female relationships
- ii. Divorce
- iii. Inheritance rights
- iv. Female genital mutilation

Economic freedom

A. Size of government
- i. Government consumption
- ii. Transfers and subsidies
- iii. Government investment
- iv. Top marginal tax rate
  - a. Top marginal income tax rate
  - b. Top marginal income and payroll tax rates
- v. State ownership of assets

B. Legal system and property rights
- i. Judicial independence
- ii. Impartial courts
- iii. Property rights
- iv. Military interference
- v. Integrity of the legal system
- vi. Contracts
- vii. Real property
- viii. Police and crime

C. Sound money
- i. Money growth
- ii. Standard deviation of inflation
- iii. Inflation: most recent year
- iv. Foreign currency bank accounts

D. Freedom to trade internationally
- i. Tariffs
  - a. Trade tax revenue
  - b. Mean tariff rate
  - c. Standard deviation of tariff rates
- ii. Regulatory trade barriers
  - a. Non-tariff trade barriers
  - b. Costs of importing and exporting
- iii. Black-market exchange rates
- iv. Controls of the movement of capital and people
  - a. Financial openness
  - b. Capital controls
  - c. Freedom of foreigners to visit
  - d. Protection of foreign assets

E. Regulation
- i. Credit market regulation
  - a. Ownership of banks
  - b. Private-sector credit
  - c. Interest rate controls/negative real interest rates
- ii. Labor market regulation
  - a. Labor regulations and minimum wage
  - b. Hiring and firing regulations
  - c. Flexible wage determination
  - d. Hours regulations
  - e. Costs of worker dismissal
  - f. Conscription
  - g. Foreign labor
- iii. Business regulation
  - a. Regulatory burden
  - b. Bureaucracy costs
  - c. Impartial public administration
  - d. Tax compliance
- iv. Freedom to compete
  - a. Market openness
  - b. Business permits
  - c. Distortion of business environment

Notes: BTI = Bertelsmann Stiftung Transformation Index; CLD = Civil Liberty Dataset; V-Dem = *Varieties of Democracy*.

that laws be general and abstract—that is, that they be ignorant of particular cases and "not single out any particular persons or group of persons."[16] The stated attributes also provide a social order that allows people to more easily pursue their individual ends. Individual freedom is therefore dependent on the rule of law, a broad concept that encompasses due process; equal treatment under the law; accountability of government officials; and notions of fairness, predictability, and justice.

We use indicators from the World Justice Project (WJP) *Rule of Law Index* that are consistent with our definition of freedom.[17] For the countries not included in the WJP index, or for years that the WJP index does not cover, we use the V-Dem Institute's *Varieties of Democracy Rule of Law Index*, which measures the extent to which laws are "transparently, independently, predictably, impartially, and equally enforced" and the extent to which "the actions of government officials comply with the law."[18]

It should be noted that the *Economic Freedom of the World* index includes eight components in the legal system and property rights category that seek to measure "how effectively the protective functions of government are performed." Thus, the rule of law measures included in the economic freedom subindex add to those in the personal freedom subindex.

The first component from the WJP index rates what we have termed procedural justice. It is composed of the average of three indicators measuring "the right to life and security" of a person, "due process of law and rights of the accused," and "freedom from arbitrary interference with privacy." The first of those indicators refers to violations by the police or government when conducting an arrest or a search, for example. The second indicator refers to such issues as the extent to which police or other authorities respect the presumption of innocence, arrest people on genuine and formally declared charges, treat suspects humanely in custody, provide the accused full access to evidence, and the like. The third indicator refers to such violations as governments wiretapping private communications without judicial authorization.

The second component from the WJP index rates civil justice on such issues as whether it is free of discrimination, corruption, and improper government influence. It also measures the extent to which alternative dispute resolution mechanisms are accessible, impartial, and effective. The third component evaluates the criminal (as opposed to the civil) justice system on such issues as its impartiality, its level of corruption, and the degree to which improper government influence is present.

By including the rule of law category, the index more fully captures the extent to which people are exposed to abuse by the authorities, and therefore it provides a measure of whether and by how much one is "subject to another man's will,"[19] to use Hayek's expression. The indicators we use rate not only the degree to which the rule of law may be undermined; they also measure negative rights. Like security and safety, explained next, the rule of law concept included

here significantly expands the scope of freedom by limiting coercion from a diversity of potential sources, including the most powerful entities or individuals in society, thus encouraging other freedoms to flourish.

Security and Safety

The rights to life and to safety from physical aggression have long been recognized as fundamental to liberty. Violence of any kind, except in self-defense or in the administration of justice, reduces personal freedom or, in the case of violence that results in death, eliminates it altogether. In societies with low levels of personal safety and physical security from harm, it is difficult to exercise other freedoms or even to survive. Like the rule of law, security and safety are therefore important in safeguarding overall freedom. (Indeed, the provision of domestic and national security is a service that most classical liberals consider a proper function of government.) Unlike the rule of law category, which concerns rules that seek to reduce coercion, the security and safety category measures actual crimes committed. It attempts to measure the degree to which people who have not violated the equal rights of others are physically assaulted, kidnapped, or killed or have their physical integrity or safety otherwise violated.

Whether perpetrated by ordinary criminals, governments, organized gangs, political groups, or individuals following tradition, crime and physical transgressions reduce personal freedom in any society. The first component measures the homicide rate. Here we ignore considerations of the optimal level of crime or, as with the rule of law category, any account of the use of public resources to provide a public good intended to enhance freedom but that by its nature (taxation) represents a reduction in freedom.[20]

The second component measures disappearances, conflicts, and terrorism. It is made up of a number of variables. The first measures politically motivated disappearances. The following two indicators—violent conflicts and organized conflicts—measure the extent to which war or armed conflict with internal or external aggressors impinges on personal freedom in observed jurisdictions. The violent conflicts variable reflects battle-related deaths per capita. For the level of organized conflict, we use a "qualitative assessment of the intensity of conflicts within" each country used by the Institute for Economics and Peace's *Global Peace Index* but created by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). The next two indicators rate the levels of fatalities and injuries that result from terrorism. Those figures, from the University of Maryland's Global Terrorism Database, include deaths and injuries of both perpetrators and victims. Freedom from torture is the next variable. It measures the degree to which torture is practiced, incited, or approved by government. The last indicator measures the extent to which political killings are practiced

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and the degree to which they are incited and approved by government.

Movement

The freedom to travel is a basic human right and essential to a free society. Governments that restrict people's movement greatly limit the scope of overall liberty because those limits severely reduce the ability of people to engage in a wide range of peaceful activities of their choosing. We average the first three indicators: freedom of foreign movement (the freedom to travel outside the country and to emigrate), freedom of movement for men, and freedom of movement for women within the jurisdiction. We average this result with another broad component measuring freedom of movement within a jurisdiction and the freedom to leave it.[21]

Religion

Free societies respect the right to practice a religion of one's choosing. The exercise of religion can be both a supremely private matter involving a person's strongest beliefs and a social affair practiced in an organized way among larger groups. Restrictions on that fundamental freedom have been the source of some of the bloodiest and most drawn-out conflicts throughout history, and they continue to animate discord in numerous countries today.

Two components make up our measure of religious freedom. The first is based on two indicators that broadly rate the extent of freedom of religion in society, including the right to practice and choose one's religion, to proselytize peacefully, and to change religions. The second component gauges the repression of religious organizations by government.

Association, Assembly, and Civil Society

The freedom to associate and assemble with peaceful individuals or organizations of one's choice and to form or join organizations for political, commercial, or other ends is an essential part of individual freedom and a basis of civil society. This category is made up of the following components: the freedom of civil society organizations to enter and exit public life; freedom of assembly, including the ability to carry out peaceful protests; freedom to form and run political parties, including the extent to which parties are banned or face barriers and the degree of autonomy of opposition parties; and government repression of civil society.

Expression and Information

The expression and information category measures a broad range of freedoms, including those affecting personal expression, the press, and use of the internet.

The first component in this category includes two variables that gauge direct attacks on the press. The "press killed" variable refers to murders of

journalists "in retribution for, or to prevent, news coverage or commentary" and journalists killed on dangerous assignments as documented by the Committee to Protect Journalists. The "press jailed" variable refers to the number of journalists imprisoned, as documented by the same source.

The remaining four components measure the extent to which individuals, groups, and the media can freely express their opinions. Variables in the first of these components include freedom of academic and cultural expression; harassment of journalists, including threats of libel and beatings; and government attempts to censor print and broadcast media (government censorship effort) and the internet. A media self-censorship component gauges the degree to which journalists censor themselves on politically sensitive issues.

Next is a media freedom component by Freedom House that assesses a range of issues, including the extent of censorship and self-censorship among journalists and the press, the use of security or other laws to punish journalists, and other laws and regulations that influence media content. It also captures the degree to which political pressure comes to bear on media coverage and takes into account state and nonstate harassment of, and violence toward, journalists.

The last two components offer broad measures of freedom of expression.

Relationships

We measure what we broadly categorize as freedoms to have intimate and familial relationships with others, with those relationships being based on equal rights between males and females.

One of the most personal decisions individuals can make regards their sexual choices. Thus, the first component rates the freedom of individuals to establish same-sex relationships. It is composed of two variables: a male-to-male relationship indicator that gauges the extent to which sexual relationships between men are legal and a female-to-female indicator that gauges the same for relationships between women. The next component, divorce, measures "whether women and men have the same legal rights to initiate divorce and have the same requirements for divorce or annulment."

The final two components relate to girls and women. One component, inheritance rights, measures whether either the legal system or religious and traditional laws and practices favor males over widows and daughters in inheritance matters. Favoring males is an infringement on the liberty of widows, parents, and daughters to whom the parents might otherwise choose to bequeath their assets; in many countries, women are subordinate to the power of men,

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often putting them in economically precarious or physically vulnerable situations. The last component measures the prevalence of female genital mutilation among the population of women ages 15 to 49 years in a given country.

Economic Freedom Measures

The 45 indicators that make up the economic freedom subindex fall into five broad categories. A complete description of the economic freedom structure and index methodology can be found in the Fraser Institute's *Economic Freedom of the World* annual reports. The first category is size of government. It measures government consumption, transfers and subsidies, government investment, the top marginal tax rate, and state ownership of assets. An increase in those components reduces economic freedom because it crowds out individual choice. The second category regards the legal system and property rights; it gauges the level of protection of people and their property rights through components of judicial independence, impartial courts, and the legal enforcement of contracts, among other criteria.

Sound money constitutes the third category. To the extent that a country's money is not a reliable store of value, it undermines exchange, hinders economic planning, distorts prices, and, through inflation, serves as a tax. The inflation rate and its volatility are among the components measured here. The fourth category is freedom to trade internationally; it measures tariff rates, non-tariff trade barriers, and controls on capital movement, among other indicators. The fifth category regards the regulation of business, labor, and credit. To the extent that government restricts competition in business, voluntary arrangements among employers and employees, and freedom of exchange in credit markets, economic freedom is reduced. Indicators measured include interest rate controls, hiring and firing regulations, and licensing restrictions, among others.

FINDINGS

Table 2 presents the ratings and rankings of jurisdictions on the overall *Human Freedom Index* for 2022. It also presents the ratings of jurisdictions on personal and economic freedoms.

The top five jurisdictions in the *Human Freedom Index* for 2022 are Switzerland, New Zealand, Denmark, Luxembourg, and Ireland. The bottom five countries are, in descending order, Sudan, Myanmar, Iran, Yemen, and Syria. Other selected jurisdictions rank as follows: Canada (11), Japan (12), Germany (14), United Kingdom and United States (tied at 17), Taiwan (19), Chile (31), South Korea (32), France (34), Brazil (70), South Africa (73), Argentina (80), Mexico (94), India (110), Ukraine (122), Nigeria (126), Russia (139), Turkey (142), China (150), Saudi Arabia (155), and Venezuela (159).

Human freedom deteriorated sharply in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 10 represents more freedom, the average human freedom rating for the 165 jurisdictions in this index representing 98 percent of the world's population fell from

6.98 in 2019 to 6.76 in 2020 and to 6.73 in 2021 before increasing somewhat to 6.82 in 2022. Most areas of freedom fell, including significant declines through 2022 in freedom of movement, expression, and association and assembly; and in sound money. Based on that coverage, 87.4 percent of the world's population lives in jurisdictions that saw a fall in human freedom from 2019 to 2022, with many more jurisdictions decreasing their ratings (130) than increasing them (28).

The sharp decline in freedom beginning in 2020 comes after years of slow descent. In a population-weighted comparison of the jurisdictions for which we have the same data available since 2000, a high point for freedom occurred in 2005–2007, followed by a steady decline through 2019, a

Table 2

Human Freedom Index and subindexes, 2022

Country/Territory	Personal freedom	PF rank	Economic freedom	EF rank	Human freedom	HF rank
Albania	8.22	52	7.48	38	7.92	41
Algeria	4.88	143	4.46	161	4.70	157
Angola	6.42	107	4.79	155	5.74	124
Argentina	8.63	40	4.55	159	6.93	80
Armenia	8.21	54	7.49	36	7.91	42
Australia	9.38	12	7.98	9	8.80	7
Austria	9.10	22	7.62	23	8.48	22
Azerbaijan	5.36	127	5.80	128	5.54	127
Bahamas, The	8.66	39	6.65	81	7.82	45
Bahrain	4.11	156	7.51	34	5.53	128
Bangladesh	5.29	130	5.85	127	5.52	129
Barbados	8.42	45	6.81	75	7.75	49
Belarus	4.85	144	5.98	112	5.32	140
Belgium	9.21	19	7.42	42	8.47	24
Belize	8.53	42	6.00	109	7.48	60
Benin	7.40	77	6.26	97	6.93	80
Bhutan	7.03	91	6.24	98	6.70	90
Bolivia	7.44	74	6.11	106	6.88	85
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7.81	66	6.22	102	7.15	72
Botswana	8.02	61	6.67	80	7.46	62
Brazil	7.62	70	6.56	85	7.18	70
Brunei Darussalam	5.09	134	6.99	61	5.88	120
Bulgaria	8.21	55	7.16	52	7.77	47
Burkina Faso	6.61	100	5.90	121	6.31	109
Burundi	4.65	149	5.22	149	4.88	152
Cabo Verde	8.95	29	7.37	47	8.29	27
Cambodia	5.63	122	6.85	70	6.14	113
Cameroon	5.01	139	5.61	135	5.26	144
Canada	9.28	16	7.99	8	8.74	11
Central African Republic	5.37	126	4.92	153	5.18	145

Country/Territory	Personal freedom	PF rank	Economic freedom	EF rank	Human freedom	HF rank
Chad	4.63	151	5.05	151	4.81	154
Chile	8.81	31	7.45	39	8.24	31
China	4.07	157	6.14	104	4.93	150
Colombia	7.25	81	6.54	86	6.95	79
Comoros	5.34	128	5.56	139	5.43	132
Congo, Dem. Rep.	5.49	123	5.02	152	5.29	141
Congo, Rep.	5.76	121	4.89	154	5.40	136
Costa Rica	8.68	37	7.60	26	8.23	32
Côte d'Ivoire	7.10	88	5.89	122	6.60	97
Croatia	8.66	38	7.07	56	8.00	39
Cyprus	8.77	33	7.53	31	8.25	30
Czechia	9.39	11	7.65	22	8.66	15
Denmark	9.77	1	8.02	6	9.04	3
Djibouti	4.97	140	6.23	99	5.49	130
Dominican Republic	8.23	51	7.32	49	7.85	43
Ecuador	7.59	72	6.14	104	6.99	78
Egypt, Arab Rep.	3.32	162	5.36	143	4.17	160
El Salvador	7.16	86	7.01	59	7.10	73
Estonia	9.56	6	7.67	20	8.78	10
Eswatini	4.90	142	5.42	142	5.11	149
Ethiopia	5.10	133	5.24	148	5.16	146
Fiji	8.04	60	5.99	110	7.19	69
Finland	9.53	9	7.87	13	8.84	6
France	8.72	36	7.49	36	8.21	34
Gabon	7.06	89	5.28	146	6.32	107
Gambia, The	6.60	101	6.85	70	6.71	89
Georgia	7.72	68	7.66	21	7.70	52
Germany	9.30	15	7.80	16	8.67	14
Ghana	7.86	63	5.96	113	7.07	76
Greece	8.10	59	6.85	70	7.58	57
Guatemala	7.04	90	7.45	39	7.21	68
Guinea	4.83	147	5.63	132	5.16	146
Guinea-Bissau	7.22	83	5.32	145	6.43	102
Guyana	7.85	64	5.60	136	6.91	82
Haiti	6.40	108	5.80	128	6.15	112
Honduras	6.88	94	6.92	67	6.90	83
Hong Kong SAR, China	7.12	87	8.58	1	7.73	50
Hungary	7.67	69	7.12	55	7.44	63
Iceland	9.49	10	7.84	14	8.80	7
India	6.03	114	6.58	84	6.26	110
Indonesia	6.73	97	6.96	64	6.82	87
Iran, Islamic Rep.	3.48	161	4.63	158	3.96	163
Iraq	4.32	155	5.25	147	4.71	156
Ireland	9.54	8	8.02	6	8.91	5
Israel	7.62	71	7.44	41	7.54	59
Italy	9.00	27	7.22	51	8.26	28

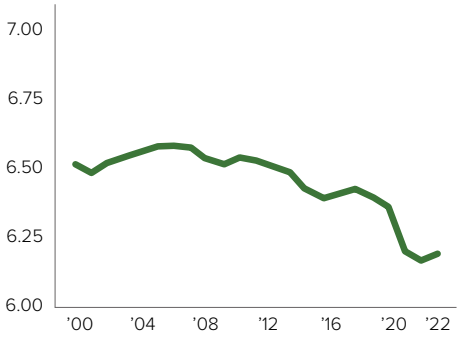
Country/Territory	Personal freedom	PF rank	Economic freedom	EF rank	Human freedom	HF rank
Jamaica	8.15	56	7.32	49	7.80	46
Japan	9.31	14	7.90	11	8.73	12
Jordan	5.87	117	7.33	48	6.48	101
Kazakhstan	6.01	115	6.89	68	6.38	104
Kenya	6.48	105	6.82	74	6.62	96
Korea, Rep.	8.75	34	7.52	32	8.23	32
Kuwait	5.84	118	6.45	92	6.10	115
Kyrgyz Republic	6.60	102	6.53	88	6.57	98
Lao PDR	4.64	150	5.86	125	5.15	148
Latvia	9.18	20	7.52	32	8.49	21
Lebanon	6.39	109	5.35	144	5.96	117
Lesotho	7.22	82	5.96	113	6.69	91
Liberia	6.99	93	5.87	123	6.52	100
Libya	5.11	132	4.65	157	4.92	151
Lithuania	9.01	26	7.51	34	8.38	25
Luxembourg	9.61	4	7.98	9	8.93	4
Madagascar	7.19	84	5.95	116	6.67	92
Malawi	7.84	65	5.48	140	6.85	86
Malaysia	6.70	98	7.56	29	7.06	77
Mali	5.84	119	5.63	132	5.75	123
Malta	8.96	28	7.82	15	8.48	22
Mauritania	5.05	137	5.91	120	5.41	134
Mauritius	7.57	73	7.79	17	7.66	53
Mexico	6.47	106	6.94	65	6.66	94
Moldova	8.11	58	6.49	89	7.43	64
Mongolia	8.14	57	6.86	69	7.61	55
Montenegro	8.22	53	7.15	53	7.77	47
Morocco	4.81	148	6.46	90	5.49	130
Mozambique	6.80	96	5.86	125	6.41	103
Myanmar	3.57	160	4.54	160	3.97	162
Namibia	8.37	46	6.23	99	7.48	60
Nepal	7.16	85	6.54	86	6.90	83
Netherlands	9.33	13	7.74	18	8.66	15
New Zealand	9.58	5	8.39	4	9.08	2
Nicaragua	4.44	154	6.42	94	5.27	143
Niger	6.66	99	5.70	131	6.26	110
Nigeria	5.37	125	5.96	113	5.61	126
North Macedonia	8.24	49	6.74	77	7.61	55
Norway	9.56	8	7.58	28	8.73	12
Oman	5.07	135	6.40	95	5.62	125
Pakistan	5.25	131	5.62	134	5.40	136
Panama	8.27	48	7.62	23	8.00	39
Papua New Guinea	7.99	62	6.02	108	7.17	71
Paraguay	7.43	75	6.98	62	7.24	67
Peru	7.77	67	7.41	43	7.62	54
Philippines	6.21	113	7.01	59	6.54	99

Country/Territory	Personal freedom	PF rank	Economic freedom	EF rank	Human freedom	HF rank
Poland	8.34	47	6.85	70	7.72	51
Portugal	9.27	17	7.59	27	8.57	20
Qatar	4.49	153	6.71	78	5.41	134
Romania	8.47	43	7.41	43	8.03	37
Russian Federation	4.94	141	5.93	119	5.35	139
Rwanda	5.45	124	6.45	92	5.87	121
Saudi Arabia	3.20	163	7.03	58	4.80	155
Senegal	7.25	80	5.99	110	6.73	88
Serbia	7.36	78	6.70	79	7.08	75
Seychelles	8.74	35	6.98	62	8.01	38
Sierra Leone	6.87	95	5.59	137	6.34	106
Singapore	7.35	79	8.55	2	7.85	43
Slovak Republic	8.78	32	7.39	45	8.20	35
Slovenia	9.05	23	7.14	54	8.26	28
Somalia	3.75	159	5.95	116	4.67	158
South Africa	7.42	76	6.65	81	7.10	73
Spain	8.91	30	7.54	30	8.34	26
Sri Lanka	6.28	112	5.87	123	6.11	114
Sudan	4.00	158	4.11	163	4.05	161
Suriname	8.60	41	5.46	141	7.29	66
Sweden	9.66	2	7.61	25	8.80	7
Switzerland	9.65	3	8.43	3	9.14	1
Syrian Arab Republic	2.25	165	4.28	162	3.10	165
Taiwan	9.26	18	7.71	19	8.61	19
Tajikistan	4.61	152	6.46	90	5.38	138
Tanzania	6.37	110	6.40	95	6.38	104
Thailand	6.48	104	6.94	65	6.67	92
Timor-Leste	8.47	44	5.77	130	7.34	65
Togo	6.50	103	6.07	107	6.32	107
Trinidad and Tobago	8.23	50	6.64	83	7.57	58
Tunisia	5.99	116	5.94	118	5.97	116
Turkey	5.06	136	5.57	138	5.28	142
Uganda	5.32	129	6.75	76	5.92	118
Ukraine	6.36	111	5.12	150	5.84	122
United Arab Emirates	4.85	146	7.39	45	5.90	119
United Kingdom	9.18	21	7.88	12	8.64	17
United States	9.04	24	8.09	5	8.64	17
Uruguay	9.01	25	7.04	57	8.19	36
Venezuela, RB	5.01	138	3.02	165	4.18	159
Vietnam	4.85	145	6.23	99	5.43	132
Yemen, Rep.	3.14	164	4.68	156	3.78	164
Zambia	7.02	92	6.17	103	6.66	94
Zimbabwe	5.82	120	3.53	164	4.87	153

Notes: EF = economic freedom; HF = human freedom; PDR = People's Democratic Republic; PF = personal freedom; RB = Bolivarian Republic; SAR = Special Administrative Region.

Figure 1

Human freedom score (2000–2022)



period during which 77.5 percent of the world's population experienced a fall in freedom (see Figure 1).[22] The subsequent precipitous descent in 2020 through 2021 affected every region of the world, including rich and poor countries and democracies and nondemocracies, setting global freedom to a level far below what it was in 2000. Human freedom began to increase somewhat in 2022 but remains low compared to the year 2000. The policy responses to the pandemic varied greatly, and we do not analyze their effectiveness. Some policies may have saved lives, while others may have been ineffectual or worse, with many countries, be they relatively free or unfree, curtailing freedoms to varying degrees. There can be no doubt that the coronavirus pandemic was calamitous for overall human freedom. The key question in future years is whether governments will fully reverse COVID-related restrictions on freedom or will continue to exert the additional control and spending power they appropriated to themselves during the pandemic. The HFI will provide an impartial monitoring going forward.

Figure 2

Changes in personal freedom and economic freedom (2007–2022)

Sources: Authors' calculations; James Gwartney et al., *Economic Freedom of the World: 2024 Annual Report* (Fraser Institute, 2024).

Table 3

Jurisdictions with most deteriorated freedom scores, 2007–2022

Country/Territory	HF average (2007–2022)	HF change (2007–2022)
Nicaragua	6.59	–1.89
Syrian Arab Republic	3.55	–1.54
Turkey	6.24	–1.46
Hong Kong SAR, China	8.63	–1.26
Egypt, Arab Rep.	4.54	–1.19
Yemen, Rep.	4.44	–1.19
Ukraine	6.65	–1.03
Bahrain	5.60	–1.00
Hungary	7.92	–0.92
Haiti	6.75	–0.83

Notes: HF = human freedom; SAR = Special Administrative Region.

The data show that there is an unequal distribution of freedom in the world. Only 14.1 percent of the world's population lives in the top quartile of nations in the index, while 43 percent of the world's population lives in the bottom quartile of countries that have the lowest levels of freedom.[23] China, with its large population, plays a significant role in that disparity because it finds itself in the lowest freedom quartile of the index. Even so, more than 77 percent of the world's population lives in the bottom half of countries in the index.

Figure 2 shows the decrease in freedom experienced by the vast majority of the world's population and jurisdictions since 2007, when the world was last at a high point in human freedom. Of the minority of jurisdictions that increased their level of freedom during that time, many of them, such as Zimbabwe, began from a very low base. Among the countries and territories that saw the largest deteriorations in overall freedom are Nicaragua, Syria, Hong Kong, Turkey, Egypt, and Hungary (see Table 3).

Other jurisdictions saw notable deteriorations during this time. The rating for Argentina fell from 7.57 in 2007 to 6.93 in 2022, Russia's rating decreased from 5.86 to 5.35, and India's score dropped from 6.76 to 6.26.

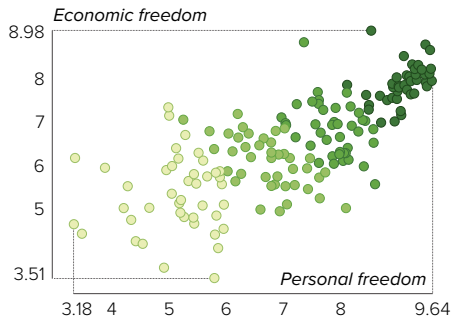
The correlation between the personal and economic freedom ratings is high (0.73). (See Figure 3.) Some countries ranked consistently high in both personal and economic freedom. Switzerland and Ireland, for example, ranked in the top 10 in both of these areas of human freedom.

By contrast, some countries that ranked high on personal freedom ranked significantly lower in economic freedom. For example, Suriname ranked 41st in personal freedom but fell to 141st in economic freedom, and Argentina ranked 40th in personal freedom but 159th in economic freedom.

Similarly, some countries that ranked high in economic freedom found themselves significantly lower in personal freedom. For example,

Figure 3

Personal freedom and economic freedom I II III IV Freedom quartiles



Sources: Authors' calculations; James Gwartney et al., *Economic Freedom of the World: 2024 Annual Report* (Fraser Institute, 2024).

Note: Average economic and personal freedom scores, 2000–2022, are based on a comparison of the same 157 jurisdictions for which we have continuous data from 2000 through 2022.

Figure 4

Human freedom score by area (2022) and changes (2000–2022)

Area	2000–2022		Change
Expression	6.83	6.27	–0.56
Religion	8.25	7.87	–0.38
Assoc. & assembly	7.25	6.91	–0.34
Movement	8.13	7.90	–0.23
Rule of law	5.38	5.16	–0.22
Freedom to trade int'l	7.19	7.15	–0.04
Size of government	6.47	6.67	0.20
Safety & security	7.86	8.06	0.20
Regulation	6.12	6.44	0.32
Relationships	7.17	7.56	0.39
Legal system	4.85	5.31	0.46
Sound money	6.75	7.24	0.49

Sources: Authors' calculations; James Gwartney et al., *Economic Freedom of the World: 2024 Annual Report* (Fraser Institute, 2024).

Note: The changes in the areas' scores over time are based on a comparison of the same 157 jurisdictions for which we have continuous data from 2000 through 2022.

Singapore ranked 2nd in economic freedom while ranking 79th in personal freedom; Bahrain ranked 34th in economic freedom but 156th in personal freedom.

Of the 12 major categories that make up the index, 10 saw some deterioration since 2019, with significant declines in freedom of movement, freedom of association, and sound money. Since 2000 (comparing the 157 jurisdictions for which we have comparable data), half of the categories in the HFI saw a decline. Freedom of expression and information, freedom of religion, and freedom of association and assembly decreased the most since 2000, while sound money saw the largest improvement (see Figure 4).

Regional levels of freedom vary widely. The average ratings on the HFI by region were highest for North America (Canada and the United States), Western Europe, and Oceania; they were lowest for South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa.

Freedom in all regions has deteriorated since 2019, with the largest falls occurring in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus and Central Asia. Comparing the 157 jurisdictions for which we have continuous data from 2000 through 2022, we find that the largest improvement in freedom since 2000 occurred in the Caucasus and Central Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, while the largest deterioration in freedom occurred in North America and Latin America and the Caribbean (see Figure 5). The regions that had greater overall levels of freedom also tended to exhibit higher ratings in personal

Figure 5

Human freedom score by region (2022) and changes (2000–2022)

Region	2000–2022		Change
North America	8.99	8.69	–0.39
Lat. Am. & Caribbean	7.42	7.16	–0.26
Middle East & N. Africa	5.47	5.28	–0.19
Western Europe	8.84	8.67	–0.17
East Asia	7.80	7.64	–0.16
Oceania	8.10	8.06	–0.04
South Asia	6.07	6.24	0.17
Eastern Europe	7.41	7.62	0.21
Sub-Saharan Africa	5.90	6.20	0.30
Caucasus & Cent. Asia	6.17	6.58	0.41

Notes: Jurisdictions that make up each region are listed in the section on regions in this report; the changes in the regions' scores over time are based on a comparison of the same 157 jurisdictions for which we have continuous data from 2000 through 2022.

freedom relative to economic freedom than did the less free. That is consistent with the findings in Figure 3 that the jurisdictions with high levels of personal freedom also have high levels of economic freedom.

The personal freedom measure includes five indicators that relate to women-specific freedoms: freedom of movement for women, female-to-female relationships, divorce, inheritance rights, and female genital mutilation. Although they surely fall short of capturing a complete measure of women's freedoms, these measures cover a large range of important information and are likely correlated with other women-specific liberties not represented in cross-country data.

Here we have averaged the five indicators to calculate ratings by region of women-specific personal freedom. Following that calculation, Figure 6 shows high levels of women-specific freedom in most regions of the world, with less freedom in South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa,

Figure 6

Average women-specific personal freedom score by region, 2022

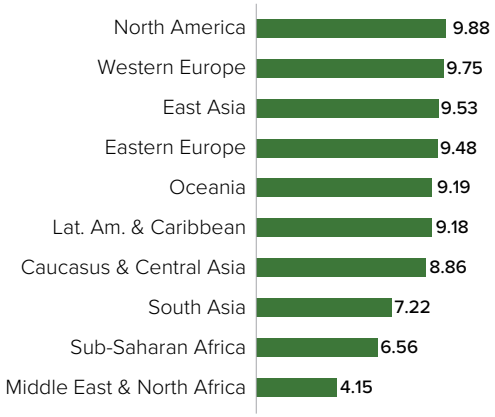
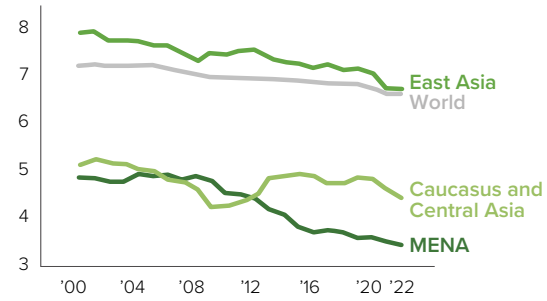


Figure 7

Freedom of expression, 2000–2022



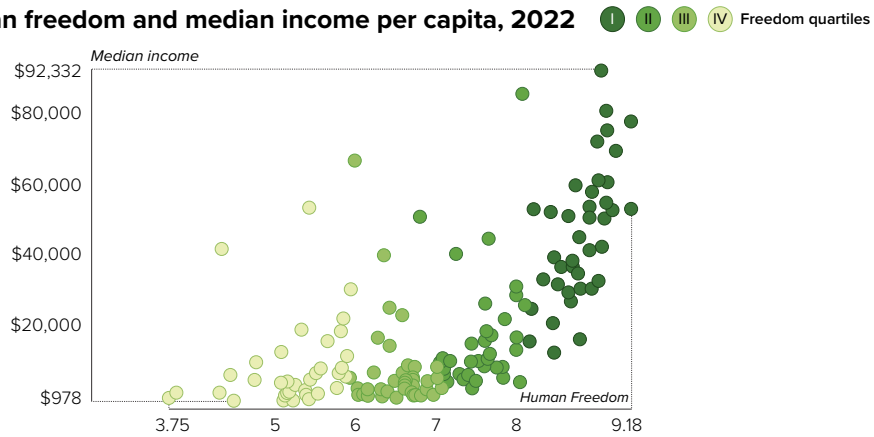
Notes: The changes in the regions' scores over time are based on a comparison of the same 157 jurisdictions for which we have continuous data from 2000 through 2021; MENA = Middle East and North Africa.

and the Middle East and North Africa. Seven regions have seen some decline since 2019, with the largest fall in Oceania. Slight improvements occurred in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and the Caucasus and Central Asia. In comparison, a large deterioration in women-specific freedom since 2000 (based on the 157 jurisdictions for which we have data from 2000 through 2022) occurred in the least free region, the Middle East and North Africa (–0.32), followed by slight declines in Eastern Europe (–0.08) and Western Europe (–0.05).

The fall in personal freedom that began in 2007 drove the steady decline in human freedom in the world until 2020, when both economic and personal freedom decreased dramatically. Since 2000, some indicators and some regions have seen especially marked deterioration. The weakening of the global rule of law ratings, for example, for years has been affected by their worsening performance in South Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean. Freedom of association and assembly has suffered declines in

Figure 8

Human freedom and median income per capita, 2022



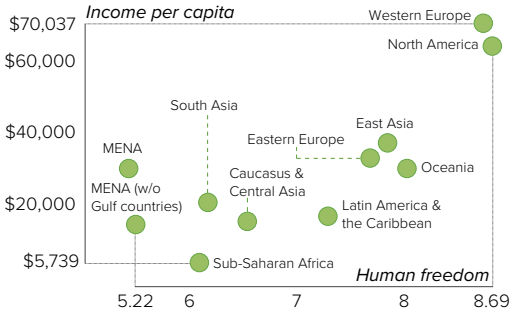
Sources: Authors' calculations; World Inequality Database processed by Our World in Data.

Notes: Median after-tax income (2023 international $); countries with no income data were omitted from the calculations; average human freedom score, 2000–2022, is based on a comparison of the same 157 jurisdictions for which we have continuous data from 2000 through 2022.

every region, especially in East Asia, South Asia, and Eastern Europe. All regions saw decreases in freedom of expression, the indicator that experienced the largest decline in our index, confirming what some scholars have termed a global free speech recession.[24] The most notable drops in this area have occurred in the Middle East and North Africa, East Asia, and the Caucasus and Central Asia (see Figure 7).

Figure 9

Human freedom and income by region, 2022



Sources: Authors' calculations; World Bank, World Development Indicators.

Notes: Gross domestic product (GDP) per capita, purchasing power parity (constant 2018 international $); countries with no GDP per capita data were omitted from the calculations; average human freedom score, 2000–2022, is based on a comparison of the same 157 jurisdictions for which we have continuous data from 2000 through 2022; MENA = Middle East and North Africa.

Does human freedom matter for development? Figure 8 shows that there is a strong relationship between the level of freedom and income. Moreover, jurisdictions in the freest quartile enjoy more than twice the average per capita income ($56,366) of those in the other quartiles ($23,436 for the second freest and $15,826 for the least free). On average, the freest jurisdictions in the world have a much higher per person income than those that are less free.

Figure 9 shows this relationship by region. The data, of course, do not establish a means of causation or even the direction of causation and provide only a snapshot in time. But the data do suggest the need to further explore the

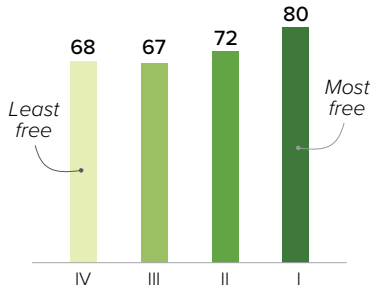
links between freedom and development and to test the contribution of freedom to prosperity and other indicators of human well-being, as has been done in the case of policies and institutions supportive of economic freedom.

Note that in Figure 9, the Middle East and North Africa region is an outlier, with a level of income beyond what might be expected given its level of freedom. However, the picture is distorted by the presence of the Persian Gulf oil states. For illustration purposes, we also show the relationship with Gulf states removed.

Human freedom is strongly related to a whole range of well-being indicators beyond income, including greater life expectancy, lower infant mortality rates, higher toleration of others, better environmental performance, and lower corruption. See Figures 10–21 for those and other examples of the link between freedom and greater living standards.[25]

Figure 10

Life expectancy at birth, in years



Source: United Nations World Population Prospects with minor processing by Our World in Data.

Figure 11

Share of the population in extreme poverty, %

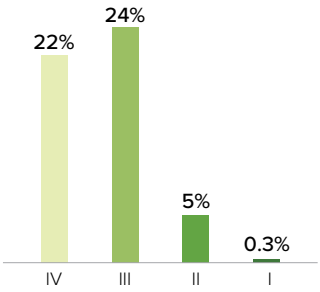


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Figure 12

Child mortality rate, per 100 live births

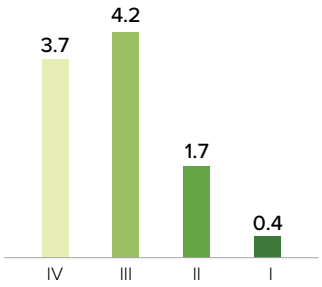

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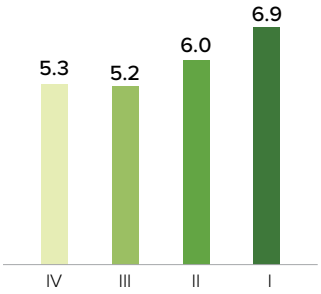
Figure 13

Life satisfaction



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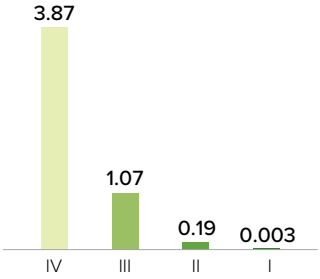
Deaths from conflict, per 100,000 people



Source: Uppsala Conflict Data Program with major processing by Our World in Data.

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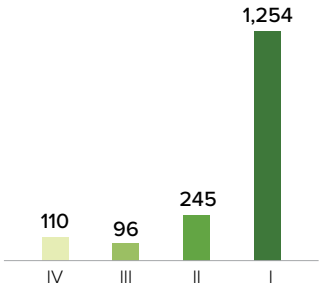
Scientific and technical journal articles, per million people



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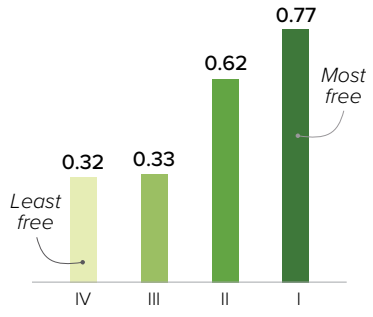
Social tolerance



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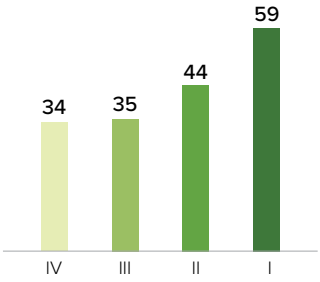
Environmental performance



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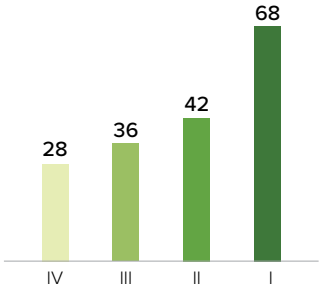
Absence of corruption



Source: *Corruption Perceptions Index 2023* (Transparency International, 2024).

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Average annual net migration

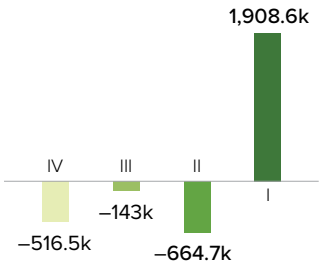

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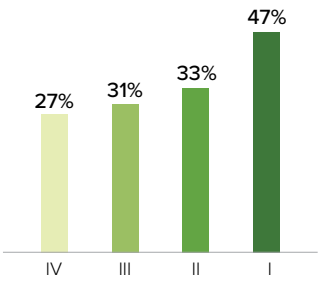
Figure 20

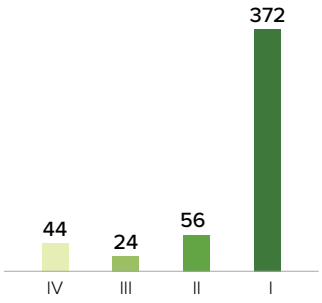
Percent of population that donates to charity



Source: "World Giving Index 2022," Charities Aid Foundation, 2022.

Figure 21

Patents per million residents



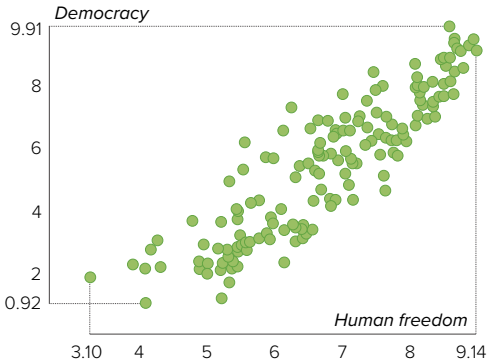
Source: World Intellectual Property Organization.

What is the relationship between freedom and democracy? We use our index and the Democracy Index developed by the EIU to see how those two factors relate. The EIU constructs an index that produces a wide measure of democracy rather than a more limited measure of the existence of free and fair elections. The EIU's Democracy Index covers five areas, of which we use four: electoral process and pluralism, functioning of government, political participation, and political culture. That index also measures civil liberties, but we set those elements aside because that area is included in our freedom index.

There is a strong correlation of 0.89 between freedom and democracy (see Figure 22). The findings are not surprising, but they offer rich opportunities to empirically examine a complex relationship in which the direction of causation or support between the two variables, if any exists,

Figure 22

Human freedom and democracy, 2022



Sources: Authors' calculations; Economist Intelligence Unit, Democracy Index 2022.

may strengthen or weaken over time and may be influenced by numerous other factors, including a country's level of development.

Given the relationship between freedom and democracy, Hong Kong's outlier status may be somewhat unexpected. For many years, the territory maintained a high degree of freedom, ranking in the top 10 in our index as recently as 2012, even though it was not a democracy. It then began a steady decline that has accelerated in recent years and reflects the Chinese Communist Party's increasing interference in Hong Kong. In 2020, the party's infringements on freedom led to the end of the city's autonomous status under the "one country, two systems" model (see Box 1). Given ongoing attacks on freedom in Hong Kong, we will be surprised if future reports do not show a continuing and pronounced degradation in the territory's ratings, including eventual declines in economic freedom.

TOWARD A BETTER APPRECIATION OF FREEDOM

The *Human Freedom Index* provides a comprehensive measure of freedom for a large number of jurisdictions around the world.

Devising an index of this kind is a complex task, both conceptually and methodologically, because the literature does not provide clear guidance, much less consensus, as to the relative importance of the many different elements that make up freedom or as to proper ways of measuring them. Reasonable people can disagree about the difficult but considered decisions we have made in terms of the structure and relative importance of the measures we have chosen. We invite readers to use the data presented here to propose alternative weighting or structural approaches that seem more sensible to them. Because of the challenges in putting together a broad measure of human freedom, this work in progress is certainly not the last word on the extent of freedom in countries around the world. However, we do think this index is reasonable and hope it will be useful in exploring and demonstrating the value of individual liberty and the ways in which it correlates with other aspects of various societies.

Even if this study confirms some of what we expected to observe, it is worth echoing Milton Friedman when he referred to the creation of the *Economic Freedom of the World* index: "What we have done is to acquire a set of data that can be used to explore just how the relation works, and what are the essential connections, and that will enable skeptics to test their views objectively."[26]

Box 1

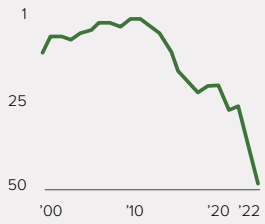
The fall of freedom in Hong Kong

Freedom has suffered a precipitous decline in Hong Kong. The territory was once one of the freest places in the world, but the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) escalating violations of Hong Kong's traditional liberties have caused its ranking in our index to fall from 3rd place in 2010 to 50th place in 2022, the most recent year in our report (see Figure 23).

Our survey reflects the CCP's imposition of a draconian security law in 2020 that enabled its aggressive takeover of Hong Kong.

Figure 23

Hong Kong ranking, human freedom



Although the CCP's violation of the "one country, two systems" model that China had agreed to under international treaty has ended Hong Kong's autonomy, we intend to continue including the territory in our index because we believe its trajectory—from a former British colony to a special administrative region of China to its subjugation to CCP rule—is an extraordinary case study that deserves to be recorded.[27]

Indeed, we have already been able to document notable deterioration in nearly every specific area of freedom. Among the areas that show the most pronounced declines are Hong Kong's rule of law, freedom of expression, and freedom of association and assembly ratings. For example, Hong Kong's ranking in freedom of expression fell from 58th in 2000 to 106th in 2022; in

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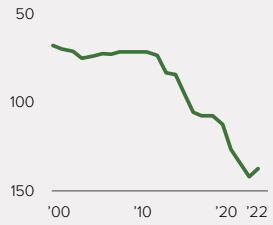
The *Economic Freedom of the World* index has served just that purpose and more, producing abundant literature on the link between economic freedom and phenomena as diverse as foreign aid, armed conflict, and happiness. The *Human Freedom Index* has the potential to do as much and looks increasingly important at a time when the world's leading market democracies struggle with political polarization and economic problems and when hybrid forms of authoritarianism are being sold as viable alternatives to liberalism. Over time, this index could not only track specific gains and losses of freedom—and indeed, the report has already been cited prominently to that effect in the media[28]—but also could help identify and explain what links may exist among the assortment of freedoms and other variables. What are the relationships among personal freedom, economic freedom, and democracy at different levels of development? Are some types of freedom, economic or personal, more

Figure 24

Hong Kong ranking, freedom of association and assembly



freedom of association and assembly, it dropped from 77th to 141st (see Figure 24).

Given the sharp fall in Hong Kong's freedoms, we might have expected its overall and specific freedom rankings to show greater declines. Had 2020–2022 not been pandemic years, when so many other countries also curtailed their freedoms, we believe that Hong Kong's relative decline would have been even more pronounced. As many countries around the world recover some of their freedoms in the aftermath of the pandemic, Hong Kong's rankings are likely to decline further, especially given the CCP's ongoing suppression.

China under the CCP ranks 150th out of 165 jurisdictions in human freedom, and it is imposing its policies on Hong Kong. The data in future reports will speak for themselves, but we fully expect that the CCP's increasingly oppressive rule will continue to drive Hong Kong's ratings lower, led by the fall in civil and personal freedoms.

The CCP's interventions will more negatively affect economic freedom as well. Although Hong Kong maintains a high place in economic freedom in our index and provides large economic benefits to China, its decline in economic freedom since 2019 is larger than the average decline, and we believe the CCP will eventually want to exercise power over the territory's private sector similarly to what it is exerting in mainland China, which ranks 104th in economic freedom.

Hong Kong's descent into tyranny is a tragedy. But the territory will continue to provide important lessons about the value of freedom, as its fate is now tightly tied to that of the CCP.

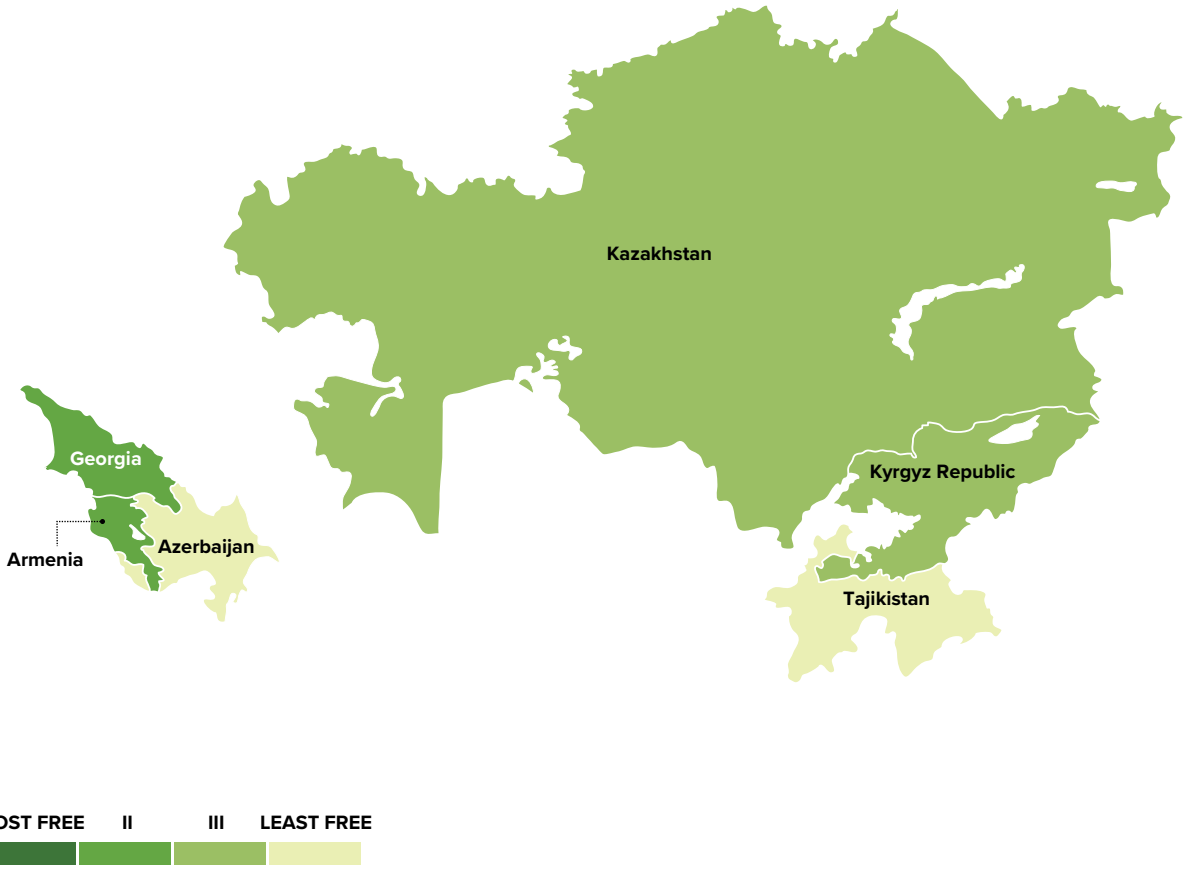
conducive to the spread and sustenance of other freedoms? What is the relationship between various measures of human well-being (including income) and changes in personal freedom? Under what conditions are increases or decreases in freedom likely to come about? Delving into those and innumerable other questions that the data may help us answer will surely lead to a better understanding of the role of freedom in human progress.

COUNTRIES BY REGION

CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA

FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

	Country/Territory	Freedom rank	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	**Human freedom**
1.	Armenia	42	8.21	7.49	**7.91**
2.	Georgia	52	7.72	7.66	**7.70**
3.	Kyrgyz Republic	98	6.60	6.53	**6.57**
4.	Kazakhstan	104	6.01	6.89	**6.38**
5.	Azerbaijan	127	5.36	5.80	**5.54**
6.	Tajikistan	138	4.61	6.46	**5.38**



EAST ASIA

FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

	Country/Territory	Freedom rank	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	Human freedom
1.	Japan	12	9.31	7.90	**8.73**
2.	Taiwan	19	9.26	7.71	**8.61**
3.	Korea, Rep.	32	8.75	7.52	**8.23**
4.	Hong Kong SAR, China	50	7.12	8.58	**7.73**
5.	Mongolia	55	8.14	6.86	**7.61**
6.	China	150	4.07	6.14	**4.93**

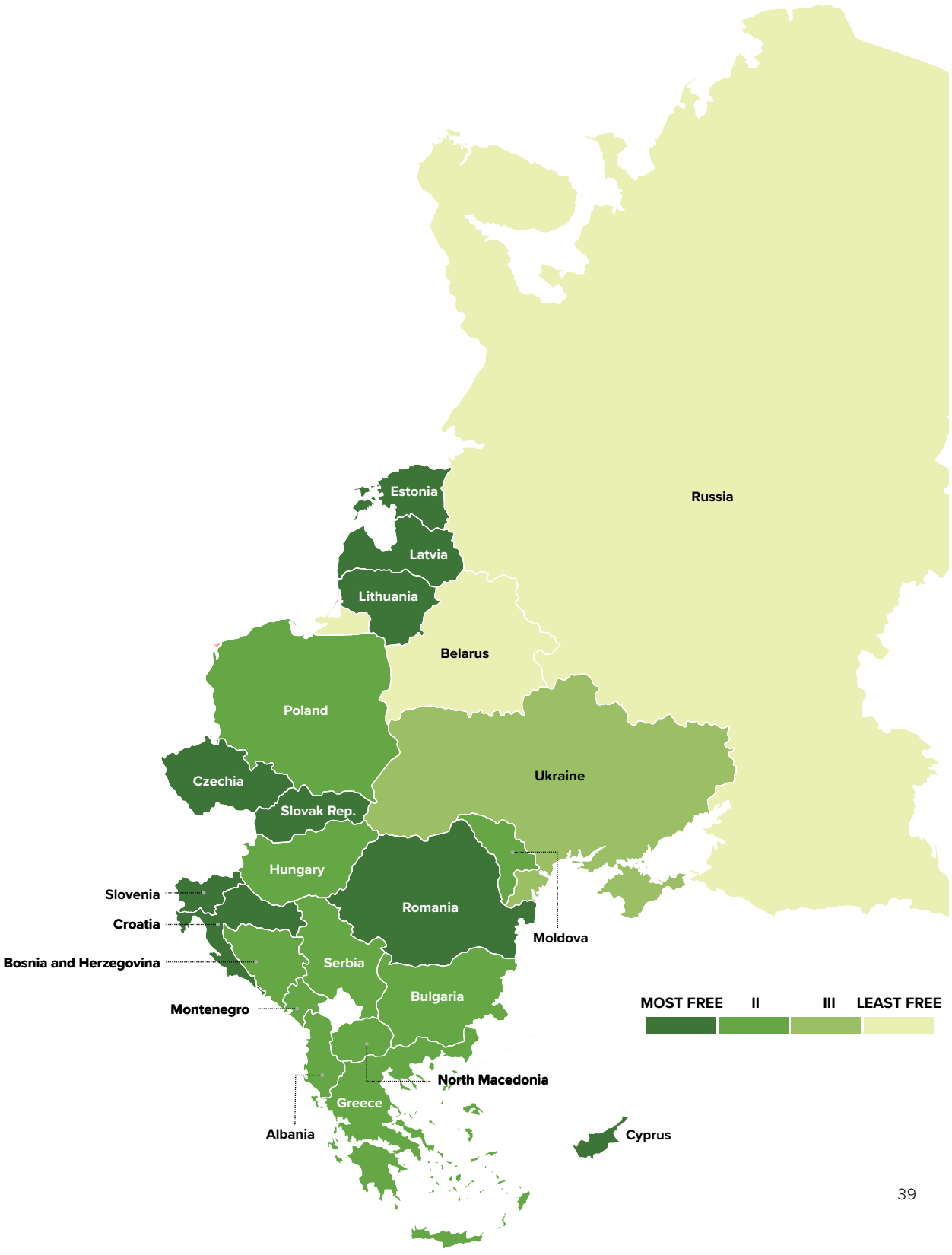
EASTERN EUROPE

FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

Country/Territory	Freedom rank	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	**Human freedom**
1. Estonia	10	9.56	7.67	**8.78**
2. Czechia	15	9.39	7.65	**8.66**
3. Latvia	21	9.18	7.52	**8.49**
4. Lithuania	25	9.01	7.51	**8.38**
5. Slovenia	28	9.05	7.14	**8.26**
6. Cyprus	30	8.77	7.53	**8.25**
7. Slovak Republic	35	8.78	7.39	**8.20**
8. Romania	37	8.47	7.41	**8.03**
9. Croatia	39	8.66	7.07	**8.00**
10. Albania	41	8.22	7.48	**7.92**
11. Bulgaria	47	8.21	7.16	**7.77**
11. Montenegro	47	8.22	7.15	**7.77**
13. Poland	51	8.34	6.85	**7.72**
14. North Macedonia	55	8.24	6.74	**7.61**
15. Greece	57	8.10	6.85	**7.58**
16. Hungary	63	7.67	7.12	**7.44**
17. Moldova	64	8.11	6.49	**7.43**
18. Bosnia and Herzegovina	72	7.81	6.22	**7.15**
19. Serbia	75	7.36	6.70	**7.08**
20. Ukraine	122	6.36	5.12	**5.84**
21. Russian Federation	139	4.94	5.93	**5.35**
22. Belarus	140	4.85	5.98	**5.32**

EASTERN EUROPE

FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING



LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

Country/Territory	Freedom rank	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	Human freedom
1. Chile	31	8.81	7.45	**8.24**
2. Costa Rica	32	8.68	7.60	**8.23**
3. Uruguay	36	9.01	7.04	**8.19**
4. Panama	39	8.27	7.62	**8.00**
5. Dominican Republic	43	8.23	7.32	**7.85**
6. Bahamas, The	45	8.66	6.65	**7.82**
7. Jamaica	46	8.15	7.32	**7.80**
8. Barbados	49	8.42	6.81	**7.75**
9. Peru	54	7.77	7.41	**7.62**
10. Trinidad and Tobago	58	8.23	6.64	**7.57**
11. Belize	60	8.53	6.00	**7.48**
12. Suriname	66	8.60	5.46	**7.29**
13. Paraguay	67	7.43	6.98	**7.24**
14. Guatemala	68	7.04	7.45	**7.21**
15. Brazil	70	7.62	6.56	**7.18**
16. El Salvador	73	7.16	7.01	**7.10**
17. Ecuador	78	7.59	6.14	**6.99**
18. Colombia	79	7.25	6.54	**6.95**
19. Argentina	80	8.63	4.55	**6.93**
20. Guyana	82	7.85	5.60	**6.91**
21. Honduras	83	6.88	6.92	**6.90**
22. Bolivia	85	7.44	6.11	**6.88**
23. Mexico	94	6.47	6.94	**6.66**
24. Haiti	112	6.40	5.80	**6.15**
25. Nicaragua	143	4.44	6.42	**5.27**
26. Venezuela, RB	159	5.01	3.02	**4.18**

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

	Country/Territory	Freedom rank	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	Human freedom
1.	Israel	59	7.62	7.44	**7.54**
2.	Jordan	101	5.87	7.33	**6.48**
3.	Kuwait	115	5.84	6.45	**6.10**
4.	Tunisia	116	5.99	5.94	**5.97**
5.	Lebanon	117	6.39	5.35	**5.96**
6.	United Arab Emirates	119	4.85	7.39	**5.90**
7.	Oman	125	5.07	6.40	**5.62**
8.	Bahrain	128	4.11	7.51	**5.53**
9.	Morocco	130	4.81	6.46	**5.49**
10.	Qatar	134	4.49	6.71	**5.41**
11.	Turkey	142	5.06	5.57	**5.28**
12.	Libya	151	5.11	4.65	**4.92**
13.	Saudi Arabia	155	3.20	7.03	**4.80**
14.	Iraq	156	4.32	5.25	**4.71**
15.	Algeria	157	4.88	4.46	**4.70**
16.	Egypt, Arab Rep.	160	3.32	5.36	**4.17**
17.	Iran, Islamic Rep.	163	3.48	4.63	**3.96**
18.	Yemen, Rep.	164	3.14	4.68	**3.78**
19.	Syrian Arab Republic	165	2.25	4.28	**3.10**

NORTH AMERICA

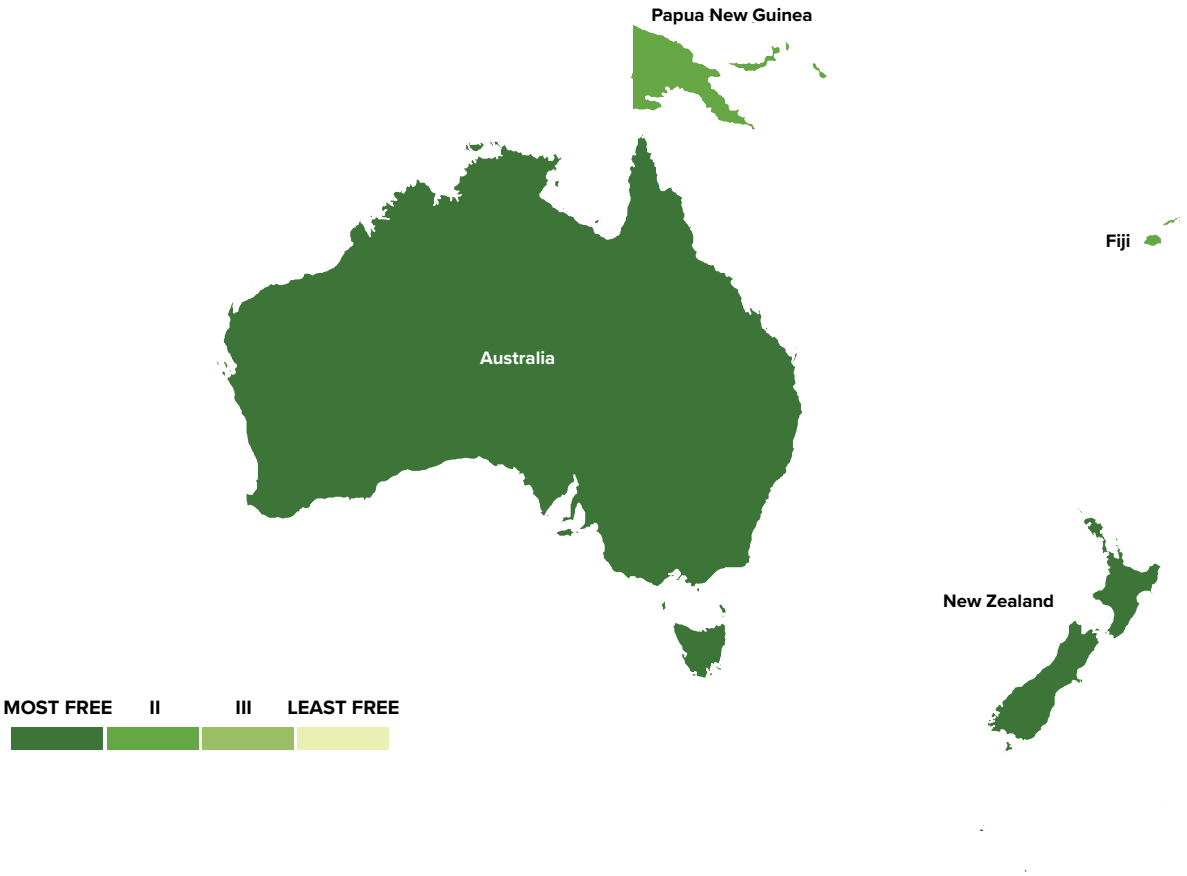
FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

	Country/Territory	Freedom rank	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	**Human freedom**
1.	Canada	11	9.28	7.99	**8.74**
2.	United States	17	9.04	8.09	**8.64**

OCEANIA

FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

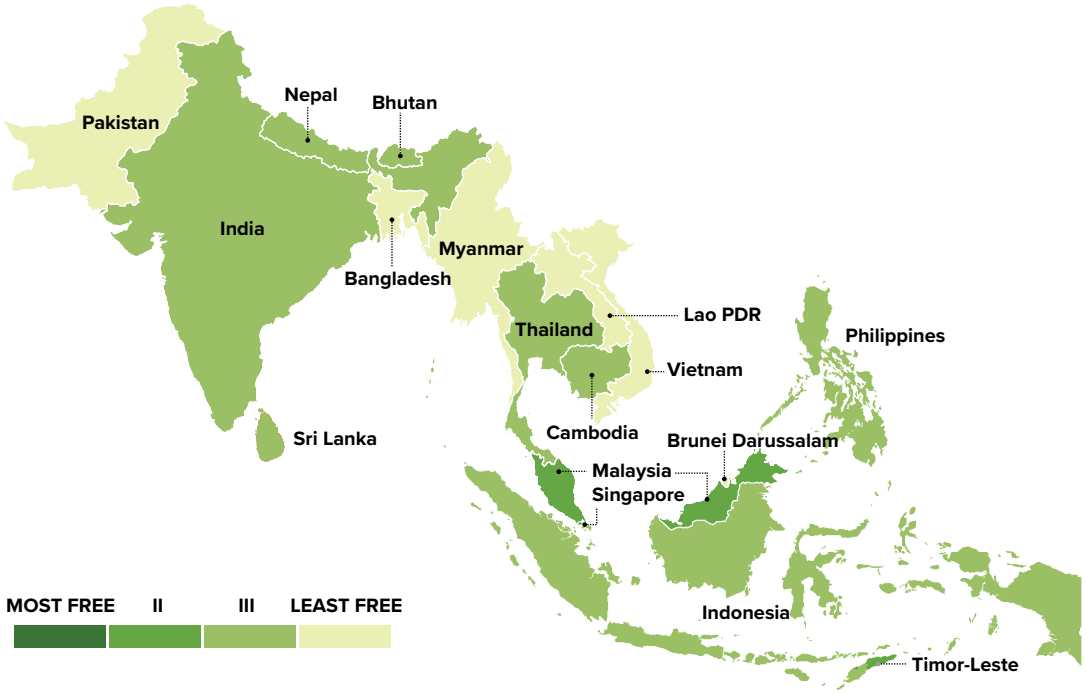
	Country/Territory	Freedom rank	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	**Human freedom**
1.	New Zealand	2	9.58	8.39	**9.08**
2.	Australia	7	9.38	7.98	**8.80**
3.	Fiji	69	8.04	5.99	**7.19**
4.	Papua New Guinea	71	7.99	6.02	**7.17**



SOUTH ASIA

FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

	Country/Territory	Freedom rank	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	**Human freedom**
1.	Singapore	43	7.35	8.55	**7.85**
2.	Timor-Leste	65	8.47	5.77	**7.34**
3.	Malaysia	77	6.70	7.56	**7.06**
4.	Nepal	83	7.16	6.54	**6.90**
5.	Indonesia	87	6.73	6.96	**6.82**
6.	Bhutan	90	7.03	6.24	**6.70**
7.	Thailand	92	6.48	6.94	**6.67**
8.	Philippines	99	6.21	7.01	**6.54**
9.	India	110	6.03	6.58	**6.26**
10.	Cambodia	113	5.63	6.85	**6.14**
11.	Sri Lanka	114	6.28	5.87	**6.11**
12.	Brunei Darussalam	120	5.09	6.99	**5.88**
13.	Bangladesh	129	5.29	5.85	**5.52**
14.	Vietnam	132	4.85	6.23	**5.43**
15.	Pakistan	136	5.25	5.62	**5.40**
16.	Lao PDR	148	4.64	5.86	**5.15**
17.	Myanmar	162	3.57	4.54	**3.97**



SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

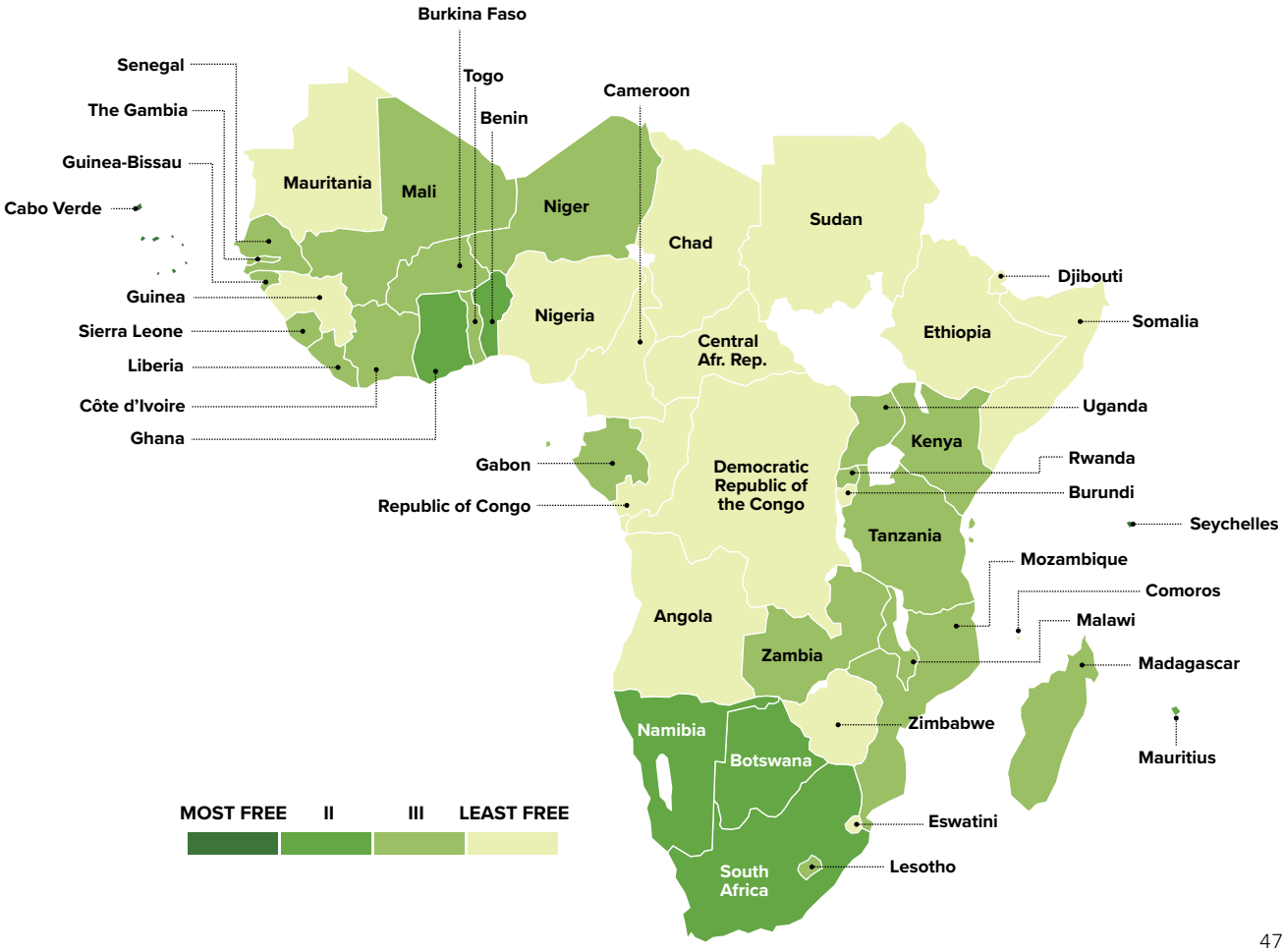
FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

	Country/Territory	Freedom rank	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	**Human freedom**
1.	Cabo Verde	27	8.95	7.37	**8.29**
2.	Seychelles	38	8.74	6.98	**8.01**
3.	Mauritius	53	7.57	7.79	**7.66**
4.	Namibia	60	8.37	6.23	**7.48**
5.	Botswana	62	8.02	6.67	**7.46**
6.	South Africa	73	7.42	6.65	**7.10**
7.	Ghana	76	7.86	5.96	**7.07**
8.	Benin	80	7.40	6.26	**6.93**
9.	Malawi	86	7.84	5.48	**6.85**
10.	Senegal	88	7.25	5.99	**6.73**
11.	Gambia, The	89	6.60	6.85	**6.71**
12.	Lesotho	91	7.22	5.96	**6.69**
13.	Madagascar	92	7.19	5.95	**6.67**
14.	Zambia	94	7.02	6.17	**6.66**
15.	Kenya	96	6.48	6.82	**6.62**
16.	Côte d'Ivoire	97	7.10	5.89	**6.60**
17.	Liberia	100	6.99	5.87	**6.52**
18.	Guinea-Bissau	102	7.22	5.32	**6.43**
19.	Mozambique	103	6.80	5.86	**6.41**
20.	Tanzania	104	6.37	6.40	**6.38**
21.	Sierra Leone	106	6.87	5.59	**6.34**
22.	Gabon	107	7.06	5.28	**6.32**
22.	Togo	107	6.50	6.07	**6.32**
24.	Burkina Faso	109	6.61	5.90	**6.31**
25.	Niger	110	6.66	5.70	**6.26**
26.	Uganda	118	5.32	6.75	**5.92**
27.	Rwanda	121	5.45	6.45	**5.87**
28.	Mali	123	5.84	5.63	**5.75**
29.	Angola	124	6.42	4.79	**5.74**
30.	Nigeria	126	5.37	5.96	**5.61**
31.	Djibouti	130	4.97	6.23	**5.49**
32.	Comoros	132	5.34	5.56	**5.43**
33.	Mauritania	134	5.05	5.91	**5.41**
34.	Congo, Rep.	136	5.76	4.89	**5.40**

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

Country/Territory	Freedom rank	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	Human freedom
35. Congo, Dem. Rep.	141	5.49	5.02	**5.29**
36. Cameroon	144	5.01	5.61	**5.26**
37. Central Afr. Rep.	145	5.37	4.92	**5.18**
38. Ethiopia	146	5.10	5.24	**5.16**
38. Guinea	146	4.83	5.63	**5.16**
40. Eswatini	149	4.90	5.42	**5.11**
41. Burundi	152	4.65	5.22	**4.88**
42. Zimbabwe	153	5.82	3.53	**4.87**
43. Chad	154	4.63	5.05	**4.81**
44. Somalia	158	3.75	5.95	**4.67**
45. Sudan	161	4.00	4.11	**4.05**



WESTERN EUROPE

FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

Country/Territory	Freedom rank	Personal freedom	Economic freedom	**Human freedom**
1. Switzerland	1	9.65	8.43	**9.14**
2. Denmark	3	9.77	8.02	**9.04**
3. Luxembourg	4	9.61	7.98	**8.93**
4. Ireland	5	9.54	8.02	**8.91**
5. Finland	6	9.53	7.87	**8.84**
6. Iceland	7	9.49	7.84	**8.80**
6. Sweden	7	9.66	7.61	**8.80**
8. Norway	12	9.56	7.58	**8.73**
9. Germany	14	9.30	7.80	**8.67**
10. Netherlands	15	9.33	7.74	**8.66**
11. United Kingdom	17	9.18	7.88	**8.64**
12. Portugal	20	9.27	7.59	**8.57**
13. Austria	22	9.10	7.62	**8.48**
13. Malta	22	8.96	7.82	**8.48**
15. Belgium	24	9.21	7.42	**8.47**
16. Spain	26	8.91	7.54	**8.34**
17. Italy	28	9.00	7.22	**8.26**
18. France	34	8.72	7.49	**8.21**

WESTERN EUROPE

FREEDOM SCORE BY REGIONAL RANKING

COUNTRY PROFILES

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HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
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Score
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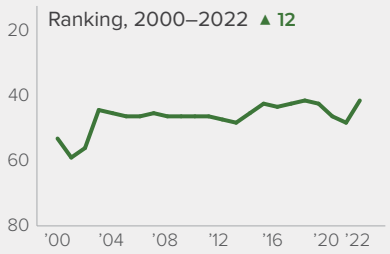

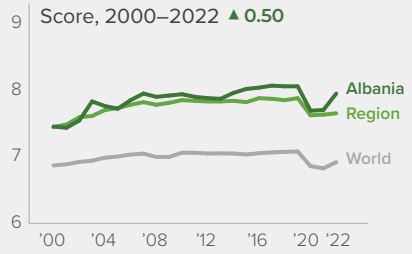

PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 52/165 | Score 8.22

Rule of law	**4.8**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.2
Security and safety	**9.4**
Homicide	9.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.2
Movement	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.7**
Civil society entry and exit	8.2
Freedom of assembly	9.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.0
Civil society repression	8.6
Expression and information	**6.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 38/165 | Score 7.48

Size of government	**7.8**
Government consumption	8.3
Transfers and subsidies	7.1
Government investment	7.5
Top marginal tax rate	8.0
State ownership of assets	8.1
Legal system and property rights	**5.4**
Judicial independence	4.6
Impartial courts	4.7
Property rights	4.4
Military interference	8.3
Integrity of the legal system	5.8
Contracts	3.6
Real property	6.7
Police and crime	5.3
Sound money	**8.8**
Money growth	9.5
Standard deviation of inflation	8.2
Inflation: most recent year	7.3
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.5**
Tariffs	9.0
Regulatory trade barriers	8.9
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	6.2
Regulation	**6.9**
Credit market regulation	8.9
Labor market regulation	7.1
Business regulation	5.4
Freedom to compete	6.2

ALBANIA

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.42**	**7.51**	**7.73**	**7.82**	**7.87**	**7.91**	**7.85**	**7.93**	**8.01**	**8.03**	**7.66**	**7.92**
Ranking	**53**	**56**	**45**	**46**	**46**	**46**	**47**	**45**	**43**	**41**	**46**	**41**
Economic freedom	6.47	6.76	7.13	7.19	7.15	7.24	7.43	7.56	7.68	7.65	7.57	7.48
Personal freedom	8.10	8.05	8.17	8.27	8.39	8.39	8.16	8.19	8.24	8.30	7.73	8.22
Rule of law	**4.6**	**4.7**	**4.8**	**4.8**	**4.8**	**4.9**	**4.5**	**5.2**	**5.3**	**5.0**	**4.9**	**4.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.7	5.7	5.0	6.1	6.7	6.0	6.1	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.6	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.1	4.1	3.6	4.6	4.7	4.3	4.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.5	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.2
Security and safety	**9.0**	**8.6**	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.2**	**9.0**	**9.2**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.3**	**9.4**
Homicide	8.8	8.0	8.8	9.1	9.1	8.7	8.4	8.8	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.2	9.2	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.7	9.2	9.2
Movement	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**6.6**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.0	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.0**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.7**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.9**	**8.7**	**8.7**
Civil society entry and exit	7.2	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.1	7.6	7.6	8.1	8.2	8.2
Freedom of assembly	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	9.6	9.6	8.5	9.3	9.3	9.6	9.2	9.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.4	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Civil society repression	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.4	8.6
Expression and information	**7.4**	**6.8**	**6.9**	**7.0**	**6.7**	**6.8**	**6.6**	**6.5**	**6.4**	**6.3**	**6.2**	**6.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.8	7.4	7.4	7.3	6.9	7.6	7.6	7.1	7.1	6.6	6.0	6.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.7	4.3	4.8	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.8**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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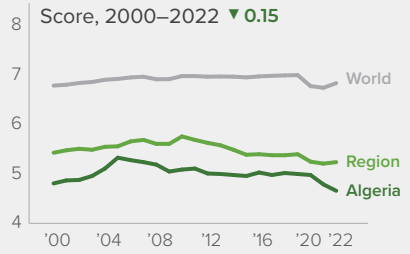
ALGERIA

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
157

Score
4.70



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 143/165	Score 4.88
Rule of law		**4.8**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		5.1
Security and safety		**8.7**
Homicide		9.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		8.0
Movement		**5.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		7.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**4.9**
Freedom of religion		5.4
Religious organization repression		4.4
Association, assembly, civil society		**3.7**
Civil society entry and exit		2.1
Freedom of assembly		3.4
Freedom to form/run political parties		6.6
Civil society repression		2.8
Expression and information		**4.1**
Direct attacks on the press		7.5
Media and expression (V-Dem)		4.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		3.3
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**2.5**
Same-sex relationships		0.0
Divorce		0.0
Inheritance rights		0.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 161/165	Score 4.46
Size of government		**4.4**
Government consumption		3.5
Transfers and subsidies		7.8
Government investment		4.0
Top marginal tax rate		4.5
State ownership of assets		2.4
Legal system and property rights		**3.8**
Judicial independence		4.0
Impartial courts		3.0
Property rights		5.1
Military interference		3.3
Integrity of the legal system		4.8
Contracts		2.8
Real property		6.6
Police and crime		6.1
Sound money		**6.4**
Money growth		8.7
Standard deviation of inflation		5.5
Inflation: most recent year		6.3
Foreign currency bank accounts		5.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**3.1**
Tariffs		6.8
Regulatory trade barriers		1.7
Black-market exchange rates		2.2
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		1.8
Regulation		**4.5**
Credit market regulation		3.7
Labor market regulation		5.2
Business regulation		3.8
Freedom to compete		5.3

ALGERIA

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**4.85**	**4.92**	**5.15**	**5.32**	**5.23**	**5.13**	**5.05**	**5.02**	**5.07**	**5.06**	**5.02**	**4.70**
Ranking	**144**	**145**	**143**	**140**	**139**	**149**	**153**	**151**	**151**	**154**	**154**	**157**
Economic freedom	4.84	4.77	4.98	5.28	5.05	4.93	4.70	4.85	4.96	4.80	4.92	4.46
Personal freedom	4.86	5.02	5.27	5.34	5.36	5.27	5.30	5.14	5.15	5.25	5.10	4.88
Rule of law	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.8**	**4.8**	**4.8**	**4.9**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.1**	**4.7**	**4.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.2	4.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.6	5.5	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.4	4.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.1
Security and safety	**6.4**	**6.4**	**7.4**	**7.2**	**7.4**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.4**	**8.7**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.7**
Homicide	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	3.3	3.3	5.2	4.8	5.0	6.4	6.7	7.2	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.0
Movement	**5.1**	**5.1**	**6.8**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.9**	**5.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.3	8.2	8.5	7.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**4.5**	**5.4**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.4**	**5.0**	**5.4**	**4.9**
Freedom of religion	3.6	5.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	5.1	5.4	5.4
Religious organization repression	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.5	4.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.1**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**4.7**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.6**	**3.9**	**3.7**
Civil society entry and exit	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.1	2.6	3.0	2.6	2.1
Freedom of assembly	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.8	4.3	4.3	3.4	3.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.6
Civil society repression	6.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1	4.5	3.9	4.0	3.0	2.8
Expression and information	**4.4**	**5.2**	**5.0**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.4**	**5.2**	**5.0**	**4.4**	**4.1**
Direct attacks on the press	5.5	9.1	8.3	8.9	8.9	10.0	10.0	9.7	9.7	8.8	7.7	7.5
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.1	5.0	4.0	4.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.4	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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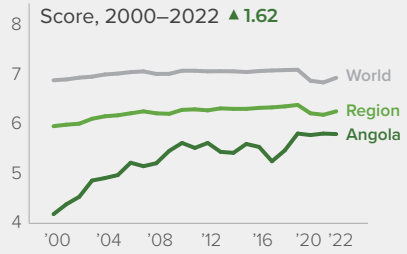
ANGOLA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
124

Score
5.74



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 107/165 | Score 6.42

Rule of law	**3.5**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.2
Security and safety	**8.2**
Homicide	8.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.8
Movement	**7.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**6.8**
Freedom of religion	6.6
Religious organization repression	6.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.0**
Civil society entry and exit	4.9
Freedom of assembly	4.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.6
Civil society repression	7.2
Expression and information	**5.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	5.0
Inheritance rights	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 155/165 | Score 4.79

Size of government	**7.5**
Government consumption	7.9
Transfers and subsidies	9.7
Government investment	7.7
Top marginal tax rate	8.0
State ownership of assets	4.1
Legal system and property rights	**3.2**
Judicial independence	3.8
Impartial courts	2.9
Property rights	3.4
Military interference	4.2
Integrity of the legal system	3.7
Contracts	1.2
Real property	5.5
Police and crime	2.3
Sound money	**5.0**
Money growth	7.5
Standard deviation of inflation	6.0
Inflation: most recent year	1.5
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**3.0**
Tariffs	7.0
Regulatory trade barriers	3.1
Black-market exchange rates	0.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	1.9
Regulation	**5.3**
Credit market regulation	8.0
Labor market regulation	4.6
Business regulation	4.4
Freedom to compete	4.2

ANGOLA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**4.12**	**4.47**	**4.85**	**5.16**	**5.15**	**5.56**	**5.56**	**5.36**	**5.48**	**5.41**	**5.72**	**5.74**
Ranking	**153**	**152**	**147**	**145**	**143**	**136**	**134**	**139**	**137**	**140**	**125**	**124**
Economic freedom	3.86	4.05	3.66	4.04	4.11	4.85	4.96	4.79	5.04	4.34	5.31	4.79
Personal freedom	4.27	4.71	5.53	5.96	5.90	6.07	5.99	5.76	5.79	6.17	6.01	6.42
Rule of law	**2.4**	**3.0**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.2**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.6**	**3.5**	**3.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7	2.6	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.4	4.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	3.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.6	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.2	5.3	5.2
Security and safety	**1.6**	**3.2**	**7.8**	**8.3**	**8.0**	**8.4**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.3**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.2**
Homicide	-	-	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	1.6	3.2	6.9	7.9	7.3	8.0	7.3	7.3	8.0	8.4	8.3	7.8
Movement	**4.1**	**5.3**	**5.6**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.6**	**6.0**	**7.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	4.9	7.3	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**7.6**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.6**	**6.8**	**6.8**
Freedom of religion	8.8	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	8.8	8.8	7.1	7.1	6.7	6.6	6.6
Religious organization repression	6.5	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.9	6.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.3**	**5.0**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**5.0**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**5.4**	**5.5**	**6.0**
Civil society entry and exit	3.3	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.9	4.9
Freedom of assembly	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.1	2.7	4.6	5.4	4.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.0	7.6
Civil society repression	5.8	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.9	4.9	7.2
Expression and information	**3.8**	**4.2**	**5.0**	**5.9**	**5.7**	**5.5**	**5.3**	**5.0**	**4.9**	**5.2**	**5.6**	**5.6**
Direct attacks on the press	6.6	7.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.7	8.7	8.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.5	5.0	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.4	6.9	6.6	6.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.1	2.9	3.9	4.7	4.9	4.3	3.5	3.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	4.4	5.6	5.6	4.4	3.3	3.3	5.6	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	10.0
Divorce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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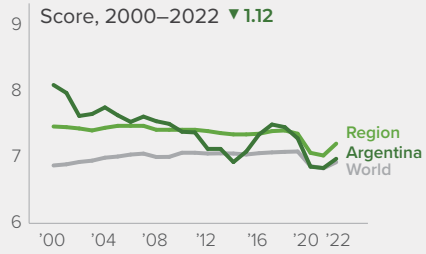
ARGENTINA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
80

Score
6.93



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 40/165 | Score 8.63

Rule of law	**5.2**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.6
Security and safety	**8.5**
Homicide	8.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.2
Movement	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.1**
Civil society entry and exit	9.1
Freedom of assembly	8.5
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7
Civil society repression	9.1
Expression and information	**8.3**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 159/165 | Score 4.55

Size of government	**6.2**
Government consumption	6.2
Transfers and subsidies	5.5
Government investment	8.7
Top marginal tax rate	4.0
State ownership of assets	6.7
Legal system and property rights	**5.0**
Judicial independence	4.8
Impartial courts	4.3
Property rights	4.8
Military interference	7.5
Integrity of the legal system	4.5
Contracts	3.4
Real property	6.9
Police and crime	6.0
Sound money	**2.5**
Money growth	0.0
Standard deviation of inflation	5.2
Inflation: most recent year	0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**4.2**
Tariffs	5.8
Regulatory trade barriers	4.9
Black-market exchange rates	2.2
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.0
Regulation	**4.8**
Credit market regulation	3.7
Labor market regulation	5.5
Business regulation	5.0
Freedom to compete	5.1

ARGENTINA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.05**	**7.58**	**7.71**	**7.49**	**7.50**	**7.34**	**7.08**	**6.88**	**7.30**	**7.41**	**6.81**	**6.93**
Ranking	**38**	**53**	**46**	**61**	**57**	**68**	**80**	**87**	**68**	**68**	**81**	**80**
Economic freedom	7.22	6.12	6.38	5.97	5.96	5.63	5.03	4.50	5.50	5.59	4.50	4.55
Personal freedom	8.64	8.63	8.67	8.58	8.60	8.56	8.54	8.57	8.58	8.71	8.46	8.63
Rule of law	**5.1**	**5.2**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.2**	**5.5**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.3**	**5.2**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	6.3	6.3	6.7	6.7	7.1	6.8	6.4	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.5	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.3	4.3	3.7	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.1	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.6	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.6
Security and safety	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.2**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.7**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.5**
Homicide	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.3	8.5	8.4	8.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.6	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.1	8.4	8.6	8.2
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**8.0**	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.2	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	8.2	8.2	9.9	9.9	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.6**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.2**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.3**	**8.9**	**9.2**	**9.1**
Civil society entry and exit	9.0	9.0	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6	9.1	9.1	9.1
Freedom of assembly	10.0	8.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9	8.9	8.5
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Civil society repression	9.6	9.6	8.9	8.9	8.6	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.8	8.0	9.1	9.1
Expression and information	**7.5**	**7.6**	**7.7**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**8.0**	**7.5**	**8.2**	**8.4**	**8.3**
Direct attacks on the press	9.2	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.6	9.6	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.7	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.8	8.1	8.1	7.9	8.8	8.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0	5.6	5.8	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.4	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.9	8.9	8.9
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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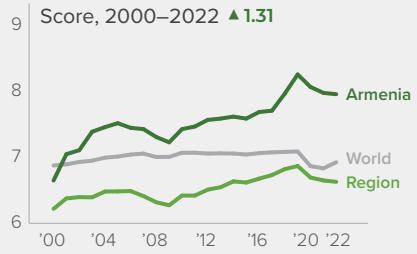
ARMENIA

CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
42

Score
7.91



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 54/165 | Score 8.21

Rule of law	**7.0**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.0
Security and safety	**9.0**
Homicide	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.6
Movement	**8.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**8.4**
Freedom of religion	7.6
Religious organization repression	9.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.9**
Civil society entry and exit	9.6
Freedom of assembly	7.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4
Civil society repression	9.0
Expression and information	**7.3**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.9
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 36/165 | Score 7.49

Size of government	**8.0**
Government consumption	7.1
Transfers and subsidies	7.9
Government investment	9.0
Top marginal tax rate	8.0
State ownership of assets	8.1
Legal system and property rights	**5.8**
Judicial independence	4.6
Impartial courts	4.7
Property rights	5.4
Military interference	5.0
Integrity of the legal system	5.6
Contracts	4.3
Real property	9.8
Police and crime	7.1
Sound money	**8.5**
Money growth	8.5
Standard deviation of inflation	8.8
Inflation: most recent year	6.5
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.1**
Tariffs	8.8
Regulatory trade barriers	6.7
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	6.8
Regulation	**7.1**
Credit market regulation	9.7
Labor market regulation	6.5
Business regulation	5.6
Freedom to compete	6.6

ARMENIA

CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.60**	**7.06**	**7.41**	**7.40**	**7.26**	**7.38**	**7.52**	**7.57**	**7.64**	**7.92**	**8.02**	**7.91**
Ranking	**90**	**76**	**62**	**65**	**67**	**65**	**60**	**55**	**52**	**48**	**32**	**42**
Economic freedom	5.47	6.68	7.29	7.35	7.32	7.27	7.49	7.48	7.41	7.65	7.55	7.49
Personal freedom	7.24	7.27	7.50	7.44	7.22	7.46	7.53	7.64	7.82	8.12	8.35	8.21
Rule of law	**5.9**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.2**	**6.0**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.5**	**6.4**	**6.9**	**7.2**	**7.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4	7.1	7.2	7.0
Security and safety	**8.5**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.8**	**8.6**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**8.7**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.0**
Homicide	9.1	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.0	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.1	9.5	9.5	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.1	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.3	9.3	9.3	8.6
Movement	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**8.2**	**8.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7
Religion	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**8.1**	**8.4**	**8.4**
Freedom of religion	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.6
Religious organization repression	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.8	9.4	9.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.3**	**7.3**	**6.9**	**7.0**	**6.5**	**6.8**	**7.1**	**6.6**	**6.8**	**7.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**
Civil society entry and exit	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	6.7	7.6	7.6	6.9	8.0	8.7	9.4	9.6
Freedom of assembly	5.7	5.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.3	5.4	4.6	4.3	5.1	7.7	7.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.0	8.1	9.2	9.2	9.4
Civil society repression	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.9	6.2	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.8	8.5	9.5	9.0
Expression and information	**6.2**	**6.1**	**5.5**	**4.8**	**4.3**	**4.5**	**4.8**	**5.9**	**5.8**	**6.0**	**7.6**	**7.3**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.9	5.0	5.0	5.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.8	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	7.1	7.6	6.9
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.1	3.6	4.3	4.8	3.9	4.6	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	8.9	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**6.9**	**6.9**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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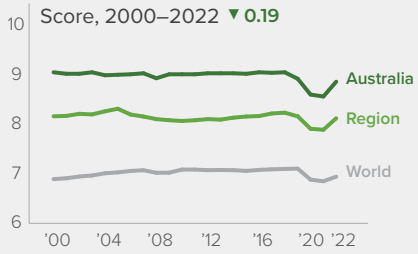
AUSTRALIA

OCEANIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
7

Score
8.80



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 12/165	Score 9.38
Rule of law		**7.8**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.0
Security and safety		**9.8**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.7
Movement		**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.9**
Freedom of religion		9.9
Religious organization repression		9.9
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.5**
Civil society entry and exit		9.5
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.7
Civil society repression		9.0
Expression and information		**9.1**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 9/165	Score 7.98
Size of government		**6.1**
Government consumption		2.6
Transfers and subsidies		6.3
Government investment		9.5
Top marginal tax rate		4.5
State ownership of assets		7.8
Legal system and property rights		**8.6**
Judicial independence		8.5
Impartial courts		8.1
Property rights		9.2
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		9.0
Contracts		7.8
Real property		8.1
Police and crime		8.0
Sound money		**8.8**
Money growth		8.7
Standard deviation of inflation		9.1
Inflation: most recent year		7.4
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.2**
Tariffs		9.2
Regulatory trade barriers		8.1
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		5.3
Regulation		**8.2**
Credit market regulation		9.5
Labor market regulation		7.4
Business regulation		7.3
Freedom to compete		8.8

AUSTRALIA

OCEANIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.99**	**8.96**	**8.93**	**8.95**	**8.87**	**8.95**	**8.97**	**8.97**	**8.99**	**8.99**	**8.54**	**8.80**
Ranking	**9**	**6**	**9**	**8**	**8**	**6**	**5**	**7**	**4**	**4**	**12**	**7**
Economic freedom	8.35	8.30	8.21	8.26	8.21	8.17	8.24	8.23	8.29	8.29	8.07	7.98
Personal freedom	9.46	9.44	9.45	9.45	9.35	9.51	9.49	9.51	9.49	9.49	8.87	9.38
Rule of law	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**7.9**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**7.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.7	7.5	7.6	7.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.1	7.9	8.0
Security and safety	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**
Homicide	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.7
Movement	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**6.4**	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.4	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.4**	**9.5**
Civil society entry and exit	9.4	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.0	9.5
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Civil society repression	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.8	9.8	9.3	8.9	9.2	9.0	9.0
Expression and information	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**8.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.1**	**9.1**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.5	9.2	9.2	8.8	8.9	8.8	8.9	8.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	9.8	10.0	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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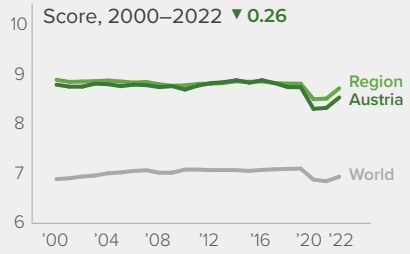
AUSTRIA

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
22

Score
8.48



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 22/165	Score 9.10
Rule of law		**7.6**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.3
Security and safety		**9.5**
Homicide		9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.3
Movement		**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**8.9**
Freedom of religion		9.1
Religious organization repression		8.7
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.0**
Civil society entry and exit		7.3
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.4
Civil society repression		9.4
Expression and information		**8.9**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 23/165	Score 7.62
Size of government		**5.2**
Government consumption		3.3
Transfers and subsidies		3.0
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		3.5
State ownership of assets		6.4
Legal system and property rights		**8.6**
Judicial independence		7.9
Impartial courts		7.7
Property rights		9.3
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		9.0
Contracts		7.2
Real property		8.1
Police and crime		9.3
Sound money		**8.4**
Money growth		7.8
Standard deviation of inflation		9.4
Inflation: most recent year		6.6
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.7**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.5
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.7
Regulation		**7.2**
Credit market regulation		8.9
Labor market regulation		6.2
Business regulation		6.3
Freedom to compete		7.4

AUSTRIA

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.74**	**8.70**	**8.75**	**8.74**	**8.69**	**8.64**	**8.77**	**8.83**	**8.83**	**8.69**	**8.25**	**8.48**
Ranking	**19**	**19**	**18**	**17**	**16**	**20**	**15**	**14**	**16**	**21**	**24**	**22**
Economic freedom	8.01	7.91	8.02	7.91	7.84	7.85	7.89	7.93	7.88	7.87	7.58	7.62
Personal freedom	9.26	9.27	9.27	9.33	9.31	9.21	9.40	9.48	9.50	9.28	8.74	9.10
Rule of law	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**8.2**	**8.6**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**7.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	8.1	8.1	9.0	9.4	9.0	9.0	9.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	7.4	7.4	7.5	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	7.5	7.5	8.1	8.3	7.7	8.0	7.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.1	7.6	7.8	7.3
Security and safety	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.5**
Homicide	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.4	9.3
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**6.4**	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.4	9.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**8.8**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.4**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**8.9**
Freedom of religion	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	7.8	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.1
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.5	8.9	8.7	8.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.2**	**9.3**	**9.0**
Civil society entry and exit	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5	7.9	8.3	7.3
Freedom of assembly	8.3	8.3	8.3	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Civil society repression	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.4	9.4
Expression and information	**9.0**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.8**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.6	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.6	8.6	8.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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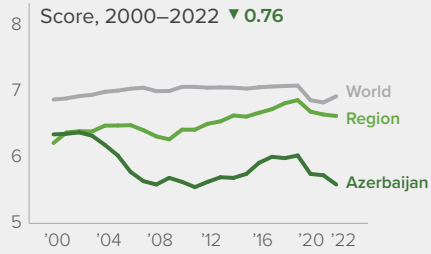
AZERBAIJAN

CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
127

Score
5.54



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 127/165 | Score 5.36

Rule of law	**4.5**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.5
Security and safety	**8.2**
Homicide	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.9
Movement	**7.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**3.3**
Freedom of religion	4.2
Religious organization repression	2.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**3.0**
Civil society entry and exit	0.7
Freedom of assembly	1.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	6.2
Civil society repression	3.3
Expression and information	**2.0**
Direct attacks on the press	2.1
Media and expression (V-Dem)	3.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 128/165 | Score 5.80

Size of government	**4.6**
Government consumption	5.8
Transfers and subsidies	7.7
Government investment	0.0
Top marginal tax rate	6.5
State ownership of assets	3.1
Legal system and property rights	**4.8**
Judicial independence	4.1
Impartial courts	3.0
Property rights	4.7
Military interference	5.0
Integrity of the legal system	4.1
Contracts	6.1
Real property	7.6
Police and crime	7.6
Sound money	**6.2**
Money growth	7.6
Standard deviation of inflation	2.9
Inflation: most recent year	4.5
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.2**
Tariffs	7.6
Regulatory trade barriers	7.0
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.1
Regulation	**6.1**
Credit market regulation	6.7
Labor market regulation	6.4
Business regulation	5.6
Freedom to compete	5.8

AZERBAIJAN

CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.30**	**6.33**	**6.14**	**5.73**	**5.54**	**5.58**	**5.58**	**5.64**	**5.87**	**5.94**	**5.70**	**5.54**
Ranking	**97**	**103**	**110**	**131**	**132**	**135**	**133**	**132**	**125**	**125**	**126**	**127**
Economic freedom	5.75	5.74	6.01	5.62	5.26	5.40	5.78	5.97	6.43	6.44	6.16	5.80
Personal freedom	6.61	6.67	6.24	5.81	5.75	5.72	5.43	5.42	5.47	5.59	5.36	5.36
Rule of law	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**4.3**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**4.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5
Security and safety	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.1**	**8.7**	**8.0**	**8.2**
Homicide	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.2	7.3	8.0	7.7	7.8	6.9	8.1	6.7	6.9
Movement	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**5.8**	**7.3**	**7.0**	**5.4**	**7.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.0	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.3	7.8	7.3	7.6	7.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**6.4**	**6.4**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.2**	**4.5**	**4.2**	**3.3**
Freedom of religion	6.9	6.9	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.2
Religious organization repression	5.8	5.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.5	5.1	4.1	2.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.3**	**4.3**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.6**	**3.4**	**3.3**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**2.9**	**3.5**	**3.0**
Civil society entry and exit	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.6	1.6	1.4	2.4	0.7
Freedom of assembly	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	1.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.1	7.1	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.2
Civil society repression	4.9	4.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.5	2.4	2.5	1.8	3.0	3.3
Expression and information	**5.5**	**5.9**	**5.2**	**4.1**	**4.0**	**3.6**	**3.2**	**2.8**	**2.4**	**2.2**	**2.6**	**2.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	7.0	3.2	3.2	3.3	1.7	3.4	3.5	3.5	5.0	2.1
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.1	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.8	10.0	10.0	8.3	6.7	6.1	4.4	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.3	2.2	3.3	2.2	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.1**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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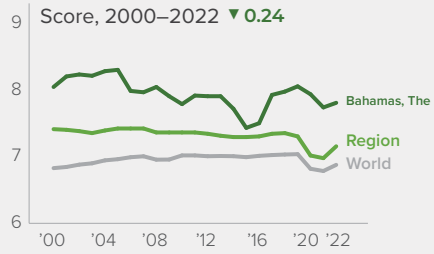
BAHAMAS, THE

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
45

Score
7.82



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 39/165	Score 8.66
Rule of law		**6.0**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		-
Security and safety		**5.5**
Homicide		0.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		10.0
Movement		**10.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		-
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**10.0**
Freedom of religion		10.0
Religious organization repression		-
Association, assembly, civil society		**10.0**
Civil society entry and exit		-
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		-
Civil society repression		-
Expression and information		**9.2**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		-
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 81/165	Score 6.65
Size of government		**8.8**
Government consumption		6.8
Transfers and subsidies		8.5
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		10.0
State ownership of assets		-
Legal system and property rights		**5.4**
Judicial independence		6.1
Impartial courts		6.6
Property rights		4.0
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		6.7
Contracts		3.6
Real property		3.8
Police and crime		2.5
Sound money		**6.1**
Money growth		9.0
Standard deviation of inflation		7.6
Inflation: most recent year		7.8
Foreign currency bank accounts		0.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**5.6**
Tariffs		3.9
Regulatory trade barriers		4.1
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		4.6
Regulation		**7.3**
Credit market regulation		8.6
Labor market regulation		7.3
Business regulation		6.1
Freedom to compete		7.4

BAHAMAS, THE

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.06**	**8.25**	**8.30**	**8.00**	**8.06**	**7.80**	**7.92**	**7.73**	**7.51**	**7.99**	**7.95**	**7.82**
Ranking	**37**	**32**	**33**	**41**	**40**	**48**	**42**	**51**	**60**	**42**	**37**	**45**
Economic freedom	6.77	6.97	7.02	7.26	7.23	6.92	6.91	6.97	6.99	7.06	6.56	6.65
Personal freedom	8.98	9.17	9.21	8.53	8.65	8.42	8.64	8.27	7.88	8.66	8.94	8.66
Rule of law	**7.8**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.4**	**7.6**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.4**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	6.9	6.4	6.6	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2	6.0	5.7	5.8	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	6.3	6.1	6.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Security and safety	**6.4**	**7.6**	**8.0**	**7.4**	**7.0**	**6.2**	**5.7**	**5.3**	**5.7**	**5.4**	**7.3**	**5.5**
Homicide	2.8	5.1	6.0	4.7	3.9	2.4	1.3	0.6	1.4	0.7	4.6	0.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Movement	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Religion	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**10.0**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Freedom of religion	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0
Religious organization repression	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Association, assembly, civil society	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**8.3**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Civil society entry and exit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.3	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil society repression	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expression and information	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**8.3**	**9.3**	**8.1**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.2	9.1	8.8	8.3	8.0	8.0	8.1	7.8	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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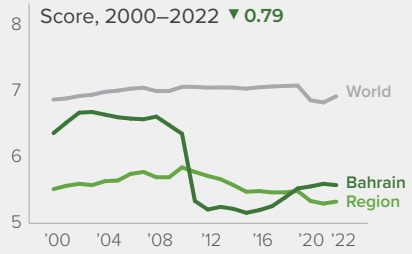
BAHRAIN

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
128

Score
5.53



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 156/165	Score 4.11
Rule of law		**4.2**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		4.2
Security and safety		**8.7**
Homicide		10.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		7.4
Movement		**4.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		6.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**3.0**
Freedom of religion		4.0
Religious organization repression		2.0
Association, assembly, civil society		**1.6**
Civil society entry and exit		1.2
Freedom of assembly		0.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		3.2
Civil society repression		2.0
Expression and information		**1.5**
Direct attacks on the press		5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		2.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)		0.0
Media and expression (BTI)		0.0
Media and expression (CLD)		0.0
Relationships		**5.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		0.0
Inheritance rights		0.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 34/165	Score 7.51
Size of government		**7.4**
Government consumption		3.4
Transfers and subsidies		9.4
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		10.0
State ownership of assets		4.0
Legal system and property rights		**5.2**
Judicial independence		5.4
Impartial courts		4.5
Property rights		7.7
Military interference		5.0
Integrity of the legal system		5.2
Contracts		4.9
Real property		9.4
Police and crime		8.2
Sound money		**9.0**
Money growth		9.9
Standard deviation of inflation		7.6
Inflation: most recent year		8.5
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.4**
Tariffs		9.1
Regulatory trade barriers		6.9
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.4
Regulation		**7.6**
Credit market regulation		8.6
Labor market regulation		7.4
Business regulation		6.7
Freedom to compete		7.8

BAHRAIN

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.32**	**6.63**	**6.60**	**6.54**	**6.57**	**6.31**	**5.16**	**5.17**	**5.15**	**5.34**	**5.51**	**5.53**
Ranking	**95**	**89**	**95**	**99**	**99**	**111**	**149**	**148**	**149**	**145**	**134**	**128**
Economic freedom	7.34	7.21	7.22	7.25	7.30	7.06	7.11	7.23	7.15	7.40	7.44	7.51
Personal freedom	5.59	6.21	6.15	6.03	6.05	5.77	3.76	3.70	3.73	3.86	4.13	4.11
Rule of law	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**3.5**	**3.6**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**4.1**	**4.2**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.0	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.6	3.4	3.6	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.2
Security and safety	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**7.2**	**6.8**	**8.2**	**8.3**	**8.7**	**8.7**
Homicide	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.4	8.6	8.3	8.2	7.6	7.3	4.4	3.8	6.5	6.8	7.4	7.4
Movement	**5.1**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**4.6**	**4.8**	**4.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.6	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.8	6.3	6.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**6.4**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**5.4**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**2.4**	**2.3**	**2.3**	**2.6**	**2.9**	**3.0**
Freedom of religion	5.8	5.8	5.8	4.1	5.8	5.8	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.8	4.0
Religious organization repression	7.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.8	2.0	2.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**2.7**	**4.9**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**4.8**	**4.6**	**3.0**	**2.8**	**1.7**	**1.3**	**1.8**	**1.6**
Civil society entry and exit	3.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	2.5	2.0	1.0	0.6	1.2	1.2
Freedom of assembly	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	0.8	6.1	6.3	6.6	6.6	6.5	5.6	5.6	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.2
Civil society repression	4.4	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.4	5.4	2.2	1.9	1.6	0.8	2.0	2.0
Expression and information	**4.8**	**5.2**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.0**	**3.6**	**0.9**	**0.9**	**0.7**	**1.6**	**1.7**	**1.5**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	3.9	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.3	4.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	3.3	4.4	3.6	3.6	3.1	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Relationships	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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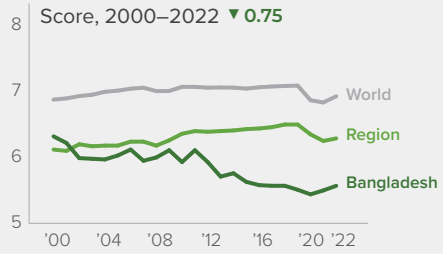
BANGLADESH

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
129

Score
5.52



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 130/165 | Score 5.29

Rule of law	**2.8**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.5
Security and safety	**7.6**
Homicide	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	5.9
Movement	**5.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**7.4**
Freedom of religion	6.0
Religious organization repression	8.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.9**
Civil society entry and exit	7.8
Freedom of assembly	3.5
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.4
Civil society repression	5.0
Expression and information	**4.0**
Direct attacks on the press	9.1
Media and expression (V-Dem)	3.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**3.8**
Same-sex relationships	5.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 127/165 | Score 5.85

Size of government	**8.3**
Government consumption	9.5
Transfers and subsidies	9.2
Government investment	7.6
Top marginal tax rate	9.0
State ownership of assets	6.3
Legal system and property rights	**2.7**
Judicial independence	3.5
Impartial courts	3.0
Property rights	4.0
Military interference	4.2
Integrity of the legal system	3.6
Contracts	0.5
Real property	2.7
Police and crime	3.3
Sound money	**6.5**
Money growth	9.2
Standard deviation of inflation	9.7
Inflation: most recent year	6.9
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**5.9**
Tariffs	7.0
Regulatory trade barriers	2.7
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.1
Regulation	**5.8**
Credit market regulation	8.3
Labor market regulation	6.4
Business regulation	3.1
Freedom to compete	5.3

BANGLADESH

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.27**	**5.94**	**5.92**	**6.07**	**5.95**	**5.88**	**5.88**	**5.71**	**5.53**	**5.52**	**5.39**	**5.52**
Ranking	**101**	**117**	**122**	**117**	**122**	**129**	**126**	**129**	**134**	**138**	**141**	**129**
Economic freedom	5.86	5.68	5.53	5.85	5.84	5.88	5.85	5.75	5.75	5.84	5.71	5.85
Personal freedom	6.56	6.14	6.20	6.22	6.03	5.88	5.91	5.67	5.37	5.29	5.17	5.29
Rule of law	**4.1**	**3.8**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.6**	**3.5**	**3.0**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**2.8**	**2.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	3.4	3.4	2.6	2.0	2.3	2.1	1.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.7	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	3.8	3.8	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.1	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.6	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5
Security and safety	**8.1**	**8.0**	**7.7**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.6**
Homicide	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.0	6.7	6.3	6.6	6.5	6.3	6.3	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.9
Movement	**7.8**	**5.8**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**5.8**	**5.7**	**5.6**	**5.7**	**5.6**	**5.5**	**5.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.8	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**8.6**	**8.2**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.8**	**7.3**	**8.2**	**8.0**	**7.3**	**7.5**	**7.3**	**7.4**
Freedom of religion	8.0	7.4	5.8	5.8	6.2	6.4	8.1	7.4	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0
Religious organization repression	9.2	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.3	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.7	8.9	8.7	8.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.4**	**7.1**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**6.3**	**7.5**	**7.3**	**6.8**	**6.1**	**5.6**	**5.4**	**5.9**
Civil society entry and exit	7.0	7.0	6.7	6.7	6.0	7.2	6.6	7.2	7.0	6.7	6.5	7.8
Freedom of assembly	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.0	6.1	6.5	6.1	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.5
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	8.9	8.8	8.2	8.0	7.3	7.1	7.4
Civil society repression	7.5	6.0	7.0	7.0	5.4	7.6	7.3	5.6	5.1	3.9	4.2	5.0
Expression and information	**6.2**	**6.3**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**5.4**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.1**	**4.2**	**4.1**	**4.0**	**4.0**
Direct attacks on the press	9.5	9.1	8.7	8.9	8.9	9.5	9.5	8.9	7.9	8.0	8.9	9.1
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.5	5.8	5.0	4.6	3.8	3.8	3.3	3.0	3.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	1.3	2.2	1.8	1.9	2.4	3.7	3.8	3.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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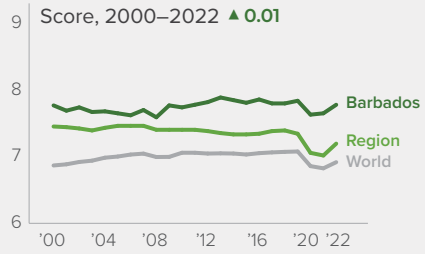
BARBADOS

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
49

Score
7.75



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 45/165 | Score 8.42

Rule of law	**6.4**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.3
Security and safety	**7.6**
Homicide	5.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.7
Movement	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.9**
Freedom of religion	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.3**
Civil society entry and exit	8.4
Freedom of assembly	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.6
Civil society repression	9.2
Expression and information	**8.3**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0
Relationships	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 75/165 | Score 6.81

Size of government	**7.3**
Government consumption	7.8
Transfers and subsidies	6.6
Government investment	10.0
Top marginal tax rate	5.5
State ownership of assets	6.7
Legal system and property rights	**5.8**
Judicial independence	7.3
Impartial courts	5.9
Property rights	6.7
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	7.7
Contracts	2.3
Real property	7.6
Police and crime	5.7
Sound money	**7.9**
Money growth	8.9
Standard deviation of inflation	9.7
Inflation: most recent year	8.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.7**
Tariffs	5.6
Regulatory trade barriers	6.0
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	5.4
Regulation	**6.3**
Credit market regulation	6.4
Labor market regulation	6.5
Business regulation	5.7
Freedom to compete	6.4

BARBADOS

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.74**	**7.71**	**7.65**	**7.59**	**7.56**	**7.71**	**7.79**	**7.82**	**7.83**	**7.77**	**7.60**	**7.75**
Ranking	**45**	**45**	**49**	**53**	**52**	**50**	**49**	**48**	**49**	**55**	**50**	**49**
Economic freedom	6.47	6.36	6.37	6.22	6.14	6.41	6.51	6.63	6.67	6.49	6.76	6.81
Personal freedom	8.64	8.67	8.56	8.57	8.57	8.63	8.71	8.67	8.66	8.69	8.20	8.42
Rule of law	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**6.7**	**6.5**	**6.4**	**6.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	7.7	7.3	7.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.3	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.1	5.9	5.7	5.9	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.5	7.2	7.3	7.3
Security and safety	**8.7**	**8.4**	**8.6**	**7.9**	**8.6**	**8.2**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.7**	**8.4**	**7.7**	**7.6**
Homicide	7.8	7.3	7.7	6.3	7.6	6.8	7.7	7.4	7.8	7.2	5.8	5.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.7	9.5	9.7	9.7
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**8.2**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.0**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.1**	**9.3**	**9.3**
Civil society entry and exit	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
Freedom of assembly	8.3	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Civil society repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	8.5	9.2	9.2
Expression and information	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.5**	**9.3**	**8.6**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**8.3**	**8.3**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.5	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.1	8.3	8.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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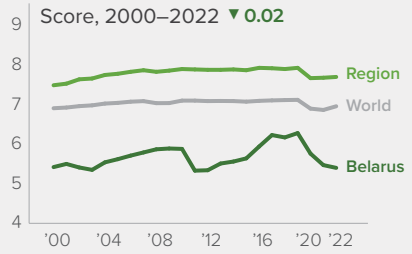
BELARUS

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
140

Score
5.32



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 144/165 | Score 4.85

Rule of law	**4.1**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.5
Security and safety	**7.7**
Homicide	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.2
Movement	**4.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**3.8**
Freedom of religion	3.8
Religious organization repression	3.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**1.9**
Civil society entry and exit	0.1
Freedom of assembly	0.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	6.6
Civil society repression	0.3
Expression and information	**1.5**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	1.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0
Relationships	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 112/165 | Score 5.98

Size of government	**6.3**
Government consumption	4.7
Transfers and subsidies	5.8
Government investment	10.0
Top marginal tax rate	7.5
State ownership of assets	3.3
Legal system and property rights	**4.2**
Judicial independence	3.3
Impartial courts	3.2
Property rights	0.0
Military interference	5.0
Integrity of the legal system	3.3
Contracts	3.5
Real property	9.9
Police and crime	7.5
Sound money	**7.8**
Money growth	8.1
Standard deviation of inflation	9.2
Inflation: most recent year	3.9
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.5**
Tariffs	8.2
Regulatory trade barriers	6.1
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	1.6
Regulation	**5.2**
Credit market regulation	6.8
Labor market regulation	6.1
Business regulation	2.7
Freedom to compete	5.0

BELARUS

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.34**	**5.33**	**5.46**	**5.63**	**5.79**	**5.80**	**5.26**	**5.48**	**5.86**	**6.09**	**5.68**	**5.32**
Ranking	**132**	**134**	**135**	**133**	**130**	**132**	**146**	**135**	**127**	**121**	**128**	**140**
Economic freedom	4.12	4.15	4.64	5.18	5.41	5.64	4.26	4.61	5.37	6.00	6.39	5.98
Personal freedom	6.04	6.00	5.92	5.88	6.01	5.88	5.83	5.97	6.22	6.16	5.16	4.85
Rule of law	**5.0**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**4.7**	**5.3**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**4.3**	**4.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	3.6	3.6	3.7	4.4	4.5	4.6	3.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.3	6.3	6.0	6.5	5.9	6.0	5.6	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	5.9	5.9	4.3	5.1	5.0	4.7	4.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.8	3.6	3.5
Security and safety	**6.8**	**7.5**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**8.3**	**8.1**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.9**	**7.5**	**7.7**
Homicide	7.0	7.1	7.6	7.8	8.4	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.3	9.3	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.5	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.4	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.4	5.8	6.2
Movement	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.1**	**6.2**	**6.4**	**6.3**	**6.2**	**6.3**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**4.8**	**4.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.4	9.3	9.1	9.3	9.4	9.5	6.2	6.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**5.5**	**5.4**	**4.9**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.0**	**5.3**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**4.5**	**3.8**
Freedom of religion	5.3	5.0	4.6	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.6	3.8
Religious organization repression	5.8	5.8	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.6	6.0	6.0	4.4	3.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.6**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**3.7**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.5**	**3.6**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**3.2**	**1.9**
Civil society entry and exit	3.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.5	0.1
Freedom of assembly	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.1	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.7	1.6	1.6	0.7	0.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.3	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.6
Civil society repression	5.2	4.5	4.4	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.5	3.8	5.6	5.6	2.6	0.3
Expression and information	**4.1**	**3.4**	**3.2**	**2.9**	**3.4**	**2.9**	**2.9**	**2.7**	**3.5**	**3.0**	**1.9**	**1.5**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	7.5	6.0	6.0	10.0	8.4	8.4	7.1	8.7	8.7	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.4	4.2	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.7	4.0	3.8	2.3	1.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.8	2.2	2.5	1.6	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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BELGIUM

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
24

Score
8.47

PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 19/165 | Score 9.21

Rule of law	**7.7**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.4
Security and safety	**9.8**
Homicide	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.9
Movement	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.0**
Freedom of religion	8.1
Religious organization repression	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.3**
Civil society entry and exit	7.7
Freedom of assembly	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7
Civil society repression	9.8
Expression and information	**9.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 42/165 | Score 7.42

Size of government	**4.6**
Government consumption	2.4
Transfers and subsidies	1.8
Government investment	10.0
Top marginal tax rate	1.0
State ownership of assets	8.0
Legal system and property rights	**7.7**
Judicial independence	7.7
Impartial courts	7.3
Property rights	8.9
Military interference	10.0
Integrity of the legal system	8.3
Contracts	6.9
Real property	4.9
Police and crime	7.6
Sound money	**8.3**
Money growth	7.7
Standard deviation of inflation	9.2
Inflation: most recent year	6.2
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.8**
Tariffs	8.5
Regulatory trade barriers	8.9
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	8.0
Regulation	**7.6**
Credit market regulation	8.5
Labor market regulation	7.6
Business regulation	6.8
Freedom to compete	7.7

BELGIUM

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.75**	**8.70**	**8.67**	**8.57**	**8.53**	**8.51**	**8.51**	**8.64**	**8.47**	**8.56**	**8.31**	**8.47**
Ranking	**18**	**19**	**20**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**24**	**29**	**25**	**22**	**24**
Economic freedom	7.82	7.73	7.68	7.55	7.51	7.57	7.60	7.73	7.62	7.63	7.40	7.42
Personal freedom	9.42	9.40	9.38	9.29	9.26	9.18	9.16	9.29	9.08	9.22	8.95	9.21
Rule of law	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**8.1**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.7**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	8.4	8.4	8.5	9.1	8.7	8.8	8.8	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.6	7.3	7.6	7.5	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	7.2	7.2	6.7	7.6	7.2	7.1	7.1	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4
Security and safety	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**8.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.8**
Homicide	9.4	9.1	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	7.7	9.7	9.9	9.9
Movement	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**8.0**	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.3	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.1**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**
Civil society entry and exit	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.0	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Expression and information	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.1**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.8	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.2	9.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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BELIZE

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
60

Score
7.48

PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 42/165	Score 8.53
Rule of law		**4.9**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		-
Security and safety		**6.0**
Homicide		1.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		10.0
Movement		**10.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		-
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**10.0**
Freedom of religion		10.0
Religious organization repression		-
Association, assembly, civil society		**10.0**
Civil society entry and exit		-
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		-
Civil society repression		-
Expression and information		**8.9**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		-
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 109/165	Score 6.00
Size of government		**6.2**
Government consumption		5.6
Transfers and subsidies		8.4
Government investment		1.9
Top marginal tax rate		9.0
State ownership of assets		-
Legal system and property rights		**4.0**
Judicial independence		4.5
Impartial courts		4.0
Property rights		4.9
Military interference		-
Integrity of the legal system		-
Contracts		1.7
Real property		7.3
Police and crime		2.9
Sound money		**6.2**
Money growth		9.0
Standard deviation of inflation		8.2
Inflation: most recent year		7.5
Foreign currency bank accounts		0.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**6.6**
Tariffs		6.4
Regulatory trade barriers		5.3
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		4.6
Regulation		**7.1**
Credit market regulation		9.8
Labor market regulation		6.9
Business regulation		5.4
Freedom to compete		6.2

BELIZE

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.24**	**7.11**	**7.35**	**7.49**	**7.43**	**7.11**	**7.24**	**7.27**	**7.28**	**7.31**	**6.94**	**7.48**
Ranking	**63**	**72**	**66**	**61**	**59**	**79**	**73**	**71**	**70**	**74**	**74**	**60**
Economic freedom	5.78	6.02	6.44	6.84	6.81	6.12	6.23	6.26	6.26	6.30	6.02	6.00
Personal freedom	8.28	7.89	7.99	7.95	7.88	7.83	7.96	7.99	8.01	8.03	7.60	8.53
Rule of law	**4.7**	**4.4**	**4.2**	**4.4**	**4.2**	**4.0**	**3.8**	**4.0**	**4.3**	**4.4**	**4.7**	**4.9**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.8	4.4	4.9	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7	4.7	5.1	5.2	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.9	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Security and safety	**7.6**	**5.2**	**5.8**	**5.4**	**5.1**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**6.3**	**6.0**
Homicide	5.2	0.4	1.7	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	1.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Movement	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**3.3**	**10.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Freedom of religion	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Religious organization repression	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Civil society entry and exit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Freedom of assembly	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil society repression	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expression and information	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.3**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.9**	**8.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.8	7.8	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.5	7.5	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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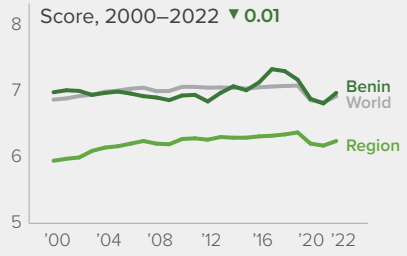
BENIN

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
80

Score
6.93



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 77/165	Score 7.40
Rule of law		**4.1**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		6.9
Security and safety		**9.2**
Homicide		9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		8.7
Movement		**8.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**9.5**
Freedom of religion		9.7
Religious organization repression		9.4
Association, assembly, civil society		**6.9**
Civil society entry and exit		7.4
Freedom of assembly		5.7
Freedom to form/run political parties		7.1
Civil society repression		7.4
Expression and information		**6.1**
Direct attacks on the press		8.1
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		6.7
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**7.9**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		5.0
Female genital mutilation		9.1

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 97/165	Score 6.26
Size of government		**7.6**
Government consumption		7.6
Transfers and subsidies		9.8
Government investment		9.0
Top marginal tax rate		3.5
State ownership of assets		8.2
Legal system and property rights		**4.3**
Judicial independence		5.3
Impartial courts		3.8
Property rights		3.9
Military interference		-
Integrity of the legal system		6.2
Contracts		1.0
Real property		6.6
Police and crime		4.9
Sound money		**6.8**
Money growth		8.8
Standard deviation of inflation		9.1
Inflation: most recent year		9.5
Foreign currency bank accounts		0.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**6.1**
Tariffs		6.8
Regulatory trade barriers		4.5
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		2.9
Regulation		**6.5**
Credit market regulation		8.9
Labor market regulation		6.1
Business regulation		5.3
Freedom to compete		5.8

BENIN

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.94**	**6.96**	**6.93**	**6.92**	**6.86**	**6.89**	**6.80**	**7.03**	**7.09**	**7.26**	**6.84**	**6.93**
Ranking	**77**	**80**	**81**	**84**	**87**	**87**	**91**	**79**	**78**	**77**	**79**	**80**
Economic freedom	5.64	5.66	5.67	5.75	5.64	5.81	5.58	5.96	5.97	6.28	6.23	6.26
Personal freedom	7.87	7.88	7.83	7.76	7.73	7.67	7.67	7.80	7.89	7.96	7.27	7.40
Rule of law	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.9**	**4.0**	**4.2**	**4.1**	**4.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0	3.8	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1	4.3	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.3	4.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.3	7.5	6.9	6.9
Security and safety	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**7.8**	**8.2**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**9.5**	**9.2**	**9.2**
Homicide	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2	9.7	9.7	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.3	7.6	8.3	9.0	9.2	9.3	8.7	8.7
Movement	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**6.5**	**8.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.5**
Freedom of religion	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.7
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.4	9.4	9.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.8**	**8.6**	**7.2**	**6.9**
Civil society entry and exit	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	7.8	7.4	7.4
Freedom of assembly	8.1	8.1	6.9	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.5	8.5	9.6	6.5	5.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.4	8.2	7.7	7.1
Civil society repression	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.5	9.0	8.7	7.4	7.4
Expression and information	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**7.6**	**7.3**	**7.7**	**8.0**	**7.7**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**6.4**	**6.1**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.1
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.0	8.2	8.2	7.6	7.5	7.7	7.6	7.8	8.1	7.0	6.7	7.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	8.2	8.6	8.2	8.2	8.1	7.7	7.7	7.3	7.5	7.5	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	7.8	6.7	7.8	6.7	6.7	7.8	6.7	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.2**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.7	8.7	8.7	9.1	9.1	9.1

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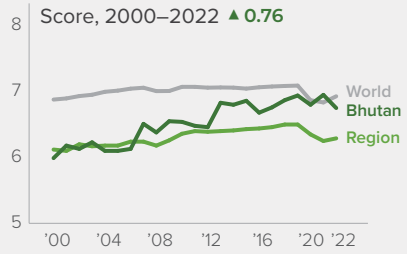
BHUTAN

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
90

Score
6.70



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 91/165 | Score 7.03

Rule of law	**6.1**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.1
Security and safety	**9.1**
Homicide	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.9
Movement	**5.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**7.1**
Freedom of religion	5.7
Religious organization repression	8.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.6**
Civil society entry and exit	5.7
Freedom of assembly	5.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.6
Civil society repression	7.3
Expression and information	**6.8**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**8.1**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 98/165 | Score 6.24

Size of government	**6.4**
Government consumption	3.8
Transfers and subsidies	9.5
Government investment	6.0
Top marginal tax rate	7.5
State ownership of assets	5.3
Legal system and property rights	**6.8**
Judicial independence	6.4
Impartial courts	5.9
Property rights	5.8
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	7.4
Contracts	6.2
Real property	6.9
Police and crime	9.0
Sound money	**4.0**
Money growth	8.3
Standard deviation of inflation	0.0
Inflation: most recent year	7.7
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.8**
Tariffs	7.9
Regulatory trade barriers	7.3
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	2.1
Regulation	**7.1**
Credit market regulation	7.6
Labor market regulation	8.3
Business regulation	5.4
Freedom to compete	7.2

BHUTAN

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.94**	**6.08**	**6.05**	**6.08**	**6.33**	**6.49**	**6.41**	**6.75**	**6.63**	**6.82**	**6.75**	**6.70**
Ranking	**117**	**112**	**113**	**115**	**107**	**104**	**108**	**93**	**101**	**93**	**82**	**90**
Economic freedom	6.37	6.66	6.69	6.64	6.83	6.64	6.32	6.70	6.74	6.73	6.57	6.24
Personal freedom	5.69	5.75	5.68	5.76	6.04	6.40	6.46	6.79	6.55	6.89	6.87	7.03
Rule of law	**5.8**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**5.8**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.5**	**6.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.8	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.1
Security and safety	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**8.5**	**7.8**	**9.2**	**8.8**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.2**	**9.1**
Homicide	9.1	9.1	9.3	9.6	9.2	9.4	8.7	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.3	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.0	9.0	9.1	7.4	6.2	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.2	8.9
Movement	**6.9**	**6.9**	**5.1**	**6.8**	**7.1**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.4**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.6	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.1	7.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**5.8**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**5.6**	**6.2**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**7.1**	**7.2**	**7.1**
Freedom of religion	4.7	5.4	5.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	6.0	6.0	5.7
Religious organization repression	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	8.0	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.1	8.3	8.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**6.1**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**7.0**	**6.9**	**7.2**	**7.0**	**6.6**
Civil society entry and exit	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.8	6.2	5.7
Freedom of assembly	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.2	4.3	4.3	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.1	7.6
Civil society repression	7.1	7.1	6.9	6.9	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.3	7.3	8.0	7.9	7.3
Expression and information	**5.6**	**5.4**	**6.6**	**6.8**	**6.2**	**6.7**	**7.4**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.9**	**6.8**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.7	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.8	6.1	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.9	6.2	5.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)	3.3	2.5	3.8	4.2	4.2	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	3.3	5.6	5.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**8.1**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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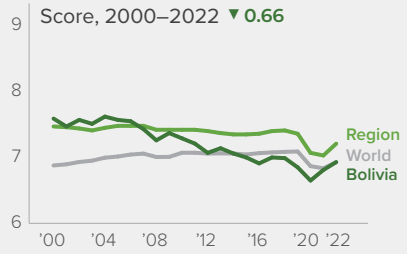
BOLIVIA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
85

Score
6.88



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 74/165	Score 7.44
Rule of law		**2.9**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		6.3
Security and safety		**9.0**
Homicide		8.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.1
Movement		**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**8.4**
Freedom of religion		8.2
Religious organization repression		8.7
Association, assembly, civil society		**7.1**
Civil society entry and exit		5.2
Freedom of assembly		7.3
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.4
Civil society repression		6.7
Expression and information		**7.3**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		7.8
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 106/165	Score 6.11
Size of government		**5.9**
Government consumption		5.2
Transfers and subsidies		8.8
Government investment		0.0
Top marginal tax rate		10.0
State ownership of assets		5.7
Legal system and property rights		**3.9**
Judicial independence		3.3
Impartial courts		2.6
Property rights		3.0
Military interference		4.2
Integrity of the legal system		4.3
Contracts		3.5
Real property		6.8
Police and crime		3.9
Sound money		**9.4**
Money growth		9.5
Standard deviation of inflation		8.8
Inflation: most recent year		9.3
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**6.4**
Tariffs		7.7
Regulatory trade barriers		4.0
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		4.1
Regulation		**4.8**
Credit market regulation		7.6
Labor market regulation		4.0
Business regulation		2.7
Freedom to compete		4.9

BOLIVIA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.54**	**7.52**	**7.57**	**7.50**	**7.21**	**7.24**	**7.02**	**7.01**	**6.86**	**6.94**	**6.60**	**6.88**
Ranking	**48**	**55**	**53**	**60**	**74**	**73**	**84**	**81**	**88**	**85**	**92**	**85**
Economic freedom	6.61	6.55	6.45	6.37	6.03	6.14	6.08	5.98	6.08	6.15	6.03	6.11
Personal freedom	8.21	8.21	8.37	8.30	8.05	8.03	7.69	7.74	7.42	7.50	7.01	7.44
Rule of law	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.7**	**3.3**	**3.5**	**3.0**	**3.1**	**3.0**	**2.9**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.6	3.7	3.8	3.6	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.1	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.1	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	5.7	6.3
Security and safety	**8.9**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.2**	**7.6**	**7.7**	**8.3**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**9.0**	**9.0**
Homicide	-	8.5	8.5	8.5	7.5	6.3	6.5	7.4	8.2	8.6	9.0	8.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.9	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.8	8.9	8.8	9.2	9.2	8.4	9.0	9.1
Movement	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**7.9**	**9.6**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**5.7**	**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.1	9.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**8.5**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**8.0**	**8.4**
Freedom of religion	7.7	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.9	9.9	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.9	8.2
Religious organization repression	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	8.2	8.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.3**	**8.1**	**8.9**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**7.9**	**7.3**	**7.5**	**7.1**	**7.1**
Civil society entry and exit	8.2	8.2	8.8	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.6	7.2	6.7	6.5	6.0	5.2
Freedom of assembly	7.3	8.4	8.4	7.3	7.3	8.4	8.8	7.7	6.2	6.9	6.9	7.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.1	9.4
Civil society repression	8.4	6.3	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2	7.8	7.0	6.7	7.1	6.3	6.7
Expression and information	**8.3**	**7.9**	**8.3**	**8.6**	**7.3**	**7.1**	**6.7**	**7.2**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**6.9**	**7.3**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	8.3	8.3	10.0	8.5	8.5	7.0	8.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.3	8.3	8.2	7.8	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.1	7.0	6.1	7.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	8.6	8.4	7.2	7.6	6.8	6.0	5.6	5.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.8	7.8	7.8	6.7	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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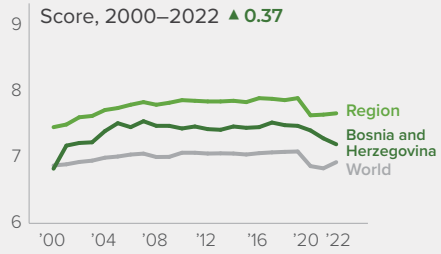
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
72

Score
7.15



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 66/165	Score 7.81
Rule of law		**5.1**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		6.3
Security and safety		**9.2**
Homicide		9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		8.7
Movement		**7.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		8.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**8.6**
Freedom of religion		7.6
Religious organization repression		9.6
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.6**
Civil society entry and exit		9.2
Freedom of assembly		6.9
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.1
Civil society repression		9.1
Expression and information		**6.0**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		6.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		5.6
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 102/165	Score 6.22
Size of government		**6.8**
Government consumption		5.4
Transfers and subsidies		6.0
Government investment		9.7
Top marginal tax rate		6.5
State ownership of assets		6.5
Legal system and property rights		**4.6**
Judicial independence		4.2
Impartial courts		3.1
Property rights		4.4
Military interference		-
Integrity of the legal system		5.5
Contracts		3.1
Real property		7.7
Police and crime		6.0
Sound money		**5.4**
Money growth		8.8
Standard deviation of inflation		8.2
Inflation: most recent year		4.4
Foreign currency bank accounts		0.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.7**
Tariffs		8.2
Regulatory trade barriers		7.0
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		5.5
Regulation		**6.7**
Credit market regulation		9.0
Labor market regulation		7.2
Business regulation		3.8
Freedom to compete		6.8

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.78**	**7.17**	**7.35**	**7.41**	**7.43**	**7.39**	**7.38**	**7.42**	**7.41**	**7.44**	**7.36**	**7.15**
Ranking	**80**	**69**	**66**	**64**	**59**	**64**	**66**	**62**	**64**	**64**	**60**	**72**
Economic freedom	4.64	5.32	5.60	6.23	6.33	6.32	6.60	6.72	6.79	6.87	6.67	6.22
Personal freedom	8.00	8.23	8.34	8.25	8.21	8.16	7.94	7.92	7.85	7.84	7.86	7.81
Rule of law	**5.8**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**5.7**	**5.8**	**5.5**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.3	6.2	6.3	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.7	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	6.2	6.2	5.4	5.6	5.1	4.8	4.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.3
Security and safety	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.2**
Homicide	9.2	9.3	9.5	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4	8.7	8.9	9.1	9.0	8.8	8.6	8.7	8.7
Movement	**7.6**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**7.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.5	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.4	8.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**
Freedom of religion	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6
Religious organization repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**8.4**	**8.6**	**8.6**
Civil society entry and exit	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.2
Freedom of assembly	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	6.9	6.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.0	8.6	9.0	9.1
Civil society repression	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	8.2	8.9	9.1
Expression and information	**6.7**	**6.7**	**7.3**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.0**	**6.1**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.3	6.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	6.2	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**9.1**	**9.9**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	6.3	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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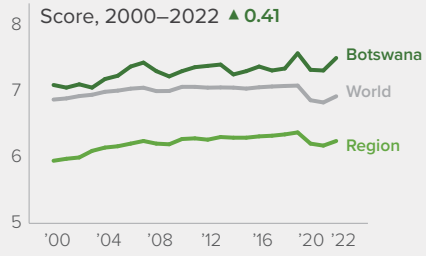
BOTSWANA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
62

Score
7.46



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 61/165 | Score 8.02

Rule of law	**5.6**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.6
Security and safety	**8.2**
Homicide	6.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.4
Movement	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**8.5**
Freedom of religion	7.7
Religious organization repression	9.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.9**
Civil society entry and exit	7.7
Freedom of assembly	9.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.3
Civil society repression	9.3
Expression and information	**7.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**8.1**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	5.0
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 80/165 | Score 6.67

Size of government	**6.4**
Government consumption	0.1
Transfers and subsidies	8.3
Government investment	7.8
Top marginal tax rate	9.0
State ownership of assets	6.9
Legal system and property rights	**5.8**
Judicial independence	6.8
Impartial courts	5.5
Property rights	5.8
Military interference	8.3
Integrity of the legal system	6.8
Contracts	3.5
Real property	7.8
Police and crime	5.1
Sound money	**8.1**
Money growth	9.3
Standard deviation of inflation	7.7
Inflation: most recent year	5.3
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.2**
Tariffs	6.4
Regulatory trade barriers	6.2
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	6.4
Regulation	**5.8**
Credit market regulation	8.3
Labor market regulation	5.5
Business regulation	5.4
Freedom to compete	4.0

BOTSWANA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.05**	**7.06**	**7.14**	**7.33**	**7.26**	**7.26**	**7.34**	**7.21**	**7.33**	**7.30**	**7.28**	**7.46**
Ranking	**71**	**76**	**78**	**71**	**67**	**71**	**70**	**74**	**67**	**75**	**64**	**62**
Economic freedom	6.31	6.21	6.40	6.55	6.36	6.41	6.70	6.70	6.81	6.84	6.77	6.67
Personal freedom	7.58	7.66	7.67	7.89	7.90	7.86	7.79	7.57	7.70	7.63	7.65	8.02
Rule of law	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.2**	**5.7**	**5.2**	**5.6**	**5.7**	**5.8**	**5.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.1	5.3	5.2	5.5	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	7.2	7.2	6.4	5.2	5.5	5.9	5.9	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	6.6
Security and safety	**8.0**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**7.6**	**7.5**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**8.6**	**8.2**
Homicide	6.5	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	7.5	6.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.4
Movement	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**6.4**	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**8.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**8.6**	**9.4**	**8.7**	**8.3**	**8.5**
Freedom of religion	8.0	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	8.1	9.7	8.1	7.8	7.7
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.1	9.1	9.4	8.8	9.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.3**	**8.8**	**9.2**	**8.9**
Civil society entry and exit	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.3	9.3	8.2	8.6	7.7
Freedom of assembly	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.3
Civil society repression	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	8.9	8.0	9.3	9.3
Expression and information	**7.4**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**7.6**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.4**	**7.1**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.4	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	6.4	6.9	6.9	6.1	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.7	7.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.6**	**8.1**	**8.1**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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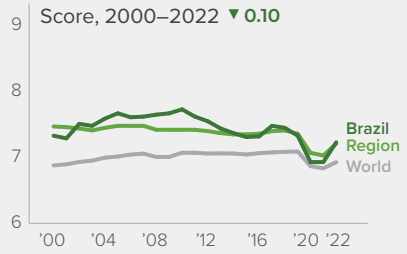
BRAZIL

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
70

Score
7.18



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 70/165	Score 7.62
Rule of law		**4.1**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		5.4
Security and safety		**5.9**
Homicide		3.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		8.0
Movement		**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**8.4**
Freedom of religion		7.1
Religious organization repression		9.7
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.3**
Civil society entry and exit		7.3
Freedom of assembly		8.4
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.8
Civil society repression		7.8
Expression and information		**7.1**
Direct attacks on the press		9.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)		6.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		5.6
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 85/165	Score 6.56
Size of government		**6.6**
Government consumption		5.2
Transfers and subsidies		5.4
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		5.0
State ownership of assets		7.5
Legal system and property rights		**5.2**
Judicial independence		5.2
Impartial courts		4.8
Property rights		6.2
Military interference		5.8
Integrity of the legal system		5.1
Contracts		3.1
Real property		8.2
Police and crime		3.2
Sound money		**8.2**
Money growth		7.7
Standard deviation of inflation		8.7
Inflation: most recent year		6.3
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.4**
Tariffs		7.6
Regulatory trade barriers		6.2
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		5.8
Regulation		**5.4**
Credit market regulation		6.5
Labor market regulation		4.9
Business regulation		3.5
Freedom to compete		6.8

BRAZIL

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.28**	**7.46**	**7.54**	**7.56**	**7.60**	**7.68**	**7.50**	**7.32**	**7.27**	**7.40**	**6.88**	**7.18**
Ranking	**60**	**57**	**55**	**56**	**49**	**52**	**61**	**69**	**72**	**69**	**77**	**70**
Economic freedom	5.69	6.19	6.28	6.38	6.40	6.54	6.57	6.36	6.54	6.68	6.41	6.56
Personal freedom	8.42	8.37	8.44	8.40	8.46	8.49	8.16	8.00	7.80	7.91	7.22	7.62
Rule of law	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**4.7**	**4.8**	**4.6**	**4.4**	**4.1**	**4.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	6.1	6.1	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.5	4.1	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.6	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.8	4.8	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.3	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.3	5.7	5.4
Security and safety	**6.0**	**5.8**	**6.0**	**5.8**	**6.1**	**6.4**	**5.8**	**5.5**	**4.9**	**5.2**	**5.8**	**5.9**
Homicide	3.1	2.6	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.6	2.3	1.9	1.4	2.0	3.5	3.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.5	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.5	8.4	8.0	8.0
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**6.4**	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.4	9.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.6**	**8.4**	**8.4**
Freedom of religion	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.5	7.1	7.1
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.3**
Civil society entry and exit	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	7.9	7.8	8.0	7.3
Freedom of assembly	7.7	7.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	7.7	8.8	8.8	8.4	8.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.8
Civil society repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.3	8.3	8.3	7.8
Expression and information	**8.5**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.3**	**7.1**
Direct attacks on the press	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.4	9.7	9.8	9.0	8.6	8.3	8.7	9.5	9.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.6	8.4	8.7	8.7	8.7	7.4	7.0	6.1	6.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	9.2	9.5	8.8	8.8	8.3	7.8	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	6.7	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**9.4**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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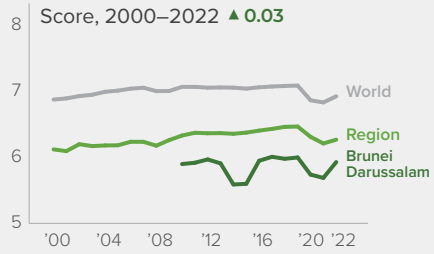
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
120

Score
5.88



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 134/165	Score 5.09
Rule of law		**6.6**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		-
Security and safety		**9.9**
Homicide		9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		10.0
Movement		**6.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		-
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**3.3**
Freedom of religion		3.3
Religious organization repression		-
Association, assembly, civil society		**1.2**
Civil society entry and exit		-
Freedom of assembly		1.2
Freedom to form/run political parties		-
Civil society repression		-
Expression and information		**4.2**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		-
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		0.0
Relationships		**3.8**
Same-sex relationships		5.0
Divorce		0.0
Inheritance rights		0.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 61/165	Score 6.99
Size of government		**6.7**
Government consumption		0.0
Transfers and subsidies		-
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		10.0
State ownership of assets		-
Legal system and property rights		**5.2**
Judicial independence		5.6
Impartial courts		4.9
Property rights		5.3
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		7.5
Contracts		4.6
Real property		4.8
Police and crime		8.2
Sound money		**8.1**
Money growth		9.5
Standard deviation of inflation		4.3
Inflation: most recent year		8.5
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.6**
Tariffs		9.6
Regulatory trade barriers		4.3
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		6.5
Regulation		**7.3**
Credit market regulation		6.5
Labor market regulation		8.3
Business regulation		7.3
Freedom to compete		7.1

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5.85**	**5.92**	**5.54**	**5.90**	**5.93**	**5.69**	**5.88**
Ranking	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**130**	**125**	**133**	**123**	**126**	**127**	**120**
Economic freedom	-	-	-	-	-	6.95	7.13	6.99	7.15	7.19	7.20	6.99
Personal freedom	-	-	-	-	-	5.06	5.05	4.51	5.00	5.02	4.62	5.09
Rule of law	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**5.8**	**5.9**	**6.0**	**6.6**	**6.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Security and safety	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**10.0**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	9.9	9.7	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Movement	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**3.3**	**6.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Freedom of movement (CLD)	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**0.0**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.3**
Freedom of religion	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.3	0.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religious organization repression	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Association, assembly, civil society	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1.2**	**1.2**	**1.2**	**1.2**	**1.2**	**1.2**	**1.2**
Civil society entry and exit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Freedom of assembly	-	-	-	-	-	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil society repression	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expression and information	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**
Direct attacks on the press	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (Freedom House)	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Relationships	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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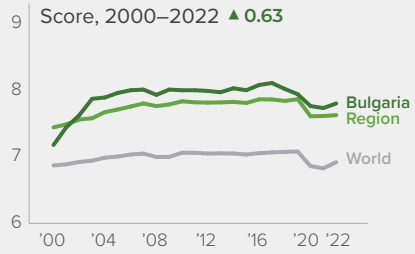
BULGARIA

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
47

Score
7.77



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 55/165	Score 8.21
Rule of law		**5.5**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.2
Security and safety		**9.7**
Homicide		9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.7
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**8.1**
Freedom of religion		7.8
Religious organization repression		8.4
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.6**
Civil society entry and exit		7.8
Freedom of assembly		8.2
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.5
Civil society repression		9.0
Expression and information		**6.3**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		5.6
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 52/165	Score 7.16
Size of government		**7.1**
Government consumption		4.7
Transfers and subsidies		5.9
Government investment		9.1
Top marginal tax rate		8.5
State ownership of assets		7.1
Legal system and property rights		**5.9**
Judicial independence		5.8
Impartial courts		4.7
Property rights		5.4
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		5.9
Contracts		3.8
Real property		8.7
Police and crime		4.9
Sound money		**7.6**
Money growth		8.4
Standard deviation of inflation		7.9
Inflation: most recent year		3.9
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.4**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.2
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.0
Regulation		**6.8**
Credit market regulation		7.9
Labor market regulation		7.1
Business regulation		5.1
Freedom to compete		7.2

BULGARIA

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.14**	**7.59**	**7.86**	**7.97**	**7.90**	**7.97**	**7.96**	**8.00**	**8.05**	**7.99**	**7.73**	**7.77**
Ranking	**69**	**52**	**44**	**43**	**45**	**42**	**41**	**42**	**42**	**42**	**43**	**47**
Economic freedom	5.53	6.55	6.83	7.13	7.10	7.35	7.46	7.50	7.73	7.68	7.51	7.16
Personal freedom	8.29	8.34	8.59	8.57	8.46	8.42	8.31	8.36	8.28	8.21	7.89	8.21
Rule of law	**5.4**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.3**	**5.1**	**5.2**	**4.9**	**5.2**	**5.0**	**5.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	6.3	6.3	5.9	5.8	5.0	5.4	5.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.4	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.2
Security and safety	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.1**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**
Homicide	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.7	8.8	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7
Movement	**8.2**	**8.2**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**8.1**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.4**	**8.1**
Freedom of religion	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.8
Religious organization repression	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.5	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.9**	**8.9**	**9.2**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.6**	**8.6**
Civil society entry and exit	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Freedom of assembly	8.9	8.9	10.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0	9.0	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.5
Civil society repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.4	8.6	8.1	8.0	8.5	9.0
Expression and information	**8.3**	**8.4**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**7.4**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**7.3**	**7.6**	**6.9**	**6.2**	**6.3**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	8.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	6.1	7.8	7.6	7.3	7.2	6.9	6.9	7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.4	9.8	8.8	9.0	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1	7.5	7.5	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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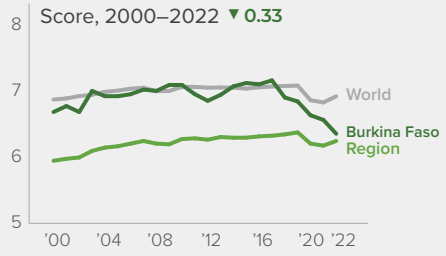
BURKINA FASO

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
109

Score
6.31



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 100/165 | Score 6.61

Rule of law	**4.4**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.1
Security and safety	**6.5**
Homicide	9.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	3.3
Movement	**5.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**9.2**
Freedom of religion	9.2
Religious organization repression	9.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.5**
Civil society entry and exit	8.0
Freedom of assembly	4.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4
Civil society repression	8.0
Expression and information	**6.0**
Direct attacks on the press	8.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**6.9**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	2.4

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 121/165 | Score 5.90

Size of government	**7.1**
Government consumption	4.8
Transfers and subsidies	8.6
Government investment	7.0
Top marginal tax rate	6.5
State ownership of assets	8.4
Legal system and property rights	**3.7**
Judicial independence	4.8
Impartial courts	3.2
Property rights	4.5
Military interference	3.3
Integrity of the legal system	6.4
Contracts	2.3
Real property	4.8
Police and crime	3.5
Sound money	**5.4**
Money growth	8.8
Standard deviation of inflation	8.6
Inflation: most recent year	4.3
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.6**
Tariffs	7.4
Regulatory trade barriers	5.0
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.1
Regulation	**6.6**
Credit market regulation	8.5
Labor market regulation	7.0
Business regulation	4.9
Freedom to compete	6.2

BURKINA FASO

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.64**	**6.64**	**6.88**	**6.91**	**6.96**	**7.05**	**6.81**	**7.03**	**7.06**	**6.86**	**6.59**	**6.31**
Ranking	**87**	**88**	**84**	**85**	**86**	**82**	**89**	**79**	**79**	**91**	**93**	**109**
Economic freedom	4.80	4.80	5.87	5.78	5.75	5.85	5.66	5.94	5.99	5.96	6.12	5.90
Personal freedom	7.69	7.68	7.46	7.71	7.83	7.90	7.63	7.81	7.83	7.50	6.92	6.61
Rule of law	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.9**	**4.7**	**4.5**	**4.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.3	5.2	4.6	4.3	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.9	5.9	5.4	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.5	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.5	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.9	4.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.1	6.1
Security and safety	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**9.0**	**7.9**	**6.3**	**6.5**
Homicide	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.7	8.4	6.1	3.0	3.3
Movement	**9.7**	**9.7**	**8.0**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**7.7**	**6.0**	**5.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.3	8.7	8.6	8.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	3.3	3.3
Religion	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.3**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**9.3**	**9.2**	**9.2**
Freedom of religion	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.2	9.2	9.2
Religious organization repression	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0	8.8	8.8	8.5	9.3	9.3	9.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.3**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**7.5**
Civil society entry and exit	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.7	9.0	8.5	8.5	8.0
Freedom of assembly	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	6.6	6.9	6.6	4.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.7	9.4
Civil society repression	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.7	9.7	9.2	8.8	8.6	8.8	8.0
Expression and information	**6.6**	**6.5**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**7.4**	**7.6**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.6**	**7.7**	**7.2**	**6.0**
Direct attacks on the press	8.6	8.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.3	9.3	9.3	10.0	10.0	8.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.6	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	8.1	7.9	7.7	7.9	7.5	7.5	7.3	6.9	7.5	7.5	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3
Relationships	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**5.0**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4

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SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
152

Score
4.88

PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 149/165	Score 4.65
Rule of law		**4.0**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		4.0
Security and safety		**6.4**
Homicide		8.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		4.5
Movement		**5.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		6.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**6.7**
Freedom of religion		7.6
Religious organization repression		5.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**2.4**
Civil society entry and exit		0.4
Freedom of assembly		0.4
Freedom to form/run political parties		6.5
Civil society repression		2.2
Expression and information		**2.2**
Direct attacks on the press		5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		3.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)		0.0
Media and expression (BTI)		2.2
Media and expression (CLD)		0.0
Relationships		**5.8**
Same-sex relationships		0.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		-
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 149/165	Score 5.22
Size of government		**6.5**
Government consumption		3.1
Transfers and subsidies		10.0
Government investment		8.6
Top marginal tax rate		6.5
State ownership of assets		4.2
Legal system and property rights		**3.5**
Judicial independence		3.8
Impartial courts		2.5
Property rights		3.7
Military interference		-
Integrity of the legal system		2.6
Contracts		1.4
Real property		8.5
Police and crime		3.9
Sound money		**6.1**
Money growth		5.3
Standard deviation of inflation		6.6
Inflation: most recent year		2.5
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**4.0**
Tariffs		5.7
Regulatory trade barriers		3.0
Black-market exchange rates		3.5
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		4.0
Regulation		**6.0**
Credit market regulation		6.9
Labor market regulation		7.6
Business regulation		4.0
Freedom to compete		5.5

BURUNDI

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**4.99**	**5.10**	**5.42**	**5.53**	**5.23**	**5.32**	**5.36**	**5.37**	**4.67**	**4.66**	**4.74**	**4.88**
Ranking	**142**	**141**	**136**	**135**	**139**	**143**	**141**	**138**	**154**	**156**	**157**	**152**
Economic freedom	4.86	5.31	4.72	5.24	4.58	4.89	4.97	5.71	5.78	5.39	5.42	5.22
Personal freedom	5.08	4.95	5.92	5.74	5.70	5.62	5.64	5.14	3.88	4.14	4.25	4.65
Rule of law	**4.4**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.0**	**4.1**	**3.6**	**2.9**	**2.9**	**3.4**	**4.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.1	3.6	2.9	2.9	3.4	4.0
Security and safety	**3.0**	**1.0**	**6.1**	**5.9**	**5.8**	**6.7**	**7.3**	**7.1**	**5.0**	**5.6**	**5.7**	**6.4**
Homicide	-	-	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	3.0	1.0	3.3	3.0	2.9	4.6	6.1	5.8	1.9	3.0	3.2	4.5
Movement	**4.7**	**5.2**	**6.9**	**7.0**	**6.9**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.4**	**3.7**	**4.2**	**4.5**	**5.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.1	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.0	6.2	4.0	5.1	5.6	6.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**8.1**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**6.4**	**5.7**	**5.8**	**6.3**	**6.7**
Freedom of religion	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.5	7.2	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.6
Religious organization repression	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.2	6.1	5.6	3.7	3.8	4.8	5.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.3**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.3**	**5.1**	**4.4**	**4.8**	**3.6**	**2.2**	**2.0**	**2.1**	**2.4**
Civil society entry and exit	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.6	2.6	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.4
Freedom of assembly	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.4	4.9	2.6	1.5	0.7	0.4	0.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.1	7.5	7.6	7.5	5.9	5.3	6.0	6.5
Civil society repression	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.1	3.7	2.2	2.2	1.9	0.5	1.5	1.5	2.2
Expression and information	**4.5**	**4.9**	**5.1**	**4.0**	**4.2**	**3.8**	**4.3**	**3.8**	**2.6**	**2.6**	**1.8**	**2.2**
Direct attacks on the press	8.0	10.0	10.0	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.9	7.2	8.5	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.7	5.4	5.1	5.2	4.9	2.5	2.2	2.0	3.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	1.2	1.2	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	5.6	4.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Relationships	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**4.4**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	2.5	2.5	-	-	-
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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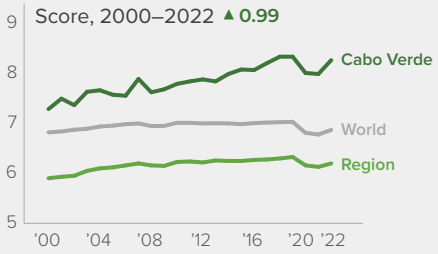
CABO VERDE

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
27

Score
8.29



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 29/165	Score 8.95
Rule of law		**7.0**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.0
Security and safety		**8.9**
Homicide		8.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.6
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.9**
Freedom of religion		9.8
Religious organization repression		9.9
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.4**
Civil society entry and exit		8.3
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.6
Civil society repression		9.8
Expression and information		**9.5**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.9
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**8.1**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		2.5
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 47/165	Score 7.37
Size of government		**7.5**
Government consumption		5.5
Transfers and subsidies		8.6
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		6.0
State ownership of assets		7.5
Legal system and property rights		**6.4**
Judicial independence		6.2
Impartial courts		5.9
Property rights		5.3
Military interference		-
Integrity of the legal system		7.4
Contracts		5.5
Real property		8.9
Police and crime		5.3
Sound money		**8.8**
Money growth		9.7
Standard deviation of inflation		8.7
Inflation: most recent year		6.8
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.6**
Tariffs		6.5
Regulatory trade barriers		5.9
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		8.1
Regulation		**6.6**
Credit market regulation		8.2
Labor market regulation		5.1
Business regulation		6.1
Freedom to compete		6.8

CABO VERDE

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.30**	**7.38**	**7.68**	**7.57**	**7.64**	**7.81**	**7.90**	**8.01**	**8.09**	**8.36**	**8.03**	**8.29**
Ranking	**58**	**63**	**48**	**55**	**47**	**47**	**43**	**41**	**41**	**31**	**31**	**27**
Economic freedom	6.07	6.30	7.19	6.92	6.84	6.42	6.72	7.01	7.19	7.59	7.37	7.37
Personal freedom	8.01	8.00	7.96	7.94	8.10	8.81	8.75	8.72	8.73	8.91	8.50	8.95
Rule of law	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**7.1**	**7.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.0
Security and safety	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.2**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**8.3**	**8.0**	**8.2**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.9**
Homicide	9.0	9.0	8.7	7.9	8.0	7.7	6.8	6.4	6.7	8.0	8.1	8.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.6	9.6
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**6.6**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.4**
Civil society entry and exit	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.6
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Expression and information	**7.7**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**9.6**	**9.5**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	8.0	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.1	8.2	7.9
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.0	6.9	6.7	7.5	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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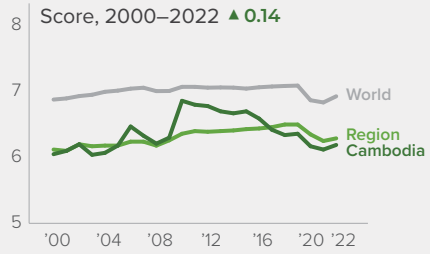
CAMBODIA

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
113

Score
6.14



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 122/165	Score 5.63
Rule of law		**2.5**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		3.8
Security and safety		**8.0**
Homicide		9.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		6.6
Movement		**6.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		6.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**7.1**
Freedom of religion		7.5
Religious organization repression		6.7
Association, assembly, civil society		**3.3**
Civil society entry and exit		2.3
Freedom of assembly		2.3
Freedom to form/run political parties		6.0
Civil society repression		2.7
Expression and information		**3.0**
Direct attacks on the press		5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		3.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		1.1
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**8.8**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 70/165	Score 6.85
Size of government		**8.8**
Government consumption		8.6
Transfers and subsidies		9.3
Government investment		8.8
Top marginal tax rate		10.0
State ownership of assets		7.2
Legal system and property rights		**3.8**
Judicial independence		3.2
Impartial courts		2.4
Property rights		4.7
Military interference		-
Integrity of the legal system		1.7
Contracts		2.2
Real property		7.5
Police and crime		4.8
Sound money		**8.7**
Money growth		7.7
Standard deviation of inflation		9.2
Inflation: most recent year		7.9
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.3**
Tariffs		7.9
Regulatory trade barriers		4.7
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		6.8
Regulation		**5.7**
Credit market regulation		8.5
Labor market regulation		6.0
Business regulation		4.1
Freedom to compete		4.0

CAMBODIA

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.00**	**6.15**	**6.02**	**6.42**	**6.16**	**6.81**	**6.73**	**6.62**	**6.54**	**6.29**	**6.12**	**6.14**
Ranking	**113**	**108**	**115**	**106**	**115**	**92**	**94**	**101**	**108**	**116**	**117**	**113**
Economic freedom	5.09	5.00	5.25	6.00	5.39	6.61	6.59	6.75	6.90	6.98	6.81	6.85
Personal freedom	6.52	6.81	6.47	6.67	6.61	6.96	6.83	6.53	6.29	5.80	5.62	5.63
Rule of law	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.4**	**2.7**	**2.6**	**2.5**	**2.4**	**2.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.1	3.0	2.2	2.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	3.7	3.7	3.4	1.9	2.0	2.6	2.5	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.0	4.0	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.6	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.8
Security and safety	**7.7**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.4**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.2**	**8.0**
Homicide	8.6	9.0	8.9	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.7	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.3	7.9	7.8	6.9	6.6
Movement	**9.5**	**9.5**	**7.7**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.0**	**8.7**	**7.1**	**6.7**	**6.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.0	9.0	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.0	7.4	7.5	6.8	6.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**7.1**
Freedom of religion	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	8.4	8.4	8.7	7.0	6.9	6.7	7.5
Religious organization repression	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.2	7.2	6.5	6.5	6.7	6.8	6.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.4**	**5.2**	**5.0**	**4.8**	**4.2**	**3.4**	**3.1**	**3.3**
Civil society entry and exit	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.4	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.3
Freedom of assembly	4.5	4.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.3	2.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.5	7.5	5.6	5.0	6.0
Civil society repression	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.2	4.8	4.6	4.6	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.7
Expression and information	**4.4**	**5.5**	**5.2**	**4.9**	**4.7**	**4.5**	**4.1**	**3.9**	**3.8**	**3.5**	**3.4**	**3.0**
Direct attacks on the press	6.0	10.0	8.8	7.0	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.5	7.0	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.6	4.5	3.8	3.5	2.8	2.8	3.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	3.1	4.6	4.4	4.8	4.2	3.8	3.3	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2	1.1	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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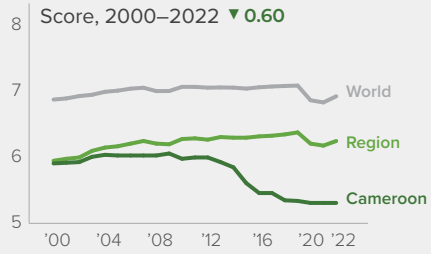
CAMEROON

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
144

Score
5.26



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 139/165 | Score 5.01

Rule of law	**2.8**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.1
Security and safety	**5.5**
Homicide	8.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	2.3
Movement	**5.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**8.0**
Freedom of religion	8.1
Religious organization repression	7.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.7**
Civil society entry and exit	5.1
Freedom of assembly	2.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.6
Civil society repression	3.8
Expression and information	**2.1**
Direct attacks on the press	4.4
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0
Relationships	**6.2**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	9.9

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 135/165 | Score 5.61

Size of government	**7.3**
Government consumption	8.0
Transfers and subsidies	9.3
Government investment	7.7
Top marginal tax rate	4.5
State ownership of assets	6.8
Legal system and property rights	**2.8**
Judicial independence	3.9
Impartial courts	3.7
Property rights	4.5
Military interference	4.2
Integrity of the legal system	3.7
Contracts	2.3
Real property	4.0
Police and crime	3.8
Sound money	**6.4**
Money growth	9.0
Standard deviation of inflation	9.3
Inflation: most recent year	7.5
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**5.5**
Tariffs	6.5
Regulatory trade barriers	2.6
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	2.7
Regulation	**6.1**
Credit market regulation	7.7
Labor market regulation	7.0
Business regulation	3.4
Freedom to compete	6.2

CAMEROON

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.86**	**5.88**	**5.99**	**5.98**	**5.98**	**5.93**	**5.95**	**5.80**	**5.41**	**5.30**	**5.26**	**5.26**
Ranking	**120**	**119**	**117**	**120**	**121**	**124**	**123**	**128**	**139**	**148**	**145**	**144**
Economic freedom	5.32	5.45	5.60	5.52	5.47	5.77	5.71	5.61	5.60	5.73	5.66	5.61
Personal freedom	6.25	6.19	6.28	6.31	6.34	6.04	6.13	5.93	5.28	4.99	4.97	5.01
Rule of law	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.1**	**3.0**	**2.8**	**2.8**	**2.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	3.5	3.5	3.7	2.8	2.6	1.8	2.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.7	4.1	4.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.6	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.1
Security and safety	**8.2**	**7.6**	**8.0**	**8.1**	**8.4**	**8.2**	**8.4**	**7.5**	**6.4**	**5.8**	**5.9**	**5.5**
Homicide	9.1	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.8	8.6	8.8	9.7	9.6	9.6	8.7	8.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.3	7.1	7.8	8.0	7.9	7.9	8.0	5.4	3.2	2.0	3.1	2.3
Movement	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.4**	**6.0**	**5.5**	**5.7**	**5.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	8.6	7.7	8.0	8.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**7.7**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**8.0**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	7.8	7.8	7.9	8.1
Religious organization repression	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	7.6	7.3	7.2	7.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.2**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**4.5**	**4.7**
Civil society entry and exit	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.2	4.2	4.7	4.8	5.1
Freedom of assembly	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	2.6	2.2	2.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.7	7.6
Civil society repression	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.8
Expression and information	**4.3**	**4.5**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.8**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.7**	**3.5**	**2.4**	**2.1**	**2.1**
Direct attacks on the press	7.5	8.4	9.3	9.3	8.0	7.4	7.4	8.2	7.9	5.0	4.4	4.4
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.0	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.2	1.1	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Relationships	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9

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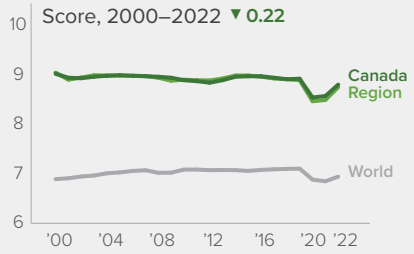
CANADA

NORTH AMERICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
11

Score
8.74



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 16/165 | Score 9.28

Rule of law	**7.2**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.6
Security and safety	**9.6**
Homicide	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.8
Movement	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.5**
Freedom of religion	9.6
Religious organization repression	9.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.3**
Civil society entry and exit	8.6
Freedom of assembly	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5
Civil society repression	9.0
Expression and information	**9.8**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0
Relationships	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 8/165 | Score 7.99

Size of government	**6.4**
Government consumption	3.6
Transfers and subsidies	6.9
Government investment	9.6
Top marginal tax rate	5.0
State ownership of assets	7.2
Legal system and property rights	**8.3**
Judicial independence	7.9
Impartial courts	8.0
Property rights	8.9
Military interference	10.0
Integrity of the legal system	8.4
Contracts	6.4
Real property	8.7
Police and crime	8.2
Sound money	**8.6**
Money growth	8.3
Standard deviation of inflation	8.6
Inflation: most recent year	7.3
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.5**
Tariffs	7.2
Regulatory trade barriers	8.9
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	8.0
Regulation	**8.1**
Credit market regulation	9.9
Labor market regulation	7.8
Business regulation	6.7
Freedom to compete	8.1

CANADA

NORTH AMERICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.96**	**8.87**	**8.92**	**8.92**	**8.90**	**8.83**	**8.78**	**8.90**	**8.91**	**8.85**	**8.48**	**8.74**
Ranking	**11**	**12**	**12**	**10**	**6**	**11**	**14**	**10**	**12**	**12**	**14**	**11**
Economic freedom	8.37	8.22	8.32	8.33	8.25	8.07	8.01	8.18	8.25	8.11	7.86	7.99
Personal freedom	9.39	9.33	9.35	9.35	9.36	9.37	9.34	9.42	9.39	9.37	8.92	9.28
Rule of law	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.4**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.6**	**7.2**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	8.3	8.3	7.9	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.0	6.9	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	7.5	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.2	7.9	7.6
Security and safety	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Homicide	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.8	9.8
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**6.5**	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.5**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6
Religious organization repression	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.6**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.3**	**9.3**
Civil society entry and exit	9.4	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.6	8.6
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Civil society repression	9.4	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Expression and information	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Direct attacks on the press	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.2	9.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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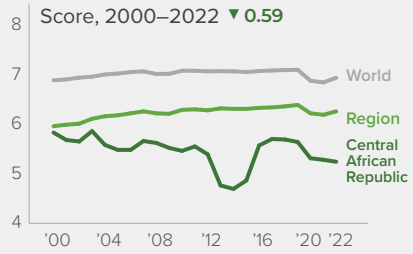
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
145

Score
5.18



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 126/165	Score 5.37
Rule of law		**4.1**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		4.1
Security and safety		**3.0**
Homicide		4.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		1.8
Movement		**4.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		6.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**8.6**
Freedom of religion		7.8
Religious organization repression		9.4
Association, assembly, civil society		**4.9**
Civil society entry and exit		5.3
Freedom of assembly		3.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		7.8
Civil society repression		3.7
Expression and information		**4.0**
Direct attacks on the press		2.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)		6.9
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		4.4
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**8.2**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		7.8

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 153/165	Score 4.92
Size of government		**6.6**
Government consumption		9.4
Transfers and subsidies		9.6
Government investment		2.6
Top marginal tax rate		3.5
State ownership of assets		8.1
Legal system and property rights		**2.0**
Judicial independence		4.1
Impartial courts		1.9
Property rights		1.5
Military interference		-
Integrity of the legal system		3.3
Contracts		0.3
Real property		5.0
Police and crime		0.0
Sound money		**6.0**
Money growth		7.3
Standard deviation of inflation		9.0
Inflation: most recent year		7.8
Foreign currency bank accounts		0.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**5.1**
Tariffs		6.4
Regulatory trade barriers		2.4
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		1.7
Regulation		**4.8**
Credit market regulation		7.8
Labor market regulation		3.8
Business regulation		2.1
Freedom to compete		5.4

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.77**	**5.59**	**5.52**	**5.42**	**5.56**	**5.40**	**5.33**	**4.63**	**5.51**	**5.63**	**5.25**	**5.18**
Ranking	**122**	**128**	**131**	**137**	**131**	**140**	**143**	**154**	**135**	**134**	**147**	**145**
Economic freedom	4.84	4.92	4.94	4.80	4.93	5.03	4.84	4.30	4.84	4.94	4.88	4.92
Personal freedom	6.43	6.06	5.93	5.87	6.02	5.66	5.69	4.86	5.99	6.13	5.51	5.37
Rule of law	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.1**	**3.7**	**4.2**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1
Security and safety	**8.2**	**6.6**	**6.0**	**5.4**	**6.0**	**3.8**	**4.1**	**3.6**	**4.0**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.0**
Homicide	-	-	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.2	6.6	7.8	6.5	7.7	3.4	4.0	2.9	3.8	2.9	2.9	1.8
Movement	**6.3**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.5**	**2.9**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**5.0**	**4.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.9	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3
Religion	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**6.4**	**7.9**	**8.4**	**7.9**	**8.6**
Freedom of religion	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	4.2	7.1	7.6	7.6	7.8
Religious organization repression	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	8.7	8.7	9.2	8.2	9.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.6**	**4.9**	**5.8**	**6.6**	**5.2**	**4.9**
Civil society entry and exit	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.8	5.3	5.3
Freedom of assembly	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.1	4.1	3.3	1.5	4.1	4.1	3.0	3.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.8	8.1	8.4	8.5	8.3	7.8
Civil society repression	4.6	4.6	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	2.7	3.3	6.0	4.2	3.7
Expression and information	**4.6**	**5.3**	**5.4**	**5.6**	**5.8**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**4.9**	**5.9**	**5.4**	**4.5**	**4.0**
Direct attacks on the press	6.3	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	5.0	5.0	2.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.3	6.9
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.8	2.7	3.2	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.5	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	5.6	4.4	4.4	5.6	6.7	5.6	5.6	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.8

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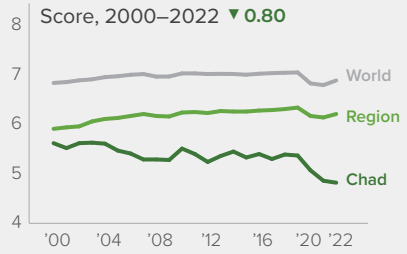
CHAD

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
154

Score
4.81



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 151/165	Score 4.63
Rule of law		**3.4**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		3.4
Security and safety		**4.6**
Homicide		7.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		1.9
Movement		**6.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		5.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**7.5**
Freedom of religion		7.1
Religious organization repression		7.9
Association, assembly, civil society		**3.2**
Civil society entry and exit		3.4
Freedom of assembly		2.3
Freedom to form/run political parties		5.5
Civil society repression		1.4
Expression and information		**3.3**
Direct attacks on the press		6.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)		3.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		1.1
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**4.2**
Same-sex relationships		0.0
Divorce		5.0
Inheritance rights		5.0
Female genital mutilation		6.6

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 151/165	Score 5.05
Size of government		**7.5**
Government consumption		10.0
Transfers and subsidies		9.9
Government investment		2.5
Top marginal tax rate		8.0
State ownership of assets		7.3
Legal system and property rights		**2.5**
Judicial independence		2.6
Impartial courts		2.2
Property rights		3.2
Military interference		-
Integrity of the legal system		2.0
Contracts		2.4
Real property		6.8
Police and crime		3.3
Sound money		**5.7**
Money growth		8.4
Standard deviation of inflation		6.6
Inflation: most recent year		7.7
Foreign currency bank accounts		0.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**5.2**
Tariffs		6.3
Regulatory trade barriers		2.6
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		2.1
Regulation		**4.4**
Credit market regulation		6.3
Labor market regulation		4.8
Business regulation		1.6
Freedom to compete		4.8

CHAD

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.61**	**5.61**	**5.60**	**5.40**	**5.28**	**5.50**	**5.23**	**5.44**	**5.39**	**5.38**	**5.06**	**4.81**
Ranking	**125**	**127**	**127**	**138**	**137**	**137**	**147**	**136**	**141**	**142**	**153**	**154**
Economic freedom	5.46	5.40	5.26	5.13	4.97	5.09	4.44	4.95	5.22	5.49	5.26	5.05
Personal freedom	5.72	5.76	5.84	5.60	5.50	5.79	5.78	5.79	5.50	5.30	4.92	4.63
Rule of law	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.0**	**4.1**	**3.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.4
Security and safety	**5.7**	**5.8**	**6.6**	**5.0**	**5.4**	**6.8**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.3**	**4.6**
Homicide	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.9	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	4.8	4.9	6.4	3.0	3.6	6.4	6.6	6.5	4.2	4.3	3.3	1.9
Movement	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**6.9**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**5.0**	**6.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.2	7.3	6.7	5.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**8.3**	**7.3**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Freedom of religion	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	8.5	6.8	6.8	7.1	7.1
Religious organization repression	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.1	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.7**	**4.9**	**4.7**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**3.2**
Civil society entry and exit	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.4	3.4
Freedom of assembly	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.1	3.8	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	6.9	7.0	5.5
Civil society repression	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	3.8	3.8	1.4
Expression and information	**5.0**	**5.2**	**5.0**	**4.8**	**4.1**	**4.4**	**4.6**	**4.5**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**4.1**	**3.3**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.3	6.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.8	5.6	5.6	5.3	4.2	5.4	5.3	5.5	5.4	4.7	4.0	3.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	3.3	3.7	2.5	2.3	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	1.1	1.1	2.2	1.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.1**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**4.0**	**4.2**	**4.2**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Inheritance rights	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	5.5	5.6	5.6	6.2	6.6	6.6

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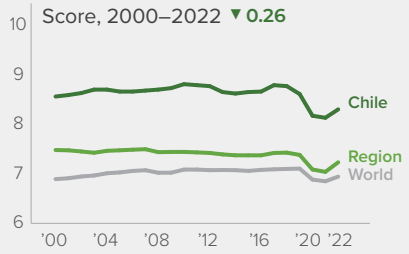
CHILE

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
31

Score
8.24



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 31/165	Score 8.81
Rule of law		**6.6**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.5
Security and safety		**8.5**
Homicide		8.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		8.9
Movement		**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.6**
Freedom of religion		9.8
Religious organization repression		9.3
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.6**
Civil society entry and exit		6.7
Freedom of assembly		9.6
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.6
Civil society repression		8.5
Expression and information		**9.5**
Direct attacks on the press		9.2
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		10.0
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 39/165	Score 7.45
Size of government		**7.2**
Government consumption		6.4
Transfers and subsidies		5.3
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		6.0
State ownership of assets		8.3
Legal system and property rights		**6.8**
Judicial independence		7.6
Impartial courts		6.9
Property rights		8.0
Military interference		7.5
Integrity of the legal system		7.4
Contracts		6.1
Real property		9.1
Police and crime		7.1
Sound money		**8.1**
Money growth		8.4
Standard deviation of inflation		8.7
Inflation: most recent year		5.3
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.6**
Tariffs		9.5
Regulatory trade barriers		7.7
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.1
Regulation		**6.6**
Credit market regulation		6.8
Labor market regulation		5.3
Business regulation		6.1
Freedom to compete		8.2

CHILE

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.50**	**8.57**	**8.64**	**8.60**	**8.64**	**8.75**	**8.71**	**8.56**	**8.60**	**8.71**	**8.11**	**8.24**
Ranking	**24**	**24**	**21**	**20**	**19**	**15**	**18**	**27**	**26**	**20**	**27**	**31**
Economic freedom	7.72	7.86	7.98	8.06	7.99	8.08	8.04	7.98	8.03	8.08	7.64	7.45
Personal freedom	9.06	9.07	9.12	8.98	9.12	9.23	9.19	8.98	9.01	9.16	8.44	8.81
Rule of law	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.5**	**6.7**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.4**	**6.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.5	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.6	6.6	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.2	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	6.0	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.0	7.5
Security and safety	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.1**	**8.6**	**8.5**
Homicide	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.3	9.0	9.0	8.7	8.3	8.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.4	8.9	8.9
Movement	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**6.3**	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.2	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.0**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.1	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.7**	**9.5**	**8.9**	**8.6**
Civil society entry and exit	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.1	8.4	6.7
Freedom of assembly	8.1	8.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.8	8.8	10.0	10.0	9.2	9.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.6
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.8	9.1	8.4	8.5
Expression and information	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.5**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.2
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.1	8.9	8.9	8.3	8.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.8	9.8	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9	8.9	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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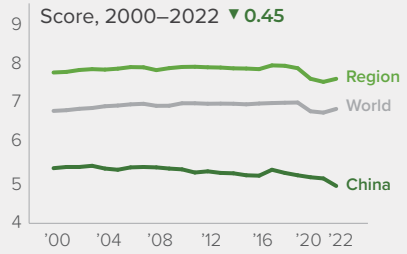
CHINA

EAST ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
150

Score
4.93



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 157/165	Score 4.07
Rule of law		**4.0**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		3.8
Security and safety		**8.2**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		6.4
Movement		**2.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		4.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)		0.0
Religion		**1.0**
Freedom of religion		0.5
Religious organization repression		1.6
Association, assembly, civil society		**1.2**
Civil society entry and exit		0.2
Freedom of assembly		1.2
Freedom to form/run political parties		1.7
Civil society repression		1.8
Expression and information		**1.8**
Direct attacks on the press		8.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		1.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)		0.0
Media and expression (BTI)		0.0
Media and expression (CLD)		0.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 104/165	Score 6.14
Size of government		**4.7**
Government consumption		2.9
Transfers and subsidies		8.3
Government investment		3.9
Top marginal tax rate		5.0
State ownership of assets		3.7
Legal system and property rights		**4.8**
Judicial independence		4.2
Impartial courts		3.8
Property rights		5.5
Military interference		4.2
Integrity of the legal system		4.0
Contracts		4.8
Real property		8.3
Police and crime		5.9
Sound money		**8.2**
Money growth		9.4
Standard deviation of inflation		9.4
Inflation: most recent year		9.2
Foreign currency bank accounts		5.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.1**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		7.0
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		2.8
Regulation		**5.8**
Credit market regulation		7.1
Labor market regulation		5.1
Business regulation		4.7
Freedom to compete		6.4

CHINA

EAST ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.38**	**5.41**	**5.37**	**5.40**	**5.40**	**5.35**	**5.30**	**5.25**	**5.19**	**5.26**	**5.15**	**4.93**
Ranking	**131**	**132**	**137**	**138**	**134**	**141**	**144**	**146**	**148**	**150**	**151**	**150**
Economic freedom	5.58	5.74	5.64	5.75	5.76	5.87	5.98	6.05	6.07	6.18	6.16	6.14
Personal freedom	5.24	5.17	5.17	5.14	5.13	4.99	4.81	4.68	4.56	4.60	4.43	4.07
Rule of law	**4.5**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.2**	**4.6**	**4.7**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**4.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.3	4.3	4.1	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.1	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	5.4	5.4	4.3	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.8
Security and safety	**8.9**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.0**	**8.4**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**8.2**
Homicide	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.4	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.8	6.3	7.1	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.4
Movement	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**3.9**	**2.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.4	4.5	4.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0
Religion	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.6**	**2.6**	**2.5**	**2.4**	**2.2**	**1.7**	**1.5**	**1.3**	**1.0**
Freedom of religion	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.5
Religious organization repression	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.0	2.2	2.3	1.8	1.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**1.9**	**2.0**	**2.0**	**2.1**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**1.8**	**1.6**	**1.6**	**1.3**	**1.2**
Civil society entry and exit	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	1.7	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.2
Freedom of assembly	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.7
Civil society repression	2.6	3.1	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.3	1.8
Expression and information	**4.2**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.4**	**3.3**	**3.1**	**3.3**	**2.8**	**2.7**	**2.1**	**2.1**	**1.8**
Direct attacks on the press	8.9	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.2	8.0	8.0	8.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.0	3.8	2.6	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	6.7	4.9	4.9	3.7	3.1	3.1	4.3	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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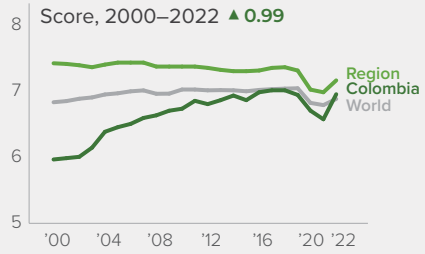
COLOMBIA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
79

Score
6.95



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 81/165 | Score 7.25

Rule of law	**4.7**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.1
Security and safety	**4.2**
Homicide	2.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	5.8
Movement	**7.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**8.9**
Freedom of religion	8.0
Religious organization repression	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.2**
Civil society entry and exit	7.3
Freedom of assembly	6.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.6
Civil society repression	9.0
Expression and information	**6.8**
Direct attacks on the press	8.2
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 86/165 | Score 6.54

Size of government	**7.0**
Government consumption	7.0
Transfers and subsidies	6.9
Government investment	6.6
Top marginal tax rate	7.0
State ownership of assets	7.6
Legal system and property rights	**5.0**
Judicial independence	5.5
Impartial courts	4.9
Property rights	5.1
Military interference	4.2
Integrity of the legal system	5.0
Contracts	3.7
Real property	9.1
Police and crime	3.4
Sound money	**6.9**
Money growth	8.7
Standard deviation of inflation	8.0
Inflation: most recent year	5.9
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.1**
Tariffs	8.1
Regulatory trade barriers	4.4
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	6.0
Regulation	**6.7**
Credit market regulation	8.8
Labor market regulation	5.8
Business regulation	4.8
Freedom to compete	7.3

COLOMBIA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.96**	**6.00**	**6.38**	**6.50**	**6.63**	**6.73**	**6.80**	**6.93**	**6.98**	**7.01**	**6.70**	**6.95**
Ranking	**115**	**114**	**104**	**102**	**95**	**97**	**91**	**83**	**82**	**84**	**86**	**79**
Economic freedom	5.91	6.19	6.39	6.53	6.55	6.62	6.72	6.57	6.59	6.66	6.51	6.54
Personal freedom	6.00	5.86	6.38	6.48	6.69	6.81	6.85	7.19	7.26	7.25	6.83	7.25
Rule of law	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.6**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.7**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.6	4.6	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.5	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.8	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.3	4.3	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.4	5.5	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.5	6.1
Security and safety	**1.0**	**0.5**	**1.7**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.5**	**2.0**	**3.4**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**4.6**	**4.2**
Homicide	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.9	2.6	2.6	3.4	2.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	2.1	1.1	3.5	4.4	4.5	4.9	4.0	4.8	6.2	6.4	5.7	5.8
Movement	**5.6**	**5.6**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.9**	**6.0**	**7.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.9	7.9	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.9	8.9	9.1	8.6	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.6**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.3**	**8.9**
Freedom of religion	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	9.7	8.1	8.1	7.8	8.0
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.5	9.5	9.6	8.9	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.8**	**6.5**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.4**	**7.6**	**8.1**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.4**	**8.0**	**8.2**
Civil society entry and exit	6.5	7.0	6.0	6.0	6.9	7.0	7.9	9.1	9.2	8.2	7.3	7.3
Freedom of assembly	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	7.2	7.2	6.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6
Civil society repression	5.5	3.6	6.6	6.6	7.3	7.4	8.8	9.8	9.8	8.6	7.9	9.0
Expression and information	**5.2**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.2**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.6**	**6.5**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.8**	**6.8**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1	8.0	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.8	8.8	8.2
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.4	7.0	7.3	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.4	7.0	7.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.6	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.8	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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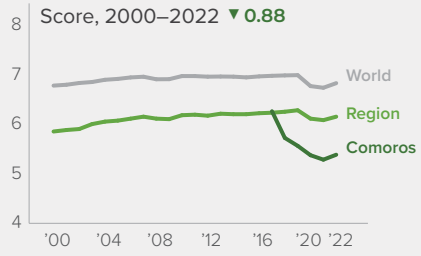
COMOROS

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
132

Score
5.43



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 128/165 | Score 5.34

Rule of law	**4.7**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.7
Security and safety	**7.8**
Homicide	7.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.9
Movement	**7.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**4.9**
Freedom of religion	4.7
Religious organization repression	5.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.1**
Civil society entry and exit	4.7
Freedom of assembly	2.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.8
Civil society repression	4.9
Expression and information	**4.4**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**3.1**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 139/165 | Score 5.56

Size of government	**6.4**
Government consumption	9.2
Transfers and subsidies	-
Government investment	3.0
Top marginal tax rate	7.5
State ownership of assets	5.7
Legal system and property rights	**3.1**
Judicial independence	4.8
Impartial courts	2.6
Property rights	3.1
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	3.4
Contracts	2.1
Real property	6.9
Police and crime	2.5
Sound money	**5.9**
Money growth	8.4
Standard deviation of inflation	9.2
Inflation: most recent year	5.9
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.5**
Tariffs	6.8
Regulatory trade barriers	4.4
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.6
Regulation	**6.0**
Credit market regulation	8.6
Labor market regulation	5.3
Business regulation	3.8
Freedom to compete	6.3

COMOROS

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5.77**	**5.42**	**5.43**
Ranking	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**130**	**139**	**132**
Economic freedom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.56	5.73	5.56
Personal freedom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.88	5.20	5.34
Rule of law	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5.2**	**5.1**	**4.7**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.2	4.9	4.7
Security and safety	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**8.1**	**7.9**	**7.8**
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.8	7.8	7.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.5	8.1	7.9
Movement	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7.4**	**5.6**	**7.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.1	7.8	8.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4.5**	**4.9**	**4.9**
Freedom of religion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.4	4.7	4.7
Religious organization repression	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.6	5.2	5.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**6.3**	**5.3**	**5.1**
Civil society entry and exit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.2	5.5	4.7
Freedom of assembly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9	2.9	2.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.9	8.0	7.8
Civil society repression	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.4	4.9	4.9
Expression and information	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7.2**	**4.4**	**4.4**
Direct attacks on the press	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0	6.7	6.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2.5**	**3.1**	**3.1**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
Divorce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0

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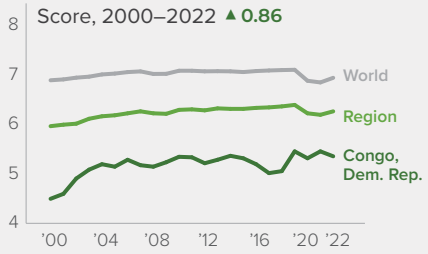
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
141

Score
5.29



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 123/165	Score 5.49
Rule of law		**3.1**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		4.4
Security and safety		**5.0**
Homicide		6.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		4.0
Movement		**7.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		7.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**5.9**
Freedom of religion		5.4
Religious organization repression		6.4
Association, assembly, civil society		**5.2**
Civil society entry and exit		5.9
Freedom of assembly		3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties		8.2
Civil society repression		3.7
Expression and information		**4.7**
Direct attacks on the press		9.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		5.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		3.3
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**7.5**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		2.5
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 152/165	Score 5.02
Size of government		**6.0**
Government consumption		8.6
Transfers and subsidies		9.8
Government investment		2.0
Top marginal tax rate		3.5
State ownership of assets		6.0
Legal system and property rights		**2.6**
Judicial independence		3.6
Impartial courts		1.7
Property rights		3.0
Military interference		4.2
Integrity of the legal system		3.0
Contracts		0.5
Real property		6.0
Police and crime		1.6
Sound money		**6.0**
Money growth		6.7
Standard deviation of inflation		5.9
Inflation: most recent year		6.3
Foreign currency bank accounts		5.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**5.6**
Tariffs		8.1
Regulatory trade barriers		1.9
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		2.5
Regulation		**4.9**
Credit market regulation		5.7
Labor market regulation		6.0
Business regulation		2.3
Freedom to compete		5.9

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SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**4.43**	**4.84**	**5.13**	**5.22**	**5.08**	**5.28**	**5.15**	**5.30**	**5.13**	**4.99**	**5.25**	**5.29**
Ranking	**150**	**146**	**144**	**144**	**145**	**144**	**150**	**142**	**150**	**155**	**147**	**141**
Economic freedom	3.45	3.98	4.46	4.61	4.53	5.04	5.20	5.20	5.52	4.81	5.05	5.02
Personal freedom	5.13	5.46	5.61	5.66	5.48	5.46	5.12	5.38	4.85	5.11	5.39	5.49
Rule of law	**2.6**	**2.5**	**2.6**	**2.6**	**2.6**	**2.7**	**2.7**	**2.8**	**2.8**	**2.8**	**2.8**	**3.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2	2.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	3.6	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	2.7	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.4
Security and safety	**4.7**	**6.1**	**5.7**	**5.8**	**5.5**	**5.7**	**4.6**	**5.0**	**5.2**	**4.5**	**4.6**	**5.0**
Homicide	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	3.6	6.3	5.5	5.8	5.2	5.6	3.4	4.0	4.4	3.0	3.1	4.0
Movement	**6.8**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**5.0**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**7.2**	**7.0**	**7.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.1	7.1	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.7**	**5.2**	**4.8**	**5.7**	**5.9**
Freedom of religion	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.5	5.8	5.9	5.7	5.4
Religious organization repression	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	6.0	4.6	3.7	5.8	6.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**3.4**	**4.3**	**5.3**	**5.4**	**5.9**	**5.4**	**5.5**	**5.7**	**4.9**	**4.7**	**5.5**	**5.2**
Civil society entry and exit	5.7	5.7	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.3	5.9
Freedom of assembly	1.9	3.1	3.1	3.1	4.9	3.1	4.2	3.8	2.7	1.8	2.7	3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	2.7	5.4	7.5	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.3	7.5	8.3	8.2
Civil society repression	3.2	3.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.5	3.8	4.9	3.3	3.3	4.8	3.7
Expression and information	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.5**	**4.6**	**4.8**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**5.1**	**3.6**	**4.3**	**4.5**	**4.7**
Direct attacks on the press	7.6	7.9	9.0	9.3	8.7	8.4	8.1	8.3	8.2	7.8	8.6	9.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.6	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.7	5.9	5.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	1.7	1.7	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.5	1.9	6.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	4.4	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.2	3.3	2.2	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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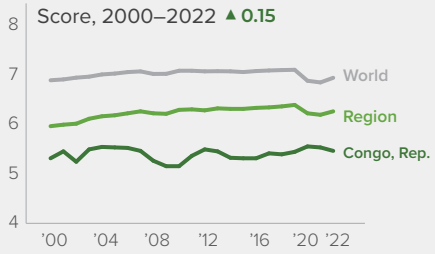
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
136

Score
5.40



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 121/165	Score 5.76
Rule of law		**3.6**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		4.0
Security and safety		**7.1**
Homicide		7.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		7.0
Movement		**6.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		6.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**7.0**
Freedom of religion		7.8
Religious organization repression		6.3
Association, assembly, civil society		**3.2**
Civil society entry and exit		1.6
Freedom of assembly		1.8
Freedom to form/run political parties		7.9
Civil society repression		1.4
Expression and information		**4.3**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		3.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		2.2
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**8.8**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 154/165	Score 4.89
Size of government		**6.0**
Government consumption		4.7
Transfers and subsidies		8.1
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		3.5
State ownership of assets		3.8
Legal system and property rights		**2.8**
Judicial independence		4.3
Impartial courts		1.7
Property rights		4.3
Military interference		5.0
Integrity of the legal system		2.9
Contracts		2.8
Real property		4.5
Police and crime		2.5
Sound money		**5.4**
Money growth		9.7
Standard deviation of inflation		3.1
Inflation: most recent year		8.8
Foreign currency bank accounts		0.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**5.7**
Tariffs		7.7
Regulatory trade barriers		2.5
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		2.7
Regulation		**4.5**
Credit market regulation		4.7
Labor market regulation		5.1
Business regulation		3.3
Freedom to compete		5.1

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SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.25**	**5.18**	**5.48**	**5.46**	**5.20**	**5.09**	**5.43**	**5.26**	**5.25**	**5.33**	**5.49**	**5.40**
Ranking	**134**	**138**	**133**	**136**	**141**	**151**	**136**	**145**	**147**	**147**	**137**	**136**
Economic freedom	4.28	4.34	4.44	4.41	4.26	4.29	4.50	4.68	5.08	4.85	4.96	4.89
Personal freedom	5.94	5.78	6.21	6.22	5.88	5.67	6.10	5.68	5.38	5.67	5.87	5.76
Rule of law	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.8**	**3.5**	**3.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.8	4.0
Security and safety	**6.6**	**5.2**	**6.9**	**7.0**	**5.9**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**6.8**	**5.6**	**6.7**	**7.1**	**7.1**
Homicide	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.5	3.8	7.1	7.0	4.8	7.0	7.0	6.2	4.0	6.2	7.0	7.0
Movement	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**4.7**	**8.0**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.3**	**5.8**	**6.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.1	5.8	5.0	6.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.2**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**8.1**	**7.0**
Freedom of religion	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.8	7.8
Religious organization repression	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	6.9	6.3	6.3	8.5	6.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**3.9**	**3.4**	**3.3**	**3.6**	**4.0**	**3.2**
Civil society entry and exit	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.4	1.6
Freedom of assembly	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.2	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	1.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.1	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9
Civil society repression	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.6	1.6	2.4	3.0	1.4
Expression and information	**4.6**	**4.8**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**4.9**	**4.1**	**4.7**	**3.6**	**3.1**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**4.3**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.4	6.4	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.6	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	3.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	3.5	4.2	4.2	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	3.3	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.1	2.9	0.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	4.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	6.7	3.3	0.0	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.2**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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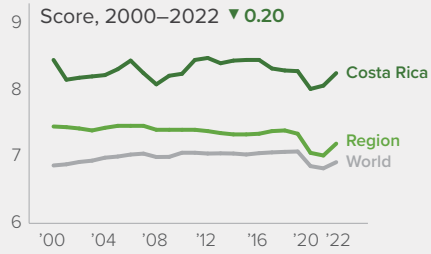
LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
32

Score
8.23



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 37/165 | Score 8.68

Rule of law	**6.7**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.1
Security and safety	**8.1**
Homicide	6.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.8
Movement	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.3**
Freedom of religion	9.8
Religious organization repression	8.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit	9.4
Freedom of assembly	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.9
Civil society repression	9.6
Expression and information	**9.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0
Relationships	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	5.0
Inheritance rights	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 26/165 | Score 7.60

Size of government	**7.6**
Government consumption	6.1
Transfers and subsidies	8.5
Government investment	9.3
Top marginal tax rate	6.5
State ownership of assets	7.5
Legal system and property rights	**6.7**
Judicial independence	7.4
Impartial courts	6.4
Property rights	7.1
Military interference	10.0
Integrity of the legal system	6.6
Contracts	4.3
Real property	8.7
Police and crime	4.7
Sound money	**8.8**
Money growth	9.4
Standard deviation of inflation	9.1
Inflation: most recent year	6.7
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.3**
Tariffs	8.1
Regulatory trade barriers	6.9
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	8.1
Regulation	**6.7**
Credit market regulation	7.3
Labor market regulation	6.6
Business regulation	5.8
Freedom to compete	7.1

COSTA RICA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.43**	**8.16**	**8.20**	**8.42**	**8.06**	**8.22**	**8.46**	**8.42**	**8.43**	**8.27**	**7.99**	**8.23**
Ranking	**26**	**37**	**38**	**31**	**40**	**38**	**30**	**31**	**30**	**36**	**33**	**32**
Economic freedom	7.59	7.09	7.07	7.56	7.19	7.33	7.63	7.62	7.73	7.67	7.62	7.60
Personal freedom	9.02	8.93	9.01	9.04	8.69	8.85	9.05	8.99	8.94	8.70	8.26	8.68
Rule of law	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.9**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.4	8.0	8.2	8.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.1	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.3	7.8	8.1	8.1
Security and safety	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**8.7**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**8.3**	**8.1**
Homicide	8.2	8.2	8.1	7.6	6.6	6.6	7.5	7.1	6.5	6.7	6.8	6.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.5	9.8	9.8
Movement	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**8.2**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**6.5**	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**8.9**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**
Freedom of religion	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	8.1	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.4	8.8	8.8	8.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.4	9.4	9.4
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.6	9.6	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Civil society repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	8.8	9.4	9.6	9.6
Expression and information	**9.1**	**8.4**	**9.0**	**9.7**	**9.4**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	6.3	6.3	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.0	7.4	9.1	9.1	8.9	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.6	10.0	9.6	9.3	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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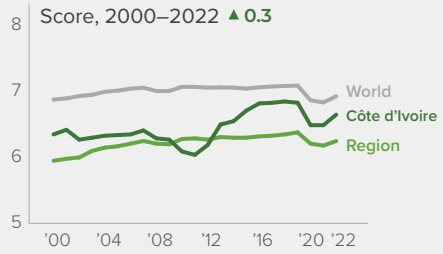
CÔTE D'IVOIRE

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
97

Score
6.60



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 88/165	Score 7.10
Rule of law		**3.8**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		5.8
Security and safety		**7.0**
Homicide		6.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		7.4
Movement		**7.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		8.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**9.2**
Freedom of religion		9.4
Religious organization repression		8.9
Association, assembly, civil society		**7.5**
Civil society entry and exit		7.6
Freedom of assembly		5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.1
Civil society repression		8.4
Expression and information		**6.1**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		6.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		5.6
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**8.5**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		6.3

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 122/165	Score 5.89
Size of government		**6.2**
Government consumption		7.7
Transfers and subsidies		9.7
Government investment		4.5
Top marginal tax rate		2.0
State ownership of assets		7.1
Legal system and property rights		**4.7**
Judicial independence		4.7
Impartial courts		4.2
Property rights		5.0
Military interference		5.0
Integrity of the legal system		5.0
Contracts		4.5
Real property		6.9
Police and crime		4.5
Sound money		**6.5**
Money growth		8.6
Standard deviation of inflation		9.5
Inflation: most recent year		7.9
Foreign currency bank accounts		0.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**5.8**
Tariffs		6.8
Regulatory trade barriers		3.5
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		2.9
Regulation		**6.3**
Credit market regulation		7.3
Labor market regulation		6.1
Business regulation		5.2
Freedom to compete		6.6

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.30**	**6.22**	**6.28**	**6.30**	**6.24**	**6.04**	**6.14**	**6.50**	**6.77**	**6.80**	**6.44**	**6.60**
Ranking	**97**	**106**	**107**	**109**	**113**	**120**	**115**	**107**	**94**	**95**	**102**	**97**
Economic freedom	5.74	5.61	5.81	5.66	5.45	5.42	5.42	5.81	6.13	6.09	5.88	5.89
Personal freedom	6.69	6.65	6.62	6.77	6.80	6.49	6.65	6.99	7.22	7.31	6.84	7.10
Rule of law	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.8**	**4.0**	**3.6**	**4.0**	**3.9**	**3.7**	**3.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	2.7	2.7	3.0	2.1	3.0	2.7	2.5	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.1	5.1	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.4	5.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.6	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.8	6.1	6.6	6.6	6.2	5.8	5.8
Security and safety	**6.3**	**5.6**	**6.0**	**6.4**	**6.8**	**6.5**	**6.8**	**7.2**	**7.4**	**7.6**	**7.0**	**7.0**
Homicide	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.7	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.3	5.9	6.7	7.1	7.4	6.8	7.3	7.8	8.2	8.6	7.3	7.4
Movement	**7.9**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**6.2**	**6.3**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.6**	**6.0**	**7.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.2	9.0	9.3	9.2	9.4	8.6	8.6	8.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**8.9**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**9.5**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**9.4**	**9.6**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.2**
Freedom of religion	8.1	8.1	8.1	9.8	8.1	8.0	9.6	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4
Religious organization repression	9.7	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.1	9.4	9.1	9.3	9.3	8.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.8**	**8.1**	**7.7**	**7.5**	**7.6**	**7.4**	**7.9**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.0**	**7.5**
Civil society entry and exit	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.3	6.6	7.6
Freedom of assembly	3.9	5.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.2	5.7	5.0	5.4	5.4	4.5	5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.0	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	8.7	8.7	8.9	9.2	9.2	9.1
Civil society repression	9.6	9.3	9.0	8.1	8.7	8.6	8.5	7.7	8.0	8.4	7.8	8.4
Expression and information	**4.5**	**4.9**	**4.6**	**4.5**	**5.0**	**5.3**	**4.3**	**5.1**	**6.1**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.1**
Direct attacks on the press	7.5	10.0	8.3	8.3	8.6	9.4	5.6	6.3	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.0	6.7	6.8	6.2	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.7	6.5	6.4	6.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.7	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.4	3.5	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.3	4.4	2.2	4.4	5.6	6.7	6.7	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3

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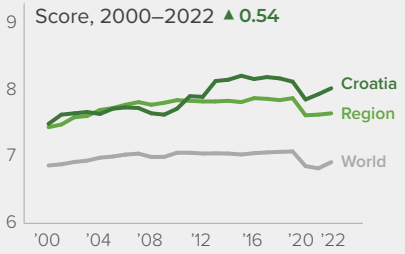
CROATIA

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
39

Score
8.00



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 38/165	Score 8.66
Rule of law		**5.9**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.1
Security and safety		**9.4**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.0
Movement		**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.6**
Freedom of religion		9.5
Religious organization repression		9.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.7**
Civil society entry and exit		7.4
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.2
Civil society repression		8.2
Expression and information		**7.4**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		5.6
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 56/165	Score 7.07
Size of government		**5.9**
Government consumption		4.0
Transfers and subsidies		5.4
Government investment		8.8
Top marginal tax rate		4.5
State ownership of assets		6.9
Legal system and property rights		**6.2**
Judicial independence		5.7
Impartial courts		4.9
Property rights		4.8
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		7.5
Contracts		4.0
Real property		8.4
Police and crime		5.7
Sound money		**8.2**
Money growth		8.5
Standard deviation of inflation		8.5
Inflation: most recent year		5.7
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.5**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.8
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		6.5
Regulation		**6.6**
Credit market regulation		8.3
Labor market regulation		6.4
Business regulation		5.2
Freedom to compete		6.6

CROATIA

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.46**	**7.62**	**7.61**	**7.71**	**7.62**	**7.69**	**7.87**	**8.13**	**8.14**	**8.15**	**7.83**	**8.00**
Ranking	**52**	**50**	**52**	**48**	**48**	**51**	**45**	**38**	**38**	**39**	**41**	**39**
Economic freedom	5.92	6.17	6.18	6.43	6.49	6.78	7.06	7.19	7.29	7.31	7.05	7.07
Personal freedom	8.56	8.66	8.62	8.63	8.42	8.34	8.45	8.80	8.75	8.76	8.39	8.66
Rule of law	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.6**	**5.4**	**5.8**	**5.7**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.9**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	6.3	6.3	5.4	6.9	6.3	6.4	6.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.7	5.7	5.6	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.4	5.1	5.1	5.1	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.3	6.8	7.1
Security and safety	**9.0**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.4**
Homicide	9.3	9.5	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.0
Movement	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**7.4**	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8	8.2	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**8.9**	**9.8**	**8.9**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	8.1	9.7	8.1	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**8.8**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**8.5**	**8.7**	**8.8**	**8.7**
Civil society entry and exit	7.8	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.7	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.4
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.6	9.2
Civil society repression	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	9.7	9.7	9.4	7.4	8.0	8.1	8.2
Expression and information	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**7.1**	**6.8**	**6.9**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**7.6**	**7.4**	**7.4**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.3	7.4	7.2	6.9	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.2	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	8.7	8.7	7.9	8.1	7.9	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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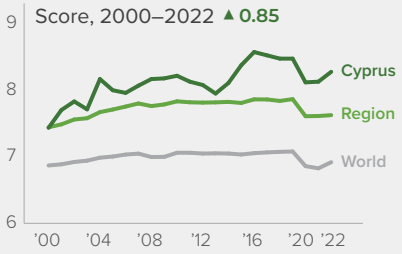
CYPRUS

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
30

Score
8.25



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 33/165	Score 8.77
Rule of law		**7.0**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.4
Security and safety		**9.6**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.5
Movement		**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**8.7**
Freedom of religion		7.7
Religious organization repression		9.6
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.2**
Civil society entry and exit		8.1
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.8
Civil society repression		8.9
Expression and information		**8.5**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**8.8**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		5.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 31/165	Score 7.53
Size of government		**6.8**
Government consumption		4.8
Transfers and subsidies		5.5
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		6.0
State ownership of assets		7.9
Legal system and property rights		**6.7**
Judicial independence		6.8
Impartial courts		6.5
Property rights		7.1
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		7.8
Contracts		4.5
Real property		7.3
Police and crime		7.0
Sound money		**7.8**
Money growth		5.8
Standard deviation of inflation		8.9
Inflation: most recent year		6.6
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.9**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.9
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		8.2
Regulation		**7.4**
Credit market regulation		10.0
Labor market regulation		6.4
Business regulation		7.3
Freedom to compete		5.8

CYPRUS

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.40**	**7.80**	**8.14**	**7.93**	**8.14**	**8.19**	**8.05**	**8.08**	**8.55**	**8.45**	**8.09**	**8.25**
Ranking	**55**	**43**	**39**	**44**	**39**	**39**	**40**	**39**	**28**	**27**	**28**	**30**
Economic freedom	6.79	7.22	7.84	7.71	7.74	7.74	7.62	7.28	7.88	7.81	7.48	7.53
Personal freedom	7.83	8.21	8.36	8.08	8.42	8.52	8.35	8.66	9.04	8.91	8.52	8.77
Rule of law	**6.4**	**6.4**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.1**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.0**	**7.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.8	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.3	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.6	6.6	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.4	7.4
Security and safety	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.4**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Homicide	9.8	9.9	9.5	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.5
Movement	**5.4**	**7.1**	**7.7**	**6.0**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**8.0**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**7.8**	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.6	7.6	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.8	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.2**	**9.2**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**9.4**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.7**
Freedom of religion	8.7	8.7	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.6	9.2	7.7	7.7	7.7
Religious organization repression	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.2	9.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.7**	**8.7**	**9.3**	**8.8**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.2**
Civil society entry and exit	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.1
Freedom of assembly	7.1	7.1	8.8	7.1	8.8	8.8	8.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Civil society repression	9.0	9.0	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	8.9
Expression and information	**7.3**	**8.2**	**8.3**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.8**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**8.5**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.6	6.3	6.8	6.8	6.8	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.3	7.5	7.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.6	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**7.5**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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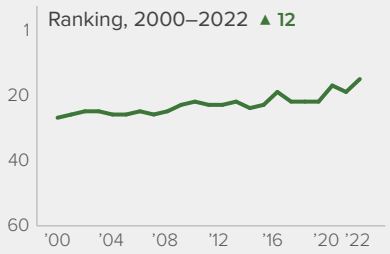
CZECHIA

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
15

Score
8.66



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 11/165 | Score 9.39

Rule of law	**8.2**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.5
Security and safety	**9.8**
Homicide	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.9
Movement	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.6
Religious organization repression	9.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.4**
Civil society entry and exit	8.4
Freedom of assembly	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4
Civil society repression	9.6
Expression and information	**9.5**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0
Relationships	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 22/165 | Score 7.65

Size of government	**6.5**
Government consumption	2.9
Transfers and subsidies	4.6
Government investment	9.3
Top marginal tax rate	7.0
State ownership of assets	8.5
Legal system and property rights	**7.4**
Judicial independence	6.9
Impartial courts	6.0
Property rights	8.1
Military interference	10.0
Integrity of the legal system	8.0
Contracts	4.5
Real property	8.2
Police and crime	7.5
Sound money	**8.0**
Money growth	9.0
Standard deviation of inflation	9.1
Inflation: most recent year	4.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.9**
Tariffs	8.5
Regulatory trade barriers	9.1
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	7.8
Regulation	**7.5**
Credit market regulation	9.3
Labor market regulation	7.7
Business regulation	5.9
Freedom to compete	7.2

CZECHIA

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.39**	**8.54**	**8.53**	**8.56**	**8.53**	**8.57**	**8.63**	**8.64**	**8.76**	**8.65**	**8.37**	**8.66**
Ranking	**27**	**25**	**26**	**25**	**25**	**22**	**23**	**24**	**19**	**22**	**17**	**15**
Economic freedom	7.11	7.45	7.55	7.55	7.57	7.69	7.82	7.95	8.01	7.98	7.71	7.65
Personal freedom	9.31	9.32	9.23	9.27	9.22	9.20	9.21	9.13	9.30	9.14	8.85	9.39
Rule of law	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**8.2**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	8.3	8.3	8.6	8.3	8.7	8.4	8.3	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.5	6.5	6.5	7.3	7.2	6.9	6.9	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	7.0	7.0	6.7	7.4	7.4	7.1	7.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.9	8.0	7.8	8.5
Security and safety	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**
Homicide	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**7.9**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.1	9.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.1**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	8.2	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Civil society entry and exit	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.4	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.2	9.3	9.4
Civil society repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.6
Expression and information	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.0**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**9.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**9.5**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.1	9.4	9.2	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9	10.0	10.0	8.9
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	6.7	6.7	10.0
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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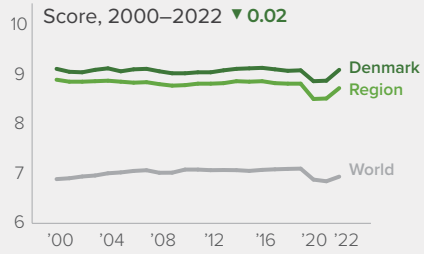
DENMARK

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
3

Score
9.04



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 1/165	Score 9.77
Rule of law		**9.3**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.9
Security and safety		**9.8**
Homicide		9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.8
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.7**
Freedom of religion		9.9
Religious organization repression		9.5
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.8**
Civil society entry and exit		9.5
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.8
Civil society repression		9.7
Expression and information		**9.9**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		9.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 6/165	Score 8.02
Size of government		**5.3**
Government consumption		1.9
Transfers and subsidies		4.9
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		2.5
State ownership of assets		7.4
Legal system and property rights		**9.1**
Judicial independence		8.6
Impartial courts		8.8
Property rights		9.2
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		9.8
Contracts		7.7
Real property		9.7
Police and crime		9.0
Sound money		**8.8**
Money growth		9.4
Standard deviation of inflation		8.8
Inflation: most recent year		6.9
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.9**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.5
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		8.7
Regulation		**7.9**
Credit market regulation		8.0
Labor market regulation		7.3
Business regulation		7.3
Freedom to compete		9.1

DENMARK

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**9.06**	**8.99**	**9.07**	**9.05**	**9.01**	**8.97**	**8.99**	**9.06**	**9.08**	**9.02**	**8.81**	**9.04**
Ranking	**4**	**5**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**3**
Economic freedom	8.26	8.10	8.27	8.22	8.08	7.99	8.03	8.17	8.21	8.25	8.15	8.02
Personal freedom	9.63	9.62	9.64	9.64	9.67	9.67	9.68	9.69	9.69	9.57	9.28	9.77
Rule of law	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.8**	**8.9**	**9.3**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.6	9.3	9.5	9.6	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	7.9	7.9	8.2	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.7	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	8.7	8.7	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.3	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.0	8.2	8.9
Security and safety	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Homicide	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.9	10.0	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8
Movement	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**7.8**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.0	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.7**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.4	9.4	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.5	9.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Civil society entry and exit	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Civil society repression	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Expression and information	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.4	7.4	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	9.7	10.0	9.8	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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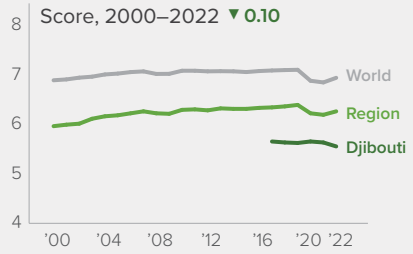
DJIBOUTI

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
130

Score
5.49



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 140/165 | Score 4.97

Rule of law	**4.9**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.9
Security and safety	**7.5**
Homicide	8.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.9
Movement	**6.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**5.0**
Freedom of religion	4.9
Religious organization repression	5.1
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.7**
Civil society entry and exit	4.9
Freedom of assembly	1.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	6.5
Civil society repression	5.7
Expression and information	**2.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	3.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	0.0
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0
Relationships	**3.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	1.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 99/165 | Score 6.23

Size of government	**5.9**
Government consumption	4.3
Transfers and subsidies	-
Government investment	8.5
Top marginal tax rate	6.0
State ownership of assets	4.7
Legal system and property rights	**3.6**
Judicial independence	5.7
Impartial courts	2.4
Property rights	3.4
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	4.3
Contracts	1.6
Real property	7.7
Police and crime	5.9
Sound money	**9.1**
Money growth	-
Standard deviation of inflation	9.4
Inflation: most recent year	7.9
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**5.8**
Tariffs	6.2
Regulatory trade barriers	3.6
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	3.2
Regulation	**6.8**
Credit market regulation	9.0
Labor market regulation	6.9
Business regulation	4.6
Freedom to compete	6.5

DJIBOUTI

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5.57**	**5.59**	**5.49**
Ranking	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**137**	**132**	**130**
Economic freedom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.40	6.43	6.23
Personal freedom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.09	5.00	4.97
Rule of law	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.8	4.8	4.9
Security and safety	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7.9**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.1	8.1	8.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.6	6.9	6.9
Movement	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**6.8**	**6.6**	**6.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	6.6	6.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**
Freedom of religion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.9	4.9	4.9
Religious organization repression	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1	5.1	5.1
Association, assembly, civil society	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.7**
Civil society entry and exit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.9	4.9	4.9
Freedom of assembly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.7	1.8	1.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.5	6.5	6.5
Civil society repression	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.7	5.7	5.7
Expression and information	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4.0**	**2.9**	**2.6**
Direct attacks on the press	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4	3.2	3.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	0.0
Media and expression (CLD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
Relationships	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2.5**	**3.4**	**3.4**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0
Divorce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	1.0

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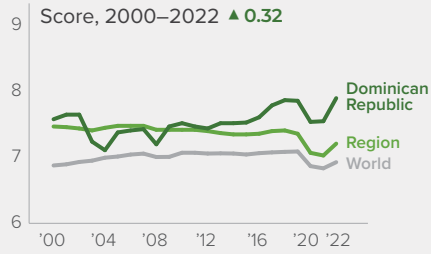
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
43

Score
7.85



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 51/165	Score 8.23
Rule of law		**4.4**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		6.5
Security and safety		**7.8**
Homicide		6.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.2
Movement		**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.7**
Freedom of religion		9.6
Religious organization repression		9.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.0**
Civil society entry and exit		8.1
Freedom of assembly		8.8
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.4
Civil society repression		9.8
Expression and information		**7.6**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		7.8
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 49/165	Score 7.32
Size of government		**8.7**
Government consumption		7.4
Transfers and subsidies		9.3
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		8.0
State ownership of assets		8.7
Legal system and property rights		**5.2**
Judicial independence		5.3
Impartial courts		4.5
Property rights		5.7
Military interference		5.0
Integrity of the legal system		5.5
Contracts		3.0
Real property		8.3
Police and crime		4.0
Sound money		**8.4**
Money growth		8.5
Standard deviation of inflation		8.7
Inflation: most recent year		6.5
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.2**
Tariffs		7.8
Regulatory trade barriers		7.7
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.2
Regulation		**6.2**
Credit market regulation		7.9
Labor market regulation		5.9
Business regulation		4.7
Freedom to compete		6.2

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.53**	**7.60**	**7.06**	**7.36**	**7.15**	**7.47**	**7.39**	**7.47**	**7.56**	**7.82**	**7.49**	**7.85**
Ranking	**50**	**51**	**80**	**67**	**76**	**62**	**65**	**60**	**56**	**52**	**56**	**43**
Economic freedom	6.51	6.71	5.83	6.53	6.57	7.26	7.19	7.38	7.38	7.41	7.21	7.32
Personal freedom	8.26	8.24	7.93	7.96	7.57	7.61	7.53	7.54	7.69	8.12	7.68	8.23
Rule of law	**5.3**	**5.2**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**4.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.6	5.6	4.9	5.5	5.2	5.2	4.8	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.7	4.7	3.8	3.4	3.3	3.6	3.6	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.5	6.5
Security and safety	**7.6**	**7.6**	**6.1**	**6.4**	**6.1**	**5.9**	**6.3**	**7.0**	**7.3**	**8.1**	**8.3**	**7.8**
Homicide	5.9	5.8	2.8	3.4	2.8	2.7	3.5	4.9	5.5	7.1	7.4	6.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.2	9.2
Movement	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**9.7**	**6.4**	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**8.8**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Freedom of religion	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	7.9	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**9.0**
Civil society entry and exit	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.1	8.1
Freedom of assembly	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	8.8	8.8	8.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	8.9	9.4	9.4
Civil society repression	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.2	8.7	8.7	9.8	9.8
Expression and information	**7.5**	**7.4**	**6.8**	**6.7**	**6.0**	**6.5**	**6.2**	**6.4**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.8**	**7.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	8.4	8.4	6.8	8.4	6.9	8.5	10.0	7.2	7.2	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.2	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.7	7.5	7.5	7.4	6.9	7.0	8.3	8.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	6.8	7.1	5.9	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	6.7	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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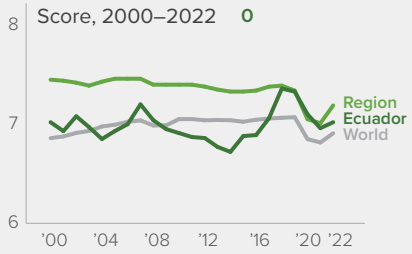
LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
78

Score
6.99



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 72/165	Score 7.59
Rule of law		**4.2**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.0
Security and safety		**5.4**
Homicide		2.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		8.7
Movement		**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.8**
Freedom of religion		9.8
Religious organization repression		9.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**7.6**
Civil society entry and exit		7.0
Freedom of assembly		7.7
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.2
Civil society repression		6.4
Expression and information		**7.5**
Direct attacks on the press		9.2
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		6.7
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**8.8**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 104/165	Score 6.14
Size of government		**6.6**
Government consumption		6.1
Transfers and subsidies		7.1
Government investment		7.5
Top marginal tax rate		5.0
State ownership of assets		7.1
Legal system and property rights		**4.6**
Judicial independence		4.3
Impartial courts		3.5
Property rights		4.7
Military interference		2.5
Integrity of the legal system		4.7
Contracts		3.7
Real property		8.8
Police and crime		4.3
Sound money		**6.5**
Money growth		8.5
Standard deviation of inflation		9.1
Inflation: most recent year		8.6
Foreign currency bank accounts		0.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**6.8**
Tariffs		6.7
Regulatory trade barriers		5.1
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		5.5
Regulation		**6.2**
Credit market regulation		9.3
Labor market regulation		5.1
Business regulation		3.8
Freedom to compete		6.6

ECUADOR

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.99**	**7.05**	**6.82**	**6.97**	**7.01**	**6.88**	**6.83**	**6.69**	**6.86**	**7.33**	**7.07**	**6.99**
Ranking	**75**	**78**	**87**	**83**	**83**	**89**	**88**	**98**	**88**	**73**	**69**	**78**
Economic freedom	5.92	6.08	5.75	6.06	5.84	6.06	6.01	5.76	6.18	6.47	6.30	6.14
Personal freedom	7.76	7.74	7.59	7.63	7.84	7.47	7.41	7.35	7.35	7.95	7.62	7.59
Rule of law	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**4.0**	**4.2**	**4.3**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.2**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.3	5.3	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.6	5.0	4.8	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.9	7.0	7.0
Security and safety	**7.3**	**7.3**	**6.5**	**6.9**	**6.8**	**6.9**	**7.6**	**8.2**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**5.4**
Homicide	5.8	5.8	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.9	6.4	7.6	8.3	8.3	7.7	2.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.8	8.8	8.1	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.8	9.2	9.0	9.5	8.7
Movement	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**6.5**	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**7.5**	**6.4**	**6.2**	**5.3**	**5.1**	**7.7**	**7.6**	**7.6**
Civil society entry and exit	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.1	7.6	5.0	4.6	3.1	2.9	7.5	6.8	7.0
Freedom of assembly	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.8	6.8	6.5	5.4	4.6	6.6	7.7	7.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.4	9.0	9.2
Civil society repression	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.3	6.5	4.7	4.8	3.7	3.7	7.4	6.8	6.4
Expression and information	**7.3**	**7.2**	**7.0**	**6.8**	**7.0**	**5.6**	**5.2**	**5.0**	**4.7**	**6.5**	**7.7**	**7.5**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9	8.1	9.2	8.2	9.0	9.0	9.3	9.3	9.2
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.2	6.2	5.5	5.7	7.1	5.9	5.9	5.3	5.2	7.3	7.4	7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.0	6.5	6.1	5.9	5.6	4.3	3.2	2.7	2.5	5.0	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.8	5.6	5.6	4.4	3.3	4.4	7.8	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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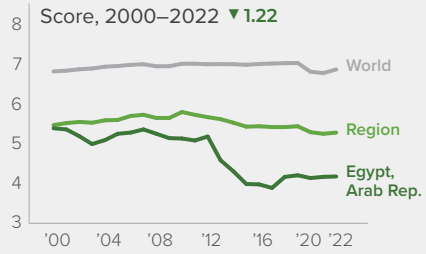
EGYPT, ARAB REP.

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
160

Score
4.17



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 162/165 | Score 3.32

Rule of law	**3.0**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.9
Security and safety	**7.5**
Homicide	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	5.7
Movement	**4.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**2.7**
Freedom of religion	4.4
Religious organization repression	1.1
Association, assembly, civil society	**2.6**
Civil society entry and exit	1.6
Freedom of assembly	1.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	4.2
Civil society repression	2.6
Expression and information	**2.4**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	2.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**0.3**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	1.3

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 143/165 | Score 5.36

Size of government	**5.4**
Government consumption	9.4
Transfers and subsidies	7.1
Government investment	0.0
Top marginal tax rate	7.0
State ownership of assets	3.5
Legal system and property rights	**3.4**
Judicial independence	5.4
Impartial courts	3.9
Property rights	6.0
Military interference	1.7
Integrity of the legal system	4.6
Contracts	3.1
Real property	8.2
Police and crime	5.7
Sound money	**7.3**
Money growth	7.3
Standard deviation of inflation	7.3
Inflation: most recent year	4.4
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.1**
Tariffs	4.8
Regulatory trade barriers	3.7
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	6.0
Regulation	**4.6**
Credit market regulation	4.5
Labor market regulation	4.6
Business regulation	3.7
Freedom to compete	5.7

EGYPT, ARAB REP.

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.39**	**5.19**	**5.09**	**5.28**	**5.25**	**5.13**	**5.18**	**4.30**	**3.97**	**4.16**	**4.13**	**4.17**
Ranking	**130**	**137**	**145**	**141**	**138**	**149**	**148**	**159**	**160**	**159**	**160**	**160**
Economic freedom	5.97	5.60	5.61	5.92	5.87	5.85	5.90	5.39	4.93	5.29	5.34	5.36
Personal freedom	4.98	4.89	4.72	4.82	4.80	4.61	4.66	3.53	3.29	3.35	3.26	3.32
Rule of law	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**3.7**	**3.5**	**3.6**	**3.4**	**3.1**	**3.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.3	3.1	2.4	3.0	2.5	2.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.6	4.6	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.4	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.9
Security and safety	**8.8**	**8.4**	**8.2**	**8.6**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**6.6**	**5.8**	**6.8**	**7.0**	**7.5**
Homicide	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.6	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.7	7.0	6.6	7.5	7.0	7.0	7.0	3.9	2.4	4.4	4.8	5.7
Movement	**7.0**	**7.0**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.1**	**4.6**	**4.9**	**4.6**	**4.7**	**4.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	6.9	5.8	6.4	5.8	6.2	6.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.0**	**5.2**	**2.4**	**2.3**	**2.6**	**2.7**	**2.7**
Freedom of religion	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.4
Religious organization repression	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.5	5.9	0.8	0.7	1.3	1.1	1.1
Association, assembly, civil society	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**4.0**	**3.9**	**4.7**	**3.4**	**3.1**	**2.8**	**2.6**	**2.6**
Civil society entry and exit	3.2	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.6	2.2	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.6
Freedom of assembly	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.8	2.7	1.8	1.8	1.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	8.2	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.2
Civil society repression	3.8	3.8	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	3.9	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.6	2.6
Expression and information	**5.2**	**5.0**	**5.6**	**5.9**	**6.0**	**5.3**	**5.6**	**4.0**	**3.0**	**3.0**	**2.4**	**2.4**
Direct attacks on the press	9.6	9.3	9.5	9.7	9.5	8.9	8.4	5.4	3.5	4.8	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	3.6	3.7	5.2	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.7	4.3	6.8	8.3	9.0	7.2	7.6	3.6	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	4.4	3.3	3.3	5.6	3.3	2.2	1.1	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**0.2**	**0.2**	**0.2**	**0.3**	**0.3**	**0.3**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.3

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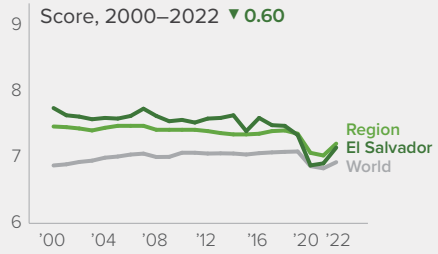
LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
73

Score
7.10



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 86/165	Score 7.16
Rule of law		**3.8**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		5.1
Security and safety		**7.2**
Homicide		7.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		6.7
Movement		**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**9.0**
Freedom of religion		9.8
Religious organization repression		8.1
Association, assembly, civil society		**6.8**
Civil society entry and exit		6.1
Freedom of assembly		6.2
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.7
Civil society repression		5.3
Expression and information		**6.0**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		4.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		6.7
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 59/165	Score 7.01
Size of government		**8.4**
Government consumption		6.7
Transfers and subsidies		9.3
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		8.0
State ownership of assets		8.2
Legal system and property rights		**3.9**
Judicial independence		3.3
Impartial courts		2.9
Property rights		4.7
Military interference		4.2
Integrity of the legal system		3.4
Contracts		3.6
Real property		8.2
Police and crime		1.3
Sound money		**8.7**
Money growth		9.0
Standard deviation of inflation		8.7
Inflation: most recent year		7.1
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.0**
Tariffs		8.3
Regulatory trade barriers		7.5
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		6.2
Regulation		**6.0**
Credit market regulation		8.8
Labor market regulation		4.8
Business regulation		4.2
Freedom to compete		6.2

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LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.70**	**7.57**	**7.55**	**7.58**	**7.58**	**7.52**	**7.54**	**7.59**	**7.55**	**7.43**	**6.83**	**7.10**
Ranking	**46**	**54**	**54**	**54**	**50**	**59**	**59**	**54**	**57**	**66**	**80**	**73**
Economic freedom	7.74	7.48	7.55	7.62	7.61	7.40	7.30	7.39	7.39	7.30	7.13	7.01
Personal freedom	7.67	7.63	7.55	7.55	7.56	7.60	7.71	7.73	7.66	7.53	6.61	7.16
Rule of law	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**4.6**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**3.9**	**3.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.4	4.4	6.1	5.4	5.1	5.0	4.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.3	5.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.5	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.1	2.7	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.0	5.1
Security and safety	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.0**	**5.4**	**7.2**
Homicide	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	7.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.0	7.1	6.7
Movement	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**5.4**	**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.4	9.1	7.5	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	6.7
Religion	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.0**	**9.0**
Freedom of religion	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.1	8.1
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.4**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.7**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.5**	**8.7**	**7.3**	**6.8**
Civil society entry and exit	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.7	6.6	6.1
Freedom of assembly	8.1	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.7	8.4	8.4	7.3	7.3	6.2	6.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.7
Civil society repression	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	9.2	9.2	8.7	8.7	9.2	6.7	5.3
Expression and information	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**6.7**	**6.5**	**7.0**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**5.9**	**6.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.6	5.2	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.7	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	5.6	7.7	7.6	7.4	7.5	7.2	5.5	4.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.8	6.7	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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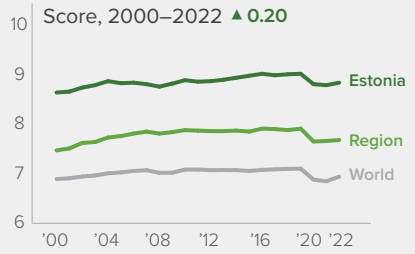
ESTONIA

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
10

Score
8.78



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 6/165	Score 9.56
Rule of law		**8.2**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.3
Security and safety		**9.7**
Homicide		9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.9
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.8**
Freedom of religion		9.8
Religious organization repression		9.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit		9.5
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.6
Civil society repression		9.8
Expression and information		**9.7**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		9.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		8.9
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 20/165	Score 7.67
Size of government		**6.6**
Government consumption		3.5
Transfers and subsidies		5.8
Government investment		8.9
Top marginal tax rate		7.0
State ownership of assets		7.7
Legal system and property rights		**8.0**
Judicial independence		7.9
Impartial courts		6.9
Property rights		8.7
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		7.8
Contracts		6.7
Real property		9.5
Police and crime		7.9
Sound money		**6.9**
Money growth		7.9
Standard deviation of inflation		7.5
Inflation: most recent year		2.2
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**9.0**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		9.0
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		8.4
Regulation		**7.9**
Credit market regulation		8.5
Labor market regulation		6.3
Business regulation		8.2
Freedom to compete		8.7

ESTONIA

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.58**	**8.68**	**8.81**	**8.78**	**8.70**	**8.83**	**8.81**	**8.88**	**8.96**	**8.95**	**8.75**	**8.78**
Ranking	**23**	**21**	**15**	**15**	**15**	**11**	**13**	**12**	**6**	**6**	**4**	**10**
Economic freedom	7.82	7.92	8.13	8.05	7.86	8.08	8.00	8.10	8.16	8.09	7.98	7.67
Personal freedom	9.12	9.23	9.30	9.31	9.31	9.36	9.38	9.44	9.53	9.56	9.29	9.56
Rule of law	**7.2**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**8.0**	**8.1**	**8.2**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.0	8.8	8.8	8.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.7	7.8	8.0	8.1	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	7.5	7.5	7.2	7.0	6.8	7.1	7.4	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.3
Security and safety	**8.4**	**8.4**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.7**
Homicide	7.0	7.0	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.5	8.6	9.1	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**8.2**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.1**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	9.3	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.8
Religious organization repression	8.9	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Freedom of assembly	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Expression and information	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.7**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.2	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.5	9.3	9.2	9.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	9.6	9.6	9.8	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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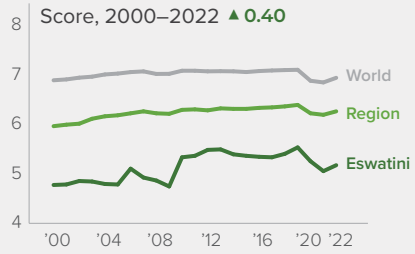
ESWATINI

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
149

Score
5.11



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 142/165	Score 4.90
Rule of law		**3.8**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		3.8
Security and safety		**6.2**
Homicide		6.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		6.1
Movement		**7.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		7.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**7.4**
Freedom of religion		7.1
Religious organization repression		7.7
Association, assembly, civil society		**1.1**
Civil society entry and exit		0.6
Freedom of assembly		1.8
Freedom to form/run political parties		0.5
Civil society repression		1.5
Expression and information		**3.8**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		1.9
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		1.1
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**5.0**
Same-sex relationships		5.0
Divorce		2.5
Inheritance rights		2.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 142/165	Score 5.42
Size of government		**5.2**
Government consumption		5.2
Transfers and subsidies		9.8
Government investment		0.0
Top marginal tax rate		7.0
State ownership of assets		4.2
Legal system and property rights		**3.1**
Judicial independence		4.7
Impartial courts		4.4
Property rights		3.0
Military interference		-
Integrity of the legal system		3.4
Contracts		0.8
Real property		7.2
Police and crime		4.5
Sound money		**7.7**
Money growth		9.2
Standard deviation of inflation		8.6
Inflation: most recent year		8.1
Foreign currency bank accounts		5.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**5.6**
Tariffs		5.8
Regulatory trade barriers		3.1
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		3.7
Regulation		**5.4**
Credit market regulation		8.3
Labor market regulation		6.1
Business regulation		3.5
Freedom to compete		3.8

ESWATINI

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**4.71**	**4.79**	**4.73**	**5.04**	**4.80**	**5.27**	**5.42**	**5.33**	**5.28**	**5.34**	**5.19**	**5.11**
Ranking	**146**	**148**	**149**	**148**	**153**	**145**	**137**	**141**	**144**	**145**	**150**	**149**
Economic freedom	4.34	4.30	4.19	4.96	4.73	5.28	5.49	5.60	5.42	5.43	5.20	5.42
Personal freedom	4.93	5.07	5.03	5.09	4.83	5.26	5.37	5.14	5.18	5.27	5.18	4.90
Rule of law	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**3.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.4	3.8
Security and safety	**6.5**	**7.4**	**7.3**	**7.6**	**6.5**	**6.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.7**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**6.2**
Homicide	4.5	6.2	6.1	6.9	4.6	5.0	7.6	6.9	7.0	6.6	6.6	6.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.2	7.6	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.1	6.1
Movement	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**7.0**	**5.5**	**7.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	7.4	7.7	7.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.8**	**7.4**
Freedom of religion	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.4	7.1
Religious organization repression	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.3	7.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**1.9**	**1.9**	**1.9**	**1.9**	**1.5**	**1.3**	**1.7**	**1.3**	**1.7**	**1.8**	**1.9**	**1.1**
Civil society entry and exit	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.0	0.6
Freedom of assembly	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.7	1.7	2.7	1.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.5
Civil society repression	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	1.5
Expression and information	**5.2**	**5.4**	**5.1**	**5.2**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**4.9**	**3.7**	**3.5**	**3.4**	**4.0**	**3.8**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	1.9
Media and expression (Freedom House)	3.5	4.3	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**5.6**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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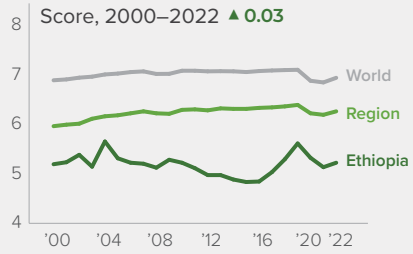
ETHIOPIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
146

Score
5.16



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 133/165	Score 5.10
Rule of law		**3.3**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		5.0
Security and safety		**5.7**
Homicide		7.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		3.6
Movement		**4.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		6.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**7.1**
Freedom of religion		7.3
Religious organization repression		6.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**6.3**
Civil society entry and exit		7.2
Freedom of assembly		4.5
Freedom to form/run political parties		7.2
Civil society repression		6.3
Expression and information		**4.0**
Direct attacks on the press		7.5
Media and expression (V-Dem)		4.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		2.2
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**4.6**
Same-sex relationships		0.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		3.5

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 148/165	Score 5.24
Size of government		**6.9**
Government consumption		9.2
Transfers and subsidies		8.9
Government investment		6.2
Top marginal tax rate		5.0
State ownership of assets		5.1
Legal system and property rights		**4.4**
Judicial independence		3.8
Impartial courts		3.5
Property rights		3.8
Military interference		3.3
Integrity of the legal system		6.2
Contracts		5.3
Real property		7.0
Police and crime		4.5
Sound money		**4.7**
Money growth		7.3
Standard deviation of inflation		6.4
Inflation: most recent year		0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts		5.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**4.2**
Tariffs		5.8
Regulatory trade barriers		6.6
Black-market exchange rates		0.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		4.3
Regulation		**6.1**
Credit market regulation		7.1
Labor market regulation		6.7
Business regulation		4.3
Freedom to compete		6.1

ETHIOPIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.13**	**5.32**	**5.59**	**5.16**	**5.06**	**5.16**	**4.91**	**4.82**	**4.78**	**5.23**	**5.26**	**5.16**
Ranking	**138**	**135**	**128**	**145**	**146**	**148**	**155**	**153**	**153**	**151**	**145**	**146**
Economic freedom	4.80	5.20	5.96	5.23	4.98	5.20	4.91	5.08	5.27	5.35	5.24	5.24
Personal freedom	5.31	5.39	5.39	5.12	5.12	5.14	4.92	4.63	4.43	5.15	5.28	5.10
Rule of law	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**3.8**	**3.0**	**3.3**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.3**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.0	4.0	3.0	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.4	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.6	4.6	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.2	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.9	4.9	4.5	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.8	5.3	5.1	5.0
Security and safety	**6.2**	**7.2**	**6.8**	**6.5**	**6.9**	**7.0**	**7.1**	**7.2**	**6.6**	**7.2**	**6.4**	**5.7**
Homicide	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	5.5	7.6	6.7	5.8	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.6	5.4	6.6	5.0	3.6
Movement	**7.0**	**7.0**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**6.9**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**5.1**	**4.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3
Religion	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.8**	**5.8**	**5.5**	**5.4**	**6.7**	**6.9**	**7.1**
Freedom of religion	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	6.2	5.6	5.5	7.4	7.3	7.3
Religious organization repression	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	6.0	6.5	6.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.2**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**3.8**	**3.7**	**3.5**	**3.6**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**4.0**	**6.4**	**6.3**
Civil society entry and exit	3.5	3.5	3.5	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.1	2.1	1.9	6.9	7.2
Freedom of assembly	3.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.2	1.8	1.8	0.4	0.7	2.3	4.5	4.5
Freedom to form/run political parties	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.5	8.0	7.6	7.2
Civil society repression	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	6.6	6.3
Expression and information	**5.0**	**4.8**	**5.3**	**3.9**	**3.4**	**3.6**	**3.4**	**2.7**	**1.8**	**3.3**	**4.2**	**4.0**
Direct attacks on the press	4.8	4.8	8.4	5.0	5.0	5.5	6.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.7	7.5
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.0	4.2	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.9	4.5	6.2	4.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	8.9	7.8	7.0	3.7	3.3	2.6	1.5	1.1	0.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	1.1	3.3	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.2	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.6	2.6	2.6	3.5	3.5	3.5

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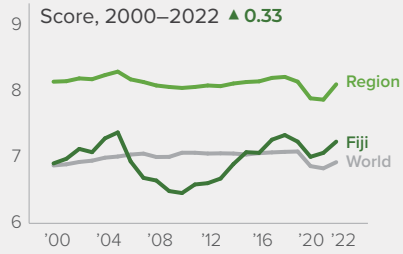
OCEANIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
69

Score
7.19



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 60/165 | Score 8.04

Rule of law	**6.0**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.0
Security and safety	**9.2**
Homicide	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.1
Movement	**9.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**8.5**
Freedom of religion	9.2
Religious organization repression	7.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.2**
Civil society entry and exit	6.8
Freedom of assembly	5.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.0
Civil society repression	8.4
Expression and information	**6.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 110/165 | Score 5.99

Size of government	**5.5**
Government consumption	4.9
Transfers and subsidies	8.1
Government investment	0.0
Top marginal tax rate	7.0
State ownership of assets	7.3
Legal system and property rights	**4.6**
Judicial independence	5.0
Impartial courts	5.0
Property rights	2.2
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	5.7
Contracts	4.9
Real property	7.7
Police and crime	2.5
Sound money	**6.7**
Money growth	9.7
Standard deviation of inflation	9.0
Inflation: most recent year	8.2
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.2**
Tariffs	5.3
Regulatory trade barriers	4.5
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.9
Regulation	**7.0**
Credit market regulation	6.7
Labor market regulation	8.6
Business regulation	5.5
Freedom to compete	7.1

FIJI

OCEANIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.86**	**7.08**	**7.24**	**6.89**	**6.60**	**6.41**	**6.56**	**6.85**	**7.02**	**7.29**	**6.96**	**7.19**
Ranking	**78**	**73**	**72**	**88**	**98**	**106**	**103**	**89**	**80**	**76**	**72**	**69**
Economic freedom	6.16	6.09	6.18	6.29	6.46	6.25	6.20	6.17	6.07	6.08	5.75	5.99
Personal freedom	7.36	7.78	8.00	7.32	6.71	6.52	6.83	7.34	7.69	8.15	7.82	8.04
Rule of law	**6.2**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.3**	**5.5**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**6.0**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**5.9**	**6.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.0	6.4	6.4	5.7	5.5	5.7	5.7	6.0	6.1	6.1	5.9	6.0
Security and safety	**7.5**	**9.2**	**9.3**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.2**	**9.2**
Homicide	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	5.9	9.4	9.4	9.1	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1
Movement	**7.9**	**7.9**	**9.6**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**9.6**	**7.8**	**9.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.8	9.0	8.7	9.1	9.0	8.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**7.6**	**7.3**	**7.6**	**7.9**	**9.0**	**8.8**	**8.6**	**8.5**
Freedom of religion	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	7.7	7.5	7.6	7.7	9.6	9.1	9.3	9.2
Religious organization repression	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	7.5	7.2	7.6	8.0	8.4	8.4	7.8	7.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**5.3**	**4.0**	**4.2**	**4.8**	**6.5**	**6.4**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**7.2**
Civil society entry and exit	5.9	5.9	5.9	4.3	3.3	3.8	4.5	5.9	7.1	6.4	7.0	6.8
Freedom of assembly	2.9	2.9	2.9	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.9	4.2	2.9	7.1	5.8	5.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.9	6.5	6.2	6.3	8.0	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.0
Civil society repression	8.8	8.8	8.8	7.6	4.8	5.7	5.7	7.8	7.3	7.3	7.3	8.4
Expression and information	**6.5**	**7.6**	**7.4**	**6.0**	**5.5**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**5.2**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**6.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.7	6.2	6.2	5.5	3.8	3.0	3.1	3.9	4.6	5.0	4.8	4.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.1	7.4	6.9	5.2	5.0	2.9	3.1	3.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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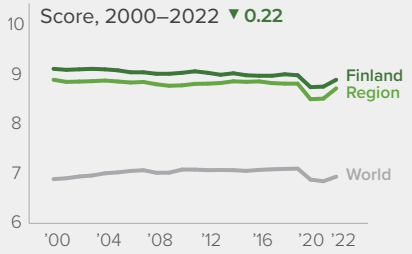
FINLAND

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
6

Score
8.84



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 9/165	Score 9.53
Rule of law		**8.5**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.5
Security and safety		**9.8**
Homicide		9.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.9
Movement		**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.8**
Freedom of religion		9.9
Religious organization repression		9.7
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.0**
Civil society entry and exit		6.8
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.6
Civil society repression		9.6
Expression and information		**9.8**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		9.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 13/165	Score 7.87
Size of government		**5.1**
Government consumption		2.4
Transfers and subsidies		3.8
Government investment		9.4
Top marginal tax rate		2.5
State ownership of assets		7.2
Legal system and property rights		**8.9**
Judicial independence		8.6
Impartial courts		8.4
Property rights		9.7
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		9.5
Contracts		7.5
Real property		7.5
Police and crime		9.8
Sound money		**8.5**
Money growth		7.6
Standard deviation of inflation		9.4
Inflation: most recent year		7.2
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.7**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.4
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.8
Regulation		**8.2**
Credit market regulation		9.9
Labor market regulation		6.3
Business regulation		7.6
Freedom to compete		9.1

FINLAND

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**9.06**	**9.05**	**9.05**	**8.99**	**8.96**	**8.98**	**8.98**	**8.97**	**8.92**	**8.95**	**8.69**	**8.84**
Ranking	**4**	**3**	**5**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**7**	**11**	**6**	**8**	**6**
Economic freedom	8.27	8.21	8.22	8.08	8.02	8.05	8.06	8.01	7.97	8.01	7.76	7.87
Personal freedom	9.63	9.64	9.63	9.65	9.64	9.65	9.64	9.65	9.60	9.62	9.36	9.53
Rule of law	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.3	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	7.9	7.9	7.5	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.1	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.3	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.7	8.5
Security and safety	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**
Homicide	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Movement	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**8.2**	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.0**
Civil society entry and exit	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	6.8
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6
Civil society repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Expression and information	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.7**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.9	9.5	9.5	9.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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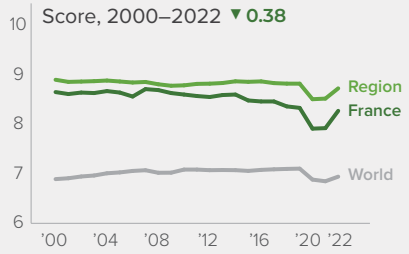
FRANCE

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
34

Score
8.21



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 36/165	Score 8.72
Rule of law		**6.8**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.6
Security and safety		**9.7**
Homicide		9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.6
Movement		**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**8.0**
Freedom of religion		7.9
Religious organization repression		8.1
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.5**
Civil society entry and exit		7.5
Freedom of assembly		7.1
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.8
Civil society repression		9.6
Expression and information		**9.0**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		9.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 36/165	Score 7.49
Size of government		**5.0**
Government consumption		2.6
Transfers and subsidies		1.9
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		3.0
State ownership of assets		7.3
Legal system and property rights		**7.5**
Judicial independence		7.1
Impartial courts		7.3
Property rights		8.5
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		8.3
Contracts		6.3
Real property		6.8
Police and crime		7.3
Sound money		**8.8**
Money growth		7.6
Standard deviation of inflation		9.6
Inflation: most recent year		7.9
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.9**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		9.0
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		8.3
Regulation		**7.3**
Credit market regulation		8.6
Labor market regulation		6.4
Business regulation		6.7
Freedom to compete		7.4

FRANCE

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.59**	**8.58**	**8.61**	**8.50**	**8.63**	**8.54**	**8.49**	**8.54**	**8.40**	**8.30**	**7.85**	**8.21**
Ranking	**22**	**23**	**23**	**27**	**20**	**24**	**29**	**29**	**33**	**35**	**40**	**34**
Economic freedom	7.68	7.66	7.71	7.62	7.78	7.71	7.63	7.75	7.71	7.60	7.36	7.49
Personal freedom	9.24	9.24	9.25	9.13	9.24	9.12	9.11	9.10	8.90	8.81	8.21	8.72
Rule of law	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.2	6.8	7.3	7.3	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	6.9	6.9	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.3	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.1	7.8	7.6
Security and safety	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.1**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.7**
Homicide	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	8.6	9.7	9.6	9.6
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**6.4**	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.4	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.8**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.0**	**8.0**
Freedom of religion	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	9.8	8.2	8.2	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9
Religious organization repression	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	8.1	8.1
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.2**	**8.6**	**8.2**	**8.5**
Civil society entry and exit	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	8.6	7.5	7.5
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.8	7.1	7.1	7.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.8	8.3	9.6
Expression and information	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**9.0**	**9.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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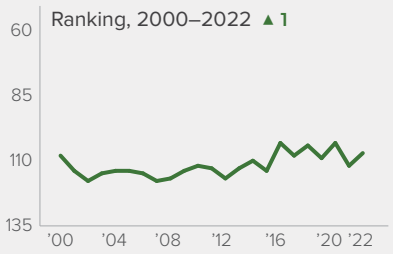
GABON

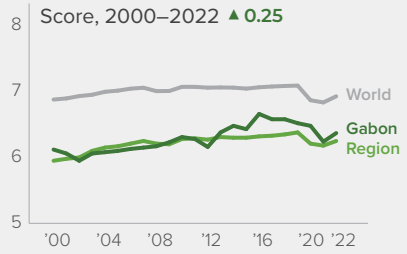
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
107

Score
6.32





PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 89/165	Score 7.06
Rule of law		**3.5**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.0
Security and safety		**8.3**
Homicide		7.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.0
Movement		**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**9.3**
Freedom of religion		9.1
Religious organization repression		9.6
Association, assembly, civil society		**6.4**
Civil society entry and exit		7.0
Freedom of assembly		3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties		8.2
Civil society repression		7.3
Expression and information		**5.1**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		6.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		3.3
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**8.8**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 146/165	Score 5.28
Size of government		**6.5**
Government consumption		4.0
Transfers and subsidies		9.4
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		3.5
State ownership of assets		5.5
Legal system and property rights		**3.2**
Judicial independence		4.3
Impartial courts		3.0
Property rights		3.3
Military interference		3.3
Integrity of the legal system		4.9
Contracts		1.5
Real property		4.9
Police and crime		2.6
Sound money		**5.7**
Money growth		9.5
Standard deviation of inflation		4.8
Inflation: most recent year		8.3
Foreign currency bank accounts		0.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**5.6**
Tariffs		6.6
Regulatory trade barriers		3.5
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		2.2
Regulation		**5.5**
Credit market regulation		8.3
Labor market regulation		6.1
Business regulation		4.5
Freedom to compete		3.0

GABON

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.07**	**5.90**	**6.03**	**6.08**	**6.12**	**6.26**	**6.11**	**6.43**	**6.61**	**6.53**	**6.43**	**6.32**
Ranking	**108**	**118**	**114**	**115**	**117**	**112**	**117**	**110**	**103**	**104**	**103**	**107**
Economic freedom	5.09	5.06	5.25	5.29	5.33	4.87	4.75	4.90	5.26	5.31	5.32	5.28
Personal freedom	6.76	6.51	6.60	6.64	6.69	7.25	7.08	7.52	7.58	7.41	7.23	7.06
Rule of law	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**6.8**	**3.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.9	6.9	7.0	6.8	7.0
Security and safety	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**8.3**	**8.0**	**8.3**	**7.9**	**8.3**
Homicide	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.8	9.0	8.2	8.9	8.2	9.0
Movement	**8.0**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**9.7**	**8.1**	**6.2**	**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.0	9.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.3**	**9.3**
Freedom of religion	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.1	9.1
Religious organization repression	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.6	9.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.5**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**7.1**	**6.9**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.9**	**6.4**	**6.4**
Civil society entry and exit	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.2	6.4	7.1	7.1	7.7	7.0	7.0
Freedom of assembly	4.6	4.6	2.9	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.2
Civil society repression	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.3	7.5	7.3
Expression and information	**4.9**	**4.8**	**5.9**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**6.6**	**5.7**	**6.6**	**5.8**	**5.7**	**5.2**	**5.1**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.8	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.7	6.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.6	4.0	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	3.3	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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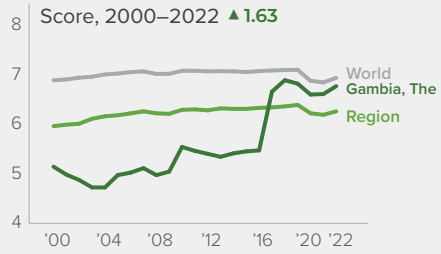
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
89

Score
6.71



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 101/165 | Score 6.60

Rule of law	**4.4**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.2
Security and safety	**8.3**
Homicide	7.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.3
Movement	**8.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.7
Religious organization repression	9.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.8**
Civil society entry and exit	8.0
Freedom of assembly	5.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.3
Civil society repression	9.4
Expression and information	**7.1**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**0.7**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	2.7

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 70/165 | Score 6.85

Size of government	**7.3**
Government consumption	8.7
Transfers and subsidies	9.4
Government investment	1.8
Top marginal tax rate	9.0
State ownership of assets	7.4
Legal system and property rights	**4.7**
Judicial independence	6.0
Impartial courts	4.7
Property rights	5.0
Military interference	4.2
Integrity of the legal system	6.3
Contracts	3.1
Real property	6.1
Police and crime	5.0
Sound money	**8.1**
Money growth	7.7
Standard deviation of inflation	9.2
Inflation: most recent year	5.4
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.3**
Tariffs	7.2
Regulatory trade barriers	4.6
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	7.3
Regulation	**6.9**
Credit market regulation	9.0
Labor market regulation	7.0
Business regulation	5.5
Freedom to compete	6.0

GAMBIA, THE

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.08**	**4.81**	**4.66**	**4.96**	**4.91**	**5.48**	**5.34**	**5.35**	**5.41**	**6.83**	**6.54**	**6.71**
Ranking	**139**	**147**	**151**	**149**	**150**	**138**	**142**	**140**	**139**	**92**	**96**	**89**
Economic freedom	5.37	4.73	4.59	5.77	6.08	6.53	6.51	6.79	6.88	7.05	7.04	6.85
Personal freedom	4.91	4.86	4.70	4.49	4.24	4.73	4.51	4.32	4.36	6.66	6.18	6.60
Rule of law	**3.2**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.0**	**3.0**	**4.6**	**4.3**	**4.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.3	3.9	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.2	5.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.4	6.8	6.9	7.2
Security and safety	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**7.2**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.4**	**6.8**	**8.0**	**8.2**	**8.3**
Homicide	6.4	6.4	6.4	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.1	7.3	7.3	6.5	7.3	6.6	6.6	5.5	6.2	8.7	9.1	9.3
Movement	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**5.8**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**9.8**	**6.4**	**8.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.0	8.0	9.6	9.5	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	3.3	6.7
Religion	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.2**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	7.5	9.2	9.2	7.2	7.2	9.7	9.7	9.7
Religious organization repression	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.5	6.5	9.6	9.6	9.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.1**	**4.2**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**7.8**
Civil society entry and exit	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	7.9	8.0	8.0
Freedom of assembly	1.7	1.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	5.8	6.1	5.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.7	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.9	8.1	8.3
Civil society repression	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.8	4.1	9.4	9.4	9.4
Expression and information	**5.0**	**4.6**	**3.0**	**1.6**	**2.0**	**1.7**	**1.6**	**2.0**	**1.9**	**6.0**	**6.2**	**7.1**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	3.4	1.8	1.8	1.8	3.6	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.5	7.6	7.4	7.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	3.2	3.2	2.0	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**2.0**	**0.6**	**0.6**	**0.6**	**0.6**	**0.7**	**0.7**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.7

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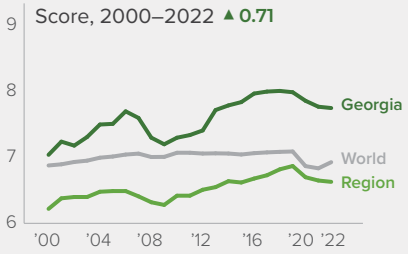
GEORGIA

CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
52

Score
7.70



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 68/165 | Score 7.72

Rule of law	**5.5**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.8
Security and safety	**8.7**
Homicide	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.0
Movement	**8.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**8.4**
Freedom of religion	7.0
Religious organization repression	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.4**
Civil society entry and exit	9.0
Freedom of assembly	5.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7
Civil society repression	9.6
Expression and information	**6.1**
Direct attacks on the press	2.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 21/165 | Score 7.66

Size of government	**7.4**
Government consumption	7.5
Transfers and subsidies	6.9
Government investment	5.9
Top marginal tax rate	10.0
State ownership of assets	6.7
Legal system and property rights	**6.3**
Judicial independence	5.5
Impartial courts	5.0
Property rights	5.4
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	6.0
Contracts	5.9
Real property	10.0
Police and crime	6.0
Sound money	**8.0**
Money growth	7.6
Standard deviation of inflation	9.0
Inflation: most recent year	5.2
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.8**
Tariffs	9.5
Regulatory trade barriers	7.7
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	8.1
Regulation	**7.9**
Credit market regulation	9.6
Labor market regulation	6.8
Business regulation	7.0
Freedom to compete	8.1

GEORGIA

CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.99**	**7.13**	**7.45**	**7.65**	**7.25**	**7.25**	**7.36**	**7.74**	**7.92**	**7.96**	**7.81**	**7.70**
Ranking	**75**	**71**	**58**	**49**	**70**	**72**	**68**	**50**	**45**	**46**	**42**	**52**
Economic freedom	6.53	6.90	7.18	7.41	7.12	7.21	7.67	7.87	7.95	7.95	7.55	7.66
Personal freedom	7.32	7.25	7.64	7.81	7.34	7.28	7.14	7.65	7.90	7.97	8.00	7.72
Rule of law	**5.2**	**5.2**	**6.0**	**6.1**	**5.9**	**6.0**	**5.3**	**6.0**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.5**	**5.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.3	5.3	4.9	6.1	5.6	5.8	6.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.3	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	6.6	6.6	5.1	5.6	5.1	5.2	5.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.3	5.3	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	7.0	7.1	6.9	6.8
Security and safety	**7.7**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**6.0**	**7.5**	**8.4**	**8.8**	**9.1**	**8.7**	**9.2**	**8.7**
Homicide	8.5	8.2	8.1	7.9	8.2	8.7	9.2	9.2	9.7	9.4	9.4	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.0	7.6	8.0	8.1	3.8	6.2	7.6	8.3	8.5	8.1	9.0	8.0
Movement	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.5**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**7.6**	**7.5**	**8.4**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.6**	**8.4**
Freedom of religion	6.1	6.1	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.0
Religious organization repression	9.2	8.8	9.1	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.0**	**7.9**	**8.3**	**8.6**	**8.4**	**8.0**	**7.8**	**8.2**	**8.3**	**8.6**	**8.4**	**8.4**
Civil society entry and exit	7.6	7.4	8.6	8.5	7.8	7.9	7.2	8.1	7.6	8.9	8.8	9.0
Freedom of assembly	7.3	7.3	6.2	7.3	7.7	5.8	5.8	6.2	6.6	6.6	5.7	5.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.1	8.9	8.7	8.8	9.1	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.7
Civil society repression	8.1	8.1	9.3	9.3	9.0	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.6
Expression and information	**5.3**	**4.9**	**5.2**	**6.0**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.2**	**7.4**	**7.6**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**6.1**
Direct attacks on the press	6.5	5.0	6.3	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	2.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.6	6.6	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	8.3	8.4	8.1	7.7	8.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.5	4.7	5.3	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.7	5.6	5.6	6.7	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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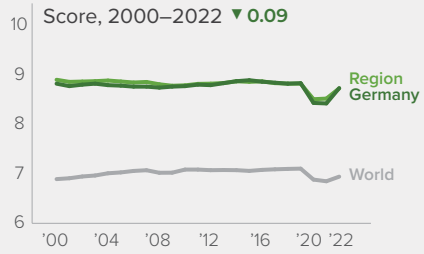
GERMANY

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
14

Score
8.67



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 15/165	Score 9.30
Rule of law		**8.3**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.9
Security and safety		**9.8**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.8
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**8.8**
Freedom of religion		8.1
Religious organization repression		9.5
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.6**
Civil society entry and exit		6.8
Freedom of assembly		8.3
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.5
Civil society repression		9.9
Expression and information		**9.6**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 16/165	Score 7.80
Size of government		**5.8**
Government consumption		2.9
Transfers and subsidies		2.4
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		5.0
State ownership of assets		8.6
Legal system and property rights		**8.2**
Judicial independence		7.6
Impartial courts		8.4
Property rights		8.6
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		8.6
Contracts		8.0
Real property		6.8
Police and crime		7.2
Sound money		**8.6**
Money growth		7.8
Standard deviation of inflation		9.4
Inflation: most recent year		7.3
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.7**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.7
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.7
Regulation		**7.7**
Credit market regulation		8.0
Labor market regulation		7.1
Business regulation		7.5
Freedom to compete		8.3

GERMANY

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.76**	**8.74**	**8.73**	**8.70**	**8.68**	**8.71**	**8.73**	**8.81**	**8.80**	**8.76**	**8.37**	**8.67**
Ranking	**17**	**16**	**19**	**19**	**17**	**16**	**17**	**15**	**17**	**18**	**17**	**14**
Economic freedom	8.14	8.07	8.05	7.97	7.87	7.93	7.99	8.08	8.09	7.99	7.74	7.80
Personal freedom	9.20	9.21	9.21	9.22	9.26	9.26	9.25	9.33	9.30	9.32	8.82	9.30
Rule of law	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.8**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.3**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.3	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	7.6	7.6	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.9	8.9
Security and safety	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.8**
Homicide	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**6.6**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Freedom of religion	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
Religious organization repression	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**
Civil society entry and exit	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8
Freedom of assembly	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9
Expression and information	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.0	8.8	8.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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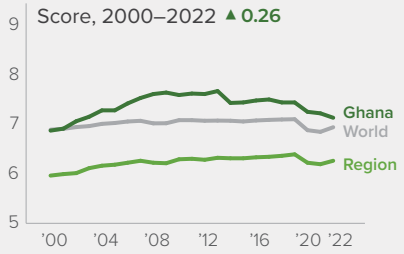
GHANA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
76

Score
7.07



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 63/165 | Score 7.86

Rule of law	**5.0**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.0
Security and safety	**9.3**
Homicide	9.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.1
Movement	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.3**
Civil society entry and exit	6.1
Freedom of assembly	8.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5
Civil society repression	8.8
Expression and information	**8.1**
Direct attacks on the press	9.5
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**4.9**
Same-sex relationships	5.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	2.5
Female genital mutilation	9.8

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 113/165 | Score 5.96

Size of government	**8.6**
Government consumption	9.4
Transfers and subsidies	9.3
Government investment	10.0
Top marginal tax rate	6.0
State ownership of assets	8.1
Legal system and property rights	**5.2**
Judicial independence	6.3
Impartial courts	4.5
Property rights	5.3
Military interference	5.0
Integrity of the legal system	6.0
Contracts	3.1
Real property	7.4
Police and crime	5.0
Sound money	**3.2**
Money growth	6.3
Standard deviation of inflation	6.6
Inflation: most recent year	0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.7**
Tariffs	7.8
Regulatory trade barriers	4.4
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.6
Regulation	**6.2**
Credit market regulation	7.4
Labor market regulation	5.7
Business regulation	4.7
Freedom to compete	6.8

GHANA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.81**	**7.00**	**7.22**	**7.36**	**7.55**	**7.53**	**7.55**	**7.37**	**7.42**	**7.38**	**7.19**	**7.07**
Ranking	**79**	**79**	**73**	**67**	**53**	**58**	**55**	**64**	**63**	**71**	**66**	**76**
Economic freedom	5.38	5.85	6.20	6.69	6.58	6.55	6.52	6.11	6.22	6.36	6.32	5.96
Personal freedom	7.83	7.83	7.94	7.84	8.24	8.22	8.29	8.27	8.28	8.11	7.81	7.86
Rule of law	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.3**	**5.8**	**5.3**	**5.0**	**5.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.1	5.8	5.1	4.6	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.2	5.9	5.8	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.7	5.2	4.9	4.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.0
Security and safety	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**
Homicide	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.5	9.5	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.1	9.1
Movement	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**8.2**	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.9**	**9.1**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	8.2	8.2	9.9	8.2	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**8.3**
Civil society entry and exit	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.6	9.7	9.4	9.8	6.1
Freedom of assembly	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	10.0	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5
Civil society repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.2	8.8
Expression and information	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.4**	**8.3**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**8.1**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.0	8.3	8.3	7.9	8.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	8.6	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.2	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.9	7.8	8.9	8.9	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.9
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
Female genital mutilation	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8

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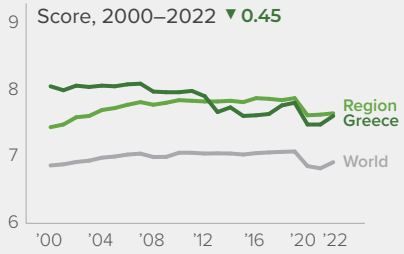
GREECE

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
57

Score
7.58



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 59/165	Score 8.10
Rule of law		**5.6**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.5
Security and safety		**9.3**
Homicide		9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		8.9
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**7.9**
Freedom of religion		7.0
Religious organization repression		8.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.9**
Civil society entry and exit		9.2
Freedom of assembly		8.3
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.3
Civil society repression		8.9
Expression and information		**7.5**
Direct attacks on the press		8.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**7.5**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		5.0
Inheritance rights		5.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 70/165	Score 6.85
Size of government		**5.0**
Government consumption		5.1
Transfers and subsidies		3.0
Government investment		6.9
Top marginal tax rate		2.5
State ownership of assets		7.4
Legal system and property rights		**6.0**
Judicial independence		5.4
Impartial courts		4.9
Property rights		5.5
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		7.0
Contracts		3.7
Real property		7.9
Police and crime		5.5
Sound money		**8.1**
Money growth		7.5
Standard deviation of inflation		8.6
Inflation: most recent year		6.1
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.5**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.4
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.1
Regulation		**6.7**
Credit market regulation		8.9
Labor market regulation		5.2
Business regulation		5.2
Freedom to compete		7.3

GREECE

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.03**	**8.04**	**8.04**	**8.06**	**7.95**	**7.94**	**7.88**	**7.71**	**7.59**	**7.74**	**7.45**	**7.58**
Ranking	**40**	**39**	**40**	**38**	**44**	**43**	**44**	**52**	**54**	**56**	**57**	**57**
Economic freedom	7.17	7.17	7.19	7.22	7.06	7.05	7.05	7.00	6.75	6.96	6.69	6.85
Personal freedom	8.64	8.66	8.64	8.66	8.59	8.56	8.46	8.22	8.18	8.30	8.00	8.10
Rule of law	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**5.8**	**6.0**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**6.0**	**5.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	7.2	7.2	6.7	7.1	6.4	6.6	6.8	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.7	5.7	5.9	6.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	4.6	5.1	5.3	5.0	5.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.8	7.5
Security and safety	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.4**	**8.7**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.3**
Homicide	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.4	9.0	7.6	8.8	9.1	8.9
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**8.2**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.0**	**7.9**
Freedom of religion	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.2	7.3	7.6	7.0	7.0
Religious organization repression	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	8.9	8.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.3**	**8.9**	**8.9**
Civil society entry and exit	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2
Freedom of assembly	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	8.3	7.1	8.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.3
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.9
Expression and information	**8.8**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.9**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.0**	**7.6**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**7.9**	**7.5**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.7	8.7	8.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.0	9.2	9.2	9.0	8.7	8.2	7.5	7.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.5	9.9	9.5	9.9	9.3	9.0	7.5	6.2	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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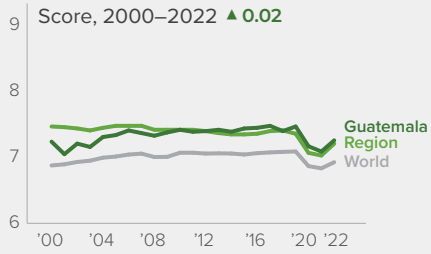
GUATEMALA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
68

Score
7.21



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 90/165	Score 7.04
Rule of law		**3.8**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		5.2
Security and safety		**5.8**
Homicide		4.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		7.5
Movement		**9.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.6**
Freedom of religion		9.5
Religious organization repression		9.7
Association, assembly, civil society		**6.4**
Civil society entry and exit		6.2
Freedom of assembly		5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		8.8
Civil society repression		5.5
Expression and information		**4.8**
Direct attacks on the press		8.4
Media and expression (V-Dem)		5.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		4.4
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 39/165	Score 7.45
Size of government		**9.1**
Government consumption		8.4
Transfers and subsidies		9.0
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		9.5
State ownership of assets		8.4
Legal system and property rights		**4.3**
Judicial independence		4.6
Impartial courts		3.1
Property rights		6.4
Military interference		5.8
Integrity of the legal system		4.1
Contracts		1.7
Real property		8.4
Police and crime		1.7
Sound money		**8.8**
Money growth		8.6
Standard deviation of inflation		9.4
Inflation: most recent year		7.2
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.4**
Tariffs		8.6
Regulatory trade barriers		7.2
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.8
Regulation		**6.7**
Credit market regulation		9.5
Labor market regulation		5.3
Business regulation		4.5
Freedom to compete		7.4

GUATEMALA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.19**	**7.16**	**7.26**	**7.36**	**7.28**	**7.37**	**7.35**	**7.34**	**7.40**	**7.35**	**7.12**	**7.21**
Ranking	**66**	**70**	**71**	**67**	**66**	**66**	**69**	**68**	**65**	**72**	**68**	**68**
Economic freedom	6.76	6.99	7.08	7.30	7.24	7.33	7.46	7.64	7.67	7.61	7.51	7.45
Personal freedom	7.50	7.28	7.38	7.41	7.31	7.39	7.27	7.13	7.22	7.16	6.85	7.04
Rule of law	**4.4**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.6**	**4.1**	**3.9**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**3.8**	**3.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.9	5.9	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.1	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	3.7	3.7	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.2
Security and safety	**5.2**	**4.5**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.5**	**5.1**	**4.4**	**6.4**	**5.8**
Homicide	2.8	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.9	2.1	0.6	4.5	4.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.6	7.7	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.2	7.5
Movement	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**5.9**	**9.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	8.4	9.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.3**	**8.5**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**8.5**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.5	7.9	9.5	9.5	7.9	9.5	9.5	7.9	7.9	9.5	9.5	9.5
Religious organization repression	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.4**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.4**	**8.1**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.8**	**7.3**	**6.4**
Civil society entry and exit	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.3	8.3	8.5	7.7	6.2
Freedom of assembly	5.7	5.7	6.8	5.7	5.7	6.8	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.6	8.8
Civil society repression	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.1	6.5	5.5
Expression and information	**6.0**	**6.0**	**5.8**	**6.3**	**6.4**	**6.0**	**5.9**	**5.4**	**5.3**	**5.4**	**5.6**	**4.8**
Direct attacks on the press	7.3	7.5	6.3	8.8	7.8	5.7	5.0	7.0	5.2	6.4	8.3	8.4
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.5	6.6	7.0	5.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.6	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.4	5.6	5.6	4.4	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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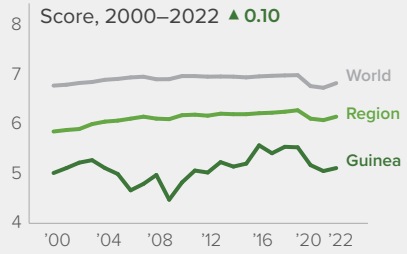
GUINEA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
146

Score
5.16



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 147/165 | Score 4.83

Rule of law	**3.3**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.8
Security and safety	**7.1**
Homicide	7.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.8
Movement	**5.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	5.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**6.7**
Freedom of religion	7.5
Religious organization repression	5.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.1**
Civil society entry and exit	5.0
Freedom of assembly	3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.5
Civil society repression	4.8
Expression and information	**4.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**0.8**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	2.5
Female genital mutilation	0.6

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 132/165 | Score 5.63

Size of government	**7.3**
Government consumption	6.4
Transfers and subsidies	-
Government investment	8.3
Top marginal tax rate	7.5
State ownership of assets	6.9
Legal system and property rights	**3.4**
Judicial independence	4.5
Impartial courts	2.5
Property rights	2.9
Military interference	0.8
Integrity of the legal system	4.1
Contracts	2.7
Real property	7.6
Police and crime	4.3
Sound money	**6.6**
Money growth	8.0
Standard deviation of inflation	7.7
Inflation: most recent year	5.8
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**5.9**
Tariffs	8.0
Regulatory trade barriers	3.2
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	2.5
Regulation	**5.0**
Credit market regulation	6.0
Labor market regulation	5.5
Business regulation	3.4
Freedom to compete	5.0

GUINEA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.06**	**5.27**	**5.16**	**4.71**	**5.02**	**4.87**	**5.07**	**5.19**	**5.62**	**5.59**	**5.22**	**5.16**
Ranking	**141**	**136**	**142**	**153**	**148**	**154**	**151**	**147**	**132**	**135**	**149**	**146**
Economic freedom	5.46	5.57	5.25	3.94	4.83	3.58	4.15	4.28	5.39	5.53	5.33	5.63
Personal freedom	4.83	5.10	5.11	5.15	5.12	5.61	5.60	5.83	5.79	5.63	5.14	4.83
Rule of law	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.3**	**3.2**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.7**	**3.8**	**3.6**	**3.4**	**3.3**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	3.4	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1	3.9	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1	2.9	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.0	3.8
Security and safety	**5.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.8**	**7.4**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.8**	**7.5**	**7.1**
Homicide	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	3.7	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.5	8.4	7.6	8.3	8.3	8.2	7.6	6.8
Movement	**6.9**	**6.9**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**6.9**	**7.3**	**7.4**	**7.3**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**4.9**	**5.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.0	8.0	8.1	7.9	8.0	8.1	6.4	5.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**8.9**	**6.7**
Freedom of religion	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.3	7.5
Religious organization repression	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	9.1	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.0	8.5	5.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.1**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.2**	**5.5**	**5.6**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.6**	**5.2**	**5.1**
Civil society entry and exit	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.3	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.0	5.0
Freedom of assembly	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.4	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.9	7.9	8.3	8.3	8.3	7.2	7.5
Civil society repression	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.0	4.8	4.8
Expression and information	**4.9**	**4.8**	**4.8**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.4**	**5.6**	**5.0**	**4.5**	**5.0**	**5.3**	**4.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	8.7	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.7	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.0	5.2	5.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.0	1.5	1.5	2.2	2.5	3.7	3.2	2.8	2.5	5.0	5.0	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	4.4	5.6	6.7	5.6	5.6	4.4	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**2.0**	**2.0**	**0.8**	**0.8**	**0.8**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.5	7.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6

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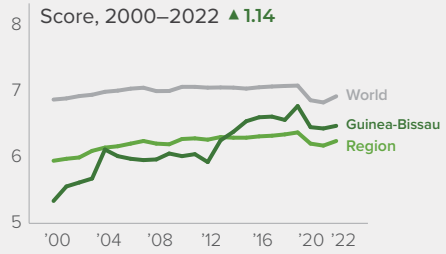
GUINEA-BISSAU

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
102

Score
6.43



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 83/165 | Score 7.22

Rule of law	**5.5**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.5
Security and safety	**9.1**
Homicide	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.5
Movement	**9.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.5**
Freedom of religion	9.6
Religious organization repression	9.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.3**
Civil society entry and exit	6.0
Freedom of assembly	3.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.9
Civil society repression	6.6
Expression and information	**5.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**5.6**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	5.0
Inheritance rights	2.5
Female genital mutilation	4.8

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 145/165 | Score 5.32

Size of government	**7.1**
Government consumption	7.6
Transfers and subsidies	9.3
Government investment	3.0
Top marginal tax rate	9.0
State ownership of assets	6.7
Legal system and property rights	**2.4**
Judicial independence	3.9
Impartial courts	2.2
Property rights	1.8
Military interference	4.2
Integrity of the legal system	4.6
Contracts	1.6
Real property	7.3
Police and crime	1.2
Sound money	**5.8**
Money growth	9.0
Standard deviation of inflation	8.0
Inflation: most recent year	6.2
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.3**
Tariffs	7.1
Regulatory trade barriers	4.7
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	3.5
Regulation	**5.0**
Credit market regulation	7.0
Labor market regulation	4.3
Business regulation	3.6
Freedom to compete	5.0

GUINEA-BISSAU

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.29**	**5.57**	**6.07**	**5.93**	**5.92**	**5.97**	**5.88**	**6.34**	**6.56**	**6.52**	**6.41**	**6.43**
Ranking	**133**	**129**	**112**	**122**	**123**	**123**	**126**	**115**	**105**	**106**	**104**	**102**
Economic freedom	4.03	4.65	4.83	4.97	4.44	4.65	5.34	5.05	5.32	5.19	5.36	5.32
Personal freedom	6.18	6.23	6.95	6.61	6.97	6.91	6.26	7.26	7.45	7.47	7.16	7.22
Rule of law	**4.9**	**5.2**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.1**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.7**	**6.0**	**5.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.1	5.6	5.7	5.6	6.0	5.5
Security and safety	**6.8**	**7.0**	**6.9**	**5.9**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.1**	**8.2**	**8.6**	**9.0**	**9.2**	**9.1**
Homicide	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.6	7.0	7.0	7.0	8.9	9.0	9.7	9.7	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.4	7.7	7.7	5.1	7.7	7.7	7.3	7.4	8.3	8.3	8.7	8.5
Movement	**7.4**	**7.6**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**7.5**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**7.8**	**9.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.1	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.9	8.9	8.8	9.0	8.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**8.0**	**8.0**	**9.3**	**8.6**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.5**
Freedom of religion	7.4	7.6	9.2	7.9	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6
Religious organization repression	8.6	8.4	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.7**	**5.5**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.1**	**6.5**	**6.0**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.4**	**6.3**
Civil society entry and exit	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Freedom of assembly	4.6	2.9	4.6	4.6	2.9	4.6	2.9	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.2	3.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.9
Civil society repression	4.0	4.9	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.5	7.5	7.5	6.6	6.6
Expression and information	**5.5**	**5.4**	**6.4**	**5.7**	**6.4**	**5.5**	**5.2**	**5.5**	**6.3**	**6.1**	**5.5**	**5.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.2	5.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.9	2.4	2.9	3.5	3.0	2.6	1.6	2.5	2.5	5.0	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.6	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	6.7	3.3	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**3.2**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.8**	**5.6**	**5.6**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Inheritance rights	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Female genital mutilation	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.5	4.8	4.8

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GUYANA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
82

Score
6.91

PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 64/165	Score 7.85
Rule of law		**4.4**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		6.2
Security and safety		**7.2**
Homicide		5.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.2
Movement		**7.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**9.6**
Freedom of religion		9.5
Religious organization repression		9.7
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.1**
Civil society entry and exit		8.9
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.2
Civil society repression		8.2
Expression and information		**8.0**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**8.8**
Same-sex relationships		5.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 136/165	Score 5.60
Size of government		**3.9**
Government consumption		5.5
Transfers and subsidies		-
Government investment		0.0
Top marginal tax rate		4.0
State ownership of assets		6.0
Legal system and property rights		**4.8**
Judicial independence		5.8
Impartial courts		4.9
Property rights		4.6
Military interference		6.7
Integrity of the legal system		4.5
Contracts		3.5
Real property		7.6
Police and crime		1.9
Sound money		**6.3**
Money growth		9.9
Standard deviation of inflation		2.7
Inflation: most recent year		7.6
Foreign currency bank accounts		5.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**6.4**
Tariffs		6.3
Regulatory trade barriers		3.5
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		5.8
Regulation		**6.6**
Credit market regulation		8.1
Labor market regulation		6.8
Business regulation		4.4
Freedom to compete		7.2

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	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.29**	**6.96**	**7.15**	**7.10**	**7.01**	**7.08**	**7.27**	**7.15**	**7.22**	**7.22**	**6.88**	**6.91**
Ranking	**59**	**80**	**77**	**80**	**83**	**80**	**72**	**76**	**74**	**78**	**77**	**82**
Economic freedom	6.18	5.96	5.96	6.14	6.24	6.22	6.28	6.15	6.25	6.07	5.80	5.60
Personal freedom	8.08	7.68	8.00	7.79	7.56	7.70	7.98	7.87	7.92	8.04	7.66	7.85
Rule of law	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.9	4.6	4.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.8	5.1	5.4	5.2	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	4.0	3.8	4.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.9	6.7	6.8	6.2
Security and safety	**7.9**	**5.4**	**6.8**	**5.7**	**4.9**	**6.5**	**6.6**	**6.4**	**7.0**	**7.6**	**6.8**	**7.2**
Homicide	7.1	4.5	4.9	4.1	3.8	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.7	5.9	4.2	5.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.7	6.4	8.7	7.4	5.9	8.5	8.6	8.6	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.2
Movement	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**6.3**	**7.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.5**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	8.2	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.5
Religious organization repression	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.4	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.5**	**8.1**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.5**	**9.1**	**9.3**	**9.6**	**9.3**	**9.1**
Civil society entry and exit	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.1	9.3	8.9	8.9
Freedom of assembly	8.8	7.1	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	7.1	8.8	8.8	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.2
Civil society repression	6.7	6.7	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.8	8.1	8.8	9.5	9.5	8.9	8.2
Expression and information	**8.1**	**8.2**	**8.3**	**8.0**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.9	6.0	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.8	7.0	7.6	7.9	7.8	7.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.3	7.9	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**10.0**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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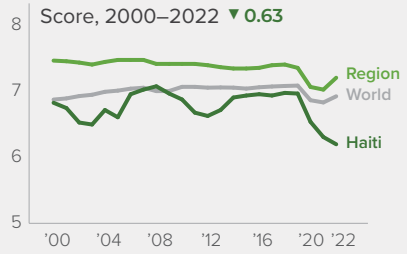
HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
112

Score
6.15



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 108/165 | Score 6.40

Rule of law	**2.7**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.3
Security and safety	**6.1**
Homicide	4.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.4
Movement	**7.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**8.2**
Freedom of religion	7.9
Religious organization repression	8.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.5**
Civil society entry and exit	7.0
Freedom of assembly	5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.2
Civil society repression	5.7
Expression and information	**4.6**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 128/165 | Score 5.80

Size of government	**8.7**
Government consumption	9.9
Transfers and subsidies	9.9
Government investment	10.0
Top marginal tax rate	6.0
State ownership of assets	7.9
Legal system and property rights	**1.9**
Judicial independence	3.8
Impartial courts	1.9
Property rights	2.6
Military interference	0.0
Integrity of the legal system	2.2
Contracts	1.9
Real property	2.8
Police and crime	2.4
Sound money	**4.9**
Money growth	7.2
Standard deviation of inflation	7.4
Inflation: most recent year	0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.6**
Tariffs	8.2
Regulatory trade barriers	5.8
Black-market exchange rates	8.9
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	7.3
Regulation	**5.8**
Credit market regulation	7.2
Labor market regulation	7.9
Business regulation	2.3
Freedom to compete	6.0

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LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.78**	**6.48**	**6.67**	**6.91**	**7.03**	**6.83**	**6.58**	**6.86**	**6.91**	**6.93**	**6.49**	**6.15**
Ranking	**80**	**98**	**92**	**85**	**82**	**91**	**102**	**88**	**83**	**87**	**98**	**112**
Economic freedom	6.32	6.22	6.25	6.26	6.33	6.20	5.91	6.36	6.14	6.08	6.08	5.80
Personal freedom	7.11	6.67	6.97	7.38	7.53	7.27	7.05	7.23	7.46	7.53	6.78	6.40
Rule of law	**4.0**	**3.9**	**3.6**	**3.5**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.8**	**3.4**	**3.1**	**2.7**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.9	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.5	5.4	5.0	4.9	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.3
Security and safety	**8.8**	**8.2**	**7.1**	**8.4**	**8.8**	**8.4**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**8.1**	**7.4**	**6.1**
Homicide	-	-	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.0	7.1	7.1	7.2	8.0	6.7	4.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.8	8.2	5.6	8.2	9.0	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.4	8.2	8.1	7.4
Movement	**7.8**	**7.8**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.6**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**9.6**	**9.3**	**6.1**	**7.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.0	9.0	8.6	8.9	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.2	8.6	8.9	8.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	3.3	6.7
Religion	**9.2**	**8.4**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.2**	**8.2**
Freedom of religion	9.5	7.8	9.5	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	8.0	7.8	7.9	7.9
Religious organization repression	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.1	8.6	8.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.3**	**5.3**	**5.9**	**6.8**	**7.0**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**7.0**	**6.5**	**6.5**
Civil society entry and exit	6.8	6.0	6.7	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	7.0
Freedom of assembly	5.7	4.6	4.6	5.7	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.3	5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.0	8.1	8.2
Civil society repression	4.0	1.9	3.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.7	5.7
Expression and information	**4.8**	**4.3**	**4.9**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.9**	**6.1**	**6.2**	**6.9**	**7.0**	**6.7**	**4.6**
Direct attacks on the press	8.2	6.5	5.0	6.7	5.2	8.4	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.7	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.1	7.0	6.8	7.5	7.8	7.7	7.3	7.0	7.4	6.8	6.4	6.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	1.8	1.3	2.8	4.0	4.8	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	4.4	4.4	5.6	5.6	6.7	6.7	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3
Relationships	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**7.5**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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HONDURAS

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HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
83

Score
6.90

PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 94/165	Score 6.88
Rule of law		**3.7**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		6.0
Security and safety		**3.8**
Homicide		0.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		7.6
Movement		**8.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**9.7**
Freedom of religion		9.7
Religious organization repression		9.7
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.2**
Civil society entry and exit		8.9
Freedom of assembly		5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.3
Civil society repression		9.5
Expression and information		**4.8**
Direct attacks on the press		3.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		3.3
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 67/165	Score 6.92
Size of government		**8.8**
Government consumption		7.6
Transfers and subsidies		9.0
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		9.0
State ownership of assets		8.5
Legal system and property rights		**3.9**
Judicial independence		5.0
Impartial courts		3.4
Property rights		4.6
Military interference		4.2
Integrity of the legal system		4.7
Contracts		1.3
Real property		7.6
Police and crime		1.8
Sound money		**8.3**
Money growth		8.0
Standard deviation of inflation		8.9
Inflation: most recent year		6.4
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.1**
Tariffs		8.3
Regulatory trade barriers		5.2
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		4.7
Regulation		**6.4**
Credit market regulation		8.9
Labor market regulation		5.2
Business regulation		5.1
Freedom to compete		6.5

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LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.02**	**7.08**	**7.09**	**7.23**	**7.24**	**7.04**	**7.03**	**7.00**	**6.77**	**6.94**	**6.63**	**6.90**
Ranking	**73**	**73**	**79**	**77**	**71**	**83**	**82**	**82**	**94**	**85**	**90**	**83**
Economic freedom	6.46	6.77	6.87	7.15	7.08	7.06	7.00	7.08	7.06	7.05	6.90	6.92
Personal freedom	7.42	7.30	7.24	7.29	7.35	7.03	7.05	6.94	6.56	6.86	6.43	6.88
Rule of law	**3.3**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.2**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.2**	**3.1**	**3.2**	**3.7**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.6	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.5	6.0
Security and safety	**4.2**	**4.3**	**3.7**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**3.7**	**4.1**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**4.4**	**4.2**	**3.8**
Homicide	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.5	8.6	7.5	8.0	8.0	7.4	8.2	8.7	8.6	8.8	8.4	7.6
Movement	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.5**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**6.2**	**8.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.1	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**9.7**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**8.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Freedom of religion	9.7	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	8.0	9.7	9.7	9.7
Religious organization repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.9**	**7.9**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**7.5**	**7.6**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.9**	**7.5**	**8.2**
Civil society entry and exit	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.3	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.9	8.9	8.9
Freedom of assembly	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.5	6.5	4.9	3.4	5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.9	8.9	9.3
Civil society repression	7.8	7.8	8.3	8.3	8.3	7.0	7.3	7.3	7.3	8.8	8.8	9.5
Expression and information	**7.2**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**6.6**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.2**	**5.3**	**5.0**	**4.1**	**4.8**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	3.8	3.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.6	7.8	6.6	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.5	6.7	8.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	6.3	5.5	5.4	5.2	5.0	3.4	3.3	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.7	6.7	5.6	5.6	4.4	4.4	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**9.4**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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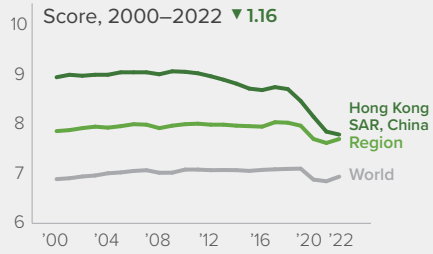
HONG KONG SAR, CHINA

EAST ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
50

Score
7.73



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 87/165	Score 7.12
Rule of law		**6.5**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		5.8
Security and safety		**9.5**
Homicide		9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.2
Movement		**8.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		8.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)		-
Religion		**6.8**
Freedom of religion		7.4
Religious organization repression		6.3
Association, assembly, civil society		**3.5**
Civil society entry and exit		2.3
Freedom of assembly		2.5
Freedom to form/run political parties		5.5
Civil society repression		3.7
Expression and information		**5.3**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		3.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		-
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 1/165	Score 8.58
Size of government		**7.3**
Government consumption		6.6
Transfers and subsidies		9.0
Government investment		3.5
Top marginal tax rate		10.0
State ownership of assets		7.6
Legal system and property rights		**7.5**
Judicial independence		7.2
Impartial courts		8.2
Property rights		9.4
Military interference		5.8
Integrity of the legal system		6.1
Contracts		8.1
Real property		6.9
Police and crime		8.2
Sound money		**9.5**
Money growth		9.3
Standard deviation of inflation		9.5
Inflation: most recent year		9.2
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**9.7**
Tariffs		10.0
Regulatory trade barriers		9.4
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		9.2
Regulation		**8.9**
Credit market regulation		10.0
Labor market regulation		9.0
Business regulation		7.0
Freedom to compete		9.4

HONG KONG SAR, CHINA

EAST ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.89**	**8.92**	**8.94**	**8.99**	**8.95**	**9.00**	**8.91**	**8.76**	**8.63**	**8.65**	**8.09**	**7.73**
Ranking	**13**	**8**	**7**	**4**	**5**	**3**	**7**	**18**	**24**	**22**	**28**	**50**
Economic freedom	8.90	8.90	8.96	9.09	9.11	9.17	9.08	9.02	9.02	9.05	8.65	8.58
Personal freedom	8.89	8.93	8.93	8.92	8.84	8.88	8.79	8.57	8.36	8.36	7.69	7.12
Rule of law	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**7.8**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**6.6**	**6.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	7.9	7.9	7.6	7.6	6.5	6.3	5.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.2	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	7.6	7.6	7.3	8.0	7.2	7.2	6.9	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.1	7.8	7.8	7.5	6.3	5.8
Security and safety	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.3**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.5**
Homicide	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.4	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.2	9.2
Movement	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.2**	**8.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.2	8.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Religion	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**7.8**	**6.8**
Freedom of religion	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	7.8	7.4
Religious organization repression	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.2	7.8	6.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**7.8**	**7.0**	**6.2**	**5.9**	**4.0**	**3.5**
Civil society entry and exit	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.0	6.3	5.4	4.8	3.2	2.3
Freedom of assembly	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.5	2.5
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.1	8.2	7.9	6.8	5.5
Civil society repression	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3	7.7	7.5	6.4	6.0	3.7	3.7
Expression and information	**8.1**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**7.8**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**6.7**	**5.3**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.0	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.1	5.1	3.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.2	7.2	7.2	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.2	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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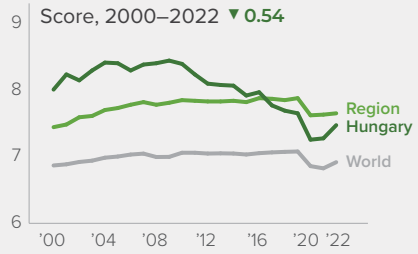
HUNGARY

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
63

Score
7.44



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 69/165	Score 7.67
Rule of law		**5.0**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.1
Security and safety		**9.6**
Homicide		9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.5
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**8.2**
Freedom of religion		7.7
Religious organization repression		8.7
Association, assembly, civil society		**6.7**
Civil society entry and exit		5.1
Freedom of assembly		7.4
Freedom to form/run political parties		8.6
Civil society repression		5.8
Expression and information		**5.5**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		5.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		3.3
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**8.8**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		5.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 55/165	Score 7.12
Size of government		**6.2**
Government consumption		3.2
Transfers and subsidies		6.2
Government investment		8.8
Top marginal tax rate		7.5
State ownership of assets		5.4
Legal system and property rights		**6.4**
Judicial independence		5.2
Impartial courts		5.2
Property rights		6.2
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		6.2
Contracts		3.9
Real property		8.0
Police and crime		6.3
Sound money		**7.6**
Money growth		7.9
Standard deviation of inflation		8.3
Inflation: most recent year		4.2
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.7**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.5
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.8
Regulation		**6.7**
Credit market regulation		8.2
Labor market regulation		6.8
Business regulation		5.4
Freedom to compete		6.3

HUNGARY

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.98**	**8.12**	**8.39**	**8.27**	**8.38**	**8.37**	**8.07**	**8.04**	**7.94**	**7.66**	**7.22**	**7.44**
Ranking	**42**	**38**	**30**	**36**	**30**	**32**	**39**	**40**	**44**	**58**	**65**	**63**
Economic freedom	6.92	7.11	7.32	7.19	7.27	7.43	7.49	7.53	7.59	7.41	7.19	7.12
Personal freedom	8.74	8.85	9.15	9.04	9.16	9.04	8.49	8.41	8.20	7.83	7.24	7.67
Rule of law	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.6**	**6.8**	**6.6**	**5.7**	**5.9**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.1**	**5.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	7.4	7.4	6.8	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.3	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.5	5.5	4.9	5.2	5.0	4.5	4.5	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	6.4	6.4	5.3	5.4	4.8	4.7	4.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.6	7.9	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.1
Security and safety	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Homicide	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.7	9.8	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.5
Movement	**8.3**	**8.3**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**6.4**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.4	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.1**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**9.9**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.2**	**8.2**
Freedom of religion	8.3	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.7	7.7
Religious organization repression	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.1	9.1	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.2**	**9.2**	**8.9**	**8.5**	**8.9**	**8.7**	**8.3**	**7.8**	**7.5**	**6.8**	**6.9**	**6.7**
Civil society entry and exit	7.4	7.4	7.4	6.3	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.2	6.0	5.2	5.2	5.1
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	10.0	9.6	8.5	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.5	8.6	8.6
Civil society repression	9.7	9.7	9.7	8.9	9.7	8.3	7.3	7.1	6.5	5.9	5.9	5.8
Expression and information	**8.4**	**8.4**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.3**	**8.9**	**7.6**	**7.2**	**6.8**	**6.0**	**5.7**	**5.5**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.7	7.9	8.0	8.1	9.1	8.2	7.8	7.3	6.9	6.1	5.8	5.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.8	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.2	6.2	5.6	5.6	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.8	6.7	5.6	5.6	4.4	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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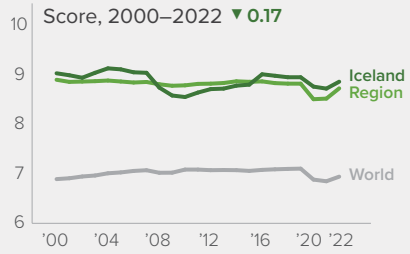
ICELAND

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
7

Score
8.80



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 10/165	Score 9.49
Rule of law		**8.4**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.4
Security and safety		**9.9**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		10.0
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.8**
Freedom of religion		9.8
Religious organization repression		9.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.4**
Civil society entry and exit		8.3
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.7
Civil society repression		9.8
Expression and information		**8.9**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 14/165	Score 7.84
Size of government		**6.0**
Government consumption		1.9
Transfers and subsidies		7.6
Government investment		9.8
Top marginal tax rate		3.5
State ownership of assets		7.4
Legal system and property rights		**8.8**
Judicial independence		7.9
Impartial courts		8.7
Property rights		9.1
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		9.1
Contracts		7.1
Real property		8.8
Police and crime		9.5
Sound money		**8.7**
Money growth		9.0
Standard deviation of inflation		9.0
Inflation: most recent year		6.7
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.4**
Tariffs		7.9
Regulatory trade barriers		8.3
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.5
Regulation		**7.3**
Credit market regulation		5.8
Labor market regulation		7.8
Business regulation		7.3
Freedom to compete		8.4

ICELAND

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.97**	**8.88**	**9.07**	**8.99**	**8.68**	**8.49**	**8.65**	**8.72**	**8.95**	**8.89**	**8.70**	**8.80**
Ranking	**10**	**11**	**3**	**4**	**17**	**27**	**21**	**19**	**9**	**10**	**7**	**7**
Economic freedom	8.13	7.98	8.35	8.07	7.33	6.86	7.26	7.50	8.03	7.98	7.88	7.84
Personal freedom	9.58	9.53	9.59	9.65	9.64	9.65	9.65	9.59	9.60	9.55	9.29	9.49
Rule of law	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.4	8.4
Security and safety	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**10.0**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**
Homicide	9.5	9.6	9.7	10.0	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.7	9.6	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**8.2**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.7**	**9.3**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.4**
Civil society entry and exit	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.8	8.3
Freedom of assembly	10.0	8.3	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Expression and information	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**8.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.5	7.5	7.5	8.4	8.6	9.0	8.9	8.6	8.6	8.9	8.5	8.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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INDIA

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
110

Score
6.26

PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 114/165 | Score 6.03

Rule of law	**3.8**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.5
Security and safety	**8.3**
Homicide	9.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.4
Movement	**7.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**5.1**
Freedom of religion	5.0
Religious organization repression	5.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.7**
Civil society entry and exit	3.5
Freedom of assembly	4.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.2
Civil society repression	2.8
Expression and information	**5.4**
Direct attacks on the press	9.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	5.0
Inheritance rights	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 84/165 | Score 6.58

Size of government	**7.7**
Government consumption	7.5
Transfers and subsidies	8.2
Government investment	7.4
Top marginal tax rate	7.0
State ownership of assets	8.6
Legal system and property rights	**5.3**
Judicial independence	6.3
Impartial courts	5.4
Property rights	5.5
Military interference	6.7
Integrity of the legal system	6.4
Contracts	3.2
Real property	6.3
Police and crime	5.2
Sound money	**7.5**
Money growth	8.7
Standard deviation of inflation	9.0
Inflation: most recent year	7.3
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.2**
Tariffs	5.9
Regulatory trade barriers	6.4
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	2.4
Regulation	**6.2**
Credit market regulation	7.1
Labor market regulation	6.1
Business regulation	4.8
Freedom to compete	6.8

INDIA

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.78**	**6.68**	**6.80**	**6.76**	**6.70**	**6.69**	**6.70**	**6.49**	**6.60**	**6.48**	**6.21**	**6.26**
Ranking	**80**	**86**	**88**	**93**	**92**	**99**	**97**	**108**	**104**	**108**	**114**	**110**
Economic freedom	6.10	6.08	6.15	6.10	6.03	5.95	6.11	5.99	6.39	6.57	6.62	6.58
Personal freedom	7.26	7.12	7.27	7.23	7.18	7.21	7.12	6.85	6.76	6.41	5.91	6.03
Rule of law	**4.4**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.1**	**4.2**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.1**	**3.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.1	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.5	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.3	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.0	3.9	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.5
Security and safety	**8.0**	**7.7**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**8.1**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**8.3**
Homicide	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.4	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.7	7.2	6.5	6.5	7.4
Movement	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.9**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**5.9**	**7.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.2	9.0	9.0	8.4	8.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**7.9**	**7.1**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**6.4**	**6.8**	**5.8**	**5.7**	**5.1**
Freedom of religion	7.2	5.6	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	5.4	6.7	4.9	4.7	5.0
Religious organization repression	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.4	7.4	6.9	6.6	6.6	5.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**6.8**	**5.7**	**4.8**	**4.7**
Civil society entry and exit	7.7	7.7	7.7	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.5	4.4	3.7	3.5	3.5
Freedom of assembly	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.5	6.7	4.6	4.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.0	8.6	8.2
Civil society repression	7.8	8.3	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.2	6.8	4.9	3.5	2.6	2.8
Expression and information	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.4**	**8.6**	**8.2**	**8.4**	**8.2**	**7.8**	**7.2**	**5.9**	**5.6**	**5.4**
Direct attacks on the press	9.8	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.7	7.7	7.7	8.0	6.6	7.6	7.3	6.9	5.3	4.9	4.2	4.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	8.0	7.5	8.9	9.4	8.9	9.1	8.4	8.0	7.5	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	7.8	6.7	6.7	5.6	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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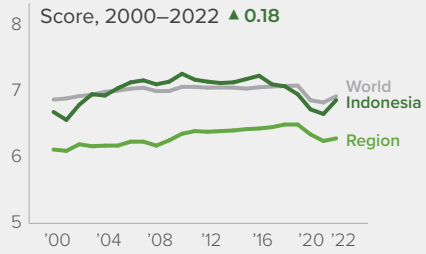
INDONESIA

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
87

Score
6.82



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 97/165	Score 6.73
Rule of law		**4.4**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		6.0
Security and safety		**9.0**
Homicide		9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		8.2
Movement		**8.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**6.0**
Freedom of religion		5.1
Religious organization repression		6.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**6.9**
Civil society entry and exit		6.4
Freedom of assembly		5.4
Freedom to form/run political parties		8.3
Civil society repression		7.6
Expression and information		**7.0**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		6.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		4.4
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**5.6**
Same-sex relationships		5.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		0.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 64/165	Score 6.96
Size of government		**8.5**
Government consumption		8.1
Transfers and subsidies		9.5
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		7.5
State ownership of assets		7.5
Legal system and property rights		**4.5**
Judicial independence		5.7
Impartial courts		4.4
Property rights		5.6
Military interference		3.3
Integrity of the legal system		5.0
Contracts		3.7
Real property		6.7
Police and crime		5.3
Sound money		**8.9**
Money growth		8.9
Standard deviation of inflation		8.4
Inflation: most recent year		8.3
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.0**
Tariffs		7.9
Regulatory trade barriers		5.2
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		5.1
Regulation		**5.8**
Credit market regulation		7.8
Labor market regulation		4.7
Business regulation		5.3
Freedom to compete		5.4

INDONESIA

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.64**	**6.75**	**6.89**	**7.09**	**7.06**	**7.22**	**7.10**	**7.09**	**7.19**	**7.03**	**6.68**	**6.82**
Ranking	**87**	**85**	**83**	**81**	**81**	**74**	**78**	**77**	**75**	**83**	**88**	**87**
Economic freedom	5.99	5.89	6.24	6.44	6.45	6.81	6.79	6.85	7.06	7.11	6.91	6.96
Personal freedom	7.11	7.36	7.35	7.54	7.49	7.51	7.32	7.26	7.29	6.98	6.51	6.73
Rule of law	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.2**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.1	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.7	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.5	3.7	3.8	3.5	4.0	3.9	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.2	5.8	6.0
Security and safety	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.0**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.0**
Homicide	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.4	6.4	6.7	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.2	8.9	8.8	8.7	8.2
Movement	**6.2**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**6.3**	**8.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.3	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.7**	**7.8**	**7.5**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.1**	**5.9**	**6.0**
Freedom of religion	7.1	7.1	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.8	7.0	7.0	5.1	5.1
Religious organization repression	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.9	8.6	8.0	8.0	8.6	8.4	7.2	6.7	6.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**7.2**	**6.9**	**6.9**
Civil society entry and exit	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	6.3	6.3	6.4
Freedom of assembly	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.7	5.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.3
Civil society repression	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.8	8.4	7.9	7.3	7.6
Expression and information	**7.1**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.4**	**7.1**	**7.4**	**7.6**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.0**
Direct attacks on the press	9.5	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.2	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.3	6.9	6.7	6.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.1	5.1	5.4	6.3	6.3	6.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6	6.7	6.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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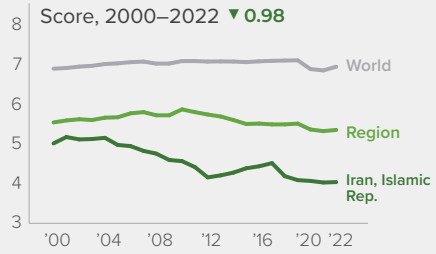
IRAN, ISLAMIC REP.

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
163

Score
3.96



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 161/165	Score 3.48
Rule of law		**3.3**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		4.2
Security and safety		**7.2**
Homicide		9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		5.0
Movement		**4.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		5.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**3.8**
Freedom of religion		2.9
Religious organization repression		4.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**1.5**
Civil society entry and exit		0.4
Freedom of assembly		0.4
Freedom to form/run political parties		3.7
Civil society repression		1.5
Expression and information		**1.6**
Direct attacks on the press		4.5
Media and expression (V-Dem)		2.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)		0.0
Media and expression (BTI)		1.1
Media and expression (CLD)		0.0
Relationships		**2.5**
Same-sex relationships		0.0
Divorce		0.0
Inheritance rights		0.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 158/165	Score 4.63
Size of government		**7.0**
Government consumption		5.3
Transfers and subsidies		8.0
Government investment		9.4
Top marginal tax rate		8.0
State ownership of assets		4.3
Legal system and property rights		**3.3**
Judicial independence		4.0
Impartial courts		2.2
Property rights		2.1
Military interference		6.7
Integrity of the legal system		4.4
Contracts		3.1
Real property		8.2
Police and crime		6.3
Sound money		**6.0**
Money growth		7.8
Standard deviation of inflation		6.0
Inflation: most recent year		0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**2.5**
Tariffs		5.4
Regulatory trade barriers		3.6
Black-market exchange rates		0.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		0.9
Regulation		**4.5**
Credit market regulation		6.2
Labor market regulation		4.1
Business regulation		3.0
Freedom to compete		4.6

IRAN, ISLAMIC REP.

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**4.94**	**5.04**	**5.08**	**4.87**	**4.68**	**4.49**	**4.08**	**4.20**	**4.36**	**4.11**	**3.99**	**3.96**
Ranking	**143**	**143**	**146**	**151**	**154**	**157**	**160**	**160**	**157**	**160**	**162**	**163**
Economic freedom	5.16	5.41	5.56	5.62	5.36	5.39	4.50	4.73	5.09	4.59	4.43	4.63
Personal freedom	4.78	4.77	4.74	4.33	4.20	3.85	3.78	3.82	3.84	3.76	3.67	3.48
Rule of law	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.2**	**3.8**	**4.3**	**4.4**	**3.9**	**3.7**	**3.3**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	2.2	2.2	1.9	3.1	3.4	2.5	2.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.2	6.2	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.5	5.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.5	3.8	4.3	4.5	3.7	3.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.2
Security and safety	**8.2**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**7.8**	**7.4**	**6.4**	**7.1**	**7.4**	**7.3**	**7.1**	**7.3**	**7.2**
Homicide	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.2	7.4	7.9	6.5	5.6	3.8	5.0	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.3	5.0
Movement	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.5	5.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.7**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.8**
Freedom of religion	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Religious organization repression	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.2	4.4	4.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**2.5**	**2.4**	**1.9**	**2.0**	**2.3**	**2.3**	**2.1**	**1.9**	**1.5**
Civil society entry and exit	4.5	4.5	4.5	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.1	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.5	0.4
Freedom of assembly	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.3	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.7
Civil society repression	6.8	6.8	6.8	2.7	2.7	1.8	2.4	2.9	2.8	2.3	2.0	1.5
Expression and information	**3.8**	**3.6**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**2.9**	**1.9**	**1.6**	**1.5**	**1.6**	**2.3**	**1.7**	**1.6**
Direct attacks on the press	7.5	7.2	6.7	8.0	6.2	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.8	5.0	4.5	4.5
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.3	5.1	5.0	4.1	4.1	2.5	2.5	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	3.1	2.5	1.4	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Relationships	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.1**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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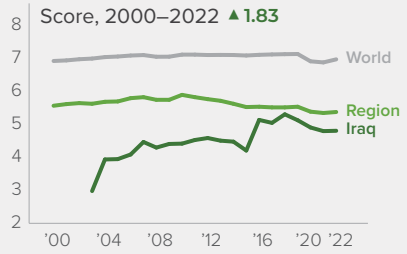
IRAQ

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
156

Score
4.71



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 155/165	Score 4.32
Rule of law		**4.4**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		4.4
Security and safety		**3.6**
Homicide		5.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		1.6
Movement		**5.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		7.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**5.6**
Freedom of religion		3.8
Religious organization repression		7.4
Association, assembly, civil society		**5.2**
Civil society entry and exit		4.2
Freedom of assembly		3.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		7.6
Civil society repression		6.1
Expression and information		**3.8**
Direct attacks on the press		6.1
Media and expression (V-Dem)		5.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		2.2
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**2.3**
Same-sex relationships		0.0
Divorce		0.0
Inheritance rights		0.0
Female genital mutilation		9.3

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 147/165	Score 5.25
Size of government		**4.9**
Government consumption		3.0
Transfers and subsidies		7.9
Government investment		0.4
Top marginal tax rate		9.0
State ownership of assets		4.5
Legal system and property rights		**2.3**
Judicial independence		4.9
Impartial courts		2.5
Property rights		2.5
Military interference		2.5
Integrity of the legal system		3.3
Contracts		2.4
Real property		6.6
Police and crime		0.0
Sound money		**7.3**
Money growth		8.5
Standard deviation of inflation		2.5
Inflation: most recent year		8.0
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**5.9**
Tariffs		4.8
Regulatory trade barriers		4.0
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		4.9
Regulation		**5.9**
Credit market regulation		9.5
Labor market regulation		5.7
Business regulation		3.0
Freedom to compete		5.1

IRAQ

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**-**	**-**	**3.84**	**3.99**	**4.20**	**4.32**	**4.49**	**4.38**	**5.04**	**5.21**	**4.81**	**4.71**
Ranking	**-**	**-**	**158**	**159**	**157**	**159**	**158**	**158**	**152**	**153**	**156**	**156**
Economic freedom	-	-	2.54	3.28	3.84	3.77	4.09	4.42	5.79	5.54	5.64	5.25
Personal freedom	-	-	4.58	4.39	4.41	4.63	4.72	4.36	4.51	4.97	4.21	4.32
Rule of law	**-**	**-**	**4.5**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.0**	**4.3**	**4.4**	**4.1**	**4.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	-	-	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.1	4.4
Security and safety	**-**	**-**	**3.4**	**3.1**	**3.5**	**4.7**	**5.1**	**3.8**	**3.9**	**4.1**	**3.8**	**3.6**
Homicide	-	-	5.4	5.4	5.4	7.5	7.6	7.1	7.1	7.1	6.6	5.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	-	-	1.3	0.9	1.6	1.9	2.6	0.5	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.6
Movement	**-**	**-**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**6.9**	**5.4**	**7.1**	**5.3**	**5.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	-	-	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.1	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	-	-	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7	3.3	3.3
Religion	**-**	**-**	**6.2**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**5.8**	**5.7**	**7.0**	**5.6**	**5.6**
Freedom of religion	-	-	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.7	3.6	6.0	3.8	3.8
Religious organization repression	-	-	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.4	7.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**-**	**-**	**6.7**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**5.2**	**5.2**
Civil society entry and exit	-	-	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.1	5.7	5.7	4.2	4.2
Freedom of assembly	-	-	4.9	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.9	4.3	3.8	3.3	3.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	-	-	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.0	8.2	8.1	8.2	7.7	7.6
Civil society repression	-	-	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.4	7.4	7.7	5.3	6.1
Expression and information	**-**	**-**	**4.4**	**3.9**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.9**	**3.7**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.2**	**3.8**
Direct attacks on the press	-	-	5.0	2.7	1.0	2.0	2.9	4.2	4.6	4.7	3.4	6.1
Media and expression (V-Dem)	-	-	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	4.7	5.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	-	-	2.7	2.7	3.5	3.2	3.5	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	-	-	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**-**	**-**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**2.3**	**2.3**	**2.3**	**2.3**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.3

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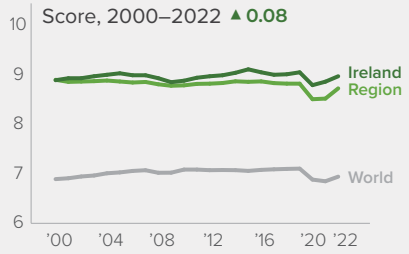
IRELAND

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
5

Score
8.91



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 8/165	Score 9.54
Rule of law		**7.8**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.4
Security and safety		**9.8**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.8
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.9**
Freedom of religion		9.9
Religious organization repression		9.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.6**
Civil society entry and exit		8.9
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.7
Civil society repression		9.8
Expression and information		**9.9**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		9.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 6/165	Score 8.02
Size of government		**6.3**
Government consumption		2.4
Transfers and subsidies		7.1
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		4.5
State ownership of assets		7.6
Legal system and property rights		**7.9**
Judicial independence		7.9
Impartial courts		7.2
Property rights		8.9
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		9.2
Contracts		4.8
Real property		7.3
Police and crime		7.7
Sound money		**8.6**
Money growth		8.9
Standard deviation of inflation		8.7
Inflation: most recent year		6.9
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**9.0**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.5
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		9.0
Regulation		**8.3**
Credit market regulation		9.3
Labor market regulation		8.1
Business regulation		7.4
Freedom to compete		8.3

IRELAND

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.83**	**8.87**	**8.94**	**8.93**	**8.87**	**8.82**	**8.91**	**8.98**	**8.99**	**8.95**	**8.73**	**8.91**
Ranking	**14**	**12**	**7**	**9**	**8**	**13**	**7**	**5**	**4**	**6**	**5**	**5**
Economic freedom	8.16	8.06	8.21	8.22	8.05	7.96	8.12	8.27	8.29	8.20	7.92	8.02
Personal freedom	9.31	9.45	9.46	9.44	9.46	9.44	9.47	9.48	9.48	9.49	9.30	9.54
Rule of law	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.7**	**7.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.6	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.3	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.4
Security and safety	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Homicide	9.7	9.6	9.8	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.5	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.8	9.8
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**8.2**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Civil society entry and exit	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.3	8.9	8.9
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Expression and information	**8.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**
Direct attacks on the press	5.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	9.8	10.0	9.8	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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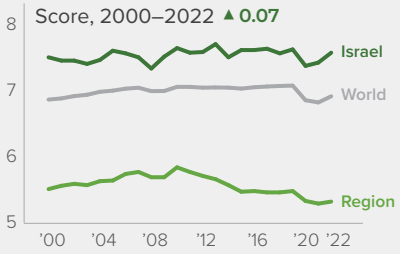
ISRAEL

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
59

Score
7.54



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 71/165 | Score 7.62

Rule of law	**7.4**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.4
Security and safety	**8.2**
Homicide	9.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.0
Movement	**7.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**9.2**
Freedom of religion	9.8
Religious organization repression	8.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.8**
Civil society entry and exit	6.5
Freedom of assembly	7.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.1
Civil society repression	8.4
Expression and information	**5.4**
Direct attacks on the press	0.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 41/165 | Score 7.44

Size of government	**6.0**
Government consumption	3.0
Transfers and subsidies	5.8
Government investment	8.4
Top marginal tax rate	5.0
State ownership of assets	7.6
Legal system and property rights	**6.3**
Judicial independence	7.1
Impartial courts	7.4
Property rights	7.5
Military interference	4.2
Integrity of the legal system	8.4
Contracts	4.7
Real property	6.9
Police and crime	7.2
Sound money	**9.0**
Money growth	8.4
Standard deviation of inflation	9.4
Inflation: most recent year	8.2
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.7**
Tariffs	8.5
Regulatory trade barriers	7.6
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	8.7
Regulation	**7.2**
Credit market regulation	9.3
Labor market regulation	4.9
Business regulation	7.2
Freedom to compete	7.5

ISRAEL

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.47**	**7.42**	**7.43**	**7.53**	**7.30**	**7.61**	**7.55**	**7.47**	**7.58**	**7.53**	**7.34**	**7.54**
Ranking	**51**	**59**	**59**	**57**	**64**	**55**	**55**	**60**	**55**	**60**	**61**	**59**
Economic freedom	6.85	7.09	7.38	7.28	7.30	7.39	7.42	7.50	7.52	7.58	7.29	7.44
Personal freedom	7.91	7.66	7.46	7.70	7.29	7.76	7.64	7.45	7.62	7.49	7.38	7.62
Rule of law	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.3**	**7.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.2	7.4
Security and safety	**7.1**	**6.5**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**7.0**	**8.8**	**7.9**	**6.9**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.2**
Homicide	9.3	8.9	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	4.9	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.5	8.1	6.4	4.2	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.0
Movement	**7.8**	**7.8**	**6.1**	**7.8**	**6.1**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**6.2**	**7.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.0	8.8	8.7	9.0	9.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**9.2**
Freedom of religion	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.8**
Civil society entry and exit	7.5	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.9	5.9	6.5
Freedom of assembly	6.7	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.0	9.2	9.1
Civil society repression	9.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.5	7.5	8.4
Expression and information	**8.0**	**6.8**	**6.9**	**6.8**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.3**	**5.8**	**5.4**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.2	7.6	7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5	8.0	8.2	8.0	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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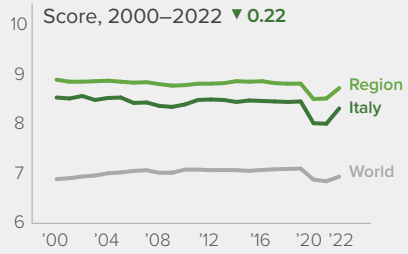
ITALY

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
28

Score
8.26



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 27/165	Score 9.00
Rule of law		**6.9**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.7
Security and safety		**9.7**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.6
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.0**
Freedom of religion		8.2
Religious organization repression		9.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.4**
Civil society entry and exit		8.0
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.7
Civil society repression		9.7
Expression and information		**8.2**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 51/165	Score 7.22
Size of government		**5.3**
Government consumption		4.6
Transfers and subsidies		2.6
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		1.5
State ownership of assets		7.8
Legal system and property rights		**6.6**
Judicial independence		6.2
Impartial courts		5.0
Property rights		6.6
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		7.6
Contracts		3.5
Real property		8.3
Police and crime		5.7
Sound money		**8.4**
Money growth		7.4
Standard deviation of inflation		9.6
Inflation: most recent year		6.7
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**9.0**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		9.0
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		8.4
Regulation		**6.8**
Credit market regulation		8.4
Labor market regulation		7.1
Business regulation		4.9
Freedom to compete		6.7

ITALY

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.48**	**8.51**	**8.47**	**8.37**	**8.31**	**8.34**	**8.44**	**8.39**	**8.41**	**8.39**	**7.96**	**8.26**
Ranking	**25**	**26**	**28**	**32**	**34**	**33**	**31**	**33**	**31**	**30**	**35**	**28**
Economic freedom	7.66	7.64	7.63	7.48	7.36	7.42	7.47	7.56	7.59	7.50	7.23	7.22
Personal freedom	9.07	9.13	9.08	9.01	9.00	9.00	9.12	8.98	8.99	9.02	8.49	9.00
Rule of law	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**6.5**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.9**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	7.8	7.8	8.0	7.6	7.5	7.9	7.8	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.8	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.5	7.7
Security and safety	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.7**
Homicide	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6
Movement	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**9.9**	**6.2**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.1	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**9.7**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.0**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.2	8.2	8.2	9.8	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
Religious organization repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.1**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.4**
Civil society entry and exit	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.7	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.8	8.0
Freedom of assembly	8.3	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7
Civil society repression	9.5	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.3	9.9	9.4	9.7	9.7
Expression and information	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.1**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.6	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.6	8.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.1	8.9	7.5	7.9	7.5	7.1	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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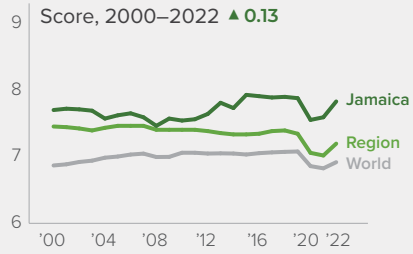
JAMAICA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
46

Score
7.80



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 56/165	Score 8.15
Rule of law		**5.6**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.3
Security and safety		**4.6**
Homicide		0.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.1
Movement		**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.8**
Freedom of religion		9.8
Religious organization repression		9.9
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.6**
Civil society entry and exit		9.4
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.4
Civil society repression		9.5
Expression and information		**9.7**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		10.0
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**8.1**
Same-sex relationships		5.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 49/165	Score 7.32
Size of government		**8.0**
Government consumption		5.8
Transfers and subsidies		8.4
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		6.5
State ownership of assets		9.2
Legal system and property rights		**5.7**
Judicial independence		6.8
Impartial courts		5.5
Property rights		6.6
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		6.2
Contracts		2.9
Real property		8.7
Police and crime		2.1
Sound money		**8.0**
Money growth		7.7
Standard deviation of inflation		8.6
Inflation: most recent year		5.9
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.2**
Tariffs		7.1
Regulatory trade barriers		5.9
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		5.8
Regulation		**7.7**
Credit market regulation		9.2
Labor market regulation		7.4
Business regulation		5.7
Freedom to compete		8.3

JAMAICA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.67**	**7.68**	**7.54**	**7.62**	**7.43**	**7.51**	**7.61**	**7.70**	**7.88**	**7.87**	**7.52**	**7.80**
Ranking	**47**	**48**	**55**	**51**	**59**	**61**	**53**	**53**	**47**	**49**	**54**	**46**
Economic freedom	7.39	7.33	7.17	7.28	6.84	7.01	7.25	7.33	7.53	7.50	7.29	7.32
Personal freedom	7.87	7.93	7.81	7.86	7.85	7.86	7.86	7.96	8.13	8.13	7.68	8.15
Rule of law	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**5.2**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.5**	**5.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.4	4.4	4.8	5.6	5.8	5.9	5.9	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.1	5.1	4.7	5.4	5.4	5.1	5.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.2	7.3
Security and safety	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.0**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**4.5**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**
Homicide	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.7	8.7	8.0	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.7	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.1
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**6.5**	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.0**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	8.2	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Civil society entry and exit	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Freedom of assembly	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.4
Civil society repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Expression and information	**8.9**	**9.5**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.3	7.9	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.8	8.7	8.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.6	9.1	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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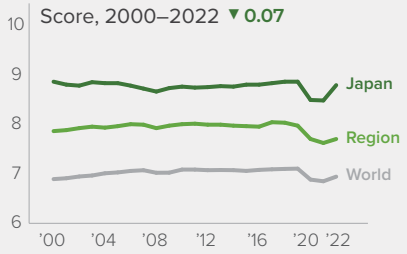
JAPAN

EAST ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
12

Score
8.73



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 14/165 | Score 9.31

Rule of law	**8.0**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.0
Security and safety	**9.9**
Homicide	9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.8
Movement	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit	9.6
Freedom of assembly	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5
Civil society repression	9.8
Expression and information	**8.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0
Relationships	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 11/165 | Score 7.90

Size of government	**5.9**
Government consumption	3.5
Transfers and subsidies	3.7
Government investment	9.6
Top marginal tax rate	3.0
State ownership of assets	9.5
Legal system and property rights	**7.7**
Judicial independence	7.8
Impartial courts	7.8
Property rights	9.3
Military interference	8.3
Integrity of the legal system	8.6
Contracts	6.2
Real property	8.0
Police and crime	9.4
Sound money	**9.6**
Money growth	9.5
Standard deviation of inflation	9.7
Inflation: most recent year	9.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.5**
Tariffs	7.9
Regulatory trade barriers	7.8
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	8.3
Regulation	**7.9**
Credit market regulation	8.6
Labor market regulation	7.9
Business regulation	6.9
Freedom to compete	8.2

JAPAN

EAST ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.80**	**8.72**	**8.77**	**8.72**	**8.60**	**8.70**	**8.69**	**8.70**	**8.74**	**8.80**	**8.43**	**8.73**
Ranking	**16**	**17**	**16**	**18**	**22**	**17**	**20**	**21**	**20**	**16**	**15**	**12**
Economic freedom	8.17	7.94	8.13	8.01	7.92	7.94	7.96	7.94	8.03	8.03	7.89	7.90
Personal freedom	9.26	9.27	9.23	9.23	9.09	9.25	9.22	9.25	9.25	9.34	8.82	9.31
Rule of law	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**8.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	7.3	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.7	8.3	8.5	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	7.7	7.7	7.3	8.2	7.9	7.9	7.8	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.8	7.4	7.6	7.6	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.1	7.9	8.0
Security and safety	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**
Homicide	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**6.3**	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.2	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.9	9.6	9.6	9.6
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.5
Civil society repression	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.3	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.8	9.8	9.8
Expression and information	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.3**	**9.2**	**8.2**	**9.3**	**9.2**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.1	8.5	8.5	8.5	7.8	8.6	8.6	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.0	8.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.8	9.6	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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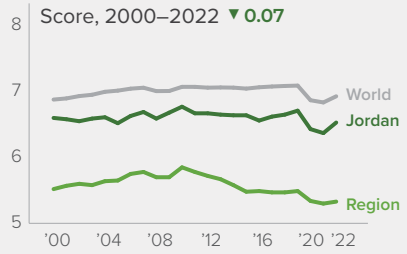
JORDAN

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
101

Score
6.48



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 117/165 | Score 5.87

Rule of law	**5.4**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.1
Security and safety	**9.2**
Homicide	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.8
Movement	**7.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**5.3**
Freedom of religion	4.3
Religious organization repression	6.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.8**
Civil society entry and exit	3.0
Freedom of assembly	2.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.2
Civil society repression	5.8
Expression and information	**4.0**
Direct attacks on the press	6.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**5.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 48/165 | Score 7.33

Size of government	**7.5**
Government consumption	6.5
Transfers and subsidies	8.1
Government investment	7.9
Top marginal tax rate	7.0
State ownership of assets	7.9
Legal system and property rights	**4.3**
Judicial independence	5.9
Impartial courts	5.6
Property rights	5.8
Military interference	5.8
Integrity of the legal system	6.3
Contracts	3.1
Real property	6.7
Police and crime	7.7
Sound money	**9.4**
Money growth	9.6
Standard deviation of inflation	9.6
Inflation: most recent year	8.3
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.9**
Tariffs	7.0
Regulatory trade barriers	6.9
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	7.9
Regulation	**7.5**
Credit market regulation	8.8
Labor market regulation	7.6
Business regulation	6.1
Freedom to compete	7.6

JORDAN

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.55**	**6.50**	**6.56**	**6.58**	**6.54**	**6.72**	**6.62**	**6.59**	**6.51**	**6.60**	**6.38**	**6.48**
Ranking	**91**	**96**	**98**	**97**	**100**	**98**	**100**	**104**	**110**	**102**	**105**	**101**
Economic freedom	6.93	6.86	6.89	6.93	6.81	7.21	7.25	7.34	7.37	7.37	7.33	7.33
Personal freedom	6.28	6.24	6.32	6.33	6.34	6.36	6.18	6.05	5.89	6.04	5.70	5.87
Rule of law	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.4**	**5.7**	**5.8**	**5.6**	**5.4**	**5.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.2	4.3	5.0	5.2	5.0	4.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	5.2	5.2	5.6	5.9	6.0	5.7	5.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1
Security and safety	**9.0**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.2**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**8.1**	**8.7**	**9.2**	**9.2**
Homicide	-	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	6.7	7.9	8.7	8.8
Movement	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**5.7**	**7.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.0	7.6	7.8	8.0	8.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**6.0**	**5.5**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**6.1**	**6.0**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**4.9**	**5.3**
Freedom of religion	7.0	7.0	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.4	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.3	4.3
Religious organization repression	5.0	4.0	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.5	6.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.2**	**4.8**
Civil society entry and exit	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	3.0
Freedom of assembly	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	2.6	2.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	8.2
Civil society repression	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.4	6.4	6.4	5.8	5.8
Expression and information	**5.0**	**4.9**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.2**	**4.9**	**5.0**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.8**	**4.5**	**4.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.1	7.1	10.0	8.8	6.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.1	4.4	4.4	4.4	5.0	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.3	2.2	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**4.9**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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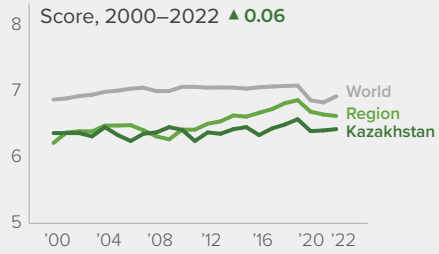
CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
104

Score
6.38



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 115/165 | Score 6.01

Rule of law	**5.1**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.3
Security and safety	**8.4**
Homicide	9.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.6
Movement	**6.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**4.8**
Freedom of religion	4.6
Religious organization repression	5.1
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.6**
Civil society entry and exit	4.0
Freedom of assembly	3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	5.5
Civil society repression	5.8
Expression and information	**3.2**
Direct attacks on the press	7.3
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 68/165 | Score 6.89

Size of government	**7.7**
Government consumption	6.3
Transfers and subsidies	7.8
Government investment	10.0
Top marginal tax rate	8.5
State ownership of assets	5.9
Legal system and property rights	**5.5**
Judicial independence	4.3
Impartial courts	4.4
Property rights	5.3
Military interference	7.5
Integrity of the legal system	5.4
Contracts	4.5
Real property	9.9
Police and crime	5.6
Sound money	**7.4**
Money growth	8.2
Standard deviation of inflation	7.6
Inflation: most recent year	4.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.0**
Tariffs	7.9
Regulatory trade barriers	5.4
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.7
Regulation	**6.8**
Credit market regulation	8.9
Labor market regulation	7.2
Business regulation	5.1
Freedom to compete	6.0

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CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.32**	**6.32**	**6.41**	**6.20**	**6.33**	**6.37**	**6.33**	**6.38**	**6.29**	**6.45**	**6.35**	**6.38**
Ranking	**95**	**104**	**102**	**113**	**107**	**107**	**110**	**113**	**117**	**111**	**107**	**104**
Economic freedom	5.98	6.15	6.55	6.13	6.24	6.48	6.75	6.86	6.80	7.14	7.06	6.89
Personal freedom	6.57	6.42	6.33	6.24	6.39	6.30	6.03	6.04	5.93	5.96	5.84	6.01
Rule of law	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.2	4.8	4.1	3.9	4.4	4.4	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.9	4.9	4.7	5.5	5.6	6.2	6.1	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.6	4.6	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.6	4.7	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.1	5.3	5.3
Security and safety	**6.9**	**7.2**	**7.1**	**7.0**	**7.5**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.4**	**8.4**
Homicide	5.5	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.7	7.5	7.8	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.9	9.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.2	7.9	7.7	7.8	8.0	7.6
Movement	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**7.4**	**6.0**	**6.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.6	8.2	8.6	8.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3
Religion	**6.7**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**5.6**	**4.2**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.8**
Freedom of religion	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	4.1	3.9	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.6
Religious organization repression	7.1	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.5	5.1
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.4**	**5.0**	**4.7**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.1**	**4.0**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**4.2**	**4.6**
Civil society entry and exit	5.2	5.2	5.2	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.4	2.7	2.8	3.2	4.0
Freedom of assembly	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.7	1.8	1.8	2.7	3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	6.7	5.6	5.1	5.4	5.4	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.4	5.4	5.5
Civil society repression	6.8	6.1	5.5	4.9	4.9	5.2	5.0	5.3	4.9	4.8	5.4	5.8
Expression and information	**4.5**	**4.1**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**4.5**	**3.8**	**3.5**	**3.6**	**3.5**	**3.1**	**2.7**	**3.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	9.2	8.4	8.4	10.0	7.6	6.8	8.5	7.9	6.6	5.3	7.3
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3	5.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.4	3.7	4.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.2	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.1	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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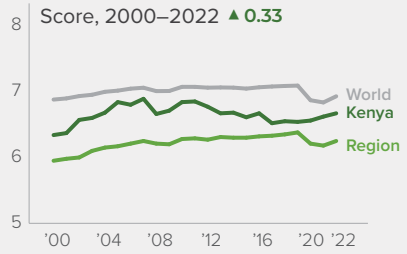
KENYA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
96

Score
6.62



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 105/165 | Score 6.48

Rule of law	**4.0**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.1
Security and safety	**7.8**
Homicide	8.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.9
Movement	**7.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**7.5**
Freedom of religion	6.5
Religious organization repression	8.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.4**
Civil society entry and exit	9.1
Freedom of assembly	4.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.0
Civil society repression	7.3
Expression and information	**6.0**
Direct attacks on the press	9.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**5.1**
Same-sex relationships	5.0
Divorce	5.0
Inheritance rights	2.5
Female genital mutilation	7.9

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 74/165 | Score 6.82

Size of government	**7.1**
Government consumption	7.7
Transfers and subsidies	9.7
Government investment	2.3
Top marginal tax rate	8.0
State ownership of assets	7.7
Legal system and property rights	**4.8**
Judicial independence	5.3
Impartial courts	4.3
Property rights	5.2
Military interference	5.8
Integrity of the legal system	6.2
Contracts	3.9
Real property	7.2
Police and crime	3.1
Sound money	**8.9**
Money growth	9.3
Standard deviation of inflation	9.5
Inflation: most recent year	6.9
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.4**
Tariffs	6.1
Regulatory trade barriers	4.7
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.8
Regulation	**6.9**
Credit market regulation	9.1
Labor market regulation	7.0
Business regulation	5.6
Freedom to compete	5.9

KENYA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.29**	**6.52**	**6.63**	**6.75**	**6.61**	**6.79**	**6.72**	**6.63**	**6.62**	**6.50**	**6.51**	**6.62**
Ranking	**99**	**95**	**93**	**94**	**97**	**93**	**95**	**100**	**102**	**107**	**97**	**96**
Economic freedom	6.01	6.27	6.39	6.68	6.39	6.69	6.67	6.74	6.62	6.76	6.73	6.82
Personal freedom	6.50	6.70	6.80	6.80	6.77	6.87	6.75	6.55	6.61	6.31	6.35	6.48
Rule of law	**3.7**	**3.9**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.3**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**4.0**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**4.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.1	4.1	2.9	3.1	3.5	3.2	3.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.7	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.0	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.9	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.8	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.9	6.1
Security and safety	**7.9**	**8.1**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**7.6**	**7.2**	**7.4**	**7.8**
Homicide	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.1	8.6	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.6	9.0	8.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.9	7.2	7.6	7.4	6.0	6.9	5.0	4.7	6.6	5.8	5.9	6.9
Movement	**7.1**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.5**	**7.6**	**7.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.6	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.3	8.7	8.7	8.4	8.4	8.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Freedom of religion	7.8	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.5	6.5
Religious organization repression	9.3	9.3	8.5	8.5	8.5	9.0	9.0	8.1	8.1	8.4	8.4	8.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.9**	**7.2**	**7.6**	**7.5**	**7.7**	**7.8**	**8.0**	**7.7**	**7.2**	**6.7**	**6.9**	**7.4**
Civil society entry and exit	6.4	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	7.4	7.4	7.3	6.7	7.1	7.1	9.1
Freedom of assembly	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	7.3	6.2	6.9	6.9	5.4	4.3	4.3	4.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.3	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.4	9.4	9.1	8.8	9.0
Civil society repression	6.4	6.8	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.6	8.6	7.4	7.4	6.6	7.3	7.3
Expression and information	**6.0**	**6.4**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**7.2**	**7.0**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**7.1**	**6.4**	**6.1**	**6.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.6	9.3	9.3	9.7	9.4	9.7	10.0	9.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.8	6.2	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.3	7.6	7.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.2	3.5	4.8	5.0	4.8	5.8	6.0	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	7.8	5.6	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.7	4.4	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
Female genital mutilation	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.9	7.9	7.9

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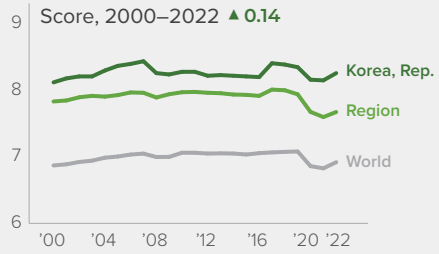
KOREA, REP.

EAST ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
32

Score
8.23



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 34/165	Score 8.75
Rule of law		**7.7**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.8
Security and safety		**9.7**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.5
Movement		**8.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**9.9**
Freedom of religion		9.9
Religious organization repression		9.9
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.0**
Civil society entry and exit		7.3
Freedom of assembly		7.8
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.6
Civil society repression		7.2
Expression and information		**7.9**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		7.8
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 32/165	Score 7.52
Size of government		**6.3**
Government consumption		3.5
Transfers and subsidies		5.7
Government investment		9.9
Top marginal tax rate		5.0
State ownership of assets		7.4
Legal system and property rights		**6.9**
Judicial independence		6.2
Impartial courts		6.5
Property rights		8.3
Military interference		6.7
Integrity of the legal system		8.2
Contracts		7.1
Real property		8.2
Police and crime		7.8
Sound money		**9.1**
Money growth		8.8
Standard deviation of inflation		9.5
Inflation: most recent year		8.0
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.0**
Tariffs		5.7
Regulatory trade barriers		8.3
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		8.0
Regulation		**7.3**
Credit market regulation		9.3
Labor market regulation		4.7
Business regulation		7.0
Freedom to compete		8.1

KOREA, REP.

EAST ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.09**	**8.18**	**8.27**	**8.37**	**8.23**	**8.25**	**8.19**	**8.19**	**8.17**	**8.36**	**8.13**	**8.23**
Ranking	**36**	**35**	**35**	**32**	**37**	**36**	**38**	**37**	**37**	**31**	**26**	**32**
Economic freedom	7.04	7.23	7.41	7.63	7.54	7.60	7.64	7.70	7.71	7.67	7.44	7.52
Personal freedom	8.84	8.85	8.88	8.90	8.73	8.72	8.58	8.54	8.51	8.85	8.62	8.75
Rule of law	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.4**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.6	7.9	8.4	8.6	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	7.2	7.2	7.4	8.1	7.4	7.6	7.5	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.8	8.0	7.9	7.8
Security and safety	**9.1**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Homicide	-	-	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.1	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5
Movement	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**6.5**	**8.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	8.3	8.3	8.3	9.9	9.9	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.5	9.9	9.9	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**8.0**
Civil society entry and exit	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	8.4	6.9	7.3
Freedom of assembly	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Civil society repression	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	8.9	9.7	7.2
Expression and information	**8.7**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.6**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**7.7**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**7.9**
Direct attacks on the press	9.2	8.4	9.2	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	6.0	7.1	7.1	6.4	6.5	8.5	8.3	7.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.6	9.0	8.6	8.5	8.3	7.9	8.1	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	7.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.8	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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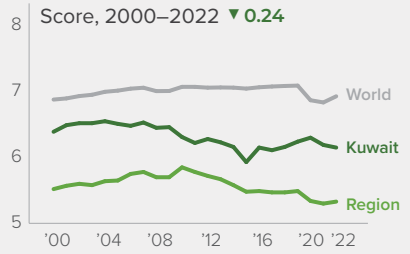
KUWAIT

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
115

Score
6.10



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 118/165 | Score 5.84

Rule of law	**5.0**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.9
Security and safety	**9.4**
Homicide	9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.8
Movement	**7.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**5.8**
Freedom of religion	4.7
Religious organization repression	7.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**3.9**
Civil society entry and exit	4.0
Freedom of assembly	3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	2.8
Civil society repression	5.7
Expression and information	**5.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**4.4**
Same-sex relationships	5.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 92/165 | Score 6.45

Size of government	**5.9**
Government consumption	0.8
Transfers and subsidies	6.9
Government investment	6.5
Top marginal tax rate	10.0
State ownership of assets	5.4
Legal system and property rights	**5.1**
Judicial independence	6.1
Impartial courts	5.1
Property rights	6.6
Military interference	8.3
Integrity of the legal system	6.8
Contracts	5.0
Real property	9.5
Police and crime	8.3
Sound money	**7.7**
Money growth	9.6
Standard deviation of inflation	3.0
Inflation: most recent year	8.4
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.4**
Tariffs	8.7
Regulatory trade barriers	5.2
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	5.5
Regulation	**6.1**
Credit market regulation	8.3
Labor market regulation	5.0
Business regulation	5.0
Freedom to compete	6.1

KUWAIT

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.34**	**6.47**	**6.50**	**6.43**	**6.40**	**6.26**	**6.23**	**6.11**	**6.10**	**6.11**	**6.25**	**6.10**
Ranking	**94**	**99**	**99**	**105**	**105**	**112**	**113**	**119**	**121**	**120**	**112**	**115**
Economic freedom	6.68	6.99	7.05	7.03	6.71	6.53	6.64	6.57	6.58	6.55	6.61	6.45
Personal freedom	6.11	6.10	6.10	6.00	6.18	6.06	5.94	5.78	5.75	5.79	6.00	5.84
Rule of law	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.9
Security and safety	**9.3**	**9.2**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**8.8**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Homicide	9.5	9.7	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.9	9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.2	8.7	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.8	8.8	8.1	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.8
Movement	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.8**	**5.9**	**5.8**
Freedom of religion	6.2	6.2	6.2	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.7
Religious organization repression	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**3.8**	**4.1**	**4.0**	**3.9**
Civil society entry and exit	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	4.3	4.2	4.0
Freedom of assembly	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.4	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Civil society repression	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.1	5.8	5.7
Expression and information	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**5.6**	**5.0**	**4.7**	**4.5**	**4.2**	**3.9**	**5.0**	**5.0**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.9	5.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.5	5.8	5.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	5.6	6.7	5.6	5.6	4.4	3.3	3.3	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.0**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
98

Score
6.57

PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 102/165 | Score 6.60

Rule of law	**3.7**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.6
Security and safety	**8.0**
Homicide	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.7
Movement	**7.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**7.0**
Freedom of religion	7.2
Religious organization repression	6.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.6**
Civil society entry and exit	5.7
Freedom of assembly	3.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.0
Civil society repression	5.1
Expression and information	**4.9**
Direct attacks on the press	6.2
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 88/165 | Score 6.53

Size of government	**7.1**
Government consumption	6.1
Transfers and subsidies	7.6
Government investment	-
Top marginal tax rate	8.5
State ownership of assets	6.1
Legal system and property rights	**4.5**
Judicial independence	4.6
Impartial courts	2.6
Property rights	3.7
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	4.6
Contracts	3.5
Real property	9.9
Police and crime	4.4
Sound money	**7.1**
Money growth	7.1
Standard deviation of inflation	6.8
Inflation: most recent year	4.4
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.4**
Tariffs	8.2
Regulatory trade barriers	6.2
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	5.2
Regulation	**6.6**
Credit market regulation	8.7
Labor market regulation	6.4
Business regulation	4.8
Freedom to compete	6.7

KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.03**	**6.12**	**6.36**	**6.55**	**6.42**	**6.24**	**6.59**	**6.67**	**6.79**	**7.09**	**6.63**	**6.57**
Ranking	**111**	**109**	**105**	**98**	**103**	**115**	**101**	**99**	**91**	**82**	**90**	**98**
Economic freedom	5.03	5.69	6.34	6.45	6.32	6.48	6.62	6.90	7.01	7.04	6.77	6.53
Personal freedom	6.60	6.36	6.38	6.62	6.50	6.07	6.57	6.50	6.63	7.12	6.52	6.60
Rule of law	**3.9**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**4.0**	**3.8**	**4.1**	**3.7**	**3.7**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.3	-	4.0	3.3	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.3	-	4.9	4.7	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.4	-	3.3	3.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.8	6.1	5.6	5.6
Security and safety	**7.9**	**8.0**	**7.6**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**5.8**	**7.1**	**7.3**	**8.1**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**8.0**
Homicide	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	4.2	8.0	8.4	8.7	9.4	9.4	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.3	8.4	7.5	8.2	8.2	7.3	6.2	6.3	7.6	8.0	7.7	6.7
Movement	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**5.8**	**7.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.4	8.9	8.2	8.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**6.6**	**5.4**	**6.1**	**6.2**	**6.1**	**5.9**	**6.2**	**6.0**	**5.7**	**7.0**	**7.1**	**7.0**
Freedom of religion	7.2	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.4	7.4	7.4	7.2
Religious organization repression	6.0	4.0	5.3	5.5	5.5	6.2	6.5	6.3	6.0	6.6	6.7	6.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.9**	**5.5**	**5.4**	**6.5**	**6.0**	**6.7**	**7.1**	**6.5**	**6.6**	**7.1**	**6.1**	**5.6**
Civil society entry and exit	4.5	3.8	3.7	5.3	5.0	6.6	6.9	6.4	6.3	7.2	5.7	5.7
Freedom of assembly	5.7	4.6	4.6	5.7	5.4	3.9	5.0	4.2	5.3	5.3	4.2	3.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.6	7.6	7.6	8.4	8.4	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.4	8.6	8.4	8.0
Civil society repression	5.8	5.8	5.8	6.4	5.2	7.2	7.7	6.5	6.2	7.5	6.3	5.1
Expression and information	**5.4**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.6**	**5.3**	**3.8**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**6.0**	**5.8**	**5.0**	**4.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.2	2.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.2
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.2	5.4	5.4	6.1	5.7	5.7	7.0	6.4	6.5	6.9	6.2	5.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.3	4.5	4.2	5.0	3.7	4.2	4.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6	5.6	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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LAO PDR

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
148

Score
5.15

PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 150/165 | Score 4.64

Rule of law	**3.7**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.7
Security and safety	**7.6**
Homicide	8.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.3
Movement	**4.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	5.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**4.1**
Freedom of religion	4.2
Religious organization repression	4.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**1.4**
Civil society entry and exit	1.1
Freedom of assembly	1.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	1.2
Civil society repression	2.2
Expression and information	**2.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	1.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0
Relationships	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 125/165 | Score 5.86

Size of government	**6.9**
Government consumption	5.3
Transfers and subsidies	9.7
Government investment	7.4
Top marginal tax rate	9.0
State ownership of assets	3.3
Legal system and property rights	**4.4**
Judicial independence	5.0
Impartial courts	3.3
Property rights	3.1
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	3.1
Contracts	1.5
Real property	8.5
Police and crime	6.4
Sound money	**4.7**
Money growth	5.3
Standard deviation of inflation	7.7
Inflation: most recent year	0.8
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.4**
Tariffs	8.2
Regulatory trade barriers	7.0
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.4
Regulation	**5.9**
Credit market regulation	9.8
Labor market regulation	4.4
Business regulation	3.7
Freedom to compete	5.4

LAO PDR

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**3.80**	**4.33**	**4.30**	**4.42**	**4.36**	**4.84**	**4.78**	**5.16**	**5.26**	**5.46**	**5.28**	**5.15**
Ranking	**155**	**154**	**155**	**156**	**156**	**155**	**157**	**150**	**145**	**139**	**144**	**148**
Economic freedom	3.21	4.19	4.20	4.33	4.10	5.38	5.31	5.93	6.10	6.32	6.14	5.86
Personal freedom	4.13	4.42	4.36	4.47	4.51	4.53	4.48	4.61	4.66	4.86	4.67	4.64
Rule of law	**3.0**	**3.0**	**3.0**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**3.4**	**3.6**	**3.7**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.7
Security and safety	**5.9**	**7.0**	**6.6**	**7.2**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.0**	**7.2**	**7.4**	**7.6**	**7.7**	**7.6**
Homicide	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.2	7.7	7.7	7.7	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	4.9	7.1	6.2	7.1	7.2	7.2	6.4	6.5	6.8	7.3	7.4	7.3
Movement	**5.6**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**4.2**	**4.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3
Religion	**3.6**	**4.0**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.4**	**4.1**
Freedom of religion	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.3	4.2
Religious organization repression	3.6	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**1.2**	**1.2**	**1.2**	**1.2**	**1.2**	**1.4**	**1.4**	**1.3**	**1.6**	**1.9**	**1.8**	**1.4**
Civil society entry and exit	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.1
Freedom of assembly	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.2	1.2
Civil society repression	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.5	3.1	2.2
Expression and information	**2.1**	**2.5**	**2.4**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.4**	**2.4**	**2.4**	**2.4**	**2.3**	**2.4**	**2.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	0.4	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.4	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.9	1.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Relationships	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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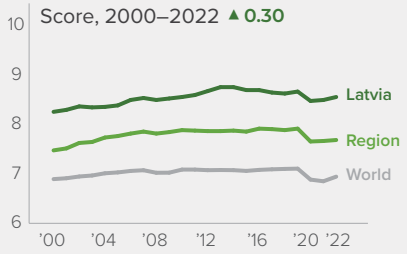
LATVIA

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
21

Score
8.49



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 20/165	Score 9.18
Rule of law		**7.4**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.2
Security and safety		**9.4**
Homicide		9.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.9
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.7**
Freedom of religion		9.8
Religious organization repression		9.6
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.6**
Civil society entry and exit		9.2
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.5
Civil society repression		9.7
Expression and information		**8.3**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		8.9
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 32/165	Score 7.52
Size of government		**6.5**
Government consumption		4.7
Transfers and subsidies		4.8
Government investment		9.2
Top marginal tax rate		5.5
State ownership of assets		8.1
Legal system and property rights		**7.2**
Judicial independence		6.9
Impartial courts		4.5
Property rights		6.8
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		8.3
Contracts		6.5
Real property		9.0
Police and crime		6.8
Sound money		**7.3**
Money growth		7.9
Standard deviation of inflation		8.0
Inflation: most recent year		3.1
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.8**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.6
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		8.0
Regulation		**7.9**
Credit market regulation		9.0
Labor market regulation		7.6
Business regulation		7.4
Freedom to compete		7.8

LATVIA

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.19**	**8.30**	**8.29**	**8.43**	**8.43**	**8.49**	**8.61**	**8.69**	**8.63**	**8.56**	**8.41**	**8.49**
Ranking	**31**	**28**	**34**	**29**	**29**	**27**	**25**	**22**	**24**	**25**	**16**	**21**
Economic freedom	7.48	7.86	7.79	7.80	7.68	7.74	7.89	8.04	8.04	7.84	7.73	7.52
Personal freedom	8.70	8.62	8.65	8.88	8.97	9.03	9.13	9.16	9.06	9.08	8.90	9.18
Rule of law	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**7.0**	**7.1**	**7.2**	**7.1**	**6.8**	**7.0**	**7.2**	**7.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.9	7.5	7.7	7.8	8.2
Security and safety	**7.4**	**8.3**	**8.5**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Homicide	7.1	7.3	7.7	8.3	8.7	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.0	8.7	8.9	9.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.8	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.9	9.9
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**8.2**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.9**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Freedom of religion	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.1	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Civil society entry and exit	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2
Freedom of assembly	8.9	8.9	8.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Civil society repression	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Expression and information	**8.8**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**8.3**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.3**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.7	6.9	6.9	6.9	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.9	8.8	9.0	8.9	8.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	8.4	8.0	8.1	8.0	7.7	7.2	7.0	7.2	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9	8.9	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.9
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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LEBANON

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
117

Score
5.96

PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 109/165 | Score 6.39

Rule of law	**3.7**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.4
Security and safety	**8.4**
Homicide	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.4
Movement	**7.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**8.3**
Freedom of religion	7.8
Religious organization repression	8.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.5**
Civil society entry and exit	7.2
Freedom of assembly	6.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.6
Civil society repression	7.3
Expression and information	**5.1**
Direct attacks on the press	5.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**4.4**
Same-sex relationships	5.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	2.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 144/165 | Score 5.35

Size of government	**8.8**
Government consumption	7.7
Transfers and subsidies	9.3
Government investment	10.0
Top marginal tax rate	9.5
State ownership of assets	7.3
Legal system and property rights	**3.5**
Judicial independence	4.2
Impartial courts	2.6
Property rights	3.8
Military interference	3.3
Integrity of the legal system	5.0
Contracts	2.0
Real property	7.3
Police and crime	2.7
Sound money	**5.0**
Money growth	10.0
Standard deviation of inflation	0.0
Inflation: most recent year	0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**4.2**
Tariffs	8.0
Regulatory trade barriers	4.0
Black-market exchange rates	0.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.6
Regulation	**5.3**
Credit market regulation	6.7
Labor market regulation	7.4
Business regulation	3.0
Freedom to compete	4.0

LEBANON

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**4.59**	**4.93**	**5.29**	**5.92**	**5.84**	**6.68**	**6.63**	**6.34**	**6.56**	**6.61**	**5.87**	**5.96**
Ranking	**148**	**144**	**140**	**124**	**127**	**100**	**99**	**115**	**105**	**101**	**121**	**117**
Economic freedom	3.36	4.06	4.37	6.02	5.74	6.72	6.65	6.72	6.77	6.61	5.21	5.35
Personal freedom	5.29	5.43	5.81	5.86	5.90	6.65	6.62	6.07	6.41	6.62	6.35	6.39
Rule of law	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.3**	**4.9**	**4.1**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**3.9**	**3.7**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	6.4	6.4	6.1	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.2	4.1	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.9	4.9	4.2	3.1	3.7	3.5	3.3	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.4
Security and safety	**6.3**	**7.2**	**8.0**	**7.7**	**6.8**	**8.3**	**7.5**	**5.9**	**7.4**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**8.4**
Homicide	-	-	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.9	8.8	8.8	9.0	9.3	9.3	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.3	7.2	7.3	6.7	5.0	7.8	6.2	3.1	5.9	8.0	7.6	7.4
Movement	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**7.6**	**7.4**	**5.7**	**7.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.2	8.1	8.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.3**
Freedom of religion	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.9	7.9	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.8
Religious organization repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.4	8.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.9**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**7.2**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**7.7**	**7.5**
Civil society entry and exit	5.1	5.1	5.1	6.7	7.7	8.0	8.4	7.6	7.7	6.7	7.9	7.2
Freedom of assembly	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.1	6.8	6.1	6.5	6.5	6.1	7.3	7.3	6.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.6
Civil society repression	5.5	5.2	5.2	7.2	7.3	7.7	7.8	7.5	7.5	7.0	7.1	7.3
Expression and information	**3.8**	**3.9**	**5.8**	**5.0**	**5.7**	**5.4**	**6.1**	**5.1**	**5.8**	**5.9**	**5.7**	**5.1**
Direct attacks on the press	2.8	2.8	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.3	8.2	8.2	5.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.5	5.7	5.7	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.2	6.5	6.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	1.6	2.3	4.2	4.4	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	7.8	6.7	6.7	5.6	6.7	6.7	5.6	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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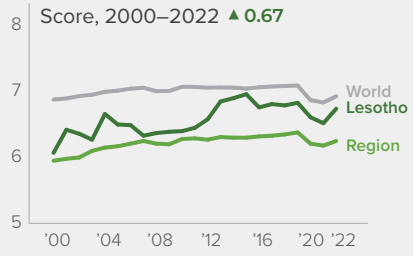
LESOTHO

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
91

Score
6.69



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 82/165 | Score 7.22

Rule of law	**6.5**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.5
Security and safety	**4.3**
Homicide	0.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.6
Movement	**7.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**9.7**
Freedom of religion	9.7
Religious organization repression	9.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.6**
Civil society entry and exit	9.4
Freedom of assembly	7.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5
Civil society repression	8.3
Expression and information	**6.1**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	5.0
Inheritance rights	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 113/165 | Score 5.96

Size of government	**5.6**
Government consumption	3.6
Transfers and subsidies	8.5
Government investment	0.0
Top marginal tax rate	8.0
State ownership of assets	7.7
Legal system and property rights	**4.7**
Judicial independence	6.1
Impartial courts	4.2
Property rights	3.6
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	6.5
Contracts	2.0
Real property	6.5
Police and crime	4.9
Sound money	**7.4**
Money growth	8.8
Standard deviation of inflation	9.0
Inflation: most recent year	6.7
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.6**
Tariffs	7.4
Regulatory trade barriers	6.4
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	2.5
Regulation	**5.6**
Credit market regulation	9.1
Labor market regulation	5.4
Business regulation	4.4
Freedom to compete	3.6

LESOTHO

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.02**	**6.31**	**6.61**	**6.44**	**6.32**	**6.35**	**6.53**	**6.85**	**6.71**	**6.74**	**6.56**	**6.69**
Ranking	**112**	**105**	**94**	**103**	**109**	**108**	**104**	**89**	**98**	**99**	**95**	**91**
Economic freedom	3.84	3.92	5.88	5.75	5.67	5.52	5.67	6.03	5.91	5.94	5.93	5.96
Personal freedom	7.58	7.68	7.03	6.93	6.79	6.93	7.14	7.43	7.28	7.32	7.01	7.22
Rule of law	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.4**	**6.0**	**6.2**	**6.7**	**6.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.0	6.1	6.6	6.5
Security and safety	**8.3**	**8.8**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.9**	**4.2**	**3.7**	**4.1**	**4.2**	**4.3**
Homicide	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.3	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.7	8.7	8.3	7.3	8.2	8.4	8.6
Movement	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**6.4**	**7.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.2	9.4	9.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	6.7
Religion	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.7**
Freedom of religion	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7
Religious organization repression	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**8.2**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.4**	**8.6**
Civil society entry and exit	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.6	9.4
Freedom of assembly	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	5.8	5.7	6.8	7.2	7.2	6.8	6.8	7.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Civil society repression	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	8.4	8.3
Expression and information	**7.5**	**7.6**	**7.5**	**6.6**	**5.9**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.3**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.2**	**6.1**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	5.1	6.9	6.9	7.0	6.3	7.1	7.2	7.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	6.2	6.6	6.2	6.2	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.3	5.6	5.6	4.4	5.6	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**4.4**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Inheritance rights	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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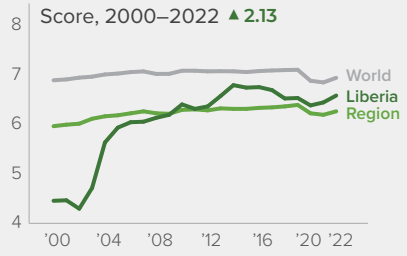
LIBERIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
100

Score
6.52



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 93/165 | Score 6.99

Rule of law	**4.0**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.4
Security and safety	**8.7**
Homicide	9.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.3
Movement	**8.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**8.4**
Freedom of religion	7.6
Religious organization repression	9.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.8**
Civil society entry and exit	9.3
Freedom of assembly	7.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4
Civil society repression	9.0
Expression and information	**7.4**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**3.6**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	5.0
Female genital mutilation	6.8

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 123/165 | Score 5.87

Size of government	**5.9**
Government consumption	1.8
Transfers and subsidies	8.6
Government investment	4.1
Top marginal tax rate	8.0
State ownership of assets	6.9
Legal system and property rights	**3.7**
Judicial independence	5.4
Impartial courts	2.7
Property rights	3.6
Military interference	5.0
Integrity of the legal system	4.4
Contracts	1.4
Real property	4.8
Police and crime	2.6
Sound money	**8.6**
Money growth	9.5
Standard deviation of inflation	7.7
Inflation: most recent year	7.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**5.8**
Tariffs	7.0
Regulatory trade barriers	1.8
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.4
Regulation	**5.3**
Credit market regulation	8.6
Labor market regulation	4.8
Business regulation	3.8
Freedom to compete	4.1

LIBERIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**4.39**	**4.23**	**5.57**	**5.98**	**6.07**	**6.34**	**6.30**	**6.73**	**6.69**	**6.46**	**6.32**	**6.52**
Ranking	**151**	**155**	**129**	**120**	**119**	**110**	**112**	**95**	**99**	**110**	**108**	**100**
Economic freedom	3.56	3.30	3.89	4.54	4.93	5.32	4.99	6.33	6.18	5.70	5.70	5.87
Personal freedom	4.87	4.76	6.54	6.80	6.72	6.92	7.04	7.01	7.05	7.01	6.75	6.99
Rule of law	**1.9**	**1.9**	**3.4**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.7**	**3.9**	**3.7**	**3.8**	**4.0**	**3.9**	**4.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.2	4.6	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.3	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.3	3.9	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	3.5	3.5	3.3	2.6	3.1	3.1	3.3	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.5	3.4	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.2	6.4
Security and safety	**4.0**	**3.5**	**8.9**	**9.1**	**8.4**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.7**
Homicide	-	-	9.2	9.2	8.6	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	4.0	3.5	8.6	9.0	8.2	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.3
Movement	**5.2**	**5.0**	**7.9**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**6.4**	**8.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.0	6.6	9.2	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**
Freedom of religion	9.3	9.3	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	7.6	7.6	7.6
Religious organization repression	9.2	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.3**	**6.3**	**7.4**	**8.7**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Civil society entry and exit	5.7	5.7	7.1	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Freedom of assembly	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.3	7.3	8.4	7.6	8.4	8.4	7.2	7.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.0	7.0	8.8	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Civil society repression	5.6	5.6	6.6	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Expression and information	**4.9**	**4.9**	**6.3**	**6.0**	**6.1**	**6.9**	**7.2**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.4**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.1	5.1	7.6	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.7	7.9	7.6	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	1.4	1.6	2.8	4.2	4.4	5.2	5.6	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.7	6.7	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	6.7	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.9**	**2.9**	**3.3**	**3.6**	**3.6**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.2	5.6	6.8	6.8

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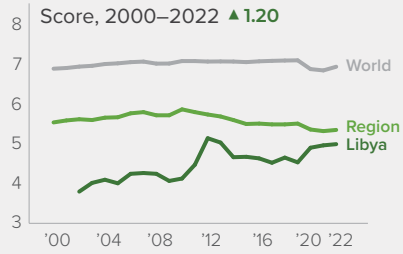
LIBYA

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
151

Score
4.92



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 132/165	Score 5.11
Rule of law		**3.0**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		3.0
Security and safety		**6.9**
Homicide		9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		4.6
Movement		**4.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		5.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**4.9**
Freedom of religion		2.9
Religious organization repression		6.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**6.5**
Civil society entry and exit		7.9
Freedom of assembly		2.7
Freedom to form/run political parties		7.6
Civil society repression		7.8
Expression and information		**3.9**
Direct attacks on the press		5.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)		6.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		2.2
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**6.2**
Same-sex relationships		0.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 157/165	Score 4.65
Size of government		**3.6**
Government consumption		0.0
Transfers and subsidies		-
Government investment		0.0
Top marginal tax rate		9.5
State ownership of assets		5.0
Legal system and property rights		**2.5**
Judicial independence		4.4
Impartial courts		1.7
Property rights		1.6
Military interference		5.0
Integrity of the legal system		5.1
Contracts		1.8
Real property		-
Police and crime		0.8
Sound money		**7.0**
Money growth		9.9
Standard deviation of inflation		0.0
Inflation: most recent year		8.2
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**5.8**
Tariffs		8.8
Regulatory trade barriers		3.7
Black-market exchange rates		9.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		1.5
Regulation		**4.3**
Credit market regulation		7.0
Labor market regulation		5.9
Business regulation		1.7
Freedom to compete		2.6

LIBYA

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**-**	**3.72**	**4.02**	**4.17**	**4.17**	**4.05**	**5.07**	**4.59**	**4.56**	**4.58**	**4.83**	**4.92**
Ranking	**-**	**157**	**156**	**158**	**158**	**160**	**151**	**155**	**155**	**157**	**155**	**151**
Economic freedom	-	2.30	3.15	3.80	3.79	3.44	3.51	4.23	4.12	4.06	4.57	4.65
Personal freedom	-	4.54	4.51	4.38	4.38	4.40	5.96	4.85	4.88	4.95	5.01	5.11
Rule of law	**-**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**3.9**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**2.9**	**2.9**	**3.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	-	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	4.0	3.3	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.0
Security and safety	**-**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**7.8**	**7.4**	**6.6**	**5.2**	**5.6**	**5.3**	**6.0**	**6.9**
Homicide	-	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	-	7.2	7.2	7.2	6.5	5.8	4.1	1.2	1.9	1.3	2.7	4.6
Movement	**-**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.5**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	-	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.3	5.4	5.3	5.6	5.4	5.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	-	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**-**	**2.4**	**2.4**	**2.4**	**2.4**	**2.4**	**6.0**	**5.2**	**5.3**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**4.9**
Freedom of religion	-	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	4.7	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9
Religious organization repression	-	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.3	7.3	6.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**-**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1.4**	**7.2**	**7.0**	**6.8**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**6.5**
Civil society entry and exit	-	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	8.0	8.3	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.9
Freedom of assembly	-	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.3	4.5	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	-	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	8.9	7.6	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6
Civil society repression	-	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	7.4	7.5	8.4	7.9	7.8	7.8
Expression and information	**-**	**2.8**	**2.6**	**1.6**	**1.9**	**2.5**	**4.0**	**4.5**	**4.6**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**3.9**
Direct attacks on the press	-	10.0	10.0	5.3	5.3	10.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)	-	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.9	1.0	7.2	6.2	6.4	5.6	5.6	6.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	-	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	6.7	3.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1	0.0	6.7	5.6	3.3	3.3	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**-**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	-	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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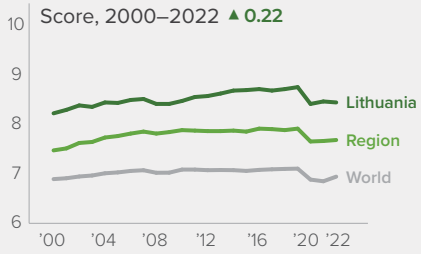
LITHUANIA

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
25

Score
8.38



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 26/165 | Score 9.01

Rule of law	**7.8**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.6
Security and safety	**9.5**
Homicide	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.8
Movement	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.4**
Freedom of religion	9.5
Religious organization repression	9.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.7**
Civil society entry and exit	7.5
Freedom of assembly	8.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.2
Civil society repression	9.4
Expression and information	**8.4**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 34/165 | Score 7.51

Size of government	**7.1**
Government consumption	5.2
Transfers and subsidies	5.8
Government investment	10.0
Top marginal tax rate	6.0
State ownership of assets	8.7
Legal system and property rights	**7.4**
Judicial independence	7.1
Impartial courts	5.8
Property rights	6.8
Military interference	8.3
Integrity of the legal system	7.3
Contracts	6.9
Real property	9.7
Police and crime	7.2
Sound money	**6.9**
Money growth	8.0
Standard deviation of inflation	7.6
Inflation: most recent year	2.1
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.8**
Tariffs	8.5
Regulatory trade barriers	8.7
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	7.9
Regulation	**7.3**
Credit market regulation	8.2
Labor market regulation	6.6
Business regulation	6.3
Freedom to compete	8.2

LITHUANIA

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.16**	**8.32**	**8.38**	**8.43**	**8.35**	**8.41**	**8.51**	**8.62**	**8.65**	**8.65**	**8.35**	**8.38**
Ranking	**32**	**27**	**31**	**29**	**32**	**31**	**27**	**26**	**22**	**22**	**19**	**25**
Economic freedom	7.12	7.59	7.75	7.64	7.52	7.65	7.72	8.02	8.06	8.06	7.78	7.51
Personal freedom	8.90	8.84	8.84	8.99	8.95	8.96	9.08	9.05	9.07	9.07	8.76	9.01
Rule of law	**7.2**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.5**	**7.6**	**7.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.9	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.5	7.8	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.6
Security and safety	**8.3**	**8.6**	**8.4**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.5**
Homicide	6.9	7.5	7.0	7.5	7.3	8.0	8.1	8.4	8.5	8.7	8.9	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8
Movement	**9.8**	**8.1**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**8.1**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**8.9**	**9.8**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.4**
Freedom of religion	8.1	9.7	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2	9.9	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**8.7**
Civil society entry and exit	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.5
Freedom of assembly	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.2
Civil society repression	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Expression and information	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.0**	**9.7**	**9.2**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.4**	**8.4**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.6	8.1	8.4	8.4	9.1	9.3	9.2	8.8	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.6	9.6	9.4	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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LUXEMBOURG

WESTERN EUROPE

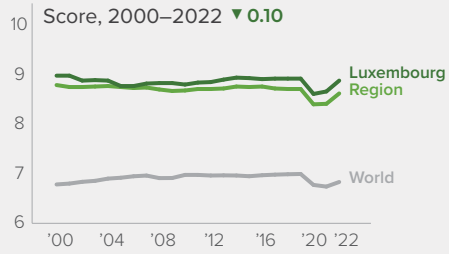
HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking

4

Score

8.93



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 4/165	Score 9.61
Rule of law		**8.5**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.5
Security and safety		**9.7**
Homicide		9.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.8
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.8**
Freedom of religion		9.8
Religious organization repression		9.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit		9.5
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.5
Civil society repression		9.8
Expression and information		**9.8**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		9.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 9/165	Score 7.98
Size of government		**5.4**
Government consumption		1.0
Transfers and subsidies		4.7
Government investment		7.6
Top marginal tax rate		5.0
State ownership of assets		8.7
Legal system and property rights		**8.6**
Judicial independence		8.2
Impartial courts		8.4
Property rights		9.2
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		9.1
Contracts		8.7
Real property		6.2
Police and crime		9.3
Sound money		**8.7**
Money growth		7.9
Standard deviation of inflation		9.4
Inflation: most recent year		7.5
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**9.0**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		9.3
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		8.0
Regulation		**8.2**
Credit market regulation		9.3
Labor market regulation		7.4
Business regulation		7.7
Freedom to compete		8.4

LUXEMBOURG

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**9.03**	**8.93**	**8.93**	**8.82**	**8.88**	**8.85**	**8.90**	**8.99**	**8.96**	**8.97**	**8.66**	**8.93**
Ranking	**6**	**7**	**9**	**14**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**4**	**6**	**5**	**9**	**4**
Economic freedom	8.31	8.13	8.09	7.85	7.95	7.84	7.91	8.14	8.07	8.09	7.80	7.98
Personal freedom	9.54	9.51	9.53	9.52	9.55	9.57	9.61	9.59	9.59	9.60	9.27	9.61
Rule of law	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.0**	**8.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.1	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.7	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.3	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.1	8.5
Security and safety	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.7**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.7**
Homicide	9.7	9.6	9.9	9.6	9.5	9.4	10.0	9.8	9.7	9.8	10.0	9.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**7.7**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.8	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Expression and information	**9.6**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.8	8.1	8.1	8.1	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.5	9.7	9.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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MADAGASCAR

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
92

Score
6.67

PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 84/165	Score 7.19
Rule of law		**3.6**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		5.5
Security and safety		**8.2**
Homicide		7.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		8.6
Movement		**9.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		8.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**8.4**
Freedom of religion		7.6
Religious organization repression		9.2
Association, assembly, civil society		**7.9**
Civil society entry and exit		9.5
Freedom of assembly		3.9
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.2
Civil society repression		9.1
Expression and information		**5.4**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		6.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		2.2
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**7.5**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		2.5
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 116/165	Score 5.95
Size of government		**7.2**
Government consumption		5.7
Transfers and subsidies		9.6
Government investment		5.2
Top marginal tax rate		8.5
State ownership of assets		7.1
Legal system and property rights		**2.7**
Judicial independence		4.2
Impartial courts		3.2
Property rights		3.3
Military interference		1.7
Integrity of the legal system		4.4
Contracts		1.5
Real property		5.2
Police and crime		2.5
Sound money		**7.4**
Money growth		8.3
Standard deviation of inflation		9.3
Inflation: most recent year		6.7
Foreign currency bank accounts		5.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**6.9**
Tariffs		7.7
Regulatory trade barriers		5.0
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		4.8
Regulation		**5.7**
Credit market regulation		7.7
Labor market regulation		5.1
Business regulation		4.0
Freedom to compete		5.7

MADAGASCAR

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.76**	**6.54**	**6.70**	**6.77**	**7.00**	**6.46**	**6.05**	**6.60**	**6.78**	**6.79**	**6.36**	**6.67**
Ranking	**84**	**93**	**91**	**92**	**85**	**105**	**120**	**102**	**93**	**97**	**106**	**92**
Economic freedom	5.42	5.62	5.62	5.74	6.03	5.96	6.13	6.18	6.10	6.06	5.80	5.95
Personal freedom	7.71	7.20	7.47	7.50	7.69	6.81	5.99	6.89	7.27	7.31	6.75	7.19
Rule of law	**5.7**	**5.4**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.9**	**4.8**	**3.5**	**3.7**	**3.6**	**3.7**	**3.6**	**3.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.3	4.3	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.1	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.4	5.4	4.1	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.3	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	3.5	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.3	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.6	5.2	5.7	5.7	5.8	4.7	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5
Security and safety	**7.3**	**6.6**	**7.4**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**7.3**	**7.6**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**
Homicide	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.1	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.9	6.5	8.1	8.2	8.2	7.2	7.9	8.4	8.1	8.6	8.6	8.6
Movement	**9.4**	**7.4**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**8.8**	**7.2**	**7.5**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**6.0**	**9.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.7	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	7.6	7.6	8.4	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**7.4**	**8.1**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**8.1**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.6**	**8.4**	**8.4**
Freedom of religion	6.7	8.4	6.8	6.8	8.4	6.4	6.4	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.6
Religious organization repression	8.2	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	5.4	5.4	9.0	9.0	9.5	9.2	9.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.0**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**8.0**	**7.1**	**6.9**	**8.0**	**8.3**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.9**
Civil society entry and exit	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.4	9.2	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.5
Freedom of assembly	6.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	6.0	4.5	3.4	4.6	5.4	4.3	4.3	3.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.8	8.8	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2
Civil society repression	7.8	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	6.8	6.8	9.0	9.0	8.8	9.1	9.1
Expression and information	**8.0**	**7.0**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**5.6**	**5.3**	**5.6**	**6.4**	**5.9**	**5.7**	**5.4**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.3	9.3	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.9	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.7	7.1	7.6	6.6	6.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	8.5	6.8	6.5	6.3	3.5	3.2	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.8	5.6	4.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**5.6**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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MALAWI

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
86

Score
6.85

PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 65/165 | Score 7.84

Rule of law	**5.0**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.9
Security and safety	**9.1**
Homicide	9.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.7
Movement	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.5**
Freedom of religion	9.6
Religious organization repression	9.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.7**
Civil society entry and exit	8.6
Freedom of assembly	7.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.2
Civil society repression	9.5
Expression and information	**7.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**5.6**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 140/165 | Score 5.48

Size of government	**6.5**
Government consumption	8.8
Transfers and subsidies	9.5
Government investment	1.3
Top marginal tax rate	5.0
State ownership of assets	7.6
Legal system and property rights	**4.7**
Judicial independence	5.8
Impartial courts	3.3
Property rights	3.5
Military interference	5.8
Integrity of the legal system	6.3
Contracts	2.4
Real property	8.6
Police and crime	3.9
Sound money	**5.2**
Money growth	6.5
Standard deviation of inflation	7.6
Inflation: most recent year	1.6
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**4.8**
Tariffs	7.3
Regulatory trade barriers	4.8
Black-market exchange rates	2.5
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.4
Regulation	**6.3**
Credit market regulation	8.4
Labor market regulation	6.4
Business regulation	5.5
Freedom to compete	5.0

MALAWI

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.05**	**6.36**	**6.33**	**6.44**	**6.69**	**6.79**	**6.72**	**6.75**	**6.88**	**6.92**	**6.75**	**6.85**
Ranking	**110**	**102**	**106**	**103**	**93**	**93**	**95**	**93**	**86**	**88**	**82**	**86**
Economic freedom	4.39	4.85	4.61	4.93	5.52	5.61	5.38	5.34	5.58	5.63	5.68	5.48
Personal freedom	7.24	7.45	7.57	7.52	7.53	7.63	7.68	7.76	7.80	7.84	7.51	7.84
Rule of law	**4.5**	**4.8**	**4.8**	**4.8**	**4.8**	**4.8**	**5.2**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**5.1**	**5.0**	**5.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.0	4.0	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.6	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.7	7.1	6.9
Security and safety	**8.1**	**8.3**	**8.6**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.1**
Homicide	8.2	8.6	9.1	8.2	8.4	9.0	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.7	9.0	8.9	8.7
Movement	**9.3**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**8.1**	**9.8**	**9.5**	**9.7**	**8.1**	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.6	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.1	9.3	9.6	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.0**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**
Freedom of religion	8.9	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.6
Religious organization repression	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.5	9.5	8.8	9.0	9.3	9.3	9.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.7**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**8.1**	**8.3**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**8.7**
Civil society entry and exit	7.6	7.6	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.8	8.0	8.1	8.6	8.4	7.3	8.6
Freedom of assembly	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.1	5.7	6.5	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	8.8	9.0	9.2
Civil society repression	5.9	5.9	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.4	6.8	8.5	8.2	8.0	8.2	9.5
Expression and information	**6.1**	**6.2**	**6.3**	**6.4**	**6.2**	**6.5**	**6.4**	**7.5**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.1**	**7.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.3	6.7	6.7	6.9	6.2	6.6	6.8	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.4	5.1	5.8	6.2	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.8	7.5	7.5	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.7	5.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**8.0**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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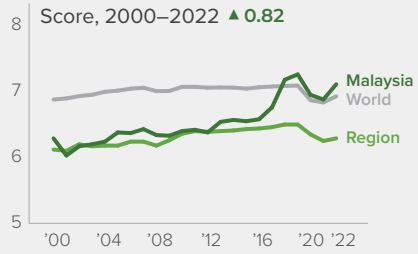
MALAYSIA

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
77

Score
7.06



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 98/165	Score 6.70
Rule of law		**5.6**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		5.9
Security and safety		**9.6**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.4
Movement		**7.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		8.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**7.0**
Freedom of religion		6.3
Religious organization repression		7.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**7.0**
Civil society entry and exit		6.4
Freedom of assembly		5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		8.8
Civil society repression		7.8
Expression and information		**6.4**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		5.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		4.4
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**3.8**
Same-sex relationships		0.0
Divorce		0.0
Inheritance rights		5.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 29/165	Score 7.56
Size of government		**7.3**
Government consumption		6.8
Transfers and subsidies		8.2
Government investment		8.0
Top marginal tax rate		9.0
State ownership of assets		4.8
Legal system and property rights		**5.7**
Judicial independence		6.1
Impartial courts		6.2
Property rights		7.5
Military interference		7.5
Integrity of the legal system		6.4
Contracts		5.5
Real property		8.6
Police and crime		7.4
Sound money		**9.3**
Money growth		10.0
Standard deviation of inflation		8.6
Inflation: most recent year		8.6
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.9**
Tariffs		7.8
Regulatory trade barriers		7.9
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		5.9
Regulation		**7.5**
Credit market regulation		8.9
Labor market regulation		7.2
Business regulation		7.0
Freedom to compete		7.0

MALAYSIA

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.24**	**6.12**	**6.19**	**6.32**	**6.29**	**6.35**	**6.33**	**6.52**	**6.53**	**7.13**	**6.90**	**7.06**
Ranking	**102**	**109**	**109**	**108**	**112**	**108**	**110**	**106**	**109**	**81**	**75**	**77**
Economic freedom	6.53	6.14	6.19	6.41	6.32	6.51	6.59	7.31	7.44	7.63	7.52	7.56
Personal freedom	6.03	6.11	6.19	6.25	6.28	6.23	6.14	5.95	5.88	6.77	6.46	6.70
Rule of law	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.7**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.2**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.6	5.6	4.6	5.1	5.2	5.1	4.9	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	6.3	6.2	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	6.1	6.1	5.3	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.9	6.0	5.9
Security and safety	**8.8**	**9.2**	**9.3**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.3**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.3**	**9.5**	**9.6**
Homicide	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.8	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.4	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.4
Movement	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.5**	**7.6**	**6.0**	**7.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**7.3**	**7.0**	**7.0**
Freedom of religion	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.1	6.3	6.3	6.3
Religious organization repression	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	8.3	7.8	7.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**7.0**	**6.8**	**7.0**
Civil society entry and exit	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.9	6.5	5.7	6.4
Freedom of assembly	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.9	5.0	5.4	5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.6	8.6	9.1	8.4	8.8
Civil society repression	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	7.6	7.6	7.8
Expression and information	**5.2**	**5.3**	**5.5**	**5.7**	**6.0**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.6**	**5.2**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**6.4**
Direct attacks on the press	8.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.5	4.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	5.9	5.7	5.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.7	4.4	4.7	5.6	6.0	6.3	6.3	6.0	5.0	7.5	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	5.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.3	5.6	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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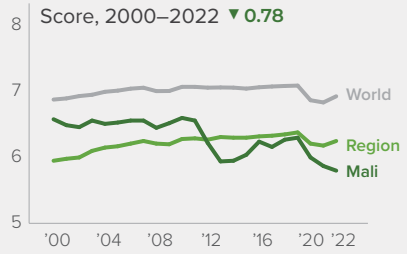
MALI

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
123

Score
5.75



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 119/165 | Score 5.84

Rule of law	**3.4**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.7
Security and safety	**4.4**
Homicide	6.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	2.1
Movement	**6.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**9.1**
Freedom of religion	8.7
Religious organization repression	9.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.7**
Civil society entry and exit	6.9
Freedom of assembly	4.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.2
Civil society repression	6.2
Expression and information	**5.8**
Direct attacks on the press	8.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**5.3**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	5.0
Inheritance rights	5.0
Female genital mutilation	1.1

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 132/165 | Score 5.63

Size of government	**6.7**
Government consumption	6.3
Transfers and subsidies	9.7
Government investment	5.9
Top marginal tax rate	3.5
State ownership of assets	7.9
Legal system and property rights	**3.4**
Judicial independence	5.0
Impartial courts	2.5
Property rights	4.1
Military interference	3.3
Integrity of the legal system	5.4
Contracts	2.6
Real property	5.8
Police and crime	3.2
Sound money	**5.8**
Money growth	7.9
Standard deviation of inflation	9.2
Inflation: most recent year	6.2
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.4**
Tariffs	7.6
Regulatory trade barriers	5.0
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	2.9
Regulation	**5.9**
Credit market regulation	7.3
Labor market regulation	5.4
Business regulation	4.2
Freedom to compete	6.6

MALI

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.53**	**6.41**	**6.46**	**6.51**	**6.40**	**6.55**	**6.17**	**5.90**	**6.19**	**6.22**	**5.95**	**5.75**
Ranking	**93**	**101**	**100**	**101**	**105**	**103**	**114**	**124**	**118**	**119**	**119**	**123**
Economic freedom	5.83	5.44	5.55	5.73	5.68	5.89	5.89	5.71	5.73	5.80	5.80	5.63
Personal freedom	7.03	7.10	7.11	7.07	6.92	7.02	6.38	6.04	6.52	6.52	6.05	5.84
Rule of law	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.9**	**3.8**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.6**	**3.5**	**3.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	3.6	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.1	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	2.9	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.7	6.0	5.7
Security and safety	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.3**	**7.4**	**6.4**	**7.3**	**6.6**	**5.3**	**5.5**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**4.4**
Homicide	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4	6.3	8.2	6.7	3.8	4.2	2.5	2.4	2.1
Movement	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**6.4**	**6.3**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**6.2**	**6.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.0	8.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3
Religion	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.2**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**
Freedom of religion	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	6.8	7.2	7.2	8.7	8.7	8.7
Religious organization repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.8	8.8	9.5	9.5	9.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.4**	**8.7**	**8.8**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**7.5**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**7.1**	**6.7**
Civil society entry and exit	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.1	8.1	8.8	6.9	6.9
Freedom of assembly	7.2	8.3	8.3	7.2	7.2	6.8	6.8	5.0	6.5	6.5	6.1	4.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	9.0	9.0	8.9	9.1	9.2
Civil society repression	8.6	8.6	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	6.2	6.2
Expression and information	**8.6**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**7.1**	**6.2**	**7.3**	**7.0**	**6.6**	**5.8**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.2	8.2	10.0	8.8	8.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.8	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.4	7.6	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.6	9.8	10.0	9.7	9.3	9.7	6.1	7.5	7.5	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	7.8	7.8	4.4	6.7	6.7	5.6	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3
Relationships	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**4.1**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Inheritance rights	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1

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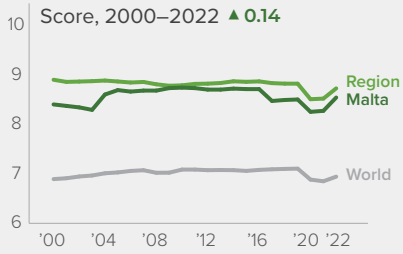
MALTA

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
22

Score
8.48



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 28/165	Score 8.96
Rule of law		**6.8**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.3
Security and safety		**9.8**
Homicide		9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.6
Movement		**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.7**
Freedom of religion		9.7
Religious organization repression		9.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.6**
Civil society entry and exit		9.3
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.8
Civil society repression		9.2
Expression and information		**7.9**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 15/165	Score 7.82
Size of government		**6.6**
Government consumption		2.8
Transfers and subsidies		6.5
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		7.0
State ownership of assets		6.8
Legal system and property rights		**6.8**
Judicial independence		6.8
Impartial courts		6.0
Property rights		8.4
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		7.8
Contracts		5.2
Real property		5.2
Police and crime		6.4
Sound money		**8.8**
Money growth		8.2
Standard deviation of inflation		9.4
Inflation: most recent year		7.5
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**9.0**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.7
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		8.8
Regulation		**7.9**
Credit market regulation		9.4
Labor market regulation		8.0
Business regulation		6.6
Freedom to compete		7.6

MALTA

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.34**	**8.28**	**8.54**	**8.60**	**8.62**	**8.68**	**8.64**	**8.66**	**8.65**	**8.43**	**8.19**	**8.48**
Ranking	**28**	**30**	**25**	**20**	**21**	**19**	**22**	**23**	**22**	**29**	**25**	**22**
Economic freedom	7.14	7.02	7.68	7.75	7.87	7.95	7.92	8.00	8.01	8.00	7.73	7.82
Personal freedom	9.19	9.18	9.16	9.21	9.16	9.19	9.15	9.13	9.11	8.73	8.52	8.96
Rule of law	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.1**	**6.9**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.9	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.3	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.2	7.0	7.3	7.3
Security and safety	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.9**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.5**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.4**	**9.6**	**9.8**
Homicide	9.7	9.6	9.5	10.0	9.6	9.7	9.2	9.6	9.7	9.5	9.5	9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.3	9.7	9.6
Movement	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**8.0**	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Civil society entry and exit	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.3	9.3	9.3
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Civil society repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.2	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.2	9.2	9.2
Expression and information	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**7.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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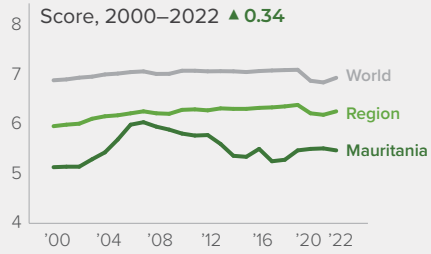
MAURITANIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
134

Score
5.41



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 137/165 | Score 5.05

Rule of law	**3.4**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.5
Security and safety	**7.7**
Homicide	7.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.3
Movement	**5.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**5.7**
Freedom of religion	4.1
Religious organization repression	7.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.4**
Civil society entry and exit	5.9
Freedom of assembly	6.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	6.5
Civil society repression	7.0
Expression and information	**5.4**
Direct attacks on the press	7.2
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**0.9**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	3.6

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 120/165 | Score 5.91

Size of government	**6.4**
Government consumption	4.4
Transfers and subsidies	-
Government investment	10.0
Top marginal tax rate	5.0
State ownership of assets	6.3
Legal system and property rights	**3.1**
Judicial independence	3.3
Impartial courts	3.1
Property rights	3.8
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	2.9
Contracts	4.8
Real property	7.6
Police and crime	4.4
Sound money	**7.2**
Money growth	9.2
Standard deviation of inflation	8.3
Inflation: most recent year	6.2
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.8**
Tariffs	7.3
Regulatory trade barriers	4.9
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	5.0
Regulation	**6.0**
Credit market regulation	9.2
Labor market regulation	5.8
Business regulation	3.5
Freedom to compete	5.5

MAURITANIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.07**	**5.08**	**5.37**	**5.93**	**5.89**	**5.75**	**5.72**	**5.30**	**5.44**	**5.22**	**5.44**	**5.41**
Ranking	**140**	**142**	**137**	**122**	**125**	**133**	**132**	**142**	**138**	**152**	**138**	**134**
Economic freedom	4.59	4.45	5.17	5.81	5.84	5.66	5.72	5.77	6.10	6.06	5.86	5.91
Personal freedom	5.34	5.43	5.48	6.02	5.93	5.82	5.71	4.96	4.98	4.61	5.15	5.05
Rule of law	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0	4.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	4.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	2.9	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.8	4.5	4.5	4.6	5.0	4.5
Security and safety	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**7.9**	**7.2**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.3**	**7.7**	**7.5**	**7.7**	**7.7**
Homicide	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.4	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.7	8.7	8.9	9.3	7.6	8.0	8.0	7.5	8.2	8.0	8.3	8.3
Movement	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.5**	**5.9**	**5.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.1	8.1	7.6	8.6	8.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**4.6**	**5.3**	**5.5**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**4.3**	**7.1**	**5.7**
Freedom of religion	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	2.2	2.2	2.7	5.2	4.1
Religious organization repression	4.8	6.2	6.6	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.3	9.3	5.9	8.9	7.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.7**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**6.8**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.8**	**5.8**	**6.0**	**5.5**	**5.8**	**6.4**
Civil society entry and exit	6.3	6.3	6.3	8.4	7.2	7.2	7.2	5.8	5.8	4.6	5.9	5.9
Freedom of assembly	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.8	3.8	4.5	4.2	4.9	4.9	4.9	6.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.4	7.2	7.2	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.2	7.2	6.8	6.3	6.5
Civil society repression	6.2	6.2	6.2	8.1	7.2	7.2	7.2	6.2	6.2	5.8	6.0	7.0
Expression and information	**6.0**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**5.7**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**5.5**	**5.0**	**5.1**	**5.4**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.4	6.4	6.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.2
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.2	6.6	6.9	8.1	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.4	6.3	6.4	6.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.3	3.7	3.3	4.8	4.4	5.2	6.1	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	7.8	5.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6	5.6	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**2.0**	**2.0**	**2.0**	**2.0**	**2.0**	**2.0**	**0.7**	**0.7**	**0.7**	**0.8**	**0.8**	**0.9**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.3	3.3	3.6

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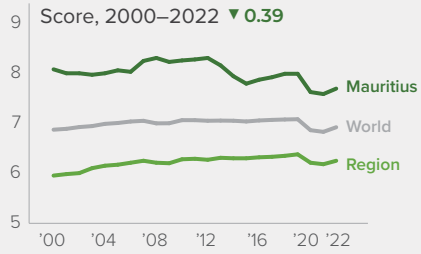
MAURITIUS

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
53

Score
7.66



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 73/165 | Score 7.57

Rule of law	**5.7**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.9
Security and safety	**9.2**
Homicide	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.1
Movement	**9.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**8.5**
Freedom of religion	8.0
Religious organization repression	9.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.6**
Civil society entry and exit	7.9
Freedom of assembly	9.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.9
Civil society repression	7.8
Expression and information	**7.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**4.4**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 17/165 | Score 7.79

Size of government	**8.0**
Government consumption	6.3
Transfers and subsidies	7.8
Government investment	8.6
Top marginal tax rate	9.5
State ownership of assets	7.7
Legal system and property rights	**7.0**
Judicial independence	6.9
Impartial courts	6.6
Property rights	7.3
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	6.2
Contracts	5.6
Real property	9.5
Police and crime	6.8
Sound money	**8.2**
Money growth	8.8
Standard deviation of inflation	8.5
Inflation: most recent year	5.7
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.8**
Tariffs	9.4
Regulatory trade barriers	8.4
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	7.2
Regulation	**7.0**
Credit market regulation	6.8
Labor market regulation	7.7
Business regulation	5.9
Freedom to compete	7.5

MAURITIUS

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.05**	**7.97**	**7.97**	**8.00**	**8.28**	**8.23**	**8.28**	**7.91**	**7.84**	**7.96**	**7.59**	**7.66**
Ranking	**38**	**41**	**42**	**41**	**35**	**37**	**36**	**46**	**48**	**46**	**51**	**53**
Economic freedom	7.40	7.21	7.25	7.52	8.01	8.00	8.01	7.96	8.03	8.16	7.77	7.79
Personal freedom	8.51	8.51	8.49	8.33	8.47	8.40	8.48	7.88	7.71	7.82	7.47	7.57
Rule of law	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.2**	**6.1**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**5.7**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2	6.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.4	6.3	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.3	5.4	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.3	7.1	7.0	6.4	5.9
Security and safety	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.4**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**9.2**
Homicide	9.4	9.4	9.2	8.8	8.9	9.2	9.3	9.6	9.5	9.2	9.2	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.4	9.1
Movement	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**8.2**	**9.8**	**8.0**	**9.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.4	8.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**8.7**	**9.5**	**8.8**	**9.6**	**8.5**	**9.0**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**
Freedom of religion	9.5	9.5	9.5	7.8	9.5	8.1	9.8	8.1	9.2	8.0	8.0	8.0
Religious organization repression	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**9.2**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.6**	**8.6**
Civil society entry and exit	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	7.9	7.9
Freedom of assembly	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	10.0	9.6	9.3	8.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.2	8.9
Civil society repression	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.4	7.8	7.8
Expression and information	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.4**	**7.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.7	6.4	5.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	8.1	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.3	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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MEXICO

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
94

Score
6.66

PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 106/165 | Score 6.47

Rule of law	**3.5**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.4
Security and safety	**4.6**
Homicide	2.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.8
Movement	**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**8.9**
Freedom of religion	9.4
Religious organization repression	8.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.8**
Civil society entry and exit	6.7
Freedom of assembly	8.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.8
Civil society repression	7.4
Expression and information	**5.6**
Direct attacks on the press	5.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**6.9**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 65/165 | Score 6.94

Size of government	**8.3**
Government consumption	7.8
Transfers and subsidies	8.5
Government investment	10.0
Top marginal tax rate	8.0
State ownership of assets	7.2
Legal system and property rights	**4.3**
Judicial independence	4.5
Impartial courts	4.5
Property rights	5.1
Military interference	4.2
Integrity of the legal system	3.5
Contracts	4.2
Real property	7.3
Police and crime	1.2
Sound money	**7.5**
Money growth	8.6
Standard deviation of inflation	9.4
Inflation: most recent year	6.8
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.1**
Tariffs	8.3
Regulatory trade barriers	8.3
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	5.9
Regulation	**6.5**
Credit market regulation	8.8
Labor market regulation	5.9
Business regulation	4.1
Freedom to compete	7.3

MEXICO

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.01**	**7.27**	**7.34**	**7.35**	**7.19**	**6.92**	**6.79**	**6.82**	**6.79**	**6.80**	**6.58**	**6.66**
Ranking	**74**	**67**	**68**	**70**	**75**	**86**	**93**	**91**	**91**	**95**	**94**	**94**
Economic freedom	6.60	6.76	6.88	6.99	6.89	6.95	6.90	7.03	7.02	7.07	7.06	6.94
Personal freedom	7.30	7.64	7.67	7.61	7.40	6.90	6.72	6.67	6.63	6.60	6.24	6.47
Rule of law	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**3.5**	**3.8**	**3.9**	**3.8**	**3.5**	**3.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	4.2	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.1	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.7	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.4
Security and safety	**7.3**	**7.4**	**7.6**	**7.4**	**6.9**	**5.6**	**5.2**	**6.1**	**5.6**	**4.5**	**4.2**	**4.6**
Homicide	6.9	7.2	7.5	7.2	6.4	3.6	3.8	5.3	4.4	1.5	1.8	2.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.4	7.5	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.5	6.8	6.8
Movement	**7.9**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.2**	**6.5**	**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.7	9.7	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.9**
Freedom of religion	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	9.4
Religious organization repression	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.2**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.1**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**7.8**
Civil society entry and exit	6.9	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.3	8.3	7.3	7.3	8.5	8.6	6.7
Freedom of assembly	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	7.3	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.9	8.7	9.0	8.8
Civil society repression	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.9	7.8	7.4
Expression and information	**7.6**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**7.2**	**6.5**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.2**	**6.0**	**5.8**	**5.6**
Direct attacks on the press	9.2	9.5	9.4	9.0	8.0	6.2	5.0	6.1	6.7	6.3	6.2	5.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.5	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	6.9	7.2	7.4	6.7	6.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	8.2	9.5	10.0	9.6	7.4	5.6	5.9	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.4	4.4	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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MOLDOVA

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
64

Score
7.43

PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 58/165	Score 8.11
Rule of law		**5.3**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.0
Security and safety		**9.0**
Homicide		9.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.0
Movement		**8.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**8.5**
Freedom of religion		8.0
Religious organization repression		9.1
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.5**
Civil society entry and exit		7.9
Freedom of assembly		7.3
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.7
Civil society repression		9.3
Expression and information		**7.2**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		6.7
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 89/165	Score 6.49
Size of government		**7.7**
Government consumption		6.7
Transfers and subsidies		5.9
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		8.5
State ownership of assets		7.4
Legal system and property rights		**5.8**
Judicial independence		5.0
Impartial courts		4.1
Property rights		4.9
Military interference		5.8
Integrity of the legal system		6.7
Contracts		4.7
Real property		9.6
Police and crime		6.0
Sound money		**5.2**
Money growth		8.5
Standard deviation of inflation		7.5
Inflation: most recent year		0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts		5.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.6**
Tariffs		8.7
Regulatory trade barriers		7.2
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		4.6
Regulation		**6.1**
Credit market regulation		7.9
Labor market regulation		5.5
Business regulation		6.0
Freedom to compete		4.8

MOLDOVA
EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.54**	**6.61**	**6.84**	**6.75**	**6.82**	**7.13**	**7.18**	**7.22**	**7.19**	**7.45**	**7.42**	**7.43**
Ranking	**92**	**91**	**85**	**94**	**89**	**77**	**76**	**72**	**75**	**62**	**58**	**64**
Economic freedom	5.46	5.72	6.27	6.28	6.33	6.52	6.71	6.84	6.82	7.08	6.90	6.49
Personal freedom	7.31	7.12	7.16	7.09	7.18	7.57	7.52	7.49	7.45	7.71	7.80	8.11
Rule of law	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**4.2**	**3.9**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.6**	**4.9**	**5.3**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.5	4.4	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.0	4.0	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.9	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.8	6.8	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.3	7.0
Security and safety	**7.6**	**7.8**	**8.2**	**8.0**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.8**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.9**	**9.0**
Homicide	7.0	7.2	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.1	8.4	9.1	8.6	8.8	9.1	9.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.3	8.3	8.4	7.8	8.4	8.8	8.7	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.6	9.0
Movement	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**7.5**	**8.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.5	9.5	8.4	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**8.0**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**7.8**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.5**
Freedom of religion	7.4	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.6	7.8	7.5	7.5	7.5	8.0	8.0
Religious organization repression	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.0	9.0	8.4	9.1
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.5**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.4**	**6.6**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**8.2**	**8.5**
Civil society entry and exit	6.0	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	7.5	7.8	7.5	6.6	6.6	7.9	7.9
Freedom of assembly	6.9	6.9	6.9	5.8	6.2	5.8	5.8	6.9	7.3	7.3	6.9	7.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6	9.6	9.4	9.0	8.7	8.6	9.3	9.7
Civil society repression	7.5	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	9.1	9.1	8.8	7.6	7.6	8.8	9.3
Expression and information	**6.6**	**5.9**	**5.7**	**5.8**	**6.0**	**6.2**	**6.5**	**6.4**	**7.0**	**6.8**	**6.9**	**7.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.7	5.7	5.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.4	7.5	7.6	7.4	6.4	6.8	7.1	7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.2	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.5	5.4	5.8	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.7	5.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6	5.6	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**9.4**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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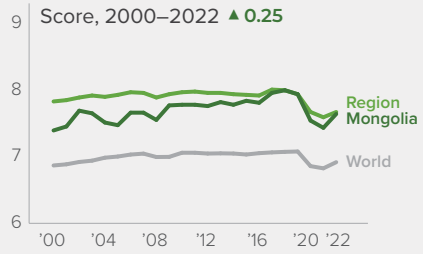
MONGOLIA

EAST ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
55

Score
7.61



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 57/165	Score 8.14
Rule of law		**5.1**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		6.5
Security and safety		**8.8**
Homicide		8.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.5
Movement		**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**8.6**
Freedom of religion		7.7
Religious organization repression		9.5
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.1**
Civil society entry and exit		7.4
Freedom of assembly		9.6
Freedom to form/run political parties		8.5
Civil society repression		6.8
Expression and information		**7.4**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		5.6
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 69/165	Score 6.86
Size of government		**6.6**
Government consumption		5.5
Transfers and subsidies		4.8
Government investment		6.9
Top marginal tax rate		8.5
State ownership of assets		7.2
Legal system and property rights		**6.1**
Judicial independence		5.3
Impartial courts		3.9
Property rights		3.7
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		6.2
Contracts		6.9
Real property		9.1
Police and crime		5.0
Sound money		**7.5**
Money growth		8.3
Standard deviation of inflation		7.8
Inflation: most recent year		3.9
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.3**
Tariffs		8.9
Regulatory trade barriers		4.4
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		5.8
Regulation		**6.9**
Credit market regulation		8.0
Labor market regulation		6.5
Business regulation		5.7
Freedom to compete		7.2

MONGOLIA

EAST ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.36**	**7.66**	**7.48**	**7.63**	**7.52**	**7.75**	**7.73**	**7.75**	**7.78**	**7.97**	**7.51**	**7.61**
Ranking	**57**	**49**	**57**	**50**	**55**	**49**	**51**	**49**	**51**	**44**	**55**	**55**
Economic freedom	6.19	7.07	6.76	6.84	6.48	6.93	6.84	6.95	6.93	7.37	7.02	6.86
Personal freedom	8.02	8.00	8.01	8.20	8.27	8.34	8.37	8.32	8.39	8.40	7.86	8.14
Rule of law	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.2**	**5.3**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.2	5.2	5.5	5.7	5.4	5.3	5.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	5.4	5.4	4.8	4.8	5.0	4.9	4.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.1	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.5
Security and safety	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**8.2**	**8.3**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.9**	**8.8**
Homicide	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.2	7.7	7.4	7.9	7.9	8.4	8.2	8.3	8.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.8	9.2	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Movement	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**6.2**	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.8**	**8.6**	**8.6**
Freedom of religion	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.8	8.1	8.1	7.7	7.7
Religious organization repression	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.2**	**9.3**	**9.0**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**8.1**
Civil society entry and exit	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.9	9.0	8.9	8.9	7.4
Freedom of assembly	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.2	8.2	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.4	9.4	8.5
Civil society repression	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.8	9.0	8.4	8.7	9.1	8.3	6.8
Expression and information	**7.8**	**7.7**	**7.6**	**7.5**	**7.3**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.4**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.7	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.2	8.1	7.9	7.5	6.7	7.1	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.7	6.7	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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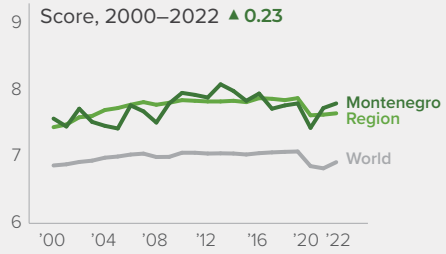
MONTENEGRO

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
47

Score
7.77



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 53/165	Score 8.22
Rule of law		**5.6**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.1
Security and safety		**9.3**
Homicide		9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.4
Movement		**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**7.6**
Freedom of religion		7.1
Religious organization repression		8.2
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.4**
Civil society entry and exit		8.5
Freedom of assembly		7.3
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.5
Civil society repression		8.3
Expression and information		**7.4**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		5.6
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 53/165	Score 7.15
Size of government		**6.7**
Government consumption		6.1
Transfers and subsidies		-
Government investment		5.2
Top marginal tax rate		7.5
State ownership of assets		8.0
Legal system and property rights		**5.7**
Judicial independence		6.2
Impartial courts		4.6
Property rights		5.3
Military interference		-
Integrity of the legal system		6.9
Contracts		3.6
Real property		7.7
Police and crime		6.7
Sound money		**8.0**
Money growth		9.0
Standard deviation of inflation		8.1
Inflation: most recent year		4.8
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.3**
Tariffs		8.3
Regulatory trade barriers		8.6
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		6.3
Regulation		**7.1**
Credit market regulation		5.9
Labor market regulation		7.9
Business regulation		6.0
Freedom to compete		8.7

MONTENEGRO

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.54**	**7.69**	**7.43**	**7.74**	**7.48**	**7.93**	**7.86**	**7.96**	**7.92**	**7.74**	**7.40**	**7.77**
Ranking	**48**	**47**	**59**	**47**	**58**	**45**	**46**	**43**	**45**	**56**	**59**	**47**
Economic freedom	6.02	6.39	5.71	6.72	6.42	6.83	7.08	7.33	7.33	7.39	7.37	7.15
Personal freedom	8.42	8.43	8.42	8.48	8.24	8.71	8.42	8.41	8.34	8.00	7.42	8.22
Rule of law	**6.4**	**6.5**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.8**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.6**	**6.1**	**5.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.1	6.9	6.5	7.1
Security and safety	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.3**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**9.2**	**9.3**
Homicide	8.7	8.7	9.3	8.8	8.9	9.3	9.2	9.1	8.7	9.4	9.2	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.5	9.1	9.4
Movement	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**8.2**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.7**	**7.4**	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.5	8.1	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	-	-	-	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**8.2**	**8.2**	**9.1**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.6**	**8.3**	**8.7**	**7.6**	**6.4**	**7.6**
Freedom of religion	7.8	7.8	8.9	9.4	9.4	9.4	7.8	8.2	8.9	7.2	6.5	7.1
Religious organization repression	8.7	8.7	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.5	8.5	8.0	6.2	8.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.3**	**8.4**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.3**	**8.7**	**8.3**	**8.4**	**8.2**	**8.0**	**8.5**	**8.4**
Civil society entry and exit	7.5	7.5	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.5	10.0	8.5	8.5	7.7	7.3	7.3	7.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.4	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.5	9.5
Civil society repression	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.0	7.0	7.5	7.5	7.1	8.7	8.3
Expression and information	**7.4**	**7.3**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**6.2**	**7.2**	**6.3**	**6.2**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.1**	**7.4**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.5	6.0	6.2	5.5	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.6	7.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.6	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	6.7	6.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	-	-	-	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	-	-	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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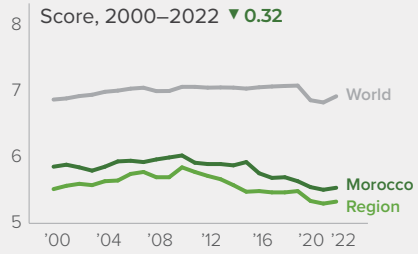
MOROCCO

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
130

Score
5.49



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 148/165 | Score 4.81

Rule of law	**4.0**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.8
Security and safety	**8.6**
Homicide	9.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.7
Movement	**5.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**3.6**
Freedom of religion	3.6
Religious organization repression	3.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.1**
Civil society entry and exit	4.0
Freedom of assembly	3.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.3
Civil society repression	4.2
Expression and information	**3.6**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**3.1**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 90/165 | Score 6.46

Size of government	**7.0**
Government consumption	4.8
Transfers and subsidies	9.6
Government investment	9.6
Top marginal tax rate	4.0
State ownership of assets	6.8
Legal system and property rights	**5.3**
Judicial independence	6.0
Impartial courts	4.4
Property rights	5.3
Military interference	6.7
Integrity of the legal system	6.0
Contracts	4.4
Real property	7.5
Police and crime	7.8
Sound money	**6.4**
Money growth	8.8
Standard deviation of inflation	9.5
Inflation: most recent year	7.3
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.1**
Tariffs	6.4
Regulatory trade barriers	7.6
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.4
Regulation	**6.5**
Credit market regulation	8.7
Labor market regulation	4.9
Business regulation	5.4
Freedom to compete	7.0

MOROCCO

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.81**	**5.80**	**5.81**	**5.90**	**5.92**	**5.98**	**5.85**	**5.83**	**5.71**	**5.65**	**5.50**	**5.49**
Ranking	**121**	**121**	**123**	**126**	**123**	**121**	**130**	**127**	**131**	**132**	**135**	**130**
Economic freedom	5.77	5.77	5.94	6.11	6.15	6.33	6.34	6.39	6.48	6.61	6.44	6.46
Personal freedom	5.83	5.83	5.71	5.75	5.76	5.74	5.50	5.44	5.16	4.96	4.82	4.81
Rule of law	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**4.0**	**3.7**	**4.0**	**4.2**	**4.1**	**3.9**	**4.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.9	3.4	3.3	3.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.4	5.4	5.0	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.1	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.6	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.8
Security and safety	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.6**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.7**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.6**
Homicide	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.3	8.2	7.7	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.3	7.6	8.4	8.5	8.4	7.7
Movement	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**4.8**	**4.8**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.7**	**4.4**	**3.5**	**3.6**	**3.3**	**3.6**
Freedom of religion	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.6
Religious organization repression	4.7	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.0	3.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.1**	**6.0**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.1**	**5.2**	**5.0**	**5.1**
Civil society entry and exit	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.8	5.5	5.3	4.0	4.0	4.0
Freedom of assembly	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.2	3.8	3.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.0	8.3
Civil society repression	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.8	4.2	4.2	4.2
Expression and information	**5.3**	**5.3**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**5.0**	**5.1**	**4.6**	**4.5**	**4.6**	**4.0**	**3.7**	**3.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	9.6	8.4	8.4	9.2	9.6	8.1	7.8	8.2	6.6	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.4	5.4	6.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	3.2	3.6	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.2	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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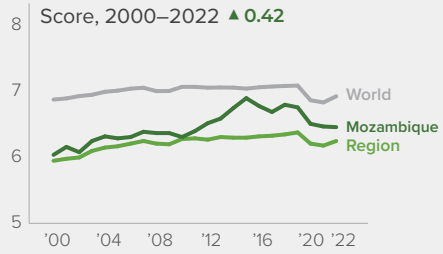
MOZAMBIQUE

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
103

Score
6.41



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 96/165 | Score 6.80

Rule of law	**3.2**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.3
Security and safety	**6.7**
Homicide	9.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	4.3
Movement	**7.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**8.6**
Freedom of religion	7.5
Religious organization repression	9.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.7**
Civil society entry and exit	6.8
Freedom of assembly	5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.6
Civil society repression	6.4
Expression and information	**5.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 125/165 | Score 5.86

Size of government	**7.1**
Government consumption	6.4
Transfers and subsidies	9.4
Government investment	8.4
Top marginal tax rate	6.0
State ownership of assets	5.2
Legal system and property rights	**4.4**
Judicial independence	4.5
Impartial courts	3.1
Property rights	3.4
Military interference	7.5
Integrity of the legal system	5.5
Contracts	1.5
Real property	7.5
Police and crime	3.4
Sound money	**6.0**
Money growth	8.6
Standard deviation of inflation	9.3
Inflation: most recent year	5.9
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.5**
Tariffs	8.0
Regulatory trade barriers	6.0
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	2.2
Regulation	**5.3**
Credit market regulation	7.7
Labor market regulation	2.9
Business regulation	4.4
Freedom to compete	6.2

MOZAMBIQUE

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.99**	**6.03**	**6.27**	**6.26**	**6.32**	**6.26**	**6.47**	**6.70**	**6.73**	**6.75**	**6.46**	**6.41**
Ranking	**114**	**113**	**108**	**111**	**109**	**112**	**106**	**97**	**97**	**98**	**100**	**103**
Economic freedom	4.74	4.73	5.55	5.43	5.64	5.35	5.75	5.63	5.63	6.22	5.90	5.86
Personal freedom	6.71	6.78	6.79	6.86	6.80	6.91	6.99	7.46	7.52	7.12	6.86	6.80
Rule of law	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.9**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.7**	**3.5**	**3.3**	**3.2**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	2.5	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.6	4.3	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.3
Security and safety	**8.0**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.3**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**6.5**	**6.7**
Homicide	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.8	8.7	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.7	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	7.6	6.3	6.3	4.0	4.3
Movement	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**9.6**	**7.6**	**7.7**	**7.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.1	8.6	8.7	8.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.6**
Freedom of religion	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.0	9.8	9.6	8.0	7.8	7.5
Religious organization repression	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.7	9.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.2**	**7.1**	**7.4**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**6.9**	**6.7**
Civil society entry and exit	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	7.7	8.0	7.1	6.8
Freedom of assembly	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.0	5.0	6.1	5.0	5.7	5.4	5.0	5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.1	8.9	8.7	8.6
Civil society repression	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.8	6.4
Expression and information	**6.2**	**6.3**	**6.4**	**6.7**	**6.5**	**7.0**	**7.3**	**6.6**	**6.3**	**5.8**	**5.6**	**5.6**
Direct attacks on the press	9.2	9.2	9.2	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.8	7.1	7.2	7.2	6.4	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.4	6.3	6.1	6.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.3	5.2	5.5	6.2	6.0	5.5	6.0	5.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6	6.7	6.7	5.6	4.4	3.3	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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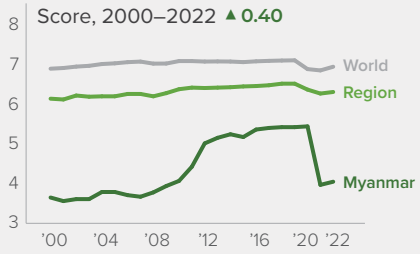
MYANMAR

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
162

Score
3.97



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 160/165	Score 3.57
Rule of law		**2.3**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		2.9
Security and safety		**6.2**
Homicide		8.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		3.5
Movement		**2.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		4.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)		0.0
Religion		**3.6**
Freedom of religion		3.9
Religious organization repression		3.4
Association, assembly, civil society		**2.5**
Civil society entry and exit		0.7
Freedom of assembly		1.1
Freedom to form/run political parties		5.4
Civil society repression		2.6
Expression and information		**2.2**
Direct attacks on the press		3.9
Media and expression (V-Dem)		1.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		3.3
Media and expression (CLD)		0.0
Relationships		**6.2**
Same-sex relationships		5.0
Divorce		2.5
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 160/165	Score 4.54
Size of government		**6.7**
Government consumption		4.5
Transfers and subsidies		9.9
Government investment		6.6
Top marginal tax rate		9.0
State ownership of assets		3.7
Legal system and property rights		**3.0**
Judicial independence		3.5
Impartial courts		2.1
Property rights		2.6
Military interference		2.5
Integrity of the legal system		3.8
Contracts		0.9
Real property		7.4
Police and crime		2.8
Sound money		**4.8**
Money growth		7.9
Standard deviation of inflation		7.7
Inflation: most recent year		3.5
Foreign currency bank accounts		0.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**3.5**
Tariffs		8.2
Regulatory trade barriers		1.7
Black-market exchange rates		3.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		0.9
Regulation		**4.7**
Credit market regulation		4.6
Labor market regulation		4.3
Business regulation		4.4
Freedom to compete		5.4

MYANMAR

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**3.57**	**3.53**	**3.71**	**3.63**	**3.70**	**3.99**	**4.94**	**5.17**	**5.29**	**5.35**	**5.37**	**3.97**
Ranking	**156**	**158**	**160**	**161**	**161**	**161**	**154**	**148**	**143**	**144**	**142**	**162**
Economic freedom	3.56	3.13	3.48	3.34	3.45	3.70	5.12	5.31	5.36	5.41	5.53	4.54
Personal freedom	3.58	3.82	3.87	3.84	3.87	4.19	4.81	5.07	5.24	5.31	5.26	3.57
Rule of law	**2.1**	**2.1**	**2.1**	**2.1**	**2.1**	**2.7**	**3.1**	**3.2**	**3.0**	**2.7**	**2.3**	**2.3**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.3	2.4	1.7	1.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.7	4.2	4.4	4.8	4.9	5.1	2.9
Security and safety	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.3**	**7.1**	**7.2**	**7.4**	**7.1**	**7.8**	**8.0**	**7.5**	**7.1**	**6.2**
Homicide	9.3	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	8.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	4.8	4.7	5.1	4.7	5.0	5.3	5.0	6.4	6.7	5.7	5.0	3.5
Movement	**2.0**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**4.1**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.8**	**4.8**	**4.8**	**2.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.9	5.7	5.6	6.2	6.3	6.2	4.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	0.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0
Religion	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.7**	**4.1**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**3.6**
Freedom of religion	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.5	3.9
Religious organization repression	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.8	6.0	5.8	5.8	6.7	6.7	3.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**2.1**	**2.1**	**2.1**	**2.1**	**2.1**	**2.9**	**4.6**	**5.3**	**6.0**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**2.5**
Civil society entry and exit	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.8	4.6	4.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	0.7
Freedom of assembly	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.2	3.1	3.9	4.3	3.1	1.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	6.2	7.6	8.6	8.6	8.2	8.2	5.4
Civil society repression	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.9	4.9	5.4	6.5	6.7	7.9	2.6
Expression and information	**1.4**	**1.4**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1.4**	**1.3**	**3.2**	**4.6**	**4.9**	**4.1**	**4.7**	**2.2**
Direct attacks on the press	4.4	4.4	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.7	5.0	4.7	5.5	4.2	7.6	3.9
Media and expression (V-Dem)	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	1.7	4.5	5.1	6.1	6.1	6.6	1.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	5.7	5.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0
Relationships	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.2**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	2.5	2.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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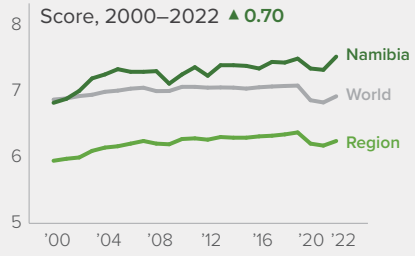
NAMIBIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
60

Score
7.48



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 46/165 | Score 8.37

Rule of law	**6.1**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.0
Security and safety	**7.8**
Homicide	6.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.2
Movement	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.1**
Civil society entry and exit	9.2
Freedom of assembly	8.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.9
Civil society repression	9.6
Expression and information	**8.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0
Relationships	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	5.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 99/165 | Score 6.23

Size of government	**7.4**
Government consumption	5.0
Transfers and subsidies	9.2
Government investment	10.0
Top marginal tax rate	6.0
State ownership of assets	6.6
Legal system and property rights	**5.7**
Judicial independence	6.7
Impartial courts	5.9
Property rights	4.6
Military interference	10.0
Integrity of the legal system	7.3
Contracts	3.7
Real property	4.6
Police and crime	4.0
Sound money	**6.2**
Money growth	8.5
Standard deviation of inflation	8.9
Inflation: most recent year	7.6
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.3**
Tariffs	5.8
Regulatory trade barriers	5.2
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.3
Regulation	**5.5**
Credit market regulation	6.7
Labor market regulation	6.6
Business regulation	5.3
Freedom to compete	3.7

NAMIBIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.78**	**6.96**	**7.21**	**7.25**	**7.26**	**7.21**	**7.19**	**7.35**	**7.30**	**7.39**	**7.30**	**7.48**
Ranking	**80**	**80**	**74**	**74**	**67**	**76**	**74**	**67**	**68**	**70**	**63**	**60**
Economic freedom	5.93	5.95	6.08	6.18	6.23	6.10	5.97	6.19	6.13	6.15	6.12	6.23
Personal freedom	7.38	7.69	8.03	8.02	7.99	7.99	8.07	8.17	8.13	8.27	8.14	8.37
Rule of law	**6.0**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.0**	**6.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2	6.3	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	6.2	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	5.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.0	7.0
Security and safety	**4.8**	**6.6**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.1**	**7.5**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.8**	**7.8**
Homicide	4.2	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	6.5	6.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	5.5	8.4	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.2
Movement	**8.1**	**8.1**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**8.1**	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.1**
Civil society entry and exit	9.0	9.0	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.2
Freedom of assembly	8.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.5	8.2	8.5	9.3	9.3	8.4	8.4	8.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.1	9.3	8.9
Civil society repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.3	9.6	9.6
Expression and information	**8.0**	**8.1**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.3**	**7.9**	**7.5**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.1	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.7	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5	7.3	8.4	8.2	8.2	7.3	7.7	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	7.8	8.9	8.9	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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NEPAL

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
83

Score
6.90

PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 85/165 | Score 7.16

Rule of law	**4.3**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.0
Security and safety	**8.7**
Homicide	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.1
Movement	**7.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**7.9**
Freedom of religion	6.7
Religious organization repression	9.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.2**
Civil society entry and exit	7.8
Freedom of assembly	6.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7
Civil society repression	8.2
Expression and information	**6.7**
Direct attacks on the press	9.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**6.9**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 86/165 | Score 6.54

Size of government	**7.5**
Government consumption	9.1
Transfers and subsidies	8.2
Government investment	8.3
Top marginal tax rate	5.0
State ownership of assets	7.2
Legal system and property rights	**4.9**
Judicial independence	5.0
Impartial courts	4.3
Property rights	4.8
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	6.7
Contracts	1.7
Real property	8.0
Police and crime	5.1
Sound money	**7.3**
Money growth	7.7
Standard deviation of inflation	9.4
Inflation: most recent year	6.9
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.0**
Tariffs	4.8
Regulatory trade barriers	5.2
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.0
Regulation	**7.0**
Credit market regulation	9.3
Labor market regulation	6.1
Business regulation	5.2
Freedom to compete	7.3

NEPAL

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.92**	**5.78**	**5.79**	**5.89**	**6.64**	**6.75**	**6.85**	**6.92**	**6.91**	**6.87**	**6.69**	**6.90**
Ranking	**118**	**122**	**124**	**127**	**94**	**95**	**87**	**84**	**83**	**90**	**87**	**83**
Economic freedom	5.76	6.05	6.21	6.17	6.04	6.07	6.09	6.35	6.35	6.40	6.28	6.54
Personal freedom	6.04	5.58	5.48	5.68	7.08	7.23	7.39	7.33	7.31	7.20	6.97	7.16
Rule of law	**4.1**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.4**	**5.0**	**5.1**	**4.4**	**4.2**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.4**	**4.3**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.5	5.5	4.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.8	4.6	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	5.4	5.4	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.8	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.0
Security and safety	**6.5**	**5.6**	**5.2**	**6.4**	**8.0**	**8.9**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**8.7**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**8.7**
Homicide	9.2	9.0	8.9	9.3	9.0	9.1	9.3	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	3.8	2.1	1.4	3.4	7.0	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.0	8.8	8.8	8.1
Movement	**7.2**	**7.1**	**7.3**	**5.9**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.7**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**6.0**	**7.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.8	7.6	7.8	8.4	9.1	9.3	9.3	8.7	9.0	8.6	8.6	8.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**8.2**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.6**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.1**	**7.9**
Freedom of religion	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.9	8.0	8.0	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.3	6.7
Religious organization repression	8.4	8.4	8.4	9.1	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.3	9.4	9.0	9.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.1**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**7.0**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.4**	**8.3**	**8.0**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**8.2**
Civil society entry and exit	5.8	5.8	5.8	6.8	8.4	7.8	8.6	8.2	8.0	7.5	6.9	7.8
Freedom of assembly	5.7	4.6	4.6	5.7	5.7	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.3	5.7	6.9	6.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4	8.6	8.6	8.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.7
Civil society repression	7.7	6.6	6.6	6.8	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.0	7.5	7.9	8.2
Expression and information	**5.7**	**4.4**	**3.9**	**4.1**	**5.3**	**5.4**	**5.5**	**6.0**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.6**	**6.7**
Direct attacks on the press	9.0	4.4	2.6	2.0	5.2	6.1	6.7	7.8	9.4	10.0	9.6	9.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.3	6.5	5.9	5.9	8.4	8.1	8.1	7.6	8.0	7.5	7.4	7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	3.5	2.0	2.2	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.9	4.4	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.8	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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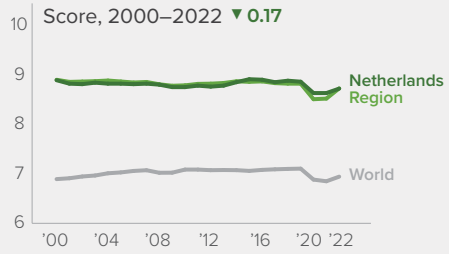
NETHERLANDS

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
15

Score
8.66



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 13/165	Score 9.33
Rule of law		**8.0**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.8
Security and safety		**9.8**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.9
Movement		**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.6**
Freedom of religion		9.9
Religious organization repression		9.4
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.3**
Civil society entry and exit		7.9
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.8
Civil society repression		9.6
Expression and information		**9.4**
Direct attacks on the press		9.2
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 18/165	Score 7.74
Size of government		**4.9**
Government consumption		0.9
Transfers and subsidies		2.9
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		3.0
State ownership of assets		7.8
Legal system and property rights		**8.7**
Judicial independence		8.1
Impartial courts		8.7
Property rights		9.2
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		9.3
Contracts		7.7
Real property		7.9
Police and crime		8.4
Sound money		**8.3**
Money growth		7.9
Standard deviation of inflation		9.5
Inflation: most recent year		6.0
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**9.1**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		9.0
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		9.1
Regulation		**7.6**
Credit market regulation		7.7
Labor market regulation		7.4
Business regulation		6.9
Freedom to compete		8.4

NETHERLANDS

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.83**	**8.75**	**8.76**	**8.75**	**8.74**	**8.69**	**8.70**	**8.79**	**8.84**	**8.82**	**8.57**	**8.66**
Ranking	**14**	**15**	**17**	**16**	**14**	**18**	**19**	**16**	**15**	**14**	**11**	**15**
Economic freedom	8.09	7.91	7.91	7.88	7.88	7.79	7.83	7.96	8.02	7.97	7.75	7.74
Personal freedom	9.35	9.35	9.37	9.36	9.35	9.34	9.32	9.39	9.42	9.42	9.16	9.33
Rule of law	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	8.9	8.9	8.7	8.7	8.9	8.6	8.6	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	8.0	8.0	8.4	8.8	8.7	8.5	8.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	8.0	8.0	7.4	8.0	8.0	7.6	7.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.0	7.8
Security and safety	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Homicide	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**8.1**	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.3**
Civil society entry and exit	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	8.6	8.6	7.9
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Civil society repression	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.6
Expression and information	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.4**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.2
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.4	8.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.5	9.5	9.8	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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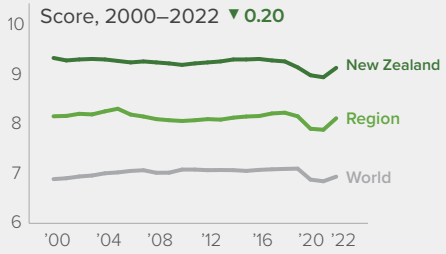
NEW ZEALAND

OCEANIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
2

Score
9.08



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 5/165	Score 9.58
Rule of law		**8.2**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.3
Security and safety		**9.6**
Homicide		9.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.9
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.9**
Freedom of religion		10.0
Religious organization repression		9.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit		9.2
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.8
Civil society repression		9.7
Expression and information		**9.7**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.9
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 4/165	Score 8.39
Size of government		**6.4**
Government consumption		3.9
Transfers and subsidies		5.3
Government investment		9.1
Top marginal tax rate		6.0
State ownership of assets		7.7
Legal system and property rights		**9.0**
Judicial independence		8.6
Impartial courts		8.8
Property rights		9.0
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		8.3
Contracts		8.1
Real property		9.9
Police and crime		9.3
Sound money		**8.8**
Money growth		9.3
Standard deviation of inflation		8.9
Inflation: most recent year		7.1
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.9**
Tariffs		9.2
Regulatory trade barriers		8.7
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.9
Regulation		**8.8**
Credit market regulation		8.9
Labor market regulation		8.8
Business regulation		7.8
Freedom to compete		9.6

NEW ZEALAND

OCEANIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**9.28**	**9.25**	**9.25**	**9.19**	**9.19**	**9.14**	**9.19**	**9.25**	**9.26**	**9.21**	**8.93**	**9.08**
Ranking	**2**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**2**
Economic freedom	8.85	8.78	8.78	8.64	8.63	8.51	8.67	8.82	8.84	8.74	8.49	8.39
Personal freedom	9.59	9.58	9.59	9.58	9.58	9.60	9.55	9.55	9.56	9.55	9.25	9.58
Rule of law	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**7.7**	**7.8**	**7.9**	**7.8**	**7.9**	**8.2**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.1	8.4	8.4	8.4	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.8	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	7.9	7.9	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.2	7.4	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.3
Security and safety	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Homicide	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.2	9.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Movement	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**8.0**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.2	9.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**
Freedom of religion	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Civil society repression	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Expression and information	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.6	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.8	9.0	9.0	8.9
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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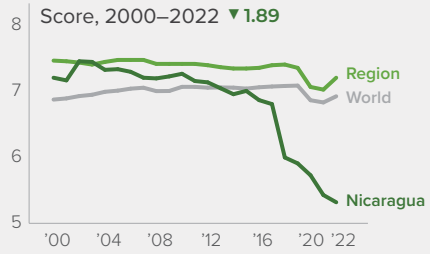
NICARAGUA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
143

Score
5.27



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 154/165	Score 4.44
Rule of law		**2.3**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		3.1
Security and safety		**6.2**
Homicide		6.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		5.7
Movement		**4.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		5.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**4.5**
Freedom of religion		5.2
Religious organization repression		3.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**2.2**
Civil society entry and exit		0.7
Freedom of assembly		1.5
Freedom to form/run political parties		5.4
Civil society repression		1.1
Expression and information		**1.5**
Direct attacks on the press		2.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)		1.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)		0.0
Media and expression (BTI)		3.3
Media and expression (CLD)		0.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 94/165	Score 6.42
Size of government		**6.3**
Government consumption		7.4
Transfers and subsidies		10.0
Government investment		2.5
Top marginal tax rate		5.5
State ownership of assets		6.0
Legal system and property rights		**3.4**
Judicial independence		2.8
Impartial courts		1.8
Property rights		3.3
Military interference		3.3
Integrity of the legal system		2.3
Contracts		3.2
Real property		7.0
Police and crime		3.8
Sound money		**8.5**
Money growth		9.3
Standard deviation of inflation		9.1
Inflation: most recent year		5.8
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.9**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		6.5
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		6.5
Regulation		**5.9**
Credit market regulation		9.7
Labor market regulation		5.8
Business regulation		3.1
Freedom to compete		5.2

NICARAGUA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.16**	**7.41**	**7.28**	**7.25**	**7.15**	**7.22**	**7.09**	**6.91**	**6.82**	**5.95**	**5.68**	**5.27**
Ranking	**67**	**61**	**70**	**74**	**76**	**74**	**79**	**85**	**90**	**124**	**128**	**143**
Economic freedom	6.56	6.89	6.86	7.00	6.68	6.93	6.97	6.88	6.86	6.72	6.50	6.42
Personal freedom	7.59	7.78	7.57	7.44	7.49	7.42	7.18	6.94	6.80	5.41	5.10	4.44
Rule of law	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**3.8**	**3.4**	**3.8**	**3.1**	**2.5**	**2.3**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.5	4.0	3.4	4.0	2.6	1.5	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.5	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.2	3.5	3.2	3.4	2.9	2.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	3.6	3.5	3.1
Security and safety	**8.1**	**8.0**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.5**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**8.4**	**5.8**	**6.4**	**6.2**
Homicide	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.7	7.5	7.9	6.9	7.7	6.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.1	8.9	4.6	5.0	5.7
Movement	**8.0**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**7.9**	**6.3**	**4.6**	**4.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	5.9	5.9	5.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3
Religion	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**5.2**	**5.4**	**4.5**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.1	5.6	5.4	5.2
Religious organization repression	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	4.8	5.4	3.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**7.7**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.4**	**5.2**	**5.0**	**3.3**	**3.0**	**2.2**
Civil society entry and exit	7.3	7.3	6.7	6.3	5.2	5.2	5.2	3.3	3.1	1.5	1.8	0.7
Freedom of assembly	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	6.5	6.1	6.1	5.0	5.0	3.0	1.5	1.5
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.3	8.7	8.7	8.7	7.8	7.4	6.9	6.6	5.4
Civil society repression	8.7	8.7	8.7	7.6	6.2	6.2	5.6	4.6	4.6	1.6	2.2	1.1
Expression and information	**7.2**	**7.1**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**5.0**	**5.8**	**5.7**	**5.6**	**5.5**	**4.2**	**3.8**	**1.5**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.7	7.7	2.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.3	8.1	8.0	7.7	5.9	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.2	2.0	2.0	1.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.4	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6	3.3	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0
Relationships	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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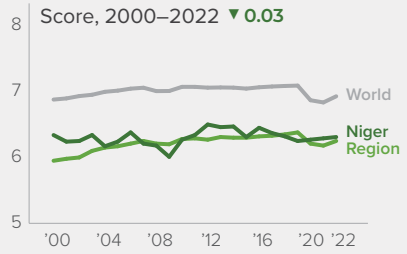
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
110

Score
6.26



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 99/165 | Score 6.66

Rule of law	**3.9**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.5
Security and safety	**7.4**
Homicide	8.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.2
Movement	**7.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**8.4**
Freedom of religion	9.2
Religious organization repression	7.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.7**
Civil society entry and exit	7.9
Freedom of assembly	5.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.2
Civil society repression	8.0
Expression and information	**6.3**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**5.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	9.8

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 131/165 | Score 5.70

Size of government	**6.4**
Government consumption	6.0
Transfers and subsidies	9.8
Government investment	4.9
Top marginal tax rate	5.0
State ownership of assets	6.3
Legal system and property rights	**3.6**
Judicial independence	5.8
Impartial courts	4.3
Property rights	3.4
Military interference	3.3
Integrity of the legal system	5.3
Contracts	5.6
Real property	7.3
Police and crime	3.9
Sound money	**6.7**
Money growth	9.1
Standard deviation of inflation	9.4
Inflation: most recent year	8.3
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**5.8**
Tariffs	6.2
Regulatory trade barriers	4.7
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	2.2
Regulation	**6.1**
Credit market regulation	7.0
Labor market regulation	4.8
Business regulation	5.5
Freedom to compete	7.0

NIGER

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.29**	**6.20**	**6.12**	**6.33**	**6.13**	**6.22**	**6.45**	**6.42**	**6.40**	**6.27**	**6.22**	**6.26**
Ranking	**99**	**107**	**111**	**107**	**116**	**116**	**107**	**111**	**114**	**117**	**113**	**110**
Economic freedom	5.51	5.27	5.18	5.49	5.24	5.74	5.48	5.64	5.89	5.79	5.87	5.70
Personal freedom	6.85	6.86	6.80	6.93	6.77	6.56	7.14	6.97	6.76	6.62	6.47	6.66
Rule of law	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.8**	**3.7**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	3.6	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.5	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8	3.6	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.4	6.3	6.5
Security and safety	**9.1**	**9.1**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.2**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.4**	**6.9**	**7.4**	**6.7**	**7.4**
Homicide	-	-	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	7.7	8.6	8.7	8.1	5.1	6.2	4.6	6.2
Movement	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**6.2**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**7.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.2	9.1	9.2	8.4	9.0	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.1**	**8.8**	**8.3**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.4**	**8.4**
Freedom of religion	7.0	7.0	7.0	8.7	8.7	7.0	8.7	7.6	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.2
Religious organization repression	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.9	8.9	8.6	8.3	7.8	7.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.9**	**7.7**	**7.9**	**8.1**	**8.5**	**8.1**	**7.3**	**7.1**	**7.7**
Civil society entry and exit	7.3	7.3	7.3	8.0	7.4	7.6	7.8	9.2	9.0	7.8	7.8	7.9
Freedom of assembly	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.8	5.8	6.6	6.6	5.7	5.0	4.6	5.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.0	9.2	9.2
Civil society repression	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	9.0	9.0	9.2	8.4	7.3	6.8	8.0
Expression and information	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.4**	**5.3**	**5.0**	**5.1**	**7.8**	**7.0**	**6.8**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.3**
Direct attacks on the press	8.9	7.9	7.0	7.1	7.4	8.3	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.4	9.4	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.8	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.0	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.2	4.5	4.6	4.0	2.9	3.8	5.4	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	2.2	8.9	8.9	7.8	6.7	6.7	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8

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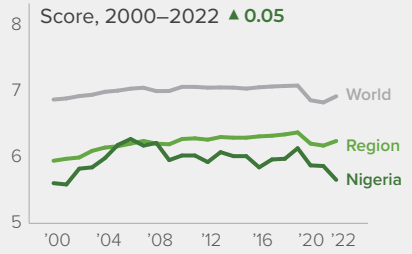
NIGERIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
126

Score
5.61



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 125/165	Score 5.37
Rule of law		**3.8**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		5.5
Security and safety		**3.0**
Homicide		3.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		2.3
Movement		**6.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**7.1**
Freedom of religion		5.6
Religious organization repression		8.6
Association, assembly, civil society		**6.8**
Civil society entry and exit		7.4
Freedom of assembly		3.8
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.2
Civil society repression		6.9
Expression and information		**6.6**
Direct attacks on the press		9.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		4.4
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**4.0**
Same-sex relationships		0.0
Divorce		5.0
Inheritance rights		2.5
Female genital mutilation		8.5

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 113/165	Score 5.96
Size of government		**8.8**
Government consumption		9.9
Transfers and subsidies		9.9
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		7.0
State ownership of assets		7.1
Legal system and property rights		**3.5**
Judicial independence		4.9
Impartial courts		3.0
Property rights		3.5
Military interference		3.3
Integrity of the legal system		4.3
Contracts		4.0
Real property		4.6
Police and crime		2.2
Sound money		**7.5**
Money growth		7.9
Standard deviation of inflation		9.5
Inflation: most recent year		2.5
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**3.5**
Tariffs		7.3
Regulatory trade barriers		2.5
Black-market exchange rates		0.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		4.1
Regulation		**6.6**
Credit market regulation		8.5
Labor market regulation		8.5
Business regulation		3.4
Freedom to compete		5.9

NIGERIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.56**	**5.78**	**5.94**	**6.23**	**6.17**	**5.98**	**5.88**	**5.97**	**5.80**	**5.93**	**5.83**	**5.61**
Ranking	**127**	**122**	**120**	**112**	**114**	**121**	**126**	**122**	**129**	**126**	**123**	**126**
Economic freedom	4.77	5.19	5.28	5.91	5.60	5.71	5.87	6.25	6.42	6.62	6.24	5.96
Personal freedom	6.13	6.21	6.42	6.47	6.57	6.17	5.90	5.76	5.36	5.44	5.53	5.37
Rule of law	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**4.2**	**4.3**	**4.1**	**3.8**	**3.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.7	3.8	3.3	3.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.3	5.3	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.6	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	2.8	2.8	3.1	4.2	4.2	4.0	3.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.5
Security and safety	**6.4**	**6.8**	**6.4**	**6.8**	**7.0**	**6.0**	**5.3**	**4.2**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**3.0**	**3.0**
Homicide	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.6	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.1	0.0	0.0	3.7	3.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.6	7.2	6.5	7.0	7.2	5.2	3.7	1.3	3.0	2.9	2.2	2.3
Movement	**6.2**	**6.2**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.9**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.6**	**7.1**
Freedom of religion	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.6
Religious organization repression	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.6	9.4	9.4	9.3	8.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.7**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**7.3**	**6.8**
Civil society entry and exit	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.4	7.9	7.4
Freedom of assembly	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.5	5.4	5.4	6.1	6.1	5.3	3.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.3	9.2
Civil society repression	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.6	7.4	6.9	6.7	6.9
Expression and information	**6.5**	**6.7**	**6.9**	**6.8**	**7.2**	**7.0**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**6.9**	**7.0**	**6.9**	**6.6**
Direct attacks on the press	7.3	9.3	10.0	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.2	9.4	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.3	6.1	6.1	6.1	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.5	4.8	5.0	4.6	4.8	5.2	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6	6.7	6.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**3.6**	**3.0**	**3.0**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**4.0**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
Female genital mutilation	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	8.5

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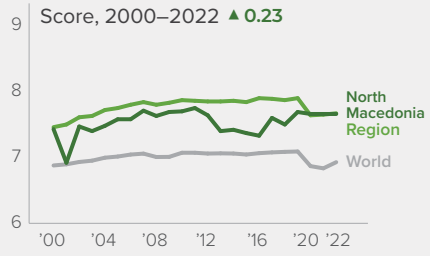
NORTH MACEDONIA

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
55

Score
7.61



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 49/165 | Score 8.24

Rule of law	**5.0**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.2
Security and safety	**9.4**
Homicide	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.0
Movement	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**8.3**
Freedom of religion	7.8
Religious organization repression	8.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.4**
Civil society entry and exit	7.6
Freedom of assembly	8.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.6
Civil society repression	8.6
Expression and information	**7.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 77/165 | Score 6.74

Size of government	**6.9**
Government consumption	6.4
Transfers and subsidies	4.2
Government investment	7.4
Top marginal tax rate	8.5
State ownership of assets	7.8
Legal system and property rights	**4.7**
Judicial independence	3.7
Impartial courts	3.2
Property rights	4.7
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	5.3
Contracts	3.2
Real property	8.4
Police and crime	5.7
Sound money	**6.8**
Money growth	8.7
Standard deviation of inflation	9.1
Inflation: most recent year	4.3
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.7**
Tariffs	8.2
Regulatory trade barriers	6.7
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	6.0
Regulation	**7.6**
Credit market regulation	9.0
Labor market regulation	7.4
Business regulation	6.0
Freedom to compete	8.0

NORTH MACEDONIA

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.38**	**7.42**	**7.43**	**7.53**	**7.58**	**7.65**	**7.59**	**7.37**	**7.28**	**7.45**	**7.61**	**7.61**
Ranking	**56**	**59**	**59**	**57**	**50**	**53**	**54**	**64**	**70**	**62**	**49**	**55**
Economic freedom	6.67	6.81	6.57	6.80	6.86	6.98	7.04	7.18	7.16	7.17	7.01	6.74
Personal freedom	7.78	7.77	8.05	8.05	8.09	8.14	7.99	7.50	7.36	7.65	8.04	8.24
Rule of law	**5.0**	**5.3**	**5.5**	**5.6**	**5.5**	**5.6**	**5.5**	**5.1**	**5.0**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	6.0	6.0	6.1	4.6	4.7	5.5	5.8	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.2	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	5.3	5.3	5.0	5.1	4.7	4.5	4.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.1	6.4	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.2
Security and safety	**8.9**	**8.7**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**8.8**	**9.3**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Homicide	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.4	9.6	9.5	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.5	8.3	9.3	9.4	8.2	9.2	8.4	8.5	8.3	8.6	9.1	9.0
Movement	**7.9**	**7.9**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	10.0
Religion	**7.5**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**8.1**	**8.3**	**8.3**
Freedom of religion	6.7	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.6	7.8
Religious organization repression	8.3	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.9	8.9	8.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.0**	**8.2**	**8.8**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.1**	**7.8**	**7.5**	**6.9**	**8.4**	**8.8**	**8.4**
Civil society entry and exit	6.8	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.5	6.8	6.7	6.9	5.5	6.5	8.0	7.6
Freedom of assembly	7.7	7.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.2	8.4	7.3	6.9	8.1	8.8	8.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.0	8.9	8.7	8.8	8.7	9.1	8.8	8.6
Civil society repression	8.4	8.7	9.6	8.6	8.2	7.6	7.5	7.0	6.5	9.8	9.6	8.6
Expression and information	**8.4**	**7.4**	**7.9**	**8.1**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**6.1**	**4.9**	**4.4**	**5.4**	**7.4**	**7.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.9	6.6	6.6	6.4	4.8	6.2	5.4	5.4	5.5	7.3	7.1	7.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.5	8.1	7.1	8.5	8.1	7.8	6.2	6.2	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	7.8	6.7	5.6	4.4	3.3	3.3	5.6	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**10.0**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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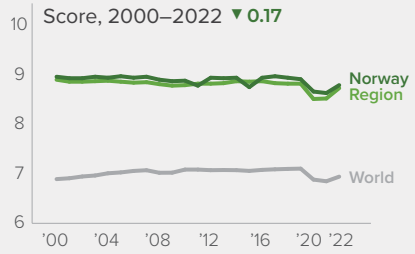
NORWAY

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
12

Score
8.73



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 8/165	Score 9.56
Rule of law		**8.9**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.1
Security and safety		**9.9**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.9
Movement		**9.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.6**
Freedom of religion		9.9
Religious organization repression		9.3
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit		9.6
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.6
Civil society repression		9.8
Expression and information		**9.9**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		9.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 28/165	Score 7.58
Size of government		**5.5**
Government consumption		1.0
Transfers and subsidies		5.9
Government investment		8.0
Top marginal tax rate		5.5
State ownership of assets		7.1
Legal system and property rights		**9.0**
Judicial independence		8.5
Impartial courts		8.6
Property rights		9.0
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		9.5
Contracts		8.2
Real property		9.1
Police and crime		9.0
Sound money		**7.9**
Money growth		8.9
Standard deviation of inflation		4.8
Inflation: most recent year		7.7
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.3**
Tariffs		6.3
Regulatory trade barriers		8.8
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		8.0
Regulation		**7.3**
Credit market regulation		8.3
Labor market regulation		5.8
Business regulation		7.2
Freedom to compete		7.8

NORWAY

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.90**	**8.87**	**8.88**	**8.88**	**8.84**	**8.82**	**8.88**	**8.88**	**8.88**	**8.88**	**8.60**	**8.73**
Ranking	**12**	**12**	**14**	**12**	**12**	**13**	**10**	**12**	**14**	**11**	**10**	**12**
Economic freedom	7.96	7.84	7.86	7.87	7.78	7.74	7.89	7.90	7.89	7.86	7.71	7.58
Personal freedom	9.57	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.59	9.60	9.59	9.57	9.58	9.60	9.23	9.56
Rule of law	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.9**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.0	8.9	9.1	9.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	8.2	8.2	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.4	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.7	7.9	8.1
Security and safety	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**
Homicide	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.5	9.7	9.9	9.8	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**7.4**	**9.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	8.2	9.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.3	9.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.3	9.6	9.6
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.6	9.6
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.5	9.8	9.8	9.8
Expression and information	**9.7**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.0	9.4	9.3	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.3	10.0	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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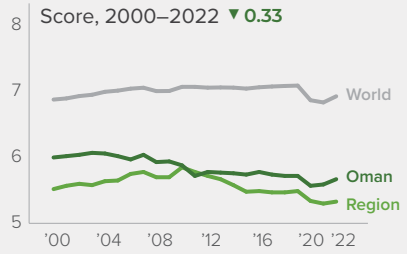
MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
125

Score
5.62



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 135/165	Score 5.07
Rule of law		**5.5**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		5.5
Security and safety		**9.3**
Homicide		9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		8.8
Movement		**7.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		7.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**5.2**
Freedom of religion		4.9
Religious organization repression		5.6
Association, assembly, civil society		**2.2**
Civil society entry and exit		1.9
Freedom of assembly		2.3
Freedom to form/run political parties		1.4
Civil society repression		3.3
Expression and information		**3.7**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		2.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		0.0
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**2.5**
Same-sex relationships		0.0
Divorce		0.0
Inheritance rights		0.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 95/165	Score 6.40
Size of government		**4.8**
Government consumption		1.1
Transfers and subsidies		8.1
Government investment		0.0
Top marginal tax rate		10.0
State ownership of assets		4.9
Legal system and property rights		**5.4**
Judicial independence		6.1
Impartial courts		6.4
Property rights		6.3
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		6.9
Contracts		5.0
Real property		7.7
Police and crime		9.3
Sound money		**8.1**
Money growth		9.3
Standard deviation of inflation		4.1
Inflation: most recent year		8.9
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.5**
Tariffs		7.9
Regulatory trade barriers		7.5
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		4.5
Regulation		**6.3**
Credit market regulation		5.7
Labor market regulation		6.1
Business regulation		6.5
Freedom to compete		6.7

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MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.95**	**5.99**	**6.01**	**5.92**	**5.88**	**5.83**	**5.73**	**5.71**	**5.73**	**5.67**	**5.52**	**5.62**
Ranking	**116**	**116**	**116**	**124**	**126**	**131**	**131**	**129**	**130**	**131**	**133**	**125**
Economic freedom	6.76	6.86	6.93	6.79	6.64	6.60	6.66	6.62	6.55	6.57	6.52	6.40
Personal freedom	5.38	5.36	5.35	5.29	5.34	5.28	5.08	5.06	5.15	5.03	4.80	5.07
Rule of law	**5.4**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5
Security and safety	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**8.8**	**9.3**	**9.1**	**8.8**	**8.9**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**
Homicide	9.6	9.6	9.5	8.6	9.5	9.5	9.7	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.7	7.9	8.0	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.8
Movement	**7.0**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**5.4**	**7.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.2	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.4	7.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.1**	**5.2**	**5.2**
Freedom of religion	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.9	4.9
Religious organization repression	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6	5.6	5.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**1.6**	**1.6**	**1.6**	**1.6**	**1.9**	**1.9**	**1.9**	**1.8**	**2.0**	**2.0**	**2.0**	**2.2**
Civil society entry and exit	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Freedom of assembly	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Civil society repression	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.3
Expression and information	**5.1**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.3**	**4.1**	**4.2**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.7**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.5	1.3	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.5	2.5	2.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.1	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.3	3.3	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**2.2**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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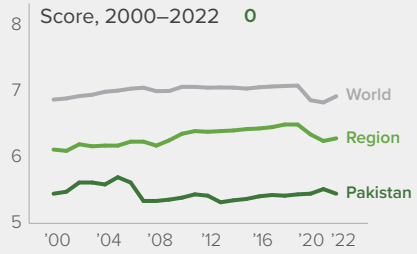
PAKISTAN

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
136

Score
5.40



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 131/165 | Score 5.25

Rule of law	**3.6**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.4
Security and safety	**7.3**
Homicide	8.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	5.9
Movement	**4.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**5.7**
Freedom of religion	3.4
Religious organization repression	7.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.3**
Civil society entry and exit	6.0
Freedom of assembly	4.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.4
Civil society repression	6.4
Expression and information	**4.6**
Direct attacks on the press	9.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**4.4**
Same-sex relationships	5.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 134/165 | Score 5.62

Size of government	**8.0**
Government consumption	8.6
Transfers and subsidies	9.2
Government investment	8.8
Top marginal tax rate	7.0
State ownership of assets	6.7
Legal system and property rights	**3.6**
Judicial independence	5.3
Impartial courts	3.4
Property rights	4.6
Military interference	2.5
Integrity of the legal system	4.8
Contracts	3.2
Real property	6.6
Police and crime	3.6
Sound money	**4.7**
Money growth	8.5
Standard deviation of inflation	8.3
Inflation: most recent year	2.1
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.0**
Tariffs	7.1
Regulatory trade barriers	4.0
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	2.7
Regulation	**5.7**
Credit market regulation	7.5
Labor market regulation	5.0
Business regulation	4.3
Freedom to compete	6.1

PAKISTAN

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.40**	**5.57**	**5.54**	**5.57**	**5.29**	**5.34**	**5.37**	**5.30**	**5.36**	**5.37**	**5.40**	**5.40**
Ranking	**129**	**129**	**130**	**134**	**136**	**142**	**140**	**142**	**142**	**143**	**140**	**136**
Economic freedom	5.01	5.53	5.46	5.65	5.36	5.68	5.86	5.72	5.86	5.92	5.83	5.62
Personal freedom	5.68	5.61	5.59	5.52	5.24	5.10	5.02	5.00	5.01	4.97	5.09	5.25
Rule of law	**3.3**	**3.2**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.5**	**3.2**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.3**	**3.5**	**3.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	2.6	2.6	2.4	3.0	3.0	2.4	2.8	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.6	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.4
Security and safety	**7.0**	**7.3**	**6.7**	**6.3**	**4.5**	**4.6**	**4.7**	**4.8**	**5.9**	**6.5**	**7.0**	**7.3**
Homicide	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.1	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.9	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	5.9	6.5	5.3	4.4	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.6	3.0	4.1	5.0	5.9
Movement	**7.2**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.4**	**5.2**	**5.3**	**4.8**	**4.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.5	7.0	7.2	6.3	6.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**6.5**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**6.0**	**5.8**	**5.2**	**5.7**	**5.7**
Freedom of religion	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.4
Religious organization repression	9.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.1	7.0	8.2	7.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.8**	**5.7**	**6.1**	**6.2**	**6.0**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.7**	**6.2**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**6.3**
Civil society entry and exit	4.2	3.8	4.4	5.2	5.8	6.4	6.4	5.9	5.3	5.6	5.7	6.0
Freedom of assembly	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	5.1	5.1	4.7	4.7	4.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.4	7.4	8.1	8.1	8.4	8.9	8.7	9.2	9.0	8.7	8.2	8.4
Civil society repression	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.1	5.6	7.6	7.6	6.4	5.2	4.7	4.9	6.4
Expression and information	**5.7**	**5.6**	**5.5**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.2**	**4.7**	**4.3**	**4.1**	**4.2**	**4.4**	**4.6**
Direct attacks on the press	9.6	9.5	9.3	9.1	8.6	7.3	6.3	6.3	7.7	8.6	9.3	9.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.4	6.6	6.7	6.0	4.9	4.5	4.4	5.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.2	3.0	3.2	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	5.6	4.4	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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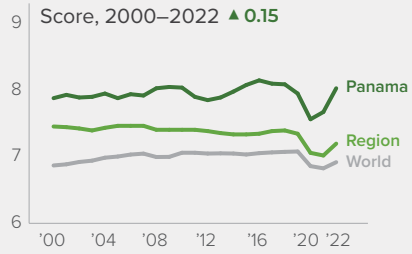
PANAMA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
39

Score
8.00



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 48/165 | Score 8.27

Rule of law	**4.8**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.9
Security and safety	**8.0**
Homicide	6.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.4
Movement	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.0**
Freedom of religion	8.2
Religious organization repression	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.8**
Civil society entry and exit	7.9
Freedom of assembly	8.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.6
Civil society repression	8.8
Expression and information	**7.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 23/165 | Score 7.62

Size of government	**7.7**
Government consumption	5.8
Transfers and subsidies	8.5
Government investment	10.0
Top marginal tax rate	6.5
State ownership of assets	7.6
Legal system and property rights	**5.8**
Judicial independence	4.7
Impartial courts	4.7
Property rights	6.7
Military interference	8.3
Integrity of the legal system	5.5
Contracts	3.8
Real property	8.8
Police and crime	5.2
Sound money	**9.1**
Money growth	8.2
Standard deviation of inflation	9.3
Inflation: most recent year	8.9
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.9**
Tariffs	8.3
Regulatory trade barriers	7.8
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	9.4
Regulation	**6.7**
Credit market regulation	8.6
Labor market regulation	5.3
Business regulation	5.0
Freedom to compete	7.8

PANAMA

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.85**	**7.86**	**7.92**	**7.91**	**8.00**	**8.01**	**7.82**	**7.95**	**8.12**	**8.06**	**7.53**	**8.00**
Ranking	**43**	**42**	**43**	**45**	**42**	**41**	**48**	**44**	**40**	**40**	**53**	**39**
Economic freedom	7.64	7.72	7.84	7.72	7.45	7.51	7.41	7.66	7.74	7.75	7.48	7.62
Personal freedom	8.00	7.96	7.99	8.05	8.40	8.37	8.11	8.16	8.39	8.28	7.57	8.27
Rule of law	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.6**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.7**	**3.7**	**4.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.0	6.0	4.3	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.2	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	3.8	3.8	3.8	2.9	3.3	3.3	2.7	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.8	6.8	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.2	6.8	6.7	6.9
Security and safety	**8.4**	**8.1**	**8.5**	**8.9**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**7.4**	**7.6**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.0**	**8.0**
Homicide	7.1	6.5	7.3	8.1	5.9	6.3	5.1	5.5	7.1	7.3	6.8	6.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.0	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.3	9.4
Movement	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**6.3**	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.2	9.2	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**
Freedom of religion	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8	8.2	8.2	8.2
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.6**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.5**	**8.7**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**8.8**
Civil society entry and exit	7.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	7.9	7.9
Freedom of assembly	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.6	8.2	8.2	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.6
Civil society repression	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.0	8.0	8.4	9.0	8.8	8.8	8.8
Expression and information	**8.2**	**8.0**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.9**	**7.8**	**6.7**	**6.8**	**7.2**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.5	8.6	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.6	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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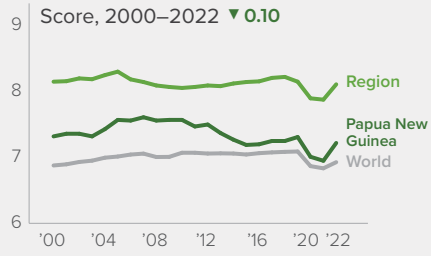
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

OCEANIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
71

Score
7.17



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 62/165 | Score 7.99

Rule of law	**5.8**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.8
Security and safety	**8.0**
Homicide	7.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.9
Movement	**9.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	9.6
Religious organization repression	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.8**
Civil society entry and exit	9.2
Freedom of assembly	7.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4
Civil society repression	9.4
Expression and information	**7.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**6.2**
Same-sex relationships	5.0
Divorce	5.0
Inheritance rights	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 108/165 | Score 6.02

Size of government	**5.7**
Government consumption	3.5
Transfers and subsidies	7.5
Government investment	7.5
Top marginal tax rate	4.0
State ownership of assets	6.1
Legal system and property rights	**4.5**
Judicial independence	6.5
Impartial courts	5.7
Property rights	3.1
Military interference	7.5
Integrity of the legal system	5.6
Contracts	3.0
Real property	6.9
Police and crime	0.8
Sound money	**6.3**
Money growth	9.6
Standard deviation of inflation	7.7
Inflation: most recent year	7.9
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.3**
Tariffs	8.2
Regulatory trade barriers	5.6
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	5.5
Regulation	**6.3**
Credit market regulation	7.2
Labor market regulation	7.8
Business regulation	4.4
Freedom to compete	5.7

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

OCEANIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.27**	**7.31**	**7.38**	**7.51**	**7.51**	**7.52**	**7.45**	**7.22**	**7.15**	**7.20**	**6.96**	**7.17**
Ranking	**62**	**65**	**64**	**59**	**56**	**59**	**62**	**72**	**77**	**79**	**72**	**71**
Economic freedom	5.68	5.80	5.99	6.33	6.31	6.40	6.56	6.22	6.04	6.03	6.10	6.02
Personal freedom	8.40	8.40	8.37	8.35	8.37	8.32	8.09	7.94	7.94	8.04	7.58	7.99
Rule of law	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**5.9**	**5.8**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**6.0**	**5.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.8
Security and safety	**8.3**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.3**	**8.4**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**
Homicide	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.3	7.4	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.0	9.3	9.1	9.3	9.3	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
Movement	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**6.3**	**9.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.0	8.0	9.6	9.6	9.6
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**8.8**
Civil society entry and exit	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.2	9.2	9.2
Freedom of assembly	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.7	7.7	7.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4
Civil society repression	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.4	9.4	9.4
Expression and information	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**7.8**	**7.9**	**7.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.4	7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.4	8.7	8.0	7.8	8.2	8.4	7.8	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9	8.9	7.8	7.8	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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PARAGUAY

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
67

Score
7.24

PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 75/165	Score 7.43
Rule of law		**3.6**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		6.1
Security and safety		**8.3**
Homicide		8.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		8.6
Movement		**9.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		8.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**8.8**
Freedom of religion		8.2
Religious organization repression		9.4
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.4**
Civil society entry and exit		8.2
Freedom of assembly		8.4
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.0
Civil society repression		7.9
Expression and information		**6.0**
Direct attacks on the press		5.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		5.6
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**7.5**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		5.0
Inheritance rights		5.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 62/165	Score 6.98
Size of government		**8.1**
Government consumption		7.4
Transfers and subsidies		8.9
Government investment		7.5
Top marginal tax rate		8.5
State ownership of assets		8.2
Legal system and property rights		**4.3**
Judicial independence		4.6
Impartial courts		3.3
Property rights		5.1
Military interference		2.5
Integrity of the legal system		4.8
Contracts		3.3
Real property		8.5
Police and crime		2.7
Sound money		**8.5**
Money growth		8.9
Standard deviation of inflation		8.8
Inflation: most recent year		6.1
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.4**
Tariffs		8.0
Regulatory trade barriers		5.7
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		5.9
Regulation		**6.6**
Credit market regulation		8.6
Labor market regulation		5.2
Business regulation		4.9
Freedom to compete		7.8

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LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.22**	**7.08**	**7.17**	**7.31**	**7.33**	**7.56**	**7.55**	**7.36**	**7.43**	**7.44**	**7.07**	**7.24**
Ranking	**65**	**73**	**75**	**73**	**63**	**57**	**55**	**66**	**62**	**64**	**69**	**67**
Economic freedom	6.82	6.77	6.80	6.83	6.81	6.98	6.98	6.96	7.07	7.16	7.01	6.98
Personal freedom	7.50	7.30	7.43	7.65	7.70	7.97	7.95	7.65	7.68	7.63	7.12	7.43
Rule of law	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.8**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**3.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.9	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.2	6.1
Security and safety	**6.8**	**5.9**	**6.5**	**7.4**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**7.8**	**8.4**	**8.3**	**8.3**
Homicide	4.6	2.8	3.8	6.3	6.0	6.5	7.0	7.4	7.1	7.9	7.9	8.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.4	9.1	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.8	8.7	8.6
Movement	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**6.1**	**9.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.9	8.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Freedom of religion	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	8.2	8.2	8.2
Religious organization repression	8.3	8.3	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.0**	**8.3**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**
Civil society entry and exit	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	7.8	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
Freedom of assembly	7.3	7.3	6.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.0	9.0
Civil society repression	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	9.6	8.7	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9
Expression and information	**6.9**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.8**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.9**	**6.0**	**6.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	7.3	7.3	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.8	5.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.1	6.9	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.8	7.4	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	6.0	5.6	5.4	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
54

Score
7.62

PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 67/165	Score 7.77
Rule of law		**4.5**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		6.4
Security and safety		**8.5**
Homicide		8.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		8.7
Movement		**7.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**9.8**
Freedom of religion		9.8
Religious organization repression		9.7
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.2**
Civil society entry and exit		8.6
Freedom of assembly		6.5
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.5
Civil society repression		8.4
Expression and information		**8.0**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		7.8
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**7.5**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		2.5
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 43/165	Score 7.41
Size of government		**7.7**
Government consumption		6.7
Transfers and subsidies		9.6
Government investment		7.8
Top marginal tax rate		5.5
State ownership of assets		9.0
Legal system and property rights		**5.1**
Judicial independence		4.9
Impartial courts		3.3
Property rights		5.3
Military interference		5.8
Integrity of the legal system		5.8
Contracts		4.0
Real property		8.5
Police and crime		3.5
Sound money		**8.5**
Money growth		8.5
Standard deviation of inflation		8.9
Inflation: most recent year		6.7
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.5**
Tariffs		9.3
Regulatory trade barriers		7.2
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvm. of capital and people		7.5
Regulation		**7.2**
Credit market regulation		8.9
Labor market regulation		7.3
Business regulation		4.9
Freedom to compete		7.8

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LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.03**	**7.70**	**7.62**	**7.61**	**7.55**	**7.62**	**7.65**	**7.51**	**7.53**	**7.83**	**7.56**	**7.62**
Ranking	**72**	**46**	**51**	**52**	**53**	**54**	**52**	**57**	**59**	**51**	**52**	**54**
Economic freedom	7.32	7.61	7.56	7.58	7.57	7.62	7.61	7.55	7.63	7.78	7.53	7.41
Personal freedom	6.82	7.77	7.66	7.63	7.53	7.61	7.68	7.48	7.46	7.86	7.58	7.77
Rule of law	**3.8**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**4.8**	**4.6**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**4.4**	**4.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	7.4	7.4	6.7	5.9	6.2	6.1	6.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.1	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.5	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.5	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.4
Security and safety	**7.2**	**8.9**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.4**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.7**	**8.5**
Homicide	-	-	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.1	8.0	7.7	7.8	8.3	8.3
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.2	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.3	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.7
Movement	**7.3**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**6.1**	**7.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.9	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	8.8	9.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**8.7**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	7.8	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	9.8	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.5**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.4**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.4**	**8.0**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.2**
Civil society entry and exit	6.9	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.8	7.7	8.8	8.8	8.6
Freedom of assembly	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	7.3	7.3	6.5
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.5	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.2	9.5
Civil society repression	7.1	9.3	9.3	8.9	8.7	8.6	9.0	9.4	8.9	9.1	8.8	8.4
Expression and information	**6.4**	**7.8**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**7.0**	**7.2**	**7.0**	**6.9**	**7.2**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**8.0**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0	7.6	8.9	8.9	7.5	8.6	7.6	7.5	8.5	9.0	9.5	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.8	8.0	8.0	7.8	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.6	7.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	9.1	8.4	8.0	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.0	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**8.1**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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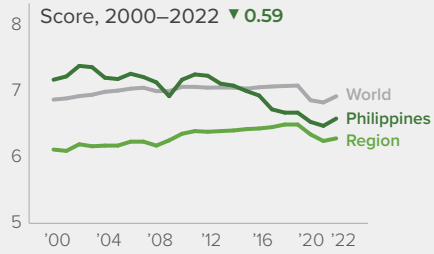
PHILIPPINES

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
99

Score
6.54



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 113/165	Score 6.21
Rule of law		**3.4**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		5.2
Security and safety		**6.9**
Homicide		8.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		5.1
Movement		**7.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		8.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**8.2**
Freedom of religion		8.0
Religious organization repression		8.3
Association, assembly, civil society		**6.8**
Civil society entry and exit		7.6
Freedom of assembly		5.5
Freedom to form/run political parties		8.1
Civil society repression		6.0
Expression and information		**4.5**
Direct attacks on the press		7.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)		5.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		3.3
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**6.2**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		0.0
Inheritance rights		5.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 59/165	Score 7.01
Size of government		**7.8**
Government consumption		6.9
Transfers and subsidies		8.5
Government investment		8.8
Top marginal tax rate		7.0
State ownership of assets		7.9
Legal system and property rights		**4.5**
Judicial independence		5.0
Impartial courts		3.7
Property rights		6.7
Military interference		4.2
Integrity of the legal system		4.7
Contracts		4.5
Real property		7.9
Police and crime		2.9
Sound money		**9.0**
Money growth		9.2
Standard deviation of inflation		9.3
Inflation: most recent year		7.7
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.1**
Tariffs		7.5
Regulatory trade barriers		5.9
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		5.2
Regulation		**6.5**
Credit market regulation		8.3
Labor market regulation		6.7
Business regulation		4.6
Freedom to compete		6.4

PHILIPPINES

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.13**	**7.34**	**7.16**	**7.22**	**7.09**	**7.13**	**7.19**	**7.04**	**6.89**	**6.63**	**6.49**	**6.54**
Ranking	**70**	**64**	**76**	**78**	**80**	**77**	**74**	**78**	**85**	**100**	**98**	**99**
Economic freedom	6.92	7.01	6.90	6.85	6.70	7.07	7.25	7.28	7.24	7.10	6.96	7.01
Personal freedom	7.28	7.57	7.34	7.48	7.38	7.17	7.15	6.87	6.65	6.29	6.15	6.21
Rule of law	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.2**	**3.7**	**3.9**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.6	2.5	2.5	2.3	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.5	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.2	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.1	3.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.7	5.3	5.2	5.2
Security and safety	**5.4**	**6.1**	**6.8**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**5.6**	**5.9**	**6.5**	**6.9**	**6.9**
Homicide	7.9	7.7	7.8	8.0	8.1	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.8	8.5	8.7	8.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	3.0	4.5	5.8	5.3	5.3	6.0	5.7	4.0	5.1	4.5	5.1	5.1
Movement	**7.8**	**9.4**	**7.8**	**9.5**	**9.4**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.3	8.4	8.4	8.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.2**	**7.2**	**7.6**	**8.2**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.1	7.3	7.3	8.0
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.4	7.2	7.8	8.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.2**	**8.4**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.4**	**7.7**	**6.7**	**6.8**
Civil society entry and exit	9.1	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0	8.0	7.6	7.6
Freedom of assembly	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	6.9	6.6	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.3	5.0	5.5
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.1	8.1	8.1
Civil society repression	9.4	9.4	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.7	7.3	6.0	6.0
Expression and information	**7.8**	**7.6**	**7.0**	**6.5**	**6.0**	**5.7**	**5.8**	**6.2**	**5.3**	**5.4**	**4.8**	**4.5**
Direct attacks on the press	9.0	9.0	7.0	6.3	6.1	4.7	4.9	6.0	5.8	7.3	8.2	7.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.9	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	6.6	5.9	5.4	5.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.6	7.4	6.5	4.8	5.0	4.8	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	5.6	4.4	4.4	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.4	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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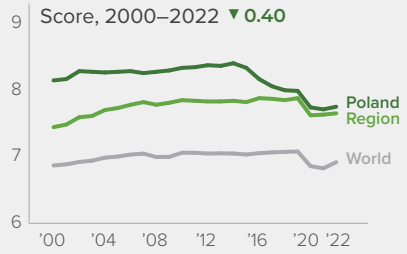
POLAND

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
51

Score
7.72



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 47/165 | Score 8.34

Rule of law	**6.0**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.5
Security and safety	**9.5**
Homicide	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.2
Movement	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**8.5**
Freedom of religion	7.8
Religious organization repression	9.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.6**
Civil society entry and exit	6.6
Freedom of assembly	7.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.6
Civil society repression	7.0
Expression and information	**7.1**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 70/165 | Score 6.85

Size of government	**5.9**
Government consumption	4.7
Transfers and subsidies	4.9
Government investment	7.4
Top marginal tax rate	5.5
State ownership of assets	7.1
Legal system and property rights	**6.4**
Judicial independence	4.6
Impartial courts	5.5
Property rights	6.3
Military interference	10.0
Integrity of the legal system	6.3
Contracts	4.7
Real property	7.3
Police and crime	6.8
Sound money	**6.6**
Money growth	8.7
Standard deviation of inflation	8.6
Inflation: most recent year	4.2
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.4**
Tariffs	8.5
Regulatory trade barriers	8.5
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	6.7
Regulation	**6.8**
Credit market regulation	7.0
Labor market regulation	7.2
Business regulation	5.7
Freedom to compete	7.4

POLAND

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.12**	**8.26**	**8.24**	**8.26**	**8.25**	**8.31**	**8.35**	**8.38**	**8.14**	**7.97**	**7.71**	**7.72**
Ranking	**35**	**31**	**36**	**37**	**36**	**35**	**35**	**34**	**38**	**44**	**45**	**51**
Economic freedom	6.52	6.83	6.84	6.87	6.85	6.93	7.22	7.41	7.32	7.20	7.03	6.85
Personal freedom	9.26	9.27	9.23	9.25	9.25	9.29	9.15	9.07	8.73	8.52	8.20	8.34
Rule of law	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**6.9**	**7.1**	**6.4**	**6.3**	**6.0**	**6.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	9.0	9.0	7.4	7.7	6.6	6.6	6.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.1	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	7.3	7.3	7.0	6.9	6.2	6.0	5.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.9	7.3	6.8	6.6	6.5
Security and safety	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.5**
Homicide	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.2
Movement	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.7**	**8.0**	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.3	9.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**8.8**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.5**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	8.2	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.8
Religious organization repression	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**8.5**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.6**
Civil society entry and exit	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	7.4	7.0	7.0	6.6
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	8.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	7.7	7.7	7.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.6	9.6
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.3	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.0	7.0	7.1	7.0
Expression and information	**8.9**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.5**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.1**	**7.6**	**7.5**	**7.1**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.6	9.6	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.9	9.0	9.4	9.4	9.3	6.9	6.6	6.6	5.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.8	10.0	9.8	9.4	9.0	8.8	8.6	8.6	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	7.8	8.9	8.9	8.9	10.0	7.8	6.7	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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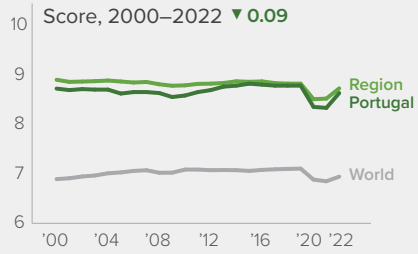
PORTUGAL

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
20

Score
8.57



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 17/165	Score 9.27
Rule of law		**6.6**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.2
Security and safety		**9.7**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.6
Movement		**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.9**
Freedom of religion		9.9
Religious organization repression		9.9
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.2**
Civil society entry and exit		7.9
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.5
Civil society repression		9.4
Expression and information		**9.8**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		9.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 27/165	Score 7.59
Size of government		**6.2**
Government consumption		5.4
Transfers and subsidies		4.7
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		2.5
State ownership of assets		8.4
Legal system and property rights		**7.4**
Judicial independence		7.2
Impartial courts		5.7
Property rights		8.3
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		8.2
Contracts		4.5
Real property		7.4
Police and crime		7.7
Sound money		**8.5**
Money growth		7.7
Standard deviation of inflation		9.4
Inflation: most recent year		6.9
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.9**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.7
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		8.5
Regulation		**7.0**
Credit market regulation		7.9
Labor market regulation		6.5
Business regulation		5.8
Freedom to compete		7.5

PORTUGAL

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.66**	**8.65**	**8.64**	**8.59**	**8.57**	**8.52**	**8.63**	**8.72**	**8.74**	**8.72**	**8.29**	**8.57**
Ranking	**20**	**22**	**21**	**22**	**24**	**25**	**23**	**19**	**20**	**19**	**23**	**20**
Economic freedom	7.71	7.63	7.61	7.51	7.46	7.33	7.62	7.72	7.76	7.74	7.53	7.59
Personal freedom	9.34	9.37	9.38	9.36	9.36	9.37	9.35	9.44	9.45	9.43	8.84	9.27
Rule of law	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**6.5**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**6.9**	**6.7**	**6.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	7.4	7.4	7.3	8.1	8.2	7.9	7.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.6	6.9	6.8	6.6	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	6.2	6.2	5.9	6.7	6.4	5.9	5.7	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.9	8.2	8.2	7.4	7.2
Security and safety	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Homicide	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.6	9.6
Movement	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**6.6**	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.9**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.7	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.4**	**9.6**	**9.4**	**9.2**
Civil society entry and exit	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.3	8.9	8.1	7.9
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.5
Civil society repression	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.4
Expression and information	**9.5**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.2	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.8	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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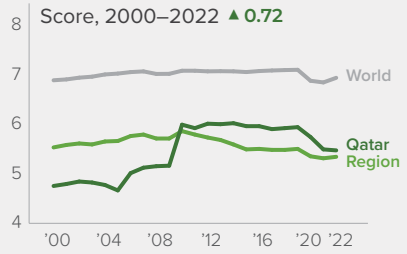
QATAR

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
134

Score
5.41



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 153/165 | Score 4.49

Rule of law	**4.6**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.6
Security and safety	**9.2**
Homicide	9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.6
Movement	**4.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	5.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**4.1**
Freedom of religion	3.0
Religious organization repression	5.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**2.2**
Civil society entry and exit	1.8
Freedom of assembly	1.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	1.6
Civil society repression	4.4
Expression and information	**4.3**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	2.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**2.5**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 78/165 | Score 6.71

Size of government	**5.8**
Government consumption	0.1
Transfers and subsidies	9.6
Government investment	-
Top marginal tax rate	10.0
State ownership of assets	3.6
Legal system and property rights	**5.4**
Judicial independence	6.0
Impartial courts	6.6
Property rights	7.1
Military interference	6.7
Integrity of the legal system	6.7
Contracts	4.9
Real property	9.9
Police and crime	9.0
Sound money	**7.7**
Money growth	9.8
Standard deviation of inflation	2.9
Inflation: most recent year	8.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.4**
Tariffs	8.6
Regulatory trade barriers	7.3
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	7.6
Regulation	**6.2**
Credit market regulation	6.7
Labor market regulation	5.2
Business regulation	6.8
Freedom to compete	6.2

QATAR

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**4.69**	**4.78**	**4.71**	**4.95**	**5.09**	**5.93**	**5.95**	**5.96**	**5.90**	**5.86**	**5.68**	**5.41**
Ranking	**147**	**149**	**150**	**150**	**144**	**124**	**123**	**123**	**123**	**128**	**128**	**134**
Economic freedom	4.28	4.67	4.46	5.13	5.36	6.92	6.96	7.09	6.94	6.91	6.84	6.71
Personal freedom	4.92	4.84	4.86	4.85	4.93	5.22	5.23	5.15	5.16	5.11	4.85	4.49
Rule of law	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.4**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**4.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	4.6
Security and safety	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.3**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.2**
Homicide	10.0	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	8.6	9.4	9.5	9.4	8.6
Movement	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**5.0**	**4.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.3	7.3	7.3	6.7	6.8	6.6	6.7	5.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3
Religion	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.7**	**5.0**	**4.1**
Freedom of religion	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.3	3.5	3.0
Religious organization repression	5.7	5.7	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.7	5.7	6.2	6.5	5.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**2.5**	**2.4**	**2.4**	**2.4**	**2.4**	**2.6**	**2.6**	**2.5**	**2.6**	**2.5**	**2.2**	**2.2**
Civil society entry and exit	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.8
Freedom of assembly	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Civil society repression	5.4	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.8	4.4	4.4
Expression and information	**5.3**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**4.9**	**5.1**	**5.2**	**5.3**	**5.0**	**4.6**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.3**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	3.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.9	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	6.7	5.6	4.4	3.3	3.3	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**1.8**	**1.8**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	7.0	7.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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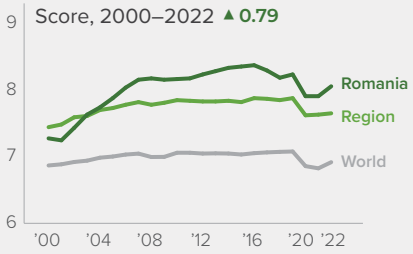
ROMANIA

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
37

Score
8.03



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 43/165	Score 8.47
Rule of law		**6.0**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		6.7
Security and safety		**9.7**
Homicide		9.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.7
Movement		**9.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		8.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**8.6**
Freedom of religion		7.4
Religious organization repression		9.7
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.6**
Civil society entry and exit		8.1
Freedom of assembly		8.5
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.0
Civil society repression		9.0
Expression and information		**7.6**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		6.7
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 43/165	Score 7.41
Size of government		**7.0**
Government consumption		5.6
Transfers and subsidies		6.4
Government investment		8.7
Top marginal tax rate		7.0
State ownership of assets		7.2
Legal system and property rights		**6.8**
Judicial independence		6.2
Impartial courts		5.2
Property rights		6.8
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		6.2
Contracts		5.0
Real property		9.3
Police and crime		7.0
Sound money		**7.9**
Money growth		8.5
Standard deviation of inflation		8.5
Inflation: most recent year		4.5
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.5**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.7
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.0
Regulation		**6.9**
Credit market regulation		7.6
Labor market regulation		7.9
Business regulation		5.8
Freedom to compete		6.3

ROMANIA

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.24**	**7.40**	**7.71**	**8.01**	**8.15**	**8.14**	**8.21**	**8.31**	**8.35**	**8.16**	**7.88**	**8.03**
Ranking	**63**	**62**	**46**	**40**	**38**	**40**	**37**	**35**	**34**	**38**	**39**	**37**
Economic freedom	5.38	6.23	6.62	7.24	7.47	7.42	7.60	7.86	7.90	7.71	7.61	7.41
Personal freedom	8.57	8.24	8.48	8.56	8.64	8.66	8.64	8.63	8.66	8.48	8.07	8.47
Rule of law	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.2**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.2**	**6.1**	**6.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	7.0	7.0	7.1	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.4	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.5	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.3	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.3	6.9	6.7	6.7
Security and safety	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**
Homicide	9.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7
Movement	**9.7**	**8.0**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**6.1**	**9.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.8	8.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.6**
Freedom of religion	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.4
Religious organization repression	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.8**	**8.5**	**8.6**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.9**	**7.8**	**8.7**	**8.6**
Civil society entry and exit	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.4	6.9	8.1	8.1
Freedom of assembly	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.5	8.5	7.7	8.2	8.5
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.9	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.0
Civil society repression	9.7	8.7	8.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	7.3	9.2	9.0
Expression and information	**7.9**	**7.5**	**7.3**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**7.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.7	5.7	5.7	6.2	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.6	8.0	7.2	8.3	7.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5	7.3	6.4	7.1	6.7	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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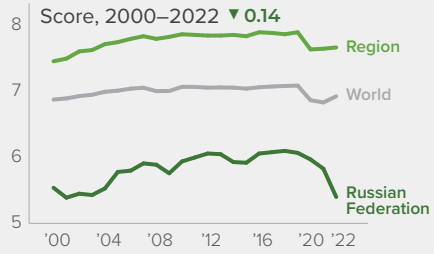
RUSSIAN FEDERATION

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
139

Score
5.35



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 141/165	Score 4.94
Rule of law		**3.1**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		4.3
Security and safety		**6.8**
Homicide		8.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		5.7
Movement		**5.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		7.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**4.7**
Freedom of religion		4.5
Religious organization repression		4.9
Association, assembly, civil society		**2.4**
Civil society entry and exit		1.4
Freedom of assembly		0.7
Freedom to form/run political parties		6.2
Civil society repression		1.2
Expression and information		**2.1**
Direct attacks on the press		5.2
Media and expression (V-Dem)		2.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)		0.0
Media and expression (BTI)		3.3
Media and expression (CLD)		0.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 119/165	Score 5.93
Size of government		**6.1**
Government consumption		3.9
Transfers and subsidies		5.3
Government investment		8.0
Top marginal tax rate		8.5
State ownership of assets		4.6
Legal system and property rights		**4.7**
Judicial independence		4.3
Impartial courts		3.2
Property rights		4.2
Military interference		5.8
Integrity of the legal system		4.2
Contracts		4.2
Real property		9.7
Police and crime		4.5
Sound money		**7.3**
Money growth		7.8
Standard deviation of inflation		6.9
Inflation: most recent year		4.5
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**6.1**
Tariffs		7.4
Regulatory trade barriers		5.6
Black-market exchange rates		8.2
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		3.2
Regulation		**5.5**
Credit market regulation		8.0
Labor market regulation		5.9
Business regulation		3.1
Freedom to compete		4.8

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.49**	**5.40**	**5.48**	**5.75**	**5.84**	**5.89**	**6.01**	**5.88**	**6.01**	**6.05**	**5.92**	**5.35**
Ranking	**128**	**133**	**133**	**130**	**127**	**127**	**122**	**126**	**122**	**123**	**120**	**139**
Economic freedom	4.89	4.96	5.23	5.41	5.66	6.01	6.26	6.16	6.42	6.56	6.42	5.93
Personal freedom	5.92	5.72	5.66	5.99	5.97	5.80	5.83	5.68	5.72	5.68	5.57	4.94
Rule of law	**4.4**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.3**	**4.0**	**3.9**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**3.7**	**3.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	4.6	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.1	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.3
Security and safety	**3.2**	**3.1**	**2.9**	**5.0**	**5.8**	**5.4**	**6.4**	**6.3**	**6.7**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**
Homicide	1.8	1.1	2.1	4.2	5.2	5.7	6.7	6.7	6.8	7.6	7.9	8.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	4.6	5.1	3.7	6.0	6.4	5.1	6.1	5.9	6.6	6.0	5.8	5.7
Movement	**6.2**	**6.1**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**5.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.0	8.9	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	7.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**6.8**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.9**	**6.8**	**5.8**	**5.7**	**5.4**	**5.2**	**4.9**	**4.8**	**4.7**
Freedom of religion	5.5	5.5	5.4	6.9	6.9	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.5
Religious organization repression	8.2	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.5	6.3	5.8	5.6	5.1	5.0	4.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.0**	**5.6**	**5.5**	**5.1**	**5.0**	**4.9**	**4.5**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.1**	**2.4**
Civil society entry and exit	5.1	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.2	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	1.4
Freedom of assembly	4.5	4.5	4.5	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.4	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.2
Civil society repression	7.1	6.6	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.0	4.7	4.6	4.8	4.2	1.2
Expression and information	**4.8**	**4.8**	**4.7**	**4.5**	**3.8**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**3.9**	**3.8**	**3.5**	**2.1**
Direct attacks on the press	8.3	8.5	8.8	8.5	8.2	7.9	8.5	9.2	9.2	8.6	7.3	5.2
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.3	5.9	5.5	5.4	3.8	5.2	4.7	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.6	2.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	1.6	1.5	1.4	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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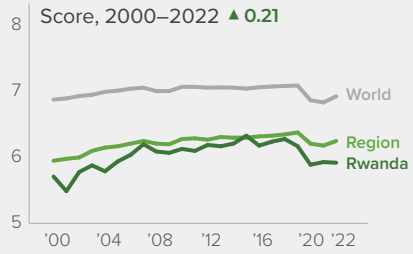
RWANDA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
121

Score
5.87



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 124/165 | Score 5.45

Rule of law	**5.4**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.3
Security and safety	**7.8**
Homicide	9.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.6
Movement	**5.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	4.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**5.6**
Freedom of religion	7.0
Religious organization repression	4.1
Association, assembly, civil society	**3.4**
Civil society entry and exit	2.3
Freedom of assembly	1.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	5.6
Civil society repression	4.0
Expression and information	**2.9**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 92/165 | Score 6.45

Size of government	**4.9**
Government consumption	6.3
Transfers and subsidies	8.8
Government investment	0.6
Top marginal tax rate	6.5
State ownership of assets	2.6
Legal system and property rights	**5.9**
Judicial independence	4.5
Impartial courts	5.1
Property rights	5.5
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	4.8
Contracts	4.9
Real property	9.8
Police and crime	6.8
Sound money	**7.1**
Money growth	8.2
Standard deviation of inflation	7.4
Inflation: most recent year	2.9
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.5**
Tariffs	6.9
Regulatory trade barriers	5.6
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	7.6
Regulation	**6.7**
Credit market regulation	6.3
Labor market regulation	7.7
Business regulation	6.3
Freedom to compete	6.7

RWANDA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.66**	**5.73**	**5.74**	**5.99**	**6.04**	**6.08**	**6.14**	**6.16**	**6.13**	**6.23**	**5.84**	**5.87**
Ranking	**124**	**124**	**125**	**119**	**120**	**119**	**115**	**118**	**119**	**118**	**122**	**121**
Economic freedom	5.40	5.81	5.72	5.94	6.09	6.67	6.80	6.77	6.85	6.95	6.57	6.45
Personal freedom	5.84	5.68	5.76	6.02	6.01	5.66	5.66	5.72	5.62	5.72	5.32	5.45
Rule of law	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.1**	**6.0**	**6.2**	**6.1**	**5.6**	**5.2**	**5.4**	**5.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.8	4.1	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.4	6.6	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.4	5.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.3	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.3
Security and safety	**6.8**	**7.6**	**7.9**	**8.3**	**8.6**	**6.2**	**6.9**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**7.4**	**7.2**	**7.8**
Homicide	-	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.6	9.2	9.3	8.9	9.2	9.2	9.0	9.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.8	6.2	6.8	7.7	7.6	3.1	4.5	5.7	5.2	5.6	5.5	6.6
Movement	**7.2**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.1**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.1**	**6.9**	**5.1**	**5.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.6	7.1	6.9	4.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.3**	**6.0**	**5.7**	**5.6**	**5.6**
Freedom of religion	7.8	7.7	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.8	7.2	7.1	7.0
Religious organization repression	5.4	5.4	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.0**	**3.7**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.7**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.4**
Civil society entry and exit	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.3
Freedom of assembly	3.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.2	2.6	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.6	5.6
Civil society repression	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0
Expression and information	**3.5**	**3.6**	**4.0**	**3.7**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**2.5**	**2.6**	**3.0**	**3.9**	**2.9**	**2.9**
Direct attacks on the press	7.9	7.9	10.0	8.6	7.3	7.2	3.5	3.5	5.4	10.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	3.9	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	3.2	3.2	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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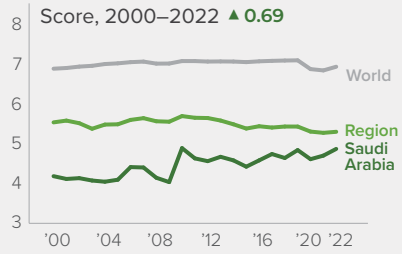
SAUDI ARABIA

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
155

Score
4.80



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 163/165 | Score 3.20

Rule of law	**3.6**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.6
Security and safety	**7.8**
Homicide	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	5.8
Movement	**4.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	5.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**1.6**
Freedom of religion	0.4
Religious organization repression	2.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**1.3**
Civil society entry and exit	0.9
Freedom of assembly	0.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	0.8
Civil society repression	3.1
Expression and information	**1.3**
Direct attacks on the press	4.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)	2.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	0.0
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0
Relationships	**2.5**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 58/165 | Score 7.03

Size of government	**6.4**
Government consumption	1.0
Transfers and subsidies	7.8
Government investment	10.0
Top marginal tax rate	10.0
State ownership of assets	3.1
Legal system and property rights	**6.7**
Judicial independence	5.4
Impartial courts	4.9
Property rights	7.7
Military interference	8.3
Integrity of the legal system	6.5
Contracts	4.8
Real property	10.0
Police and crime	9.4
Sound money	**8.7**
Money growth	9.8
Standard deviation of inflation	5.8
Inflation: most recent year	9.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.0**
Tariffs	6.0
Regulatory trade barriers	7.1
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.7
Regulation	**6.5**
Credit market regulation	7.5
Labor market regulation	6.0
Business regulation	6.3
Freedom to compete	6.1

SAUDI ARABIA

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**4.11**	**4.06**	**3.97**	**4.34**	**4.07**	**4.82**	**4.49**	**4.51**	**4.51**	**4.57**	**4.54**	**4.80**
Ranking	**154**	**156**	**157**	**157**	**159**	**156**	**158**	**157**	**156**	**158**	**159**	**155**
Economic freedom	5.59	5.63	5.58	6.27	5.72	6.53	6.20	6.28	6.40	6.54	6.85	7.03
Personal freedom	3.26	3.17	3.04	3.23	3.13	3.60	3.27	3.24	3.16	3.17	2.89	3.20
Rule of law	**3.3**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.5**	**3.6**	**3.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6
Security and safety	**8.8**	**8.7**	**7.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.0**	**7.6**	**7.2**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.8**
Homicide	9.8	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.9	7.7	5.6	7.6	7.6	7.2	6.4	5.6	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.8
Movement	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**2.5**	**4.3**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6	5.0	5.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	3.3
Religion	**1.8**	**1.6**	**1.6**	**1.6**	**1.6**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1.7**	**1.7**	**1.9**	**1.7**	**1.6**
Freedom of religion	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.4
Religious organization repression	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**1.3**	**1.3**	**1.3**	**1.3**	**1.3**	**1.3**	**1.3**	**1.4**	**1.4**	**1.4**	**1.2**	**1.3**
Civil society entry and exit	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
Freedom of assembly	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.4	0.8
Civil society repression	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Expression and information	**3.7**	**3.4**	**3.6**	**3.5**	**2.8**	**2.7**	**2.2**	**1.8**	**1.6**	**1.5**	**1.3**	**1.3**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.1	7.4	5.5	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)	3.0	1.9	3.5	3.3	2.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Relationships	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**3.5**	**2.2**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	9.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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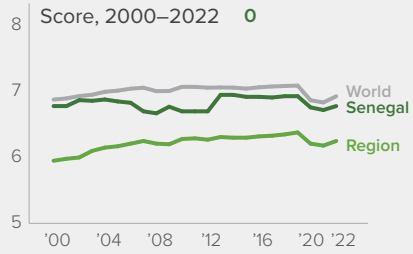
SENEGAL

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
88

Score
6.73



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 80/165 | Score 7.25

Rule of law	**5.0**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.1
Security and safety	**8.6**
Homicide	7.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.2
Movement	**8.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**9.4**
Freedom of religion	9.4
Religious organization repression	9.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.7**
Civil society entry and exit	9.1
Freedom of assembly	4.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.6
Civil society repression	8.8
Expression and information	**7.1**
Direct attacks on the press	9.3
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**5.0**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	5.0
Female genital mutilation	7.5

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 110/165 | Score 5.99

Size of government	**7.0**
Government consumption	6.0
Transfers and subsidies	8.8
Government investment	8.3
Top marginal tax rate	5.0
State ownership of assets	7.1
Legal system and property rights	**4.2**
Judicial independence	5.0
Impartial courts	4.3
Property rights	5.1
Military interference	4.2
Integrity of the legal system	6.0
Contracts	2.9
Real property	6.9
Police and crime	6.0
Sound money	**5.8**
Money growth	8.2
Standard deviation of inflation	8.9
Inflation: most recent year	6.1
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.9**
Tariffs	7.4
Regulatory trade barriers	5.7
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.3
Regulation	**6.1**
Credit market regulation	7.7
Labor market regulation	4.7
Business regulation	5.0
Freedom to compete	7.0

SENEGAL

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.73**	**6.82**	**6.83**	**6.78**	**6.62**	**6.65**	**6.65**	**6.90**	**6.87**	**6.88**	**6.71**	**6.73**
Ranking	**85**	**83**	**86**	**91**	**96**	**101**	**98**	**86**	**87**	**89**	**85**	**88**
Economic freedom	5.85	5.90	5.83	5.79	5.61	5.72	5.73	6.11	6.10	6.23	6.08	5.99
Personal freedom	7.36	7.48	7.54	7.49	7.34	7.32	7.30	7.47	7.43	7.35	7.15	7.25
Rule of law	**4.9**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**4.8**	**4.7**	**4.9**	**5.1**	**5.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.7	4.7	5.3	4.6	4.1	4.6	4.9	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.8	5.8	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.6	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.1
Security and safety	**7.4**	**8.0**	**8.2**	**8.3**	**8.1**	**7.9**	**7.6**	**8.2**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.5**	**8.6**
Homicide	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.7	8.8	9.3	9.2	8.6	8.2	7.7	8.5	8.7	8.5	9.2	9.2
Movement	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**6.4**	**8.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Freedom of religion	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.3	9.4	9.4
Religious organization repression	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.9	8.9	9.3	9.3	9.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**7.7**
Civil society entry and exit	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	9.0	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	9.1
Freedom of assembly	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.2	8.2	7.7	7.3	6.5	6.5	4.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.1	8.9	9.1	8.6
Civil society repression	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.1	9.1	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.0	8.8	8.8
Expression and information	**8.2**	**8.3**	**8.5**	**8.1**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**7.5**	**8.4**	**8.2**	**7.6**	**7.4**	**7.1**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.3
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.0	7.7	7.7	7.7	8.1	8.0	7.9	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.8	7.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5	8.4	9.4	7.3	6.1	5.9	6.3	7.3	7.5	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	6.7	6.7	7.8	8.9	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.5	7.5

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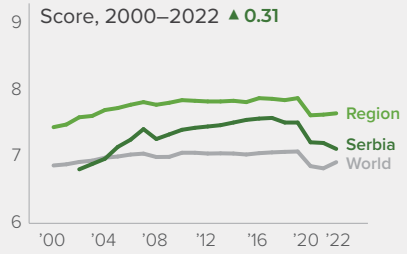
SERBIA

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
75

Score
7.08



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 78/165 | Score 7.36

Rule of law	**4.6**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.9
Security and safety	**9.3**
Homicide	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.9
Movement	**7.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**8.7**
Freedom of religion	7.9
Religious organization repression	9.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.7**
Civil society entry and exit	6.7
Freedom of assembly	5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.3
Civil society repression	6.6
Expression and information	**5.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 79/165 | Score 6.70

Size of government	**6.2**
Government consumption	6.1
Transfers and subsidies	3.9
Government investment	5.7
Top marginal tax rate	8.0
State ownership of assets	7.4
Legal system and property rights	**5.4**
Judicial independence	5.4
Impartial courts	3.8
Property rights	4.9
Military interference	6.7
Integrity of the legal system	5.9
Contracts	3.4
Real property	8.5
Police and crime	5.1
Sound money	**6.7**
Money growth	8.0
Standard deviation of inflation	8.6
Inflation: most recent year	5.2
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.1**
Tariffs	8.4
Regulatory trade barriers	8.2
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	5.6
Regulation	**7.1**
Credit market regulation	8.6
Labor market regulation	7.2
Business regulation	5.8
Freedom to compete	6.6

SERBIA

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**-**	**6.77**	**6.93**	**7.22**	**7.23**	**7.37**	**7.42**	**7.48**	**7.54**	**7.48**	**7.18**	**7.08**
Ranking	**-**	**84**	**81**	**78**	**72**	**66**	**64**	**58**	**58**	**61**	**67**	**75**
Economic freedom	-	4.02	4.54	5.91	6.12	6.38	6.59	6.79	6.98	7.03	6.82	6.70
Personal freedom	-	8.34	8.30	8.15	8.02	8.07	8.01	7.97	7.94	7.80	7.45	7.36
Rule of law	**-**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.8**	**4.8**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.4**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**4.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.6	4.7	5.0	4.9	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.9	5.0	4.9	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.5	4.1	3.4	3.6	4.0	4.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	-	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.2	7.2	6.8	6.8	6.9
Security and safety	**-**	**9.4**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.3**
Homicide	-	9.4	9.5	9.5	8.1	8.3	8.6	9.1	9.4	9.6	9.7	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	-	9.5	9.7	9.6	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.3	8.9	9.2	8.9
Movement	**-**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**7.9**	**7.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	-	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.2	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7
Religion	**-**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**8.8**	**8.7**
Freedom of religion	-	9.6	9.6	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.0	7.9
Religious organization repression	-	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**-**	**8.9**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**8.1**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**7.5**	**6.9**	**6.7**
Civil society entry and exit	-	7.9	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.5	6.5	6.7
Freedom of assembly	-	8.2	8.2	8.8	8.8	8.8	7.7	8.5	8.5	8.5	6.2	5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	-	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.4	8.7	8.6	8.3	8.2	8.3
Civil society repression	-	9.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.3	7.9	6.9	6.9	6.5	6.6	6.6
Expression and information	**-**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**7.1**	**7.0**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**6.8**	**6.7**	**5.9**	**5.8**	**5.6**
Direct attacks on the press	-	10.0	10.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	-	7.3	7.0	7.0	6.6	7.0	6.9	5.2	5.2	4.7	5.0	5.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	-	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	7.2	7.0	6.4	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.7	5.6	6.7	6.7	5.6	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	-	-	-	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**-**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	-	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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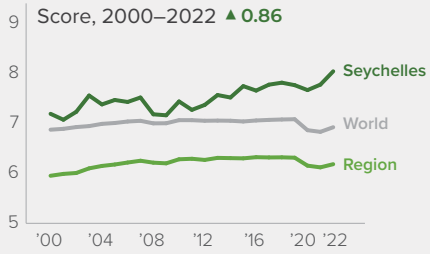
SEYCHELLES

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
38

Score
8.01



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 35/165	Score 8.74
Rule of law		**8.0**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.0
Security and safety		**9.1**
Homicide		8.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.5
Movement		**8.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**9.8**
Freedom of religion		9.8
Religious organization repression		9.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**8.0**
Civil society entry and exit		7.6
Freedom of assembly		7.1
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.4
Civil society repression		8.2
Expression and information		**8.0**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 62/165	Score 6.98
Size of government		**4.2**
Government consumption		0.0
Transfers and subsidies		7.5
Government investment		0.0
Top marginal tax rate		8.0
State ownership of assets		5.5
Legal system and property rights		**6.1**
Judicial independence		6.4
Impartial courts		5.7
Property rights		5.6
Military interference		-
Integrity of the legal system		8.8
Contracts		4.6
Real property		7.1
Police and crime		6.2
Sound money		**9.0**
Money growth		8.9
Standard deviation of inflation		8.1
Inflation: most recent year		8.9
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.3**
Tariffs		8.3
Regulatory trade barriers		6.6
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		8.5
Regulation		**7.2**
Credit market regulation		6.5
Labor market regulation		7.3
Business regulation		7.0
Freedom to compete		8.1

SEYCHELLES

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.15**	**7.19**	**7.34**	**7.39**	**7.14**	**7.40**	**7.33**	**7.48**	**7.62**	**7.78**	**7.63**	**8.01**
Ranking	**68**	**68**	**68**	**66**	**78**	**63**	**71**	**58**	**53**	**53**	**47**	**38**
Economic freedom	5.69	6.29	6.64	6.75	5.49	6.32	6.05	7.41	7.29	7.26	6.75	6.98
Personal freedom	7.98	7.71	7.74	7.76	8.08	8.01	8.07	7.53	7.87	8.15	8.26	8.74
Rule of law	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**7.0**	**8.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.2	7.7	8.0
Security and safety	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**8.1**	**8.6**	**8.2**	**9.0**	**7.2**	**7.8**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**9.1**
Homicide	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.1	8.1	7.1	8.7	5.0	6.4	7.3	7.5	8.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.5	9.5	9.5
Movement	**9.5**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**8.9**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.0**	**8.8**	**8.9**	**9.1**	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	7.5	9.2	9.2	9.6	9.8
Religious organization repression	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.6	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.4**	**7.0**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**6.8**	**7.0**	**7.5**	**7.9**	**8.1**	**8.0**
Civil society entry and exit	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	7.8	7.8	8.0	7.6
Freedom of assembly	8.8	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	5.4	5.4	5.4	7.1	7.1	7.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.5	7.5	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.9	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4
Civil society repression	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.5	6.5	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.9	8.2
Expression and information	**5.7**	**5.9**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**5.9**	**6.1**	**6.2**	**7.0**	**7.2**	**8.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.2	5.5	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.5	7.1	8.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.2	4.8	3.7	3.6	3.7	4.2	4.2	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**8.3**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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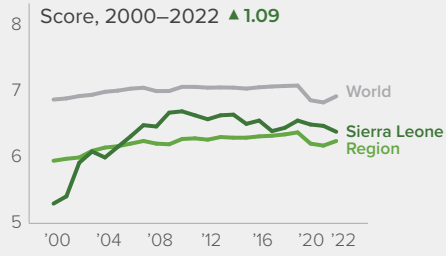
SIERRA LEONE

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
106

Score
6.34



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 95/165 | Score 6.87

Rule of law	**3.8**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.6
Security and safety	**9.1**
Homicide	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.7
Movement	**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**9.0**
Freedom of religion	8.1
Religious organization repression	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.7**
Civil society entry and exit	7.7
Freedom of assembly	4.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.0
Civil society repression	9.0
Expression and information	**7.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**3.6**
Same-sex relationships	5.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	5.0
Female genital mutilation	1.7

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 137/165 | Score 5.59

Size of government	**7.4**
Government consumption	8.7
Transfers and subsidies	10.0
Government investment	4.5
Top marginal tax rate	6.5
State ownership of assets	7.3
Legal system and property rights	**4.5**
Judicial independence	5.1
Impartial courts	3.7
Property rights	4.6
Military interference	4.2
Integrity of the legal system	6.0
Contracts	3.3
Real property	5.5
Police and crime	4.6
Sound money	**4.7**
Money growth	6.7
Standard deviation of inflation	7.1
Inflation: most recent year	0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.6**
Tariffs	7.4
Regulatory trade barriers	4.5
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.6
Regulation	**4.7**
Credit market regulation	3.3
Labor market regulation	5.0
Business regulation	4.7
Freedom to compete	5.9

SIERRA LEONE

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.25**	**5.87**	**5.95**	**6.27**	**6.42**	**6.65**	**6.53**	**6.60**	**6.51**	**6.40**	**6.45**	**6.34**
Ranking	**134**	**120**	**119**	**110**	**103**	**101**	**104**	**102**	**110**	**113**	**101**	**106**
Economic freedom	4.70	4.88	4.92	5.57	5.83	6.09	5.81	5.92	5.70	5.64	5.80	5.59
Personal freedom	5.65	6.57	6.69	6.78	6.83	7.05	7.05	7.08	7.09	6.94	6.91	6.87
Rule of law	**2.9**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.6**	**4.8**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**3.9**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**3.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.3	5.3	4.4	4.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.4	5.4	4.7	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.6	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.8	5.7	5.9	5.8	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.5	6.5	6.6
Security and safety	**6.5**	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**8.8**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.1**
Homicide	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.1	9.3	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	3.6	8.6	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.1	8.8	9.0	8.9	8.7
Movement	**6.3**	**7.7**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	5.9	8.7	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.2	9.2	9.7	9.7	9.1	9.1	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.0**	**8.8**	**9.0**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	8.2	7.9	8.1
Religious organization repression	9.5	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.3**	**8.2**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.3**	**8.4**	**8.2**	**8.0**	**8.1**	**7.7**
Civil society entry and exit	7.2	8.3	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	7.7
Freedom of assembly	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.5	6.1	7.2	6.5	5.7	5.7	4.9
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.6	9.0
Civil society repression	6.6	9.3	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0
Expression and information	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.9**	**5.4**	**6.0**	**7.0**	**6.7**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**
Direct attacks on the press	0.0	0.0	0.3	2.7	5.1	10.0	7.7	7.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.9	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.6	8.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.4	4.0	4.4	5.0	4.8	5.2	6.0	5.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**3.3**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.5**	**3.6**	**3.6**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.7

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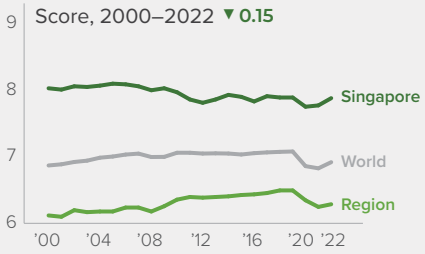
SINGAPORE

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
43

Score
7.85



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 79/165	Score 7.35
Rule of law		**7.4**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.1
Security and safety		**9.8**
Homicide		10.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.7
Movement		**7.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		8.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**7.4**
Freedom of religion		7.4
Religious organization repression		7.4
Association, assembly, civil society		**5.1**
Civil society entry and exit		3.3
Freedom of assembly		2.7
Freedom to form/run political parties		8.5
Civil society repression		6.0
Expression and information		**4.5**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		4.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		2.2
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 2/165	Score 8.55
Size of government		**7.3**
Government consumption		4.4
Transfers and subsidies		9.1
Government investment		9.2
Top marginal tax rate		10.0
State ownership of assets		4.0
Legal system and property rights		**8.4**
Judicial independence		6.5
Impartial courts		7.5
Property rights		9.5
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		8.3
Contracts		8.6
Real property		9.0
Police and crime		9.6
Sound money		**8.7**
Money growth		9.1
Standard deviation of inflation		8.2
Inflation: most recent year		7.6
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**9.6**
Tariffs		10.0
Regulatory trade barriers		9.2
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		9.0
Regulation		**8.7**
Credit market regulation		10.0
Labor market regulation		7.4
Business regulation		9.1
Freedom to compete		8.5

SINGAPORE

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.00**	**8.03**	**8.04**	**8.06**	**7.97**	**7.94**	**7.78**	**7.90**	**7.80**	**7.86**	**7.72**	**7.85**
Ranking	**41**	**40**	**40**	**38**	**43**	**43**	**50**	**47**	**50**	**50**	**44**	**43**
Economic freedom	8.68	8.70	8.74	8.83	8.77	8.69	8.58	8.77	8.79	8.81	8.50	8.55
Personal freedom	7.51	7.55	7.55	7.51	7.40	7.40	7.21	7.27	7.09	7.18	7.15	7.35
Rule of law	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.5**	**7.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	8.3	8.3	8.1	7.4	6.9	7.1	6.9	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	7.9	7.9	7.7	8.5	8.1	8.2	7.9	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.9	7.7	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.1
Security and safety	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Homicide	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7
Movement	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.3**	**7.4**	**7.4**
Freedom of religion	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.4
Religious organization repression	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	6.9	7.4	7.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.2**	**5.1**	**5.1**
Civil society entry and exit	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Freedom of assembly	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	3.5	2.7	2.7
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.2	8.5	8.5
Civil society repression	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.6	6.0	6.0
Expression and information	**4.5**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.6**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.5**	**3.6**	**4.2**	**4.1**	**4.5**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5	10.0	5.6	5.6	5.6	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	3.6	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	5.0	5.0	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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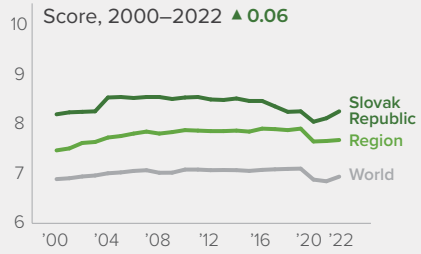
SLOVAK REPUBLIC

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
35

Score
8.20



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 32/165	Score 8.78
Rule of law		**6.4**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.6
Security and safety		**9.5**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.3
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**8.7**
Freedom of religion		7.6
Religious organization repression		9.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.0**
Civil society entry and exit		7.6
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.8
Civil society repression		8.7
Expression and information		**7.8**
Direct attacks on the press		7.3
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		8.9
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 45/165	Score 7.39
Size of government		**6.5**
Government consumption		4.4
Transfers and subsidies		4.6
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		5.5
State ownership of assets		8.2
Legal system and property rights		**6.8**
Judicial independence		5.6
Impartial courts		5.1
Property rights		6.6
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		7.0
Contracts		4.4
Real property		9.7
Police and crime		5.7
Sound money		**8.0**
Money growth		7.9
Standard deviation of inflation		9.1
Inflation: most recent year		4.9
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.6**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.4
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.5
Regulation		**7.1**
Credit market regulation		8.5
Labor market regulation		7.3
Business regulation		6.0
Freedom to compete		6.6

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.14**	**8.19**	**8.48**	**8.47**	**8.49**	**8.48**	**8.44**	**8.46**	**8.41**	**8.19**	**7.99**	**8.20**
Ranking	**33**	**34**	**27**	**28**	**27**	**29**	**31**	**30**	**31**	**37**	**33**	**35**
Economic freedom	6.85	6.97	7.61	7.61	7.71	7.69	7.65	7.73	7.71	7.64	7.37	7.39
Personal freedom	9.06	9.07	9.11	9.09	9.05	9.05	9.01	8.98	8.92	8.58	8.44	8.78
Rule of law	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.4**	**6.3**	**6.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.6
Security and safety	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.5**
Homicide	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.3	9.3
Movement	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**7.9**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.1	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.7**	**8.7**
Freedom of religion	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.5	7.6	7.6
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.1	9.4	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**9.0**
Civil society entry and exit	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.6	7.6
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.4	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.7	8.7	8.7
Expression and information	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**7.2**	**7.6**	**7.8**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.3	7.3	7.3
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.0	8.8	8.7	8.5	8.6	8.0	8.9	8.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.8	7.8	8.0	8.2	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.5	5.0	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9	7.8	8.9	8.9	8.9	7.8	8.9
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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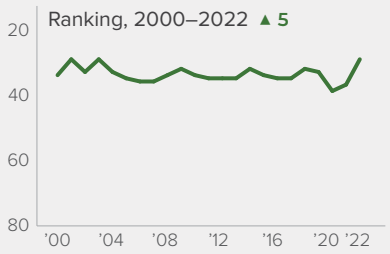
SLOVENIA

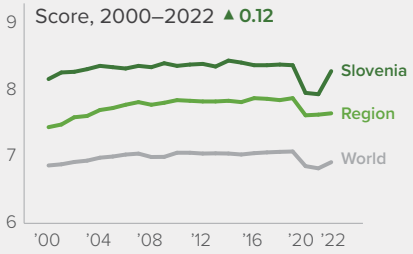
EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
28

Score
8.26





PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 23/165	Score 9.05
Rule of law		**7.2**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.8
Security and safety		**9.7**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.5
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.8**
Freedom of religion		9.8
Religious organization repression		9.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.1**
Civil society entry and exit		7.8
Freedom of assembly		9.3
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.7
Civil society repression		9.6
Expression and information		**7.8**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		6.7
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 54/165	Score 7.14
Size of government		**5.1**
Government consumption		4.0
Transfers and subsidies		4.8
Government investment		7.1
Top marginal tax rate		3.0
State ownership of assets		6.9
Legal system and property rights		**6.9**
Judicial independence		6.0
Impartial courts		5.9
Property rights		6.8
Military interference		9.2
Integrity of the legal system		7.2
Contracts		5.9
Real property		8.3
Police and crime		7.9
Sound money		**8.4**
Money growth		7.9
Standard deviation of inflation		9.2
Inflation: most recent year		6.5
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.5**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.6
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		6.7
Regulation		**6.8**
Credit market regulation		7.6
Labor market regulation		6.6
Business regulation		6.5
Freedom to compete		6.5

SLOVENIA

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.14**	**8.25**	**8.34**	**8.30**	**8.32**	**8.34**	**8.37**	**8.42**	**8.35**	**8.36**	**7.93**	**8.26**
Ranking	**33**	**32**	**32**	**35**	**33**	**33**	**34**	**31**	**34**	**31**	**38**	**28**
Economic freedom	6.64	6.92	7.15	7.05	7.19	7.12	7.20	7.30	7.41	7.41	7.06	7.14
Personal freedom	9.20	9.20	9.18	9.19	9.12	9.21	9.21	9.21	9.02	9.03	8.56	9.05
Rule of law	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.8**	**7.0**	**6.4**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**7.2**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.0	7.7	7.9	7.8	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.4	5.9	6.6	6.5	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	5.9	5.9	5.8	6.6	5.8	5.6	5.5	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.0	7.4	7.8
Security and safety	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Homicide	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**7.6**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.5	8.5	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.7**	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.6	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**8.5**	**9.1**
Civil society entry and exit	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.9	8.4	8.8	8.8	7.2	7.8
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.5	9.7
Civil society repression	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.8	9.8	9.3	9.8	9.8	9.5	7.5	9.6
Expression and information	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**7.8**	**7.8**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.6	9.0	8.4	8.4	8.5	9.1	8.6	8.9	8.7	8.5	7.1	7.1
Media and expression (Freedom House)	8.6	8.3	7.8	7.5	7.0	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.5	7.5	7.5	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	7.8	7.8	7.8	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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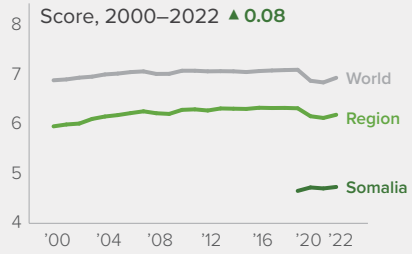
SOMALIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
158

Score
4.67



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 159/165 | Score 3.75

Rule of law	**3.4**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.4
Security and safety	**5.0**
Homicide	8.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	1.3
Movement	**4.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**4.0**
Freedom of religion	3.2
Religious organization repression	4.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.2**
Civil society entry and exit	3.9
Freedom of assembly	2.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.2
Civil society repression	6.4
Expression and information	**2.7**
Direct attacks on the press	2.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**1.3**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	5.0
Female genital mutilation	0.1

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 116/165 | Score 5.95

Size of government	**8.7**
Government consumption	10.0
Transfers and subsidies	9.8
Government investment	-
Top marginal tax rate	7.0
State ownership of assets	8.0
Legal system and property rights	**1.6**
Judicial independence	4.6
Impartial courts	0.8
Property rights	0.9
Military interference	1.7
Integrity of the legal system	1.9
Contracts	0.0
Real property	6.0
Police and crime	0.0
Sound money	**8.8**
Money growth	-
Standard deviation of inflation	9.0
Inflation: most recent year	7.3
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.4**
Tariffs	7.4
Regulatory trade barriers	2.5
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	5.6
Regulation	**4.3**
Credit market regulation	-
Labor market regulation	5.9
Business regulation	0.9
Freedom to compete	6.0

SOMALIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4.66**	**4.67**
Ranking	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**158**	**158**
Economic freedom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.04	5.95
Personal freedom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.68	3.75
Rule of law	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3.2**	**3.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.4	3.4
Security and safety	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5.0**	**5.0**
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.8	8.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3	1.3
Movement	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4.6**	**4.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.9	6.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.3
Religion	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3.6**	**4.0**
Freedom of religion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	3.2
Religious organization repression	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.6	4.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5.1**	**5.2**
Civil society entry and exit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.3	3.9
Freedom of assembly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	2.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.1	8.2
Civil society repression	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.8	6.4
Expression and information	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2.9**	**2.7**
Direct attacks on the press	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	2.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.9	4.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1.3**	**1.3**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
Divorce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1

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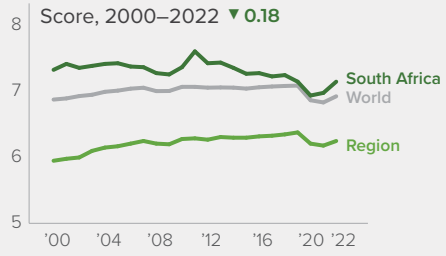
SOUTH AFRICA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
73

Score
7.10



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 76/165 | Score 7.42

Rule of law	**5.6**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.7
Security and safety	**4.2**
Homicide	0.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.5
Movement	**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**8.5**
Freedom of religion	8.1
Religious organization repression	8.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.0**
Civil society entry and exit	9.3
Freedom of assembly	9.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4
Civil society repression	8.0
Expression and information	**7.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 81/165 | Score 6.65

Size of government	**6.2**
Government consumption	5.0
Transfers and subsidies	8.6
Government investment	5.3
Top marginal tax rate	4.5
State ownership of assets	7.5
Legal system and property rights	**5.8**
Judicial independence	7.2
Impartial courts	5.6
Property rights	5.1
Military interference	8.3
Integrity of the legal system	5.2
Contracts	5.4
Real property	6.9
Police and crime	2.5
Sound money	**7.6**
Money growth	8.6
Standard deviation of inflation	9.6
Inflation: most recent year	7.2
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.0**
Tariffs	7.4
Regulatory trade barriers	5.6
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.8
Regulation	**6.7**
Credit market regulation	8.9
Labor market regulation	6.7
Business regulation	5.5
Freedom to compete	5.8

SOUTH AFRICA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.28**	**7.31**	**7.37**	**7.33**	**7.23**	**7.32**	**7.38**	**7.31**	**7.23**	**7.20**	**6.89**	**7.10**
Ranking	**60**	**65**	**65**	**71**	**72**	**69**	**66**	**70**	**73**	**79**	**76**	**73**
Economic freedom	6.86	6.77	6.87	6.83	6.57	6.74	6.81	6.71	6.57	6.62	6.47	6.65
Personal freedom	7.57	7.70	7.73	7.68	7.70	7.73	7.78	7.73	7.69	7.62	7.19	7.42
Rule of law	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.4**	**5.1**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.6**	**5.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.9	5.9	5.4	5.7	5.9	5.8	5.8	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.5	5.5	5.3	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.9	4.9	4.5	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.7	6.6	6.7
Security and safety	**3.3**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.4**	**4.2**
Homicide	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.6	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5
Movement	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**6.3**	**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.2	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**8.4**	**8.5**
Freedom of religion	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	8.1	8.1
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.8	8.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.7**	**9.4**	**9.7**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**8.9**	**8.6**	**9.2**	**9.0**	**9.0**
Civil society entry and exit	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Freedom of assembly	9.6	8.5	9.6	8.5	8.9	8.5	8.5	8.2	6.9	8.9	9.3	9.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.4
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.4	9.4	8.5	8.5	9.1	8.0	8.0
Expression and information	**8.2**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.6**	**7.9**	**7.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.7	9.7	9.7	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.8	6.2	6.4	6.6	7.0	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.4	8.9	8.5	8.1	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	6.7	7.8	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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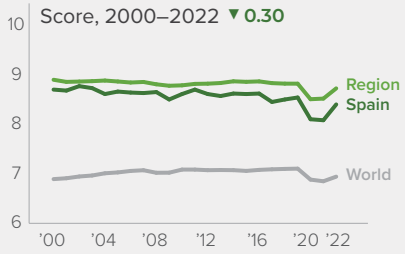
SPAIN

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
26

Score
8.34



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 30/165	Score 8.91
Rule of law		**7.4**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.4
Security and safety		**9.7**
Homicide		9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.5
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**8.9**
Freedom of religion		7.9
Religious organization repression		9.9
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.0**
Civil society entry and exit		9.5
Freedom of assembly		7.1
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.8
Civil society repression		9.8
Expression and information		**8.2**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 30/165	Score 7.54
Size of government		**6.0**
Government consumption		4.0
Transfers and subsidies		3.4
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		5.0
State ownership of assets		7.8
Legal system and property rights		**7.3**
Judicial independence		6.9
Impartial courts		6.0
Property rights		8.2
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		8.3
Contracts		5.2
Real property		7.7
Police and crime		8.2
Sound money		**8.4**
Money growth		7.6
Standard deviation of inflation		9.5
Inflation: most recent year		6.6
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.7**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.5
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.7
Regulation		**7.2**
Credit market regulation		8.6
Labor market regulation		6.6
Business regulation		6.2
Freedom to compete		7.4

SPAIN

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.64**	**8.71**	**8.55**	**8.58**	**8.59**	**8.55**	**8.55**	**8.56**	**8.56**	**8.44**	**8.04**	**8.34**
Ranking	**21**	**18**	**24**	**23**	**23**	**23**	**26**	**27**	**27**	**28**	**30**	**26**
Economic freedom	7.96	7.93	8.03	7.79	7.69	7.67	7.64	7.79	7.84	7.81	7.52	7.54
Personal freedom	9.13	9.27	8.92	9.14	9.24	9.17	9.20	9.11	9.07	8.89	8.41	8.91
Rule of law	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**6.9**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.1	8.1	8.4	8.5	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.6	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	6.9	6.9	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.7	6.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.2	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.4
Security and safety	**8.6**	**8.7**	**7.6**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.1**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Homicide	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.6	7.8	5.6	8.0	7.9	8.4	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.5	9.5	9.5
Movement	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**6.4**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.6	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.8**	**8.9**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.7	7.9
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.3**	**8.8**	**9.1**	**9.0**
Civil society entry and exit	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.7	9.5
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.8	7.1	7.1	7.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.2	9.4	9.3	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.2	9.3	9.0	9.8	9.8
Expression and information	**8.6**	**9.5**	**8.3**	**8.4**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**
Direct attacks on the press	9.6	9.6	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	9.2	9.4	8.0	8.0	7.7	8.0	7.7	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	10.0	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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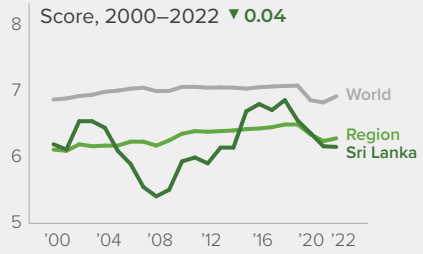
SRI LANKA

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
114

Score
6.11



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 112/165 | Score 6.28

Rule of law	**4.1**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.9
Security and safety	**8.2**
Homicide	9.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.4
Movement	**7.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**8.2**
Freedom of religion	7.3
Religious organization repression	9.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.0**
Civil society entry and exit	5.1
Freedom of assembly	4.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4
Civil society repression	4.8
Expression and information	**6.7**
Direct attacks on the press	9.4
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**3.1**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 123/165 | Score 5.87

Size of government	**8.8**
Government consumption	8.7
Transfers and subsidies	9.2
Government investment	8.5
Top marginal tax rate	10.0
State ownership of assets	7.4
Legal system and property rights	**4.9**
Judicial independence	5.8
Impartial courts	5.3
Property rights	4.7
Military interference	5.0
Integrity of the legal system	6.1
Contracts	1.8
Real property	7.6
Police and crime	5.0
Sound money	**2.6**
Money growth	8.2
Standard deviation of inflation	2.0
Inflation: most recent year	0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.0**
Tariffs	7.4
Regulatory trade barriers	5.9
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.6
Regulation	**6.2**
Credit market regulation	7.4
Labor market regulation	5.6
Business regulation	4.8
Freedom to compete	6.9

SRI LANKA

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.15**	**6.50**	**6.40**	**5.85**	**5.36**	**5.89**	**5.86**	**6.10**	**6.76**	**6.82**	**6.32**	**6.11**
Ranking	**106**	**96**	**103**	**128**	**135**	**127**	**129**	**120**	**96**	**93**	**108**	**114**
Economic freedom	6.47	6.32	6.33	6.16	5.72	6.19	6.27	6.44	6.62	6.71	6.28	5.87
Personal freedom	5.92	6.63	6.45	5.62	5.10	5.67	5.57	5.85	6.87	6.89	6.34	6.28
Rule of law	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.2**	**5.0**	**4.9**	**5.2**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.3**	**4.0**	**4.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.6	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.2	5.2	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.3	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	6.2	6.2	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.1	4.9	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.4	5.6	5.9
Security and safety	**4.8**	**7.7**	**7.3**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**8.0**	**7.8**	**8.0**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.7**	**8.2**
Homicide	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.0	7.1	8.9	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.0	9.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	1.5	7.4	6.7	1.6	1.2	7.0	6.5	6.8	8.4	8.5	8.3	7.4
Movement	**5.4**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**5.4**	**5.7**	**5.8**	**6.0**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.7**	**7.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	8.0	8.3	8.6	9.2	9.2	8.7	8.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**9.1**	**9.1**	**8.3**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.0**	**8.6**	**8.8**	**7.9**	**8.2**
Freedom of religion	9.2	9.2	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.3	7.9	7.1	7.3
Religious organization repression	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.8	8.8	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.8	9.8	8.7	9.2
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.6**	**6.3**	**6.4**	**5.2**	**5.0**	**5.1**	**5.0**	**5.4**	**7.5**	**8.0**	**6.2**	**6.0**
Civil society entry and exit	5.3	5.3	5.3	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.4	7.0	8.1	5.0	5.1
Freedom of assembly	6.1	5.0	6.1	6.1	5.0	4.6	4.3	5.4	5.4	6.1	5.8	4.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.4
Civil society repression	5.8	5.8	5.3	2.5	2.5	3.5	3.8	3.8	8.3	8.6	4.4	4.8
Expression and information	**6.0**	**6.6**	**6.4**	**5.4**	**3.9**	**3.2**	**3.5**	**4.5**	**6.4**	**7.1**	**6.8**	**6.7**
Direct attacks on the press	7.6	7.6	6.9	4.8	2.5	1.9	3.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.4
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.7	6.1	6.1	4.8	4.5	3.7	3.9	4.0	7.1	7.2	5.7	5.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.1	5.9	5.6	4.1	2.6	2.6	2.2	1.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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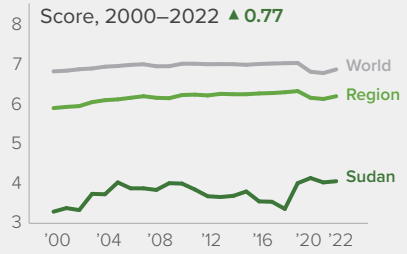
SUDAN

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
161

Score
4.05



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 158/165	Score 4.00
Rule of law		**3.1**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		3.7
Security and safety		**6.4**
Homicide		8.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		4.2
Movement		**4.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		6.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**4.4**
Freedom of religion		4.1
Religious organization repression		4.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**4.8**
Civil society entry and exit		4.7
Freedom of assembly		3.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		6.5
Civil society repression		5.1
Expression and information		**4.3**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		4.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		4.4
Media and expression (CLD)		0.0
Relationships		**0.3**
Same-sex relationships		0.0
Divorce		0.0
Inheritance rights		0.0
Female genital mutilation		1.3

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 163/165	Score 4.11
Size of government		**8.0**
Government consumption		6.4
Transfers and subsidies		9.4
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		8.5
State ownership of assets		5.9
Legal system and property rights		**2.0**
Judicial independence		3.8
Impartial courts		2.9
Property rights		2.5
Military interference		0.8
Integrity of the legal system		3.4
Contracts		1.9
Real property		8.9
Police and crime		0.8
Sound money		**1.2**
Money growth		0.0
Standard deviation of inflation		0.0
Inflation: most recent year		0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts		5.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**5.2**
Tariffs		5.0
Regulatory trade barriers		1.7
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		4.2
Regulation		**4.0**
Credit market regulation		3.4
Labor market regulation		3.7
Business regulation		4.3
Freedom to compete		4.6

SUDAN

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**3.28**	**3.32**	**3.72**	**3.87**	**3.83**	**3.99**	**3.67**	**3.68**	**3.54**	**3.35**	**4.13**	**4.05**
Ranking	**157**	**159**	**159**	**160**	**160**	**161**	**161**	**161**	**161**	**163**	**160**	**161**
Economic freedom	4.86	5.10	4.84	4.92	4.63	4.83	4.41	4.60	4.10	3.42	3.84	4.11
Personal freedom	2.38	2.30	3.08	3.27	3.37	3.51	3.25	3.15	3.14	3.30	4.33	4.00
Rule of law	**2.0**	**2.0**	**2.2**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.4**	**2.3**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.6**	**3.2**	**3.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.3	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	2.4	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.3	4.2	3.7
Security and safety	**2.1**	**1.7**	**6.8**	**5.5**	**5.3**	**6.1**	**6.1**	**5.3**	**5.7**	**6.3**	**6.8**	**6.4**
Homicide	-	-	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	2.1	1.7	4.9	2.4	2.1	3.7	3.8	2.2	2.9	4.2	5.1	4.2
Movement	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**4.0**	**4.7**	**4.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.7	6.0	6.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**3.4**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.4**	**3.6**	**3.5**	**3.3**	**4.9**	**4.4**
Freedom of religion	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.7	3.6	3.3	4.1	4.1
Religious organization repression	3.6	3.6	3.6	4.5	4.5	4.5	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.4	5.7	4.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**2.4**	**2.4**	**2.5**	**3.9**	**4.0**	**4.3**	**4.0**	**3.7**	**3.2**	**3.6**	**5.9**	**4.8**
Civil society entry and exit	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	2.8	2.8	4.0	5.8	4.7
Freedom of assembly	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.8	2.2	3.0	2.2	2.2	0.7	0.7	3.8	3.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	3.8	3.8	3.8	6.6	6.6	7.1	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.5
Civil society repression	2.9	2.9	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	2.4	2.5	7.1	5.1
Expression and information	**3.2**	**3.3**	**3.2**	**3.3**	**4.1**	**4.0**	**3.2**	**3.2**	**3.0**	**3.0**	**4.5**	**4.3**
Direct attacks on the press	8.0	10.0	9.6	9.1	9.1	8.5	7.6	7.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	3.6	2.0	1.9	2.3	4.0	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.6	3.0	4.6	4.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	3.3	4.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0
Relationships	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.3**	**0.3**	**0.3**	**0.3**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3

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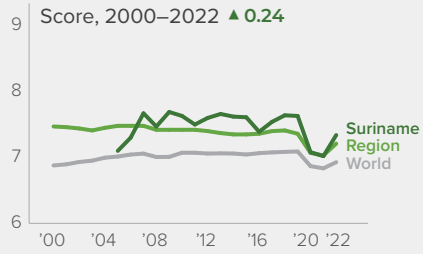
SURINAME

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
66

Score
7.29



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 41/165 | Score 8.60

Rule of law	**4.7**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.7
Security and safety	**8.7**
Homicide	7.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.5
Movement	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.3**
Civil society entry and exit	9.5
Freedom of assembly	8.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.5
Civil society repression	9.7
Expression and information	**7.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	-
Inheritance rights	-
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 141/165 | Score 5.46

Size of government	**6.7**
Government consumption	6.4
Transfers and subsidies	8.6
Government investment	7.8
Top marginal tax rate	5.0
State ownership of assets	5.6
Legal system and property rights	**4.3**
Judicial independence	5.9
Impartial courts	4.5
Property rights	4.4
Military interference	5.0
Integrity of the legal system	5.6
Contracts	1.4
Real property	4.5
Police and crime	4.1
Sound money	**3.7**
Money growth	3.4
Standard deviation of inflation	1.4
Inflation: most recent year	0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.6**
Tariffs	7.5
Regulatory trade barriers	6.3
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	2.7
Regulation	**6.0**
Credit market regulation	5.6
Labor market regulation	7.5
Business regulation	4.3
Freedom to compete	6.6

SURINAME

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7.25**	**7.42**	**7.58**	**7.55**	**7.57**	**7.34**	**7.59**	**7.03**	**7.29**
Ranking	**-**	**-**	**-**	**74**	**62**	**56**	**55**	**55**	**66**	**59**	**71**	**66**
Economic freedom	-	-	-	5.59	5.99	6.40	6.35	6.34	5.81	6.20	5.58	5.46
Personal freedom	-	-	-	8.35	8.37	8.43	8.41	8.45	8.43	8.57	8.06	8.60
Rule of law	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**4.7**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.1	4.6	4.9	4.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.1	5.0	4.9	5.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.3	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	-	-	-	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.6	6.5	6.7
Security and safety	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7.8**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**8.6**	**8.3**	**8.7**
Homicide	-	-	-	6.4	7.6	7.6	7.6	8.3	7.9	8.1	7.4	7.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	-	-	-	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.5
Movement	**-**	**-**	**-**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**6.4**	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	-	-	-	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**-**	**-**	**-**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Freedom of religion	-	-	-	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.3	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	-	-	-	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**-**	**-**	**-**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.3**
Civil society entry and exit	-	-	-	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Freedom of assembly	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.3	8.3	8.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	-	-	-	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Civil society repression	-	-	-	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.0	9.0	9.7
Expression and information	**-**	**-**	**-**	**8.3**	**7.9**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**7.9**
Direct attacks on the press	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	-	-	-	8.2	6.6	8.2	8.1	7.9	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	-	-	-	8.4	8.2	8.4	8.0	7.3	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	-	-	-	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	-	-	-
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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SWEDEN

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
7

Score
8.80

PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 2/165	Score 9.66
Rule of law		**8.6**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.9
Security and safety		**9.8**
Homicide		9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.9
Movement		**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.9**
Freedom of religion		9.9
Religious organization repression		9.9
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.6**
Civil society entry and exit		8.8
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.8
Civil society repression		9.9
Expression and information		**9.8**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		9.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 25/165	Score 7.61
Size of government		**4.9**
Government consumption		1.1
Transfers and subsidies		5.3
Government investment		9.2
Top marginal tax rate		1.0
State ownership of assets		7.8
Legal system and property rights		**8.3**
Judicial independence		8.2
Impartial courts		8.1
Property rights		8.8
Military interference		9.2
Integrity of the legal system		8.5
Contracts		7.4
Real property		8.5
Police and crime		7.9
Sound money		**8.7**
Money growth		8.8
Standard deviation of inflation		9.3
Inflation: most recent year		6.7
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.7**
Tariffs		8.5
Regulatory trade barriers		8.6
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.8
Regulation		**7.4**
Credit market regulation		8.0
Labor market regulation		6.3
Business regulation		7.3
Freedom to compete		8.2

SWEDEN

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**9.01**	**8.91**	**8.92**	**8.88**	**8.87**	**8.93**	**8.94**	**8.98**	**8.96**	**8.90**	**8.71**	**8.80**
Ranking	**7**	**9**	**12**	**12**	**8**	**7**	**6**	**5**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**7**
Economic freedom	8.08	7.89	7.91	7.81	7.76	7.90	7.91	7.99	7.95	7.81	7.69	7.61
Personal freedom	9.67	9.64	9.64	9.64	9.67	9.67	9.67	9.69	9.68	9.68	9.43	9.66
Rule of law	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.4	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.1	8.1	8.2	8.3	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	8.2	8.2	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
Security and safety	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Homicide	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.9	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**8.2**	**9.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.8
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**
Freedom of religion	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.6**
Civil society entry and exit	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.8
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Civil society repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Expression and information	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.3	8.5	8.5	8.5	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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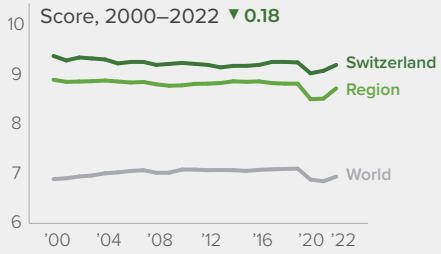
SWITZERLAND

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
1

Score
9.14



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 3/165	Score 9.65
Rule of law		**8.7**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.7
Security and safety		**9.8**
Homicide		9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.8
Movement		**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.6**
Freedom of religion		9.7
Religious organization repression		9.5
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit		9.2
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.8
Civil society repression		9.8
Expression and information		**9.9**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		9.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 3/165	Score 8.43
Size of government		**7.6**
Government consumption		6.4
Transfers and subsidies		5.5
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		7.0
State ownership of assets		9.1
Legal system and property rights		**8.9**
Judicial independence		8.5
Impartial courts		8.8
Property rights		9.5
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		8.7
Contracts		6.7
Real property		9.6
Police and crime		9.5
Sound money		**9.5**
Money growth		9.8
Standard deviation of inflation		9.5
Inflation: most recent year		8.9
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.1**
Tariffs		6.3
Regulatory trade barriers		8.4
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.8
Regulation		**8.0**
Credit market regulation		9.3
Labor market regulation		6.7
Business regulation		8.0
Freedom to compete		8.0

SWITZERLAND

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**9.32**	**9.29**	**9.25**	**9.20**	**9.14**	**9.18**	**9.14**	**9.12**	**9.14**	**9.20**	**8.97**	**9.14**
Ranking	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**1**
Economic freedom	8.89	8.81	8.69	8.57	8.46	8.58	8.47	8.51	8.53	8.54	8.41	8.43
Personal freedom	9.62	9.64	9.64	9.65	9.62	9.61	9.62	9.56	9.57	9.67	9.37	9.65
Rule of law	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.5**	**8.7**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.7
Security and safety	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**
Homicide	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8
Movement	**9.7**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**8.0**	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Religious organization repression	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Civil society repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Expression and information	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.7**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.9	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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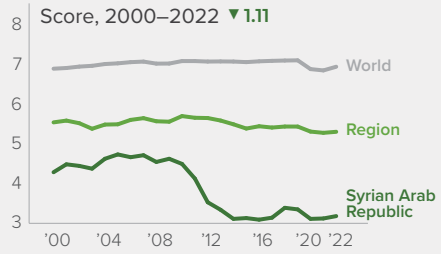
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
165

Score
3.10



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 165/165 | Score 2.25

Rule of law	**2.6**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	2.6
Security and safety	**5.0**
Homicide	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	0.3
Movement	**1.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	3.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	0.0
Religion	**2.3**
Freedom of religion	2.8
Religious organization repression	1.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**1.1**
Civil society entry and exit	0.5
Freedom of assembly	0.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	2.6
Civil society repression	1.1
Expression and information	**0.3**
Direct attacks on the press	0.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	0.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0
Relationships	**2.5**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 162/165 | Score 4.28

Size of government	**6.3**
Government consumption	8.7
Transfers and subsidies	9.0
Government investment	2.9
Top marginal tax rate	7.0
State ownership of assets	4.0
Legal system and property rights	**2.3**
Judicial independence	3.0
Impartial courts	1.8
Property rights	3.1
Military interference	3.3
Integrity of the legal system	4.5
Contracts	1.6
Real property	4.1
Police and crime	2.2
Sound money	**6.6**
Money growth	8.8
Standard deviation of inflation	7.5
Inflation: most recent year	0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**3.1**
Tariffs	7.0
Regulatory trade barriers	4.6
Black-market exchange rates	0.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	0.9
Regulation	**3.1**
Credit market regulation	2.0
Labor market regulation	5.5
Business regulation	1.9
Freedom to compete	3.1

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**4.21**	**4.37**	**4.55**	**4.59**	**4.47**	**4.42**	**3.45**	**3.03**	**3.01**	**3.31**	**3.03**	**3.10**
Ranking	**152**	**153**	**152**	**154**	**155**	**158**	**162**	**162**	**162**	**164**	**165**	**165**
Economic freedom	4.26	4.62	4.90	4.93	4.93	5.20	4.53	4.47	4.41	4.86	4.13	4.28
Personal freedom	4.17	4.20	4.30	4.36	4.13	3.86	2.68	2.00	2.01	2.21	2.24	2.25
Rule of law	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**3.7**	**2.8**	**2.3**	**2.3**	**2.4**	**2.5**	**2.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.6
Security and safety	**7.9**	**8.3**	**8.2**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**7.5**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**5.0**
Homicide	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.4	7.2	7.0	6.3	6.1	5.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
Movement	**6.1**	**6.1**	**6.0**	**6.2**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**3.9**	**2.0**	**1.9**	**1.9**	**1.7**	**1.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.7	5.7	5.7	4.5	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Religion	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.7**	**1.8**	**0.9**	**1.1**	**2.2**	**2.5**	**2.3**
Freedom of religion	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	3.1	1.0	1.0	2.6	3.0	2.8
Religious organization repression	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	0.6	0.8	1.2	1.8	2.1	1.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1.8**	**1.8**	**1.6**	**1.2**	**1.2**	**1.1**	**1.2**	**1.1**	**1.1**
Civil society entry and exit	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.5
Freedom of assembly	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.5	1.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.6
Civil society repression	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.5	1.3	1.1
Expression and information	**2.4**	**2.2**	**3.2**	**3.4**	**3.6**	**2.2**	**0.5**	**0.4**	**0.4**	**0.4**	**0.4**	**0.3**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0	5.0	9.2	10.0	9.4	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	2.1	2.6	2.1	1.9	2.4	0.7	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.8	3.3	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0	0.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Relationships	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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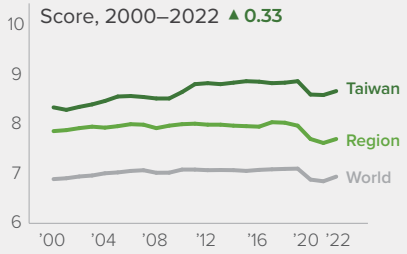
TAIWAN

EAST ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
19

Score
8.61



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 18/165	Score 9.26
Rule of law		**8.0**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		8.0
Security and safety		**9.7**
Homicide		9.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.9
Movement		**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.9**
Freedom of religion		9.9
Religious organization repression		9.9
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.5**
Civil society entry and exit		8.4
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.8
Civil society repression		9.7
Expression and information		**8.6**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		7.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		8.9
Media and expression (CLD)		6.7
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 19/165	Score 7.71
Size of government		**7.5**
Government consumption		4.9
Transfers and subsidies		9.1
Government investment		9.8
Top marginal tax rate		6.0
State ownership of assets		7.5
Legal system and property rights		**7.4**
Judicial independence		6.7
Impartial courts		6.3
Property rights		8.8
Military interference		6.7
Integrity of the legal system		8.1
Contracts		6.7
Real property		7.9
Police and crime		7.7
Sound money		**8.0**
Money growth		9.1
Standard deviation of inflation		9.1
Inflation: most recent year		8.8
Foreign currency bank accounts		5.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.2**
Tariffs		7.6
Regulatory trade barriers		8.1
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.1
Regulation		**7.5**
Credit market regulation		7.4
Labor market regulation		6.6
Business regulation		7.7
Freedom to compete		8.4

TAIWAN

EAST ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.28**	**8.29**	**8.41**	**8.51**	**8.46**	**8.59**	**8.77**	**8.78**	**8.80**	**8.78**	**8.54**	**8.61**
Ranking	**29**	**29**	**29**	**26**	**28**	**21**	**15**	**17**	**17**	**17**	**12**	**19**
Economic freedom	7.44	7.49	7.75	7.69	7.58	7.78	7.78	7.92	8.03	8.07	7.92	7.71
Personal freedom	8.89	8.86	8.87	9.10	9.10	9.17	9.47	9.40	9.36	9.29	8.99	9.26
Rule of law	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**8.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.9	8.0
Security and safety	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**
Homicide	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.9
Movement	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**8.0**	**9.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.3	9.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.7	9.9	9.9	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.8**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.2**	**9.0**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.5**
Civil society entry and exit	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
Freedom of assembly	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	10.0	9.2	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8
Civil society repression	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.4	9.7
Expression and information	**9.0**	**8.8**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**9.6**	**9.3**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.6**	**8.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.3	7.9	7.6	7.6	7.4	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.4	8.4	7.7	7.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	9.4	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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TAJIKISTAN

CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
138

Score
5.38

PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 152/165 | Score 4.61

Rule of law	**3.4**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	3.4
Security and safety	**7.6**
Homicide	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	5.6
Movement	**6.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**2.3**
Freedom of religion	2.7
Religious organization repression	2.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**2.2**
Civil society entry and exit	1.6
Freedom of assembly	0.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	4.4
Civil society repression	2.4
Expression and information	**2.3**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	2.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 90/165 | Score 6.46

Size of government	**5.8**
Government consumption	8.1
Transfers and subsidies	8.7
Government investment	0.0
Top marginal tax rate	8.5
State ownership of assets	3.6
Legal system and property rights	**4.1**
Judicial independence	4.0
Impartial courts	3.0
Property rights	4.1
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	2.5
Contracts	2.8
Real property	8.5
Police and crime	5.5
Sound money	**9.1**
Money growth	9.8
Standard deviation of inflation	9.2
Inflation: most recent year	7.3
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.2**
Tariffs	8.3
Regulatory trade barriers	5.5
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	5.0
Regulation	**6.2**
Credit market regulation	8.6
Labor market regulation	5.7
Business regulation	3.7
Freedom to compete	6.7

TAJIKISTAN

CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**4.78**	**5.13**	**4.83**	**5.11**	**4.82**	**5.41**	**5.39**	**5.52**	**5.26**	**5.28**	**5.36**	**5.38**
Ranking	**145**	**140**	**148**	**147**	**152**	**139**	**138**	**134**	**145**	**149**	**143**	**138**
Economic freedom	4.71	4.74	3.91	5.30	4.53	5.55	5.77	5.90	5.92	6.05	6.23	6.46
Personal freedom	4.82	5.36	5.36	5.00	4.99	5.32	5.12	5.24	4.79	4.73	4.74	4.61
Rule of law	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**3.8**	**3.4**	**3.5**	**3.4**	**3.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.4
Security and safety	**6.4**	**8.5**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.7**	**7.3**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**7.5**	**7.8**	**7.6**
Homicide	8.7	9.2	9.4	9.2	9.6	9.3	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.7	9.7
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	4.0	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	5.3	6.6	6.7	6.4	5.5	5.8	5.6
Movement	**5.7**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.6**	**6.9**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.8	6.9	7.0	6.6	7.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**6.6**	**5.8**	**5.6**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.3**	**2.6**	**2.2**	**2.4**	**2.3**
Freedom of religion	7.1	5.4	5.4	3.7	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.7
Religious organization repression	6.1	6.1	5.9	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.1	3.5	2.6	1.8	2.0	2.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.9**	**5.0**	**4.8**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.1**	**3.9**	**3.6**	**2.4**	**2.3**	**2.4**	**2.2**
Civil society entry and exit	4.3	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.0	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6
Freedom of assembly	1.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	1.9	1.6	1.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.2	6.7	6.7	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.0	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.4
Civil society repression	6.4	6.4	6.1	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.5	3.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.4
Expression and information	**3.4**	**4.2**	**4.4**	**4.0**	**3.9**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**3.7**	**3.5**	**3.2**	**3.0**	**2.3**
Direct attacks on the press	7.5	10.0	10.0	8.2	8.2	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.7	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	2.4	3.1	4.2	4.3	3.7	3.5	3.4	2.6	2.0	1.4	1.9	2.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.6	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**6.9**	**5.0**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	7.5	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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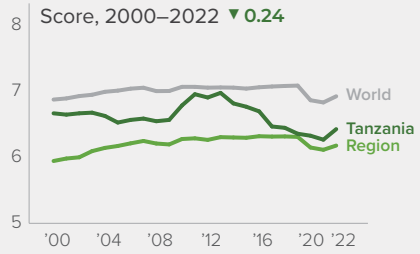
TANZANIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
104

Score
6.38



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 110/165 | Score 6.37

Rule of law	**4.0**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.7
Security and safety	**8.2**
Homicide	8.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.6
Movement	**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**9.0**
Freedom of religion	9.2
Religious organization repression	8.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.2**
Civil society entry and exit	5.0
Freedom of assembly	4.5
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.3
Civil society repression	7.0
Expression and information	**5.0**
Direct attacks on the press	9.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**4.1**
Same-sex relationships	5.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	9.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 95/165 | Score 6.40

Size of government	**6.2**
Government consumption	7.9
Transfers and subsidies	8.0
Government investment	2.0
Top marginal tax rate	6.0
State ownership of assets	6.9
Legal system and property rights	**5.1**
Judicial independence	5.8
Impartial courts	4.7
Property rights	4.1
Military interference	5.8
Integrity of the legal system	6.9
Contracts	4.1
Real property	7.0
Police and crime	5.1
Sound money	**8.0**
Money growth	9.3
Standard deviation of inflation	9.2
Inflation: most recent year	8.3
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**5.9**
Tariffs	6.2
Regulatory trade barriers	2.3
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	5.0
Regulation	**6.9**
Credit market regulation	9.0
Labor market regulation	6.3
Business regulation	5.5
Freedom to compete	7.0

TANZANIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.62**	**6.62**	**6.58**	**6.52**	**6.50**	**6.74**	**6.86**	**6.77**	**6.65**	**6.40**	**6.28**	**6.38**
Ranking	**89**	**90**	**96**	**100**	**102**	**96**	**86**	**92**	**100**	**113**	**110**	**104**
Economic freedom	6.21	6.24	6.16	6.15	6.05	6.47	6.33	6.49	6.54	6.51	6.46	6.40
Personal freedom	6.92	6.89	6.88	6.78	6.83	6.93	7.23	6.97	6.73	6.32	6.15	6.37
Rule of law	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.7**	**4.5**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**3.9**	**3.7**	**4.0**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.3	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.8	2.9	2.6	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.9	4.9	4.6	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.7	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.7
Security and safety	**8.4**	**8.3**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.2**	**8.3**	**7.9**	**8.3**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.2**
Homicide	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.8	8.1	8.1	8.9	8.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.9	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.3	8.8	8.8	8.8	7.9	7.6
Movement	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**7.7**	**7.5**	**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.1	8.8	8.4	9.4
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.3**	**8.3**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**9.0**
Freedom of religion	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.3	8.9	8.9	9.2
Religious organization repression	9.4	9.4	9.4	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**6.4**	**6.2**	**5.9**	**6.2**
Civil society entry and exit	7.4	7.4	7.4	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	4.9	4.4	4.4	5.0
Freedom of assembly	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	4.5	4.5
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.4	8.3	8.3
Civil society repression	8.4	8.4	8.4	7.6	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.5	6.4	6.2	6.2	7.0
Expression and information	**7.1**	**7.0**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**7.0**	**6.8**	**5.8**	**5.4**	**5.0**	**5.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.7	9.4	9.4	10.0	9.8	9.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.7	5.6	5.6	5.5	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.5	5.6	5.4	4.7	6.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	6.6	7.0	6.6	6.6	6.8	7.3	6.6	5.9	5.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.4	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**5.2**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.1**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	9.0	9.0	9.0

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THAILAND

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
92

Score
6.67

PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 104/165	Score 6.48
Rule of law		**4.2**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		4.2
Security and safety		**7.8**
Homicide		9.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		6.3
Movement		**6.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		6.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**8.3**
Freedom of religion		7.9
Religious organization repression		8.8
Association, assembly, civil society		**4.8**
Civil society entry and exit		5.2
Freedom of assembly		2.3
Freedom to form/run political parties		8.1
Civil society repression		3.5
Expression and information		**4.2**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		4.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		1.1
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 65/165	Score 6.94
Size of government		**6.9**
Government consumption		4.5
Transfers and subsidies		8.9
Government investment		7.0
Top marginal tax rate		7.0
State ownership of assets		6.9
Legal system and property rights		**5.2**
Judicial independence		5.5
Impartial courts		4.6
Property rights		7.8
Military interference		3.3
Integrity of the legal system		4.5
Contracts		5.2
Real property		7.5
Police and crime		4.7
Sound money		**9.0**
Money growth		9.2
Standard deviation of inflation		9.2
Inflation: most recent year		7.6
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.1**
Tariffs		7.4
Regulatory trade barriers		7.3
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		3.7
Regulation		**6.5**
Credit market regulation		8.3
Labor market regulation		4.8
Business regulation		5.2
Freedom to compete		7.8

THAILAND

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.42**	**7.43**	**7.40**	**7.04**	**7.11**	**6.98**	**7.03**	**6.34**	**6.37**	**6.47**	**6.65**	**6.67**
Ranking	**53**	**58**	**63**	**82**	**79**	**84**	**82**	**115**	**116**	**109**	**89**	**92**
Economic freedom	6.77	6.83	6.94	6.87	6.88	6.67	6.63	6.63	6.90	6.96	7.06	6.94
Personal freedom	7.88	7.86	7.73	7.15	7.27	7.21	7.31	6.12	6.00	6.12	6.35	6.48
Rule of law	**5.8**	**5.7**	**5.5**	**5.4**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**4.7**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**4.2**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	6.4	6.4	5.2	3.3	3.5	4.0	3.9	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.3	4.3	3.9	5.3	5.3	4.8	4.8	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	5.9	5.9	5.1	4.5	4.0	4.3	4.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.8	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.2
Security and safety	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.2**	**6.2**	**6.7**	**7.0**	**6.7**	**6.8**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**7.8**	**7.8**
Homicide	7.6	7.9	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.4	8.6	8.9	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.3	7.8	6.4	4.6	5.1	5.6	4.8	4.7	7.2	6.6	6.3	6.3
Movement	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**7.7**	**7.8**	**7.5**	**6.7**	**6.7**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.8	8.8	8.4	6.7	6.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.6**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.6**	**8.4**	**7.7**	**7.6**	**8.1**	**8.3**
Freedom of religion	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.9
Religious organization repression	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.1	7.6	7.6	8.4	8.8
Association, assembly, civil society	**8.1**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**6.1**	**6.6**	**6.3**	**7.3**	**3.3**	**3.0**	**2.8**	**4.1**	**4.8**
Civil society entry and exit	7.9	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.3	6.8	7.6	2.7	4.0	3.6	4.6	5.2
Freedom of assembly	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.0	4.6	5.0	5.4	3.8	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.6	9.4	9.4	7.4	8.3	8.6	9.2	4.4	3.0	3.4	7.1	8.1
Civil society repression	8.8	8.0	7.3	4.5	6.2	4.7	7.2	2.5	2.8	1.8	2.4	3.5
Expression and information	**7.3**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**6.5**	**6.1**	**5.7**	**6.3**	**4.2**	**3.0**	**3.2**	**4.2**	**4.2**
Direct attacks on the press	9.8	9.3	9.5	10.0	9.3	8.9	8.1	8.2	8.5	8.8	9.5	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.5	6.3	6.3	5.5	4.7	4.7	5.0	2.6	2.7	3.4	4.4	4.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.9	8.6	7.2	7.6	3.2	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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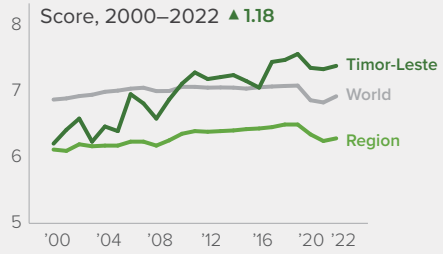
TIMOR-LESTE

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
65

Score
7.34



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 44/165 | Score 8.47

Rule of law	**6.4**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.4
Security and safety	**9.1**
Homicide	8.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.3
Movement	**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	9.5
Religious organization repression	9.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.0**
Civil society entry and exit	8.5
Freedom of assembly	9.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.0
Civil society repression	9.4
Expression and information	**8.5**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0
Relationships	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 130/165 | Score 5.77

Size of government	**4.7**
Government consumption	0.0
Transfers and subsidies	8.3
Government investment	0.0
Top marginal tax rate	10.0
State ownership of assets	5.0
Legal system and property rights	**3.8**
Judicial independence	5.8
Impartial courts	4.7
Property rights	2.7
Military interference	-
Integrity of the legal system	6.0
Contracts	0.0
Real property	-
Police and crime	3.4
Sound money	**6.4**
Money growth	8.4
Standard deviation of inflation	0.0
Inflation: most recent year	7.2
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.9**
Tariffs	9.7
Regulatory trade barriers	4.8
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	6.9
Regulation	**6.1**
Credit market regulation	5.9
Labor market regulation	6.4
Business regulation	6.0
Freedom to compete	6.2

TIMOR-LESTE

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.16**	**6.54**	**6.42**	**6.91**	**6.54**	**7.07**	**7.14**	**7.20**	**7.01**	**7.43**	**7.31**	**7.34**
Ranking	**105**	**93**	**101**	**85**	**100**	**81**	**77**	**75**	**81**	**66**	**62**	**65**
Economic freedom	3.38	3.53	3.48	4.76	4.52	5.16	5.94	6.19	5.90	6.10	6.02	5.77
Personal freedom	7.75	8.26	8.11	8.13	7.70	8.16	8.00	7.92	7.80	8.38	8.22	8.47
Rule of law	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.5**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.4**	**6.5**	**6.2**	**6.0**	**6.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.2	6.0	6.4
Security and safety	**9.3**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.1**	**9.0**	**9.2**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**7.6**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.1**
Homicide	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.6	9.1	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.3	9.8	9.6	9.6	8.9	9.4	8.7	9.2	6.5	9.3	9.3	9.3
Movement	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**6.3**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**7.1**	**8.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.2	9.2	7.5	9.3
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**8.0**	**9.7**	**8.9**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.9**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.6**
Freedom of religion	7.9	9.6	7.9	9.6	9.7	9.7	8.1	8.1	8.1	9.4	9.4	9.5
Religious organization repression	8.1	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.5**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.7**	**7.6**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**9.0**
Civil society entry and exit	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.3	6.6	7.7	7.7	8.5
Freedom of assembly	7.5	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.4	7.1	8.8	8.8	9.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	6.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.0
Civil society repression	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.0	7.8	8.8	9.4	9.4
Expression and information	**5.9**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.0**	**6.7**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.9**	**8.6**	**8.4**	**8.5**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.2	7.4	7.2	7.1	5.5	7.3	7.3	7.1	6.5	7.0	6.6	7.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.9	6.4	5.1	4.1	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.8	7.8
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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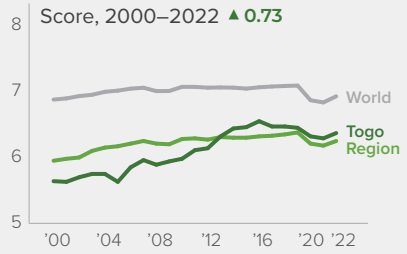
TOGO

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
107

Score
6.32



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 103/165 | Score 6.50

Rule of law	**3.9**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.0
Security and safety	**7.9**
Homicide	7.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.4
Movement	**7.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**8.2**
Freedom of religion	7.8
Religious organization repression	8.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.7**
Civil society entry and exit	5.5
Freedom of assembly	3.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.5
Civil society repression	5.5
Expression and information	**6.4**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**5.6**
Same-sex relationships	5.0
Divorce	0.0
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	9.7

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 107/165 | Score 6.07

Size of government	**6.9**
Government consumption	7.3
Transfers and subsidies	9.8
Government investment	3.3
Top marginal tax rate	7.0
State ownership of assets	7.1
Legal system and property rights	**4.8**
Judicial independence	4.8
Impartial courts	2.3
Property rights	4.4
Military interference	4.2
Integrity of the legal system	4.7
Contracts	4.5
Real property	8.8
Police and crime	5.0
Sound money	**6.3**
Money growth	9.0
Standard deviation of inflation	9.4
Inflation: most recent year	6.8
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.2**
Tariffs	7.1
Regulatory trade barriers	4.1
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	3.6
Regulation	**6.1**
Credit market regulation	7.0
Labor market regulation	4.9
Business regulation	5.6
Freedom to compete	6.9

TOGO

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.59**	**5.65**	**5.70**	**5.80**	**5.84**	**5.93**	**6.09**	**6.39**	**6.50**	**6.42**	**6.27**	**6.32**
Ranking	**126**	**125**	**126**	**129**	**127**	**124**	**119**	**112**	**112**	**112**	**111**	**107**
Economic freedom	5.51	5.76	5.77	5.66	5.41	5.44	5.52	5.95	5.94	6.32	6.22	6.07
Personal freedom	5.64	5.57	5.65	5.90	6.14	6.28	6.50	6.71	6.90	6.50	6.31	6.50
Rule of law	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.1**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.3	3.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.8	4.8	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.6	3.7	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.5	6.0	6.0
Security and safety	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.1**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.7**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**7.9**	**7.9**
Homicide	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.3	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2	7.8	8.4	8.4
Movement	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.8**	**6.2**	**7.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.2	9.3	8.8	9.0	9.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.7**	**9.5**	**8.0**	**8.2**	**8.2**
Freedom of religion	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	8.2	9.8	8.1	7.8	7.8
Religious organization repression	8.1	8.1	8.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	7.8	8.6	8.6
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**7.0**	**7.1**	**7.3**	**7.4**	**6.3**	**6.0**	**5.7**
Civil society entry and exit	4.4	4.4	4.4	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.1	7.0	5.7	6.1	5.5
Freedom of assembly	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.8	3.8	4.9	5.7	4.9	3.1	3.4
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.5
Civil society repression	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.4	7.4	8.3	8.6	8.4	8.2	5.9	6.3	5.5
Expression and information	**4.0**	**3.5**	**4.0**	**4.3**	**5.3**	**5.6**	**5.7**	**6.4**	**6.6**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.4**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0	5.0	7.6	7.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.4	3.7	3.7	5.2	7.1	6.9	6.9	6.8	7.0	6.2	6.3	6.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.8	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.6	2.4	2.8	4.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	5.6	5.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Relationships	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**3.6**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7

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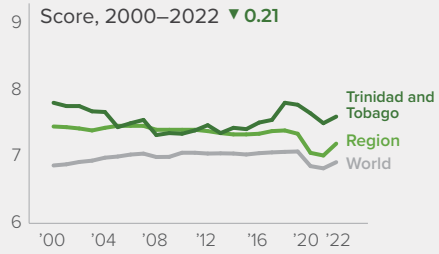
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
58

Score
7.57



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 50/165 | Score 8.23

Rule of law	**4.6**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.0
Security and safety	**4.6**
Homicide	0.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.3
Movement	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.9**
Freedom of religion	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.3**
Civil society entry and exit	8.7
Freedom of assembly	9.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.4
Civil society repression	9.6
Expression and information	**9.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.9
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	8.9
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0
Relationships	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 83/165 | Score 6.64

Size of government	**6.8**
Government consumption	6.0
Transfers and subsidies	7.1
Government investment	-
Top marginal tax rate	7.5
State ownership of assets	6.5
Legal system and property rights	**5.1**
Judicial independence	6.6
Impartial courts	5.1
Property rights	6.5
Military interference	8.3
Integrity of the legal system	5.5
Contracts	1.5
Real property	6.2
Police and crime	2.2
Sound money	**8.1**
Money growth	9.3
Standard deviation of inflation	5.5
Inflation: most recent year	7.7
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.9**
Tariffs	7.4
Regulatory trade barriers	5.8
Black-market exchange rates	7.1
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	7.3
Regulation	**6.3**
Credit market regulation	5.9
Labor market regulation	6.9
Business regulation	5.8
Freedom to compete	6.8

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**7.78**	**7.73**	**7.64**	**7.47**	**7.29**	**7.31**	**7.44**	**7.40**	**7.48**	**7.78**	**7.62**	**7.57**
Ranking	**44**	**44**	**50**	**63**	**65**	**70**	**63**	**63**	**61**	**53**	**48**	**58**
Economic freedom	7.14	7.11	7.09	7.00	6.89	6.68	6.75	6.84	7.06	7.19	6.98	6.64
Personal freedom	8.23	8.18	8.04	7.81	7.57	7.75	7.93	7.80	7.79	8.21	8.07	8.23
Rule of law	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**4.7**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.9	4.4	4.4	4.5	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.1	5.9	5.8	5.7	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.0	3.9	3.2	3.1	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.0
Security and safety	**8.3**	**7.7**	**6.7**	**5.5**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**5.6**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**4.7**	**5.8**	**4.6**
Homicide	7.2	6.1	4.1	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.8	1.1	1.1	0.0	2.4	0.0
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3
Movement	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**7.8**	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0	9.2
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0
Religion	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**
Freedom of religion	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.9
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.1**	**9.6**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**9.3**
Civil society entry and exit	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.3	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.6	9.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.4
Civil society repression	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.6
Expression and information	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.2**	**9.5**	**8.6**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.4**	**9.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.9	7.5	7.5	7.4	5.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.9
Media and expression (Freedom House)	8.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.9	8.9
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	6.7	10.0	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**7.5**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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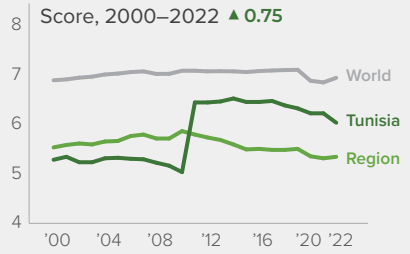
TUNISIA

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
116

Score
5.97



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 116/165 | Score 5.99

Rule of law	**4.4**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.5
Security and safety	**8.5**
Homicide	8.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.3
Movement	**6.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**6.7**
Freedom of religion	6.9
Religious organization repression	6.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.0**
Civil society entry and exit	6.8
Freedom of assembly	5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.4
Civil society repression	7.7
Expression and information	**6.2**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**3.1**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 118/165 | Score 5.94

Size of government	**5.3**
Government consumption	5.4
Transfers and subsidies	6.4
Government investment	4.7
Top marginal tax rate	3.5
State ownership of assets	6.5
Legal system and property rights	**4.5**
Judicial independence	4.4
Impartial courts	4.0
Property rights	5.3
Military interference	5.0
Integrity of the legal system	6.0
Contracts	4.9
Real property	7.3
Police and crime	5.4
Sound money	**7.4**
Money growth	8.3
Standard deviation of inflation	9.5
Inflation: most recent year	6.7
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.7**
Tariffs	6.3
Regulatory trade barriers	6.6
Black-market exchange rates	9.2
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	4.7
Regulation	**5.8**
Credit market regulation	6.9
Labor market regulation	5.2
Business regulation	5.4
Freedom to compete	5.8

TUNISIA

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.22**	**5.17**	**5.25**	**5.24**	**5.16**	**4.97**	**6.38**	**6.46**	**6.39**	**6.32**	**6.16**	**5.97**
Ranking	**136**	**139**	**141**	**143**	**142**	**152**	**109**	**109**	**115**	**115**	**115**	**116**
Economic freedom	6.27	6.13	6.33	6.34	6.27	5.98	6.06	6.17	6.06	5.88	5.91	5.94
Personal freedom	4.48	4.49	4.48	4.45	4.36	4.25	6.60	6.66	6.63	6.64	6.33	5.99
Rule of law	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**4.8**	**4.6**	**4.8**	**4.7**	**4.4**	**4.4**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.9	4.9	4.6	4.5	5.1	4.9	4.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.6	5.6	5.4	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	5.2	5.2	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.5
Security and safety	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**8.1**	**8.5**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.5**
Homicide	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.6	8.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	6.9	7.9	6.5	6.3	7.8	8.3	8.3
Movement	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**5.1**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**6.3**	**6.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	7.0	9.4	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.3	9.0
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3
Religion	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**7.7**	**7.2**	**7.2**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**6.7**
Freedom of religion	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.1	6.9	6.9
Religious organization repression	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	8.2	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.6	6.5
Association, assembly, civil society	**3.4**	**3.5**	**3.4**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.1**	**8.1**	**8.7**	**8.4**	**8.2**	**8.1**	**7.0**
Civil society entry and exit	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.2	8.5	8.4	8.0	8.0	7.7	6.8
Freedom of assembly	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.2	5.8	7.8	6.9	6.1	6.9	5.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.4	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.5	9.2	8.4
Civil society repression	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	8.4	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.4	7.7
Expression and information	**3.0**	**3.0**	**2.9**	**2.8**	**2.1**	**2.1**	**6.0**	**7.1**	**7.2**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.2**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.1	7.5	8.9	8.9	8.9	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	2.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.5	2.6	8.3	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.7	7.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	3.7	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.9	1.4	7.5	8.5	7.5	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	2.2	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3
Relationships	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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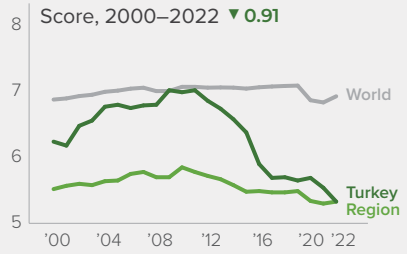
TURKEY

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
142

Score
5.28



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 136/165	Score 5.06
Rule of law		**3.6**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		4.2
Security and safety		**7.5**
Homicide		9.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		5.8
Movement		**4.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		5.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**4.0**
Freedom of religion		4.1
Religious organization repression		3.9
Association, assembly, civil society		**4.0**
Civil society entry and exit		2.1
Freedom of assembly		3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties		8.3
Civil society repression		2.4
Expression and information		**3.1**
Direct attacks on the press		4.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)		2.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		2.2
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**8.8**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		7.5
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 138/165	Score 5.57
Size of government		**7.0**
Government consumption		6.8
Transfers and subsidies		7.5
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		3.5
State ownership of assets		7.1
Legal system and property rights		**4.8**
Judicial independence		4.0
Impartial courts		3.5
Property rights		6.5
Military interference		3.3
Integrity of the legal system		4.4
Contracts		3.8
Real property		8.9
Police and crime		5.3
Sound money		**3.3**
Money growth		3.2
Standard deviation of inflation		0.0
Inflation: most recent year		0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**7.2**
Tariffs		5.4
Regulatory trade barriers		8.1
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		5.2
Regulation		**5.6**
Credit market regulation		6.0
Labor market regulation		5.1
Business regulation		4.1
Freedom to compete		7.3

TURKEY

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.19**	**6.43**	**6.72**	**6.70**	**6.75**	**6.94**	**6.81**	**6.53**	**5.85**	**5.65**	**5.64**	**5.28**
Ranking	**103**	**100**	**90**	**96**	**91**	**85**	**89**	**105**	**128**	**132**	**131**	**142**
Economic freedom	5.76	5.79	6.14	6.34	6.51	6.86	6.97	6.89	6.86	6.49	6.41	5.57
Personal freedom	6.50	6.90	7.14	6.95	6.91	6.99	6.70	6.28	5.13	5.05	5.09	5.06
Rule of law	**4.7**	**5.3**	**5.4**	**5.3**	**5.0**	**4.8**	**4.6**	**4.1**	**4.0**	**3.9**	**3.6**	**3.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.8	4.8	4.5	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.2	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.5	5.5	5.2	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.4	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.7	6.2	6.3	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.1	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.2
Security and safety	**7.8**	**7.8**	**8.1**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**8.1**	**7.1**	**7.9**	**5.8**	**7.1**	**7.6**	**7.5**
Homicide	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.2
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.9	6.9	7.4	6.9	6.5	7.4	5.4	7.0	2.7	5.0	5.9	5.8
Movement	**7.0**	**7.2**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.2**	**7.1**	**6.8**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.4	7.7	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.0	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**5.5**	**6.3**	**6.6**	**5.8**	**5.6**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**5.8**	**4.6**	**3.8**	**4.0**	**4.0**
Freedom of religion	6.2	6.3	6.3	4.7	4.5	6.1	6.2	5.9	5.7	4.0	4.0	4.1
Religious organization repression	4.9	6.3	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.6	5.7	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.9**	**6.3**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**6.5**	**6.4**	**6.3**	**5.4**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**4.0**
Civil society entry and exit	3.9	5.3	5.6	5.6	5.6	4.9	4.8	4.0	1.6	2.1	2.3	2.1
Freedom of assembly	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.3	4.2	3.8	3.1	3.1	3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.5	8.7	8.8	8.8	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.3	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.3
Civil society repression	5.9	6.1	6.6	6.6	6.2	5.8	5.7	4.1	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.4
Expression and information	**5.2**	**6.0**	**6.7**	**6.6**	**7.2**	**6.8**	**6.2**	**4.6**	**3.3**	**3.1**	**3.0**	**3.1**
Direct attacks on the press	4.5	4.8	5.0	5.0	6.9	6.8	4.6	4.6	3.9	3.7	4.4	4.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.8	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.6	5.4	5.4	4.0	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.5
Media and expression (Freedom House)	6.0	7.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.6	7.9	5.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.7	6.7	5.6	4.4	3.3	2.2	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.2**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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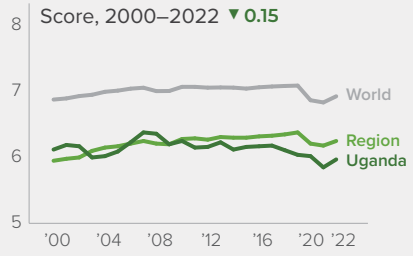
UGANDA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
118

Score
5.92



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 129/165 | Score 5.32

Rule of law	**3.1**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.6
Security and safety	**6.8**
Homicide	7.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.0
Movement	**7.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**6.2**
Freedom of religion	7.0
Religious organization repression	5.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.5**
Civil society entry and exit	4.5
Freedom of assembly	3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.8
Civil society repression	2.6
Expression and information	**5.3**
Direct attacks on the press	9.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**4.4**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	2.5
Inheritance rights	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 76/165 | Score 6.75

Size of government	**7.1**
Government consumption	8.2
Transfers and subsidies	10.0
Government investment	6.3
Top marginal tax rate	4.0
State ownership of assets	7.1
Legal system and property rights	**4.3**
Judicial independence	4.6
Impartial courts	3.9
Property rights	5.0
Military interference	3.3
Integrity of the legal system	5.2
Contracts	3.7
Real property	7.9
Police and crime	3.9
Sound money	**8.9**
Money growth	8.9
Standard deviation of inflation	9.6
Inflation: most recent year	7.1
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.7**
Tariffs	4.6
Regulatory trade barriers	4.5
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	7.6
Regulation	**6.8**
Credit market regulation	8.1
Labor market regulation	8.1
Business regulation	4.5
Freedom to compete	6.5

UGANDA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.07**	**6.12**	**5.97**	**6.18**	**6.31**	**6.20**	**6.11**	**6.07**	**6.12**	**6.06**	**5.97**	**5.92**
Ranking	**108**	**109**	**118**	**114**	**111**	**117**	**117**	**121**	**120**	**122**	**118**	**118**
Economic freedom	6.56	6.62	6.54	6.76	6.87	6.91	6.70	6.86	6.88	7.01	6.81	6.75
Personal freedom	5.73	5.76	5.56	5.77	5.91	5.69	5.69	5.51	5.59	5.38	5.36	5.32
Rule of law	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.2**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**3.6**	**3.2**	**3.4**	**3.2**	**3.0**	**3.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	2.7	2.7	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.1	5.1	4.8	4.2	4.5	4.3	4.2	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.3	4.3	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.0	4.8	4.6
Security and safety	**6.1**	**7.0**	**5.8**	**6.9**	**7.4**	**6.8**	**6.7**	**6.4**	**6.9**	**6.4**	**7.0**	**6.8**
Homicide	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.4	7.4	7.3	6.7	6.6	6.9	6.9	7.2	7.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	4.6	6.3	3.6	6.4	7.4	6.3	6.6	6.0	6.9	6.0	6.8	6.0
Movement	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.7**	**7.6**	**7.5**	**7.3**	**7.1**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.6	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.4	7.9	7.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**8.3**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.2**
Freedom of religion	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	9.8	8.1	7.8	7.7	7.4	7.0
Religious organization repression	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	5.7	6.0	5.5	6.0	5.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.4**	**5.0**	**4.8**	**5.4**	**5.6**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**4.8**	**4.8**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**4.5**
Civil society entry and exit	8.5	8.5	6.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	4.6	4.6	3.1	4.3	4.5
Freedom of assembly	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	3.3	3.3	4.2	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.9	8.2	7.9	7.8
Civil society repression	6.5	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6	3.5	3.3	2.7	2.8	2.6
Expression and information	**6.2**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**5.7**	**6.1**	**5.4**	**5.0**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**4.6**	**5.3**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	9.4	9.4	9.4	10.0	9.1	8.6	8.6	10.0	7.6	7.4	9.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.8	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.4	4.1	4.0	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.5	5.0	2.5	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.8	5.6	4.4	5.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.3
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**3.0**	**3.0**	**3.0**	**3.0**	**3.0**	**3.0**	**3.1**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0

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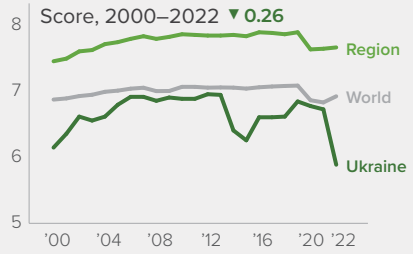
UKRAINE

EASTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
122

Score
5.84



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 111/165	Score 6.36
Rule of law		**4.2**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		5.4
Security and safety		**7.6**
Homicide		8.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		6.3
Movement		**5.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		7.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**5.6**
Freedom of religion		5.1
Religious organization repression		6.0
Association, assembly, civil society		**6.7**
Civil society entry and exit		5.8
Freedom of assembly		6.6
Freedom to form/run political parties		6.6
Civil society repression		7.8
Expression and information		**4.9**
Direct attacks on the press		4.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)		4.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)		5.0
Media and expression (BTI)		6.7
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 150/165	Score 5.12
Size of government		**5.8**
Government consumption		1.0
Transfers and subsidies		4.4
Government investment		8.2
Top marginal tax rate		8.5
State ownership of assets		7.1
Legal system and property rights		**4.4**
Judicial independence		4.1
Impartial courts		3.3
Property rights		3.2
Military interference		6.7
Integrity of the legal system		5.6
Contracts		2.9
Real property		9.2
Police and crime		3.6
Sound money		**4.7**
Money growth		6.1
Standard deviation of inflation		5.6
Inflation: most recent year		1.9
Foreign currency bank accounts		5.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**6.1**
Tariffs		8.9
Regulatory trade barriers		6.2
Black-market exchange rates		5.5
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		3.6
Regulation		**4.7**
Credit market regulation		3.1
Labor market regulation		5.3
Business regulation		4.3
Freedom to compete		5.9

UKRAINE

EASTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.10**	**6.57**	**6.57**	**6.87**	**6.81**	**6.84**	**6.91**	**6.36**	**6.56**	**6.57**	**6.73**	**5.84**
Ranking	**107**	**92**	**97**	**90**	**90**	**90**	**85**	**114**	**105**	**103**	**84**	**122**
Economic freedom	4.45	5.36	5.32	5.34	5.13	5.47	5.96	5.64	5.61	5.86	6.19	5.12
Personal freedom	7.29	7.44	7.46	7.97	8.02	7.81	7.59	6.87	7.24	7.08	7.12	6.36
Rule of law	**4.7**	**4.8**	**4.7**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**4.7**	**4.4**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.7**	**4.2**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	5.1	5.1	4.8	5.1	4.8	4.9	5.0	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	5.2	5.2	5.2	4.7	5.1	5.4	5.4	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	3.9	3.9	3.3	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.7	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.4	6.4	6.0	6.1	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.9	5.4
Security and safety	**7.5**	**7.9**	**8.1**	**8.5**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.2**	**4.7**	**6.9**	**7.1**	**7.9**	**7.6**
Homicide	7.4	7.4	7.8	8.2	8.4	8.7	8.5	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.9	8.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	7.6	8.4	8.4	8.9	8.9	8.6	7.9	1.2	5.7	6.0	6.9	6.3
Movement	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.2**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.8**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**6.3**	**5.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.4	9.4	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.3	7.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3
Religion	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.4**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**7.9**	**7.8**	**7.0**	**7.3**	**5.6**
Freedom of religion	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	7.5	7.4	7.1	7.2	5.1
Religious organization repression	9.4	9.4	8.6	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3	8.3	8.2	7.0	7.4	6.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.4**	**7.1**	**7.0**	**7.8**	**7.5**	**7.6**	**6.7**
Civil society entry and exit	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.6	6.8	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.2	5.8
Freedom of assembly	6.8	6.8	5.7	6.8	6.5	6.5	5.4	6.6	7.7	6.8	6.8	6.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.6	8.8	9.1	9.6	9.6	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.4	8.0	8.5	6.6
Civil society repression	5.2	5.2	6.0	8.9	9.2	7.7	7.7	6.7	8.9	8.9	8.9	7.8
Expression and information	**5.2**	**5.8**	**6.1**	**7.3**	**7.4**	**7.2**	**6.6**	**6.0**	**5.7**	**5.3**	**6.0**	**4.9**
Direct attacks on the press	9.1	9.4	9.4	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.7	7.0	6.5	8.8	4.7
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.0	5.6	5.6	7.1	7.2	6.4	6.3	5.6	5.4	5.1	6.2	4.8
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.9	3.8	5.4	6.2	5.6	5.4	4.6	4.6	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (BTI)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.8	7.8	5.6	5.6	7.8	6.7	6.7	6.7
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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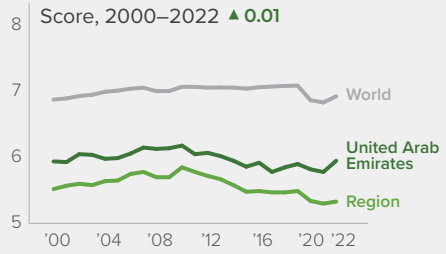
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
119

Score
5.90



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 146/165	Score 4.85
Rule of law		**6.1**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		5.1
Security and safety		**9.0**
Homicide		9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		8.1
Movement		**6.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		6.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)		6.7
Religion		**5.6**
Freedom of religion		5.6
Religious organization repression		5.7
Association, assembly, civil society		**1.7**
Civil society entry and exit		1.6
Freedom of assembly		1.2
Freedom to form/run political parties		1.1
Civil society repression		2.9
Expression and information		**2.6**
Direct attacks on the press		10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)		1.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)		0.0
Media and expression (BTI)		1.1
Media and expression (CLD)		0.0
Relationships		**2.5**
Same-sex relationships		0.0
Divorce		0.0
Inheritance rights		0.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 45/165	Score 7.39
Size of government		**5.8**
Government consumption		5.5
Transfers and subsidies		8.9
Government investment		0.0
Top marginal tax rate		10.0
State ownership of assets		4.6
Legal system and property rights		**7.1**
Judicial independence		5.9
Impartial courts		6.8
Property rights		7.6
Military interference		8.3
Integrity of the legal system		6.2
Contracts		5.9
Real property		9.9
Police and crime		9.3
Sound money		**8.3**
Money growth		9.4
Standard deviation of inflation		5.9
Inflation: most recent year		8.1
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.6**
Tariffs		8.8
Regulatory trade barriers		7.8
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		7.7
Regulation		**7.2**
Credit market regulation		6.5
Labor market regulation		6.9
Business regulation		7.7
Freedom to compete		7.7

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.89**	**6.00**	**5.93**	**6.01**	**6.08**	**6.13**	**6.02**	**5.90**	**5.87**	**5.80**	**5.77**	**5.90**
Ranking	**119**	**114**	**121**	**118**	**118**	**118**	**121**	**124**	**125**	**129**	**124**	**119**
Economic freedom	6.58	6.96	6.98	6.99	6.97	7.04	7.13	7.05	7.06	6.98	7.31	7.39
Personal freedom	5.39	5.32	5.19	5.31	5.45	5.47	5.23	5.08	5.02	4.95	4.67	4.85
Rule of law	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.3**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.7**	**6.3**	**6.4**	**6.2**	**6.1**	**6.1**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	6.1	6.1	6.6	4.8	5.4	5.1	5.1	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.5	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	7.5	7.5	7.8	7.4	6.9	6.7	6.8	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.1
Security and safety	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.1**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.1**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.5**	**9.0**
Homicide	9.6	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.0	9.0	8.3	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.4	8.9	8.9	9.2	8.1
Movement	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.5**	**6.5**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**4.6**	**6.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	5.8	6.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7
Religion	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.7**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**5.6**
Freedom of religion	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Religious organization repression	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	6.5	6.5	6.5	5.7
Association, assembly, civil society	**2.0**	**2.0**	**1.7**	**1.7**	**2.1**	**2.0**	**1.4**	**1.4**	**1.6**	**1.6**	**1.4**	**1.7**
Civil society entry and exit	3.4	3.4	2.1	2.1	2.7	2.1	1.6	1.6	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.6
Freedom of assembly	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.6	1.1
Civil society repression	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	3.2	3.2	1.5	1.5	1.8	2.5	2.3	2.9
Expression and information	**5.0**	**4.5**	**4.6**	**4.8**	**5.1**	**5.0**	**4.6**	**4.3**	**3.0**	**2.6**	**2.6**	**2.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.7	8.7	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.4	2.4	2.4	2.7	4.3	3.2	2.7	2.8	2.4	1.9	1.8	1.7
Media and expression (Freedom House)	3.9	3.5	3.7	4.7	4.7	4.2	3.5	3.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	4.4	3.3	2.2	1.1	2.2	1.1	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Relationships	**3.0**	**3.0**	**3.0**	**3.0**	**3.0**	**3.0**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**2.5**
Same-sex relationships	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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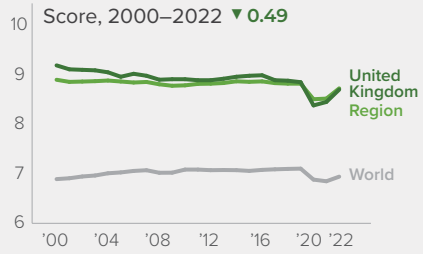
UNITED KINGDOM

WESTERN EUROPE

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
17

Score
8.64



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 21/165	Score 9.18
Rule of law		**7.5**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.3
Security and safety		**9.6**
Homicide		9.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.5
Movement		**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.5**
Freedom of religion		9.5
Religious organization repression		9.4
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.3**
Civil society entry and exit		8.1
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.6
Civil society repression		9.3
Expression and information		**9.6**
Direct attacks on the press		9.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)		10.0
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**9.4**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		7.5
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 12/165	Score 7.88
Size of government		**6.2**
Government consumption		4.3
Transfers and subsidies		5.7
Government investment		9.4
Top marginal tax rate		3.5
State ownership of assets		7.9
Legal system and property rights		**8.0**
Judicial independence		7.8
Impartial courts		7.5
Property rights		8.7
Military interference		10.0
Integrity of the legal system		8.3
Contracts		6.5
Real property		8.0
Police and crime		7.2
Sound money		**8.7**
Money growth		8.9
Standard deviation of inflation		9.1
Inflation: most recent year		6.8
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.7**
Tariffs		8.8
Regulatory trade barriers		8.2
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		8.0
Regulation		**7.7**
Credit market regulation		7.4
Labor market regulation		8.2
Business regulation		6.7
Freedom to compete		8.6

UNITED KINGDOM

WESTERN EUROPE

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**9.13**	**9.04**	**8.99**	**8.96**	**8.84**	**8.85**	**8.83**	**8.90**	**8.93**	**8.82**	**8.32**	**8.64**
Ranking	**3**	**4**	**6**	**7**	**12**	**8**	**12**	**10**	**10**	**14**	**21**	**17**
Economic freedom	8.59	8.54	8.39	8.31	8.10	8.08	8.06	8.18	8.27	8.16	7.76	7.88
Personal freedom	9.51	9.40	9.41	9.43	9.37	9.40	9.37	9.41	9.39	9.29	8.73	9.18
Rule of law	**8.2**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**7.4**	**7.8**	**7.7**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	8.3	8.3	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.4	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.5	7.1	7.0	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	7.6	7.6	7.2	7.6	7.4	7.2	7.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.5	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.1	7.9	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.4	7.3
Security and safety	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.6**
Homicide	9.6	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5
Movement	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**6.1**	**9.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.4	9.4	9.6	8.8	9.1
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.8**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.5**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.5
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.4**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**9.3**
Civil society entry and exit	8.5	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6
Civil society repression	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.3	9.3
Expression and information	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.4**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.6**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)	9.0	9.2	9.2	9.3	7.6	9.2	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.2	8.8	8.4
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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UNITED STATES

NORTH AMERICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
17

Score
8.64

PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking	Score
	24/165	9.04
Rule of law		**6.5**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		7.7
Security and safety		**8.7**
Homicide		8.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		9.3
Movement		**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		9.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)		10.0
Religion		**9.5**
Freedom of religion		9.8
Religious organization repression		9.3
Association, assembly, civil society		**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit		9.5
Freedom of assembly		10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties		9.9
Civil society repression		9.5
Expression and information		**9.0**
Direct attacks on the press		9.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)		8.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)		7.5
Media and expression (BTI)		-
Media and expression (CLD)		10.0
Relationships		**10.0**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		10.0
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking	Score
	5/165	8.09
Size of government		**7.4**
Government consumption		6.8
Transfers and subsidies		5.7
Government investment		9.9
Top marginal tax rate		5.0
State ownership of assets		9.4
Legal system and property rights		**7.8**
Judicial independence		7.8
Impartial courts		7.6
Property rights		8.8
Military interference		6.7
Integrity of the legal system		6.9
Contracts		7.8
Real property		8.9
Police and crime		7.7
Sound money		**8.5**
Money growth		8.3
Standard deviation of inflation		9.1
Inflation: most recent year		6.8
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**8.1**
Tariffs		8.3
Regulatory trade barriers		8.4
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		5.7
Regulation		**8.7**
Credit market regulation		8.9
Labor market regulation		9.1
Business regulation		6.7
Freedom to compete		9.9

UNITED STATES

NORTH AMERICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**9.01**	**8.90**	**8.93**	**8.92**	**8.86**	**8.85**	**8.87**	**8.95**	**8.89**	**8.85**	**8.33**	**8.64**
Ranking	**7**	**10**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**8**	**11**	**9**	**13**	**12**	**20**	**17**
Economic freedom	8.83	8.67	8.67	8.55	8.32	8.22	8.34	8.36	8.41	8.36	8.11	8.09
Personal freedom	9.14	9.06	9.11	9.18	9.25	9.29	9.24	9.37	9.24	9.19	8.49	9.04
Rule of law	**6.8**	**6.7**	**6.5**	**6.6**	**6.7**	**6.8**	**6.5**	**7.1**	**7.0**	**6.8**	**6.6**	**6.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	7.3	7.3	6.8	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.4	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.2	6.3	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.3	6.1	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.8	8.0	8.1	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.3	7.7
Security and safety	**9.1**	**8.8**	**8.4**	**8.8**	**9.0**	**9.1**	**9.1**	**9.2**	**8.8**	**8.9**	**8.6**	**8.7**
Homicide	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.4	8.6	8.2	8.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.7	9.3	8.3	9.3	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.3
Movement	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**6.4**	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.9**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.5**	**9.5**	**9.5**
Freedom of religion	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	9.9	9.8	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.8	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.3	9.3	9.3
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.5**	**9.8**	**9.3**	**9.7**
Civil society entry and exit	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.8	10.0	8.8	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Civil society repression	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.1	9.5
Expression and information	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**8.9**	**9.0**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.7	9.8	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.7	9.8	9.8
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.6	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.0	8.5	8.4	8.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	6.2	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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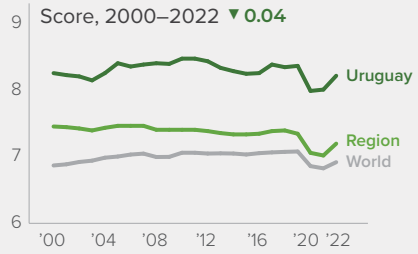
URUGUAY

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
36

Score
8.19



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 25/165 | Score 9.01

Rule of law	**6.9**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.5
Security and safety	**8.2**
Homicide	6.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.7
Movement	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0
Religion	**9.9**
Freedom of religion	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.2**
Civil society entry and exit	8.0
Freedom of assembly	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.8
Civil society repression	8.8
Expression and information	**9.1**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0
Relationships	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 57/165 | Score 7.04

Size of government	**6.4**
Government consumption	5.6
Transfers and subsidies	5.7
Government investment	7.1
Top marginal tax rate	6.5
State ownership of assets	7.4
Legal system and property rights	**5.8**
Judicial independence	7.5
Impartial courts	6.8
Property rights	7.2
Military interference	5.8
Integrity of the legal system	6.2
Contracts	3.0
Real property	6.5
Police and crime	5.0
Sound money	**8.2**
Money growth	7.6
Standard deviation of inflation	8.6
Inflation: most recent year	6.4
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**8.0**
Tariffs	7.8
Regulatory trade barriers	6.0
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	8.2
Regulation	**6.8**
Credit market regulation	7.6
Labor market regulation	5.8
Business regulation	6.6
Freedom to compete	7.2

URUGUAY

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**8.23**	**8.18**	**8.23**	**8.33**	**8.38**	**8.45**	**8.41**	**8.26**	**8.23**	**8.32**	**7.96**	**8.19**
Ranking	**30**	**35**	**37**	**34**	**30**	**30**	**33**	**36**	**36**	**34**	**35**	**36**
Economic freedom	7.10	6.99	7.07	7.15	7.21	7.35	7.34	7.11	7.15	7.18	6.95	7.04
Personal freedom	9.03	9.03	9.06	9.18	9.21	9.23	9.17	9.09	9.00	9.14	8.67	9.01
Rule of law	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.3**	**7.0**	**6.6**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.9**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.8	7.1	7.5	7.5	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.2	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.8	5.4	5.6	5.6	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	7.9	7.9	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.8	8.0	7.9	7.5
Security and safety	**9.0**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**9.0**	**8.8**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.2**	**8.5**	**8.2**
Homicide	8.1	8.0	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.2	7.7	7.7	7.7	6.5	7.1	6.8
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.6	9.5	9.9	9.9	9.7
Movement	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**6.4**	**9.8**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	10.0
Religion	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**
Freedom of religion	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8
Religious organization repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Association, assembly, civil society	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.6**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.7**	**9.5**	**9.4**	**9.3**	**9.2**
Civil society entry and exit	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.4	8.4	9.1	8.0
Freedom of assembly	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.8
Civil society repression	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.4	8.2	8.8
Expression and information	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.7**	**9.5**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.8**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**9.1**
Direct attacks on the press	5.5	5.5	5.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.5	9.1	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.3	8.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	8.8	9.4	9.6	9.2	9.8	9.6	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5
Media and expression (BTI)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (CLD)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Relationships	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**10.0**	**10.0**	**10.0**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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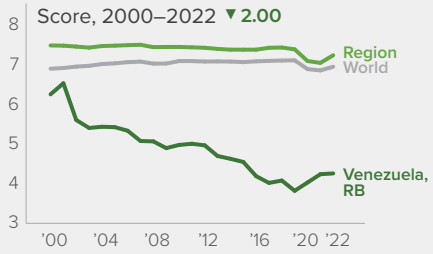
LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
159

Score
4.18



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 138/165	Score 5.01
Rule of law		**1.6**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		4.1
Security and safety		**5.2**
Homicide		4.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		6.0
Movement		**5.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		7.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**7.2**
Freedom of religion		7.2
Religious organization repression		7.1
Association, assembly, civil society		**3.5**
Civil society entry and exit		3.1
Freedom of assembly		1.8
Freedom to form/run political parties		5.9
Civil society repression		3.2
Expression and information		**3.9**
Direct attacks on the press		8.3
Media and expression (V-Dem)		3.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)		2.5
Media and expression (BTI)		2.2
Media and expression (CLD)		3.3
Relationships		**8.1**
Same-sex relationships		10.0
Divorce		2.5
Inheritance rights		10.0
Female genital mutilation		10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 165/165	Score 3.02
Size of government		**4.5**
Government consumption		8.8
Transfers and subsidies		5.8
Government investment		0.0
Top marginal tax rate		5.5
State ownership of assets		2.5
Legal system and property rights		**2.3**
Judicial independence		2.4
Impartial courts		1.0
Property rights		0.9
Military interference		1.7
Integrity of the legal system		1.8
Contracts		1.6
Real property		8.1
Police and crime		0.7
Sound money		**0.7**
Money growth		3.0
Standard deviation of inflation		0.0
Inflation: most recent year		0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts		0.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**5.0**
Tariffs		7.3
Regulatory trade barriers		2.2
Black-market exchange rates		10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		0.7
Regulation		**2.5**
Credit market regulation		4.3
Labor market regulation		2.7
Business regulation		0.6
Freedom to compete		2.6

VENEZUELA, RB

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.18**	**5.53**	**5.36**	**5.26**	**4.99**	**4.90**	**4.89**	**4.55**	**4.11**	**4.00**	**3.95**	**4.18**
Ranking	**104**	**131**	**139**	**142**	**149**	**153**	**156**	**156**	**159**	**161**	**163**	**159**
Economic freedom	5.34	4.23	4.39	4.19	3.53	3.26	3.33	2.97	2.67	2.97	2.96	3.02
Personal freedom	6.78	6.45	6.06	6.02	6.04	6.08	6.01	5.68	5.14	4.74	4.66	5.01
Rule of law	**3.2**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.1**	**3.0**	**3.0**	**2.4**	**1.8**	**2.1**	**1.7**	**1.5**	**1.6**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	3.0	3.0	2.5	1.2	1.5	1.0	0.8	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	3.8	3.8	3.3	2.9	3.3	2.7	2.7	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	2.4	2.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.5	4.9	4.7	3.8	3.7	4.1
Security and safety	**4.9**	**4.6**	**4.0**	**4.2**	**4.6**	**3.8**	**4.2**	**3.9**	**3.8**	**3.2**	**3.4**	**5.2**
Homicide	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	4.4
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.3	9.1	8.1	8.4	9.1	7.6	8.3	7.9	7.5	6.5	5.3	6.0
Movement	**8.1**	**9.8**	**8.1**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**9.7**	**9.6**	**9.4**	**5.8**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.5**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.3	8.8	8.4	7.1	7.0	7.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	10.0	6.7	6.7	6.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**9.1**	**8.0**	**7.6**	**7.6**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.4**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.0**	**7.2**	**7.2**
Freedom of religion	9.2	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.2
Religious organization repression	9.0	8.5	7.6	7.6	7.3	7.3	7.2	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.1
Association, assembly, civil society	**6.9**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.0**	**5.8**	**5.7**	**4.8**	**4.6**	**3.8**	**3.5**	**3.5**
Civil society entry and exit	5.7	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1
Freedom of assembly	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.7	5.7	5.7	3.4	3.1	2.2	1.8	1.8
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.3	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.2	7.9	6.4	5.8	5.9
Civil society repression	6.4	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.5	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.2	3.5	3.1	3.2
Expression and information	**7.2**	**5.4**	**5.2**	**5.0**	**5.1**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.6**	**4.5**	**4.1**	**3.8**	**3.9**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	9.4	9.4	8.9	8.9	7.9	8.0	9.5	9.6	7.9	7.5	8.3
Media and expression (V-Dem)	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	4.2	3.8	3.3	3.3	3.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	8.9	3.9	3.3	2.8	3.3	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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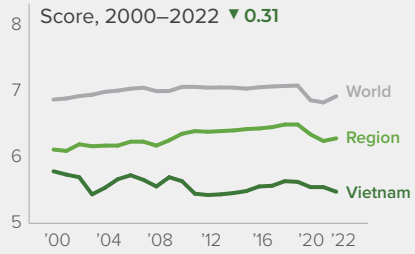
VIETNAM

SOUTH ASIA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
132

Score
5.43



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 145/165 | Score 4.85

Rule of law	**4.5**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.7
Security and safety	**9.2**
Homicide	9.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.8
Movement	**5.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**2.6**
Freedom of religion	3.2
Religious organization repression	2.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**1.5**
Civil society entry and exit	1.6
Freedom of assembly	1.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	0.3
Civil society repression	2.4
Expression and information	**1.8**
Direct attacks on the press	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	3.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0
Relationships	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 99/165 | Score 6.23

Size of government	**6.3**
Government consumption	7.6
Transfers and subsidies	-
Government investment	6.9
Top marginal tax rate	6.0
State ownership of assets	4.6
Legal system and property rights	**5.1**
Judicial independence	3.9
Impartial courts	4.0
Property rights	5.0
Military interference	5.0
Integrity of the legal system	5.1
Contracts	4.2
Real property	8.8
Police and crime	5.2
Sound money	**7.0**
Money growth	9.6
Standard deviation of inflation	9.6
Inflation: most recent year	8.7
Foreign currency bank accounts	0.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**6.6**
Tariffs	7.6
Regulatory trade barriers	5.6
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	3.1
Regulation	**6.2**
Credit market regulation	9.6
Labor market regulation	5.1
Business regulation	4.3
Freedom to compete	5.8

VIETNAM

SOUTH ASIA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.74**	**5.65**	**5.49**	**5.68**	**5.51**	**5.59**	**5.38**	**5.41**	**5.51**	**5.59**	**5.50**	**5.43**
Ranking	**123**	**125**	**132**	**132**	**133**	**134**	**139**	**137**	**135**	**135**	**135**	**132**
Economic freedom	6.12	6.01	5.56	5.70	5.37	5.53	5.56	5.66	5.86	6.12	6.16	6.23
Personal freedom	5.47	5.44	5.44	5.67	5.61	5.63	5.26	5.22	5.25	5.21	5.03	4.85
Rule of law	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.6**	**5.0**	**5.2**	**4.9**	**4.6**	**4.5**	**4.5**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	6.7	6.7	6.2	5.8	5.4	4.6	4.4	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.7	4.4	4.6	4.7	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	5.7	5.7	4.7	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.6	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.7
Security and safety	**9.3**	**8.9**	**8.9**	**9.3**	**8.9**	**9.3**	**8.9**	**9.0**	**9.3**	**9.3**	**8.8**	**9.2**
Homicide	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	9.0	8.3	8.2	9.0	8.2	9.0	8.2	8.4	9.1	9.0	8.1	8.8
Movement	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.4**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**5.7**	**5.6**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	7.3	7.3	7.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.1	7.9
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**3.9**	**4.1**	**4.0**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**4.0**	**3.6**	**2.6**
Freedom of religion	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.2
Religious organization repression	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	4.0	3.7	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.2	2.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**2.1**	**2.1**	**2.1**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.2**	**2.1**	**2.0**	**2.1**	**1.5**
Civil society entry and exit	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.4	1.6
Freedom of assembly	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.3
Civil society repression	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.7	2.4
Expression and information	**3.1**	**3.3**	**3.2**	**3.6**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**2.6**	**2.3**	**2.4**	**2.1**	**1.8**	**1.8**
Direct attacks on the press	7.5	7.7	6.3	6.4	8.3	8.4	5.6	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	2.9	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.0	2.8	3.0
Media and expression (Freedom House)	4.0	4.0	5.1	6.6	3.5	3.5	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	1.1	1.1
Media and expression (CLD)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Relationships	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**
Same-sex relationships	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

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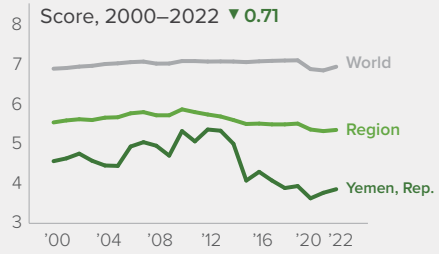
MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
164

Score
3.78



PERSONAL FREEDOM

	Ranking 164/165	Score 3.14
Rule of law		**2.8**
Procedural justice		-
Civil justice		-
Criminal justice		-
Rule of law (V-Dem)		2.8
Security and safety		**4.6**
Homicide		8.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism		1.2
Movement		**3.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)		3.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)		3.3
Religion		**3.8**
Freedom of religion		2.4
Religious organization repression		5.1
Association, assembly, civil society		**3.6**
Civil society entry and exit		2.4
Freedom of assembly		1.2
Freedom to form/run political parties		6.4
Civil society repression		4.5
Expression and information		**1.8**
Direct attacks on the press		6.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)		2.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)		0.0
Media and expression (BTI)		0.0
Media and expression (CLD)		0.0
Relationships		**2.0**
Same-sex relationships		0.0
Divorce		0.0
Inheritance rights		0.0
Female genital mutilation		8.2

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

	Ranking 156/165	Score 4.68
Size of government		**8.3**
Government consumption		8.8
Transfers and subsidies		9.0
Government investment		10.0
Top marginal tax rate		9.0
State ownership of assets		4.7
Legal system and property rights		**2.4**
Judicial independence		3.0
Impartial courts		1.7
Property rights		2.7
Military interference		4.2
Integrity of the legal system		3.0
Contracts		1.9
Real property		9.0
Police and crime		1.7
Sound money		**5.0**
Money growth		9.9
Standard deviation of inflation		0.0
Inflation: most recent year		0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts		10.0
Freedom to trade internationally		**4.6**
Tariffs		8.4
Regulatory trade barriers		5.7
Black-market exchange rates		0.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people		4.4
Regulation		**3.1**
Credit market regulation		0.0
Labor market regulation		6.4
Business regulation		2.6
Freedom to compete		3.5

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MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**4.49**	**4.68**	**4.38**	**4.86**	**4.88**	**5.25**	**5.29**	**4.93**	**4.22**	**3.81**	**3.55**	**3.78**
Ranking	**149**	**151**	**154**	**152**	**151**	**146**	**145**	**152**	**158**	**162**	**164**	**164**
Economic freedom	3.27	3.71	3.27	4.69	5.08	5.87	5.79	6.09	5.85	5.14	4.61	4.68
Personal freedom	5.18	5.23	5.01	4.96	4.77	4.82	4.94	4.10	3.05	2.87	2.78	3.14
Rule of law	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**3.9**	**4.2**	**3.9**	**2.2**	**2.4**	**2.3**	**2.8**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.3	3.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.8
Security and safety	**7.5**	**8.1**	**8.2**	**7.9**	**6.8**	**5.6**	**5.4**	**5.0**	**4.5**	**4.2**	**4.2**	**4.6**
Homicide	8.9	8.9	9.1	8.8	8.9	8.6	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.1	7.3	7.3	7.1	4.8	2.6	2.7	1.8	1.0	0.2	0.3	1.2
Movement	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**4.7**	**6.5**	**4.0**	**3.4**	**3.3**	**3.2**	**3.4**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.4	4.6	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.5
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**7.1**	**7.1**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**6.0**	**5.8**	**6.2**	**4.6**	**3.9**	**3.0**	**3.1**	**3.8**
Freedom of religion	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.9	3.0	3.8	2.0	2.0	2.4
Religious organization repression	8.9	8.9	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	7.6	6.2	4.0	4.0	4.2	5.1
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.2**	**5.5**	**6.6**	**5.4**	**3.4**	**3.4**	**3.3**	**3.6**
Civil society entry and exit	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	5.4	7.0	4.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.4
Freedom of assembly	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.8	4.5	4.2	1.9	1.6	1.2	1.2
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	8.4	8.0	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4
Civil society repression	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	6.2	5.0	3.7	3.7	3.6	4.5
Expression and information	**6.1**	**5.8**	**5.2**	**5.1**	**5.0**	**4.5**	**4.1**	**4.3**	**2.3**	**1.8**	**1.4**	**1.8**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	9.4	9.4	9.4	7.7	4.4	4.3	4.5	5.0	5.0	6.6
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.8	3.9	3.9	4.6	4.3	4.5	5.5	4.7	2.1	1.8	1.9	2.3
Media and expression (Freedom House)	7.9	7.5	5.2	3.8	4.8	3.4	5.2	5.7	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (BTI)	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.3	3.3	2.2	3.3	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Relationships	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**3.8**	**1.6**	**1.6**	**1.6**	**2.0**	**2.0**	**2.0**
Same-sex relationships	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inheritance rights	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female genital mutilation	-	-	-	-	-	10.0	6.2	6.2	6.2	8.2	8.2	8.2

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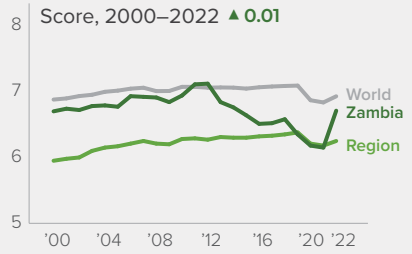
ZAMBIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
94

Score
6.66



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 92/165 | Score 7.02

Rule of law	**4.2**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.1
Security and safety	**8.6**
Homicide	8.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.8
Movement	**8.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7
Religion	**8.8**
Freedom of religion	8.1
Religious organization repression	9.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.9**
Civil society entry and exit	8.8
Freedom of assembly	4.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.9
Civil society repression	9.4
Expression and information	**5.8**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7
Relationships	**5.6**
Same-sex relationships	0.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 103/165 | Score 6.17

Size of government	**6.3**
Government consumption	3.3
Transfers and subsidies	9.3
Government investment	7.3
Top marginal tax rate	4.0
State ownership of assets	7.7
Legal system and property rights	**5.0**
Judicial independence	4.9
Impartial courts	4.3
Property rights	4.3
Military interference	8.3
Integrity of the legal system	6.7
Contracts	3.0
Real property	6.0
Police and crime	3.5
Sound money	**7.3**
Money growth	6.7
Standard deviation of inflation	6.9
Inflation: most recent year	5.6
Foreign currency bank accounts	10.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**7.1**
Tariffs	8.9
Regulatory trade barriers	2.7
Black-market exchange rates	10.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	6.9
Regulation	**5.1**
Credit market regulation	7.8
Labor market regulation	4.3
Business regulation	4.8
Freedom to compete	3.6

ZAMBIA

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**6.65**	**6.67**	**6.74**	**6.88**	**6.86**	**6.89**	**7.07**	**6.71**	**6.46**	**6.53**	**6.13**	**6.66**
Ranking	**86**	**87**	**89**	**89**	**87**	**87**	**81**	**96**	**113**	**104**	**116**	**94**
Economic freedom	6.11	5.98	6.15	6.39	6.42	6.57	6.67	6.41	6.19	6.36	5.89	6.17
Personal freedom	7.04	7.17	7.16	7.22	7.18	7.12	7.35	6.92	6.65	6.65	6.30	7.02
Rule of law	**4.3**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.4**	**4.3**	**4.4**	**4.1**	**4.2**	**4.1**	**4.0**	**3.9**	**4.2**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	4.8	4.8	4.0	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.1	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.6	4.6	4.7	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.6	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	3.7	3.7	3.6	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.0	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.3	6.1
Security and safety	**8.3**	**8.4**	**8.4**	**8.7**	**8.7**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.6**	**8.3**	**8.4**	**8.3**	**8.6**
Homicide	7.8	7.8	7.8	8.5	8.5	8.3	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.6	8.1	8.4	8.2	8.8
Movement	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.8**	**7.9**	**7.7**	**8.1**	**8.2**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.9	9.1	8.8	9.5	9.7
Freedom of movement (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
Religion	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.4**	**9.2**	**9.1**	**9.4**	**8.7**	**9.0**	**7.2**	**8.8**
Freedom of religion	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	7.3	8.1
Religious organization repression	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.6	8.4	9.0	7.7	8.2	7.1	9.4
Association, assembly, civil society	**7.9**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**8.1**	**7.8**	**7.6**	**7.7**	**7.3**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.1**	**7.9**
Civil society entry and exit	7.5	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.0	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.0	5.2	8.8
Freedom of assembly	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	5.7	6.1	6.1	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.0	4.6
Freedom to form/run political parties	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.7	8.5	8.2	8.1	8.9
Civil society repression	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	8.6	7.8	6.6	7.4	6.0	9.4
Expression and information	**5.7**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.4**	**6.5**	**6.6**	**6.6**	**5.7**	**5.1**	**5.0**	**4.9**	**5.8**
Direct attacks on the press	7.4	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.2	9.2	9.2	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.5	6.9	7.0	6.7	5.9	4.9	5.4	5.9	7.6
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	5.6	4.4	3.3	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	6.7
Relationships	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**7.5**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**	**5.6**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Female genital mutilation	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0

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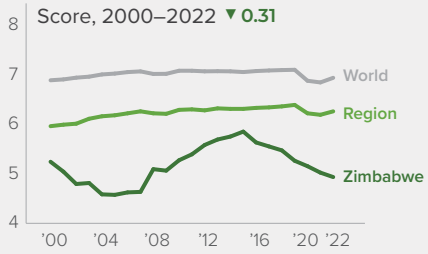
ZIMBABWE

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

HUMAN FREEDOM

Ranking
153

Score
4.87



PERSONAL FREEDOM

Ranking 120/165 | Score 5.82

Rule of law	**3.7**
Procedural justice	-
Civil justice	-
Criminal justice	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	4.8
Security and safety	**7.2**
Homicide	8.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	6.4
Movement	**6.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	8.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3
Religion	**7.0**
Freedom of religion	8.0
Religious organization repression	6.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**4.9**
Civil society entry and exit	5.8
Freedom of assembly	3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	7.8
Civil society repression	3.0
Expression and information	**4.4**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3
Relationships	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	5.0
Divorce	7.5
Inheritance rights	7.5
Female genital mutilation	10.0

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Ranking 164/165 | Score 3.53

Size of government	**5.6**
Government consumption	6.6
Transfers and subsidies	8.5
Government investment	4.4
Top marginal tax rate	4.0
State ownership of assets	4.6
Legal system and property rights	**3.5**
Judicial independence	4.2
Impartial courts	2.7
Property rights	2.3
Military interference	3.3
Integrity of the legal system	4.8
Contracts	1.6
Real property	7.1
Police and crime	2.4
Sound money	**1.2**
Money growth	0.0
Standard deviation of inflation	0.0
Inflation: most recent year	0.0
Foreign currency bank accounts	5.0
Freedom to trade internationally	**3.0**
Tariffs	5.5
Regulatory trade barriers	2.8
Black-market exchange rates	0.0
Controls of mvt. of capital and people	3.9
Regulation	**4.2**
Credit market regulation	4.8
Labor market regulation	5.6
Business regulation	3.0
Freedom to compete	3.4

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SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Human freedom	**5.18**	**4.73**	**4.52**	**4.56**	**5.03**	**5.21**	**5.52**	**5.69**	**5.57**	**5.41**	**5.09**	**4.87**
Ranking	**137**	**150**	**153**	**155**	**147**	**147**	**135**	**131**	**133**	**140**	**152**	**153**
Economic freedom	4.20	3.39	3.00	3.04	4.46	4.41	4.98	5.30	5.16	4.71	3.94	3.53
Personal freedom	5.89	5.68	5.60	5.65	5.44	5.78	5.91	5.98	5.87	5.91	5.92	5.82
Rule of law	**3.3**	**2.9**	**2.9**	**2.8**	**2.8**	**3.3**	**3.3**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.5**	**3.6**	**3.7**
Procedural justice	-	-	-	-	2.7	2.7	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.7	-
Civil justice	-	-	-	-	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.6	-
Criminal justice	-	-	-	-	4.3	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	-
Rule of law (V-Dem)	5.2	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.5	5.3	5.3	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.8
Security and safety	**6.1**	**5.4**	**6.1**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.8**	**6.9**	**7.1**	**7.6**	**7.2**	**7.5**	**7.2**
Homicide	6.4	6.2	6.9	7.6	8.5	8.5	8.1	8.1	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.1
Disappearances, conflicts, terrorism	5.7	4.6	5.3	5.2	4.3	5.0	5.7	6.1	6.7	5.9	6.4	6.4
Movement	**6.4**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.3**	**6.2**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.4**	**6.3**	**6.2**	**6.2**	**6.0**
Freedom of movement (V-Dem)	9.4	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0	9.5	9.5	9.4	9.2	9.0	9.1	8.6
Freedom of movement (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Religion	**9.2**	**9.2**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.1**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**	**7.0**
Freedom of religion	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	7.9	9.6	9.6	9.8	7.8	8.0	8.0	8.0
Religious organization repression	8.8	8.8	6.5	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.9	6.0
Association, assembly, civil society	**5.1**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.2**	**5.5**	**5.5**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.3**	**5.0**	**4.9**
Civil society entry and exit	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.6	6.6	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.5	5.8
Freedom of assembly	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.1
Freedom to form/run political parties	8.2	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.0	7.8
Civil society repression	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.8	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.2	3.0
Expression and information	**4.4**	**4.1**	**4.0**	**4.0**	**3.7**	**3.9**	**4.5**	**4.8**	**4.6**	**4.7**	**4.7**	**4.4**
Direct attacks on the press	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	8.8	8.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Media and expression (V-Dem)	4.7	4.0	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.6	4.1	3.7	4.1	4.1	4.2
Media and expression (Freedom House)	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	1.6	2.2	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Media and expression (BTI)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.2
Media and expression (CLD)	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Relationships	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.8**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**6.9**	**7.5**	**7.5**	**7.5**
Same-sex relationships	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Divorce	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Inheritance rights	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5
Female genital mutilation	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0

Note: BTI = Bertelsmann Stiftung's Transformation Index; CLD = Civil Liberty Dataset; V-Dem = *Varieties of Democracy*. For the rule of law category, we use data from V-Dem for 2022 and early years covered in our index for which our primary source does not provide data.

METHODOLOGY AND SOURCES

PERSONAL FREEDOM

A. RULE OF LAW

Where the *Rule of Law Index* from the World Justice Project (WJP) is available, it is used as described below. For countries that the WJP has never scored, the *Varieties of Democracy Rule of Law Index* is used instead. To put it on a scale of 0 to 10, the *Varieties of Democracy Rule of Law Index* is multiplied by 10. If a country has been given a score by the WJP in some years but not others, the years with missing data are filled by using the level of the rule of law established by the WJP and moving it upward or downward through time using *Varieties of Democracy* data via chain linking. Ratings from V-Dem's *Rule of Law Index* are based on the following questions: "To what extent are laws transparently, independently, predictably, impartially, and equally enforced, and to what extent do the actions of government officials comply with the law?"

Sources: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*; World Justice Project, *Rule of Law Index*.

Ai. Procedural justice

This component is calculated as an average of selected *Rule of Law Index* subfactors: "4.2 The right to life and security of the person is effectively guaranteed," "4.3 Due process of law and rights of the accused," and "4.6 Freedom from arbitrary interference with privacy is effectively guaranteed." A continuous score ranges from 0 to 10, where a rating of 10 is assigned to countries with full adherence to the rule of law from the perspective of how ordinary people experience it and a 0 rating is assigned to countries with no adherence to the rule of law from the perspective of how ordinary people experience it.

Source: World Justice Project, *Rule of Law Index*.

Aii. Civil justice

This component is calculated as an average of selected *Rule of Law Index* subfactors: "7.1 People can access and afford civil justice," "7.2 Civil justice is free of discrimination," "7.3 Civil justice is free of corruption," "7.4 Civil justice is free of improper government influence," "7.5 Civil justice is not subject to unreasonable delay," "7.6 Civil justice is effectively enforced," and "7.7 Alternative dispute resolution is accessible, impartial, and effective." A continuous score ranges from 0 to 10, where 0 means no adherence to the rule of law from the perspective of how ordinary people experience it and 10 means full adherence to the rule of law from the perspective of how ordinary people experience it.

Source: World Justice Project, *Rule of Law Index*.

Descriptions are based on material from the data sources and, in some cases, use the same wording.

Aiii. Criminal justice

This component is calculated as an average of selected *Rule of Law Index* subfactors: "8.1 Criminal investigation system is effective," "8.2 Criminal adjudication system is timely and effective," "8.3 Correctional system is effective in reducing criminal behavior," "8.4 Criminal system is impartial," "8.5 Criminal system is free of corruption," "8.6 Criminal system is free of improper government influence," and "8.7 Due process of law and rights of the accused." A continuous score ranges from 0 to 10, where 0 means no adherence to the rule of law from the perspective of how ordinary people experience it and 10 means full adherence to the rule of law from the perspective of how ordinary people experience it.

Source: World Justice Project, *Rule of Law Index*.

B. SECURITY AND SAFETY

Bi. Homicide

This component is based on the United Nations (UN) Office on Drugs and Crime's data on the intentional homicides per 100,000 population. Countries with more homicides per 100,000 population received lower ratings. A rating of 10 would have been assigned to countries with no homicides per 100,000 population. A rating of 0 was assigned to countries with 34.4 homicides or more per 100,000 population. Countries with homicides between 0 and 34.4 homicides per 100,000 population received corresponding ratings between 10 and 0. A value of 34.4 homicides per 100,000 population corresponds to the 95th percentile country from 2006 to 2011.

Source: UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Intentional Homicide database.

Bii. Disappearances, conflicts, and terrorism

Bii(a). Disappearances

This subcomponent is based on the CI-RIGHTS dataset on disappearances. Countries with more disappearances received lower ratings. A rating of 10 was assigned to countries with no disappearances. A rating of 5 was assigned to countries with disappearances occurring occasionally. A rating of 0 was assigned to countries with frequently occurring disappearances.

Source: David Cingranelli and Mikhail Filippov, CI-RIGHTS dataset.

Bii(b). Violent conflicts

This subcomponent is based on the Uppsala Conflict Data Program's data on battle-related deaths per one million population. It measures battle-related deaths from armed-conflict behavior between warring parties in a conflict dyad, be it state-based or nonstate-based. In state-based conflicts, the violence must be directly related to an incompatibility (of the positions of the conflicting parties regarding government or territory)—that

is, carried out with the purpose of realizing the goal of the incompatibility and having resulted in deaths. In nonstate-based conflicts, the violence does not have to be related to an incompatibility but must take place between warring parties and result in deaths. All deaths—military as well as civilian—are counted as battle-related deaths. Countries with more battle-related deaths per one million population received lower ratings. A rating of 10 was assigned to countries with no battle-related deaths per one million population. A rating of 0 was assigned to countries with 18.2 or more battle-related deaths per one million population. Countries with battle-related deaths between 0 and 18.2 received corresponding ratings between 10 and 0. A value of 18.2 corresponds to the value of the 95th percentile country in 2008.

Source: Uppsala Conflict Data Program, Battle-Related Deaths Dataset.

Bii(c). Organized conflicts

For the years 2008–2021, this subcomponent is based on the Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) qualitative assessment of the intensity of conflicts within the country. Countries with higher intensities of conflicts received lower ratings. The EIU's scale of 1 to 5 is mapped to ratings of 10, 7.5, 5.0, 2.5, and 0, respectively. For the years 2000–2007, data for 2008 is chain-linked backward to 2000 using "Civil War" data from the *International Country Risk Guide*.

Sources: Economist Intelligence Unit, Internal Organized Conflict dataset; PRS Group, *International Country Risk Guide*.

Bii(d). Terrorism fatalities

This subcomponent is based on the University of Maryland's Global Terrorism Database on confirmed terrorism fatalities. The number includes all victims and attackers who died as a direct result of the incident. Countries with more confirmed terrorism fatalities per one million population received lower ratings. A rating of 10 was assigned to countries with no confirmed fatalities per one million population. A rating of 0 was assigned to countries with 5.96 or more confirmed terrorism fatalities per one million population. Countries with terrorism fatalities between 0 and 5.96 per one million population received corresponding ratings between 10 and 0. A value of 5.96 corresponds to the value of the 95th percentile country in 2008.

Source: University of Maryland, Global Terrorism Database.

Bii(e). Terrorism injuries

This subcomponent is based on the University of Maryland's Global Terrorism Database on the confirmed terrorism nonfatal injuries to both perpetrators and victims. A rating of 10 was assigned to countries with no confirmed terrorism nonfatal injuries per one million population. A rating of 0 was assigned to countries with 11.11 or more confirmed terrorism nonfatal injuries per one million population.

Countries with confirmed terrorism nonfatal injuries between 0 and 11.11 received corresponding ratings between 10 and 0. A value of 11.11 corresponds to the value of the 95th percentile country in 2008.

Source: University of Maryland, Global Terrorism Database.

Bii(f). Freedom from torture

This component is from this V-Dem database question: Is there freedom from torture?

Responses:

0: Not respected by public authorities. Torture is practiced systematically and is incited and approved by the leaders of government.

1: Weakly respected by public authorities. Torture is practiced frequently but is often not incited or approved by top leaders of government. At the same time, leaders of government are not actively working to prevent it.

2: Somewhat. Torture is practiced occasionally but is typically not approved by top leaders of government.

3: Mostly respected by public authorities. Torture is practiced in a few isolated cases but is not incited or approved by top government leaders.

4: Fully respected by public authorities. Torture is nonexistent.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Bii(g). Freedom from political killings

This component is from this V-Dem database question: Is there freedom from political killings?

Responses:

0: Not respected by public authorities. Political killings are practiced systematically and they are typically incited and approved by top leaders of government.

1: Weakly respected by public authorities. Political killings are practiced frequently and top leaders of government are not actively working to prevent them.

2: Somewhat respected by public authorities. Political killings are practiced occasionally but they are typically not incited and approved by top leaders of government.

3: Mostly respected by public authorities. Political killings are practiced in a few isolated cases but they are not incited or approved by top leaders of government.

4: Fully respected by public authorities. Political killings are nonexistent.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

C. MOVEMENT

Ci. Freedom of movement (V-Dem)

Ci(a). Freedom of foreign movement

This component is from this V-Dem database question: Is there freedom of foreign travel and emigration?

Responses:

0: Not respected by public authorities. Citizens are rarely allowed to emigrate or travel out of the country. Transgressors (or their families) are severely punished. People discredited by the public authorities are routinely exiled or prohibited from traveling.

1: Weakly respected by public authorities. The public authorities systematically restrict the right to travel, especially for political opponents or particular social groups. This can take the form of general restrictions on the duration of stays abroad or delays/refusals of visas.

2: Somewhat respected by the public authorities. The right to travel for leading political opponents or particular social groups is occasionally restricted but ordinary citizens meet only minor restrictions.

3: Mostly respected by public authorities. Limitations on freedom of movement and residence are not directed at political opponents but minor restrictions exist. For example, exit visas may be required and citizens may be prohibited from traveling outside the country when accompanied by other members of their family.

4: Fully respected by the government. The freedom of citizens to travel from and to the country, and to emigrate and repatriate, is not restricted by public authorities.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Ci(b). Freedom of movement for men

This component is from this V-Dem database question: Do men enjoy freedom of movement within the country?

Responses:

0: Virtually no men enjoy full freedom of movement (e.g., North Korea).

1: Some men enjoy full freedom of movement, but most do not (e.g., apartheid South Africa).

2: Most men enjoy some freedom of movement but a sizable minority does not. Alternatively, all men enjoy partial freedom of movement.

3: Most men enjoy full freedom of movement but a small minority does not.

4: Virtually all men enjoy full freedom of movement.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Ci(c). Freedom of movement for women

This component is from this V-Dem database question: Do women enjoy freedom of movement within the country?

Responses:

0: Virtually no women enjoy full freedom of movement (e.g., North Korea or Afghanistan under the Taliban).

1: Some women enjoy full freedom of movement, but most do not (e.g., apartheid South Africa).

2: Most women enjoy some freedom of movement but a sizable minority does not. Alternatively, all women enjoy partial freedom of movement.

3: Most women enjoy full freedom of movement but a small minority does not.

4: Virtually all women enjoy full freedom of movement.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Cii. Freedom of movement (CLD)

This component specifies the extent to which individuals and groups have freedom of movement and residence—that is, the right of the citizens to settle and travel within their country as well as to leave and return to their country of own choice without being subject to actual limitations or restrictions.

Component scale:

(1) Severely restricted. Hardly any freedom of movement exists. As a rule, citizens are not allowed to choose their place of residence and to travel within and out of the country.

(2) Fairly restricted. Some elements of foreign travel, residence, and/or domestic travel of one's own choice exist, but numerous individuals, often belonging to specific groups, are exposed to a variety of prohibitions.

(3) Modestly restricted. There are minor restraints on the freedom of travel and/or residence, predominantly limited to a few isolated cases, but as a rule there are no prohibitions.

(4) Unrestricted. Unhampered freedom of movement and residence exist.

The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: Svend-Erik Skaaning, Civil Liberty Dataset, 2020, Harvard Dataverse, V2.5.

D. RELIGION

Di. Freedom of religion

Di(a). Freedom of religion (V-Dem)

This indicator specifies the extent to which individuals and groups have the right to choose a religion, change their religion, and practice that religion in private or in public as well as to proselytize peacefully without being subject to restrictions by public authorities.

Responses:

0: Not respected by public authorities. Hardly any freedom of religion exists. Any kind of religious practice is outlawed or at least controlled by the government to the extent that religious leaders are appointed by and subjected to public authorities, who control the activities of religious communities in some detail.

1: Weakly respected by public authorities. Some elements of autonomous organized religious practices exist and are officially recognized. But significant religious communities are repressed, prohibited, or systematically disabled; voluntary conversions are restricted; and instances of discrimination or intimidation of individuals or groups due to their religion are common.

2: Somewhat respected by public authorities. Autonomous organized religious practices exist and are officially recognized. Yet minor religious communities are repressed, prohibited, or systematically disabled, and/or instances of discrimination or intimidation of individuals or groups due to their religion occur occasionally.

3: Mostly respected by public authorities. There are minor restrictions on the freedom of religion, predominantly limited to a few isolated cases. Minority religions face denial of registration, hindrance of foreign missionaries from entering the country, restrictions against proselytizing, or hindrance of access to or construction of places of worship.

4: Fully respected by public authorities. The population enjoys the right to practice any religious belief they choose. Religious groups may organize, select, and train personnel; solicit and receive contributions; publish; and engage in consultations without undue interference. If religious communities have to register, public authorities do not abuse the process to discriminate against a religion and do not constrain the right to worship before registration.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Di(b). Freedom of religion (CLD)

This component specifies the extent to which individuals and groups have freedom of thought, conscience, and religion—that is, the right of the citizens to have and change their religion or belief of their own choice and to alone or in community manifest their religion or belief in practice, worship, observance, and teaching in private or public as well as to proselytize peacefully without being subject to actual limitations or restrictions. Component scale:

(1) Severely restricted. Hardly any freedom of religion exists. As a rule, any kind of religious practice is controlled by the government and harshly suppressed.

(2) Fairly restricted. Some elements of autonomous organized religious practices exist and are officially recognized, but major religious directions are repressed, prohibited, or systematically disabled.

(3) Modestly restricted. There are minor restraints on the freedom of religion, predominantly limited to a few isolated cases, but as a rule there are no interventions or prohibitions on communities or individual worshipers.

(4) Unrestricted. Unhampered freedom of religion exists.

The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: Svend-Erik Skaaning, Civil Liberty Dataset, 2020, Harvard Dataverse, V2.5.

Dii. Religious organization repression

This component is from this V-Dem database question: Does the government attempt to repress religious organizations?

Responses:

0: Severely. The government violently and actively pursues all real and even some imagined members of religious organizations. It seeks not only to deter the activity of such groups but also to effectively liquidate them. Examples include Stalinist Russia and Maoist China.

1: Substantially. In addition to the kinds of harassment outlined in 2 and 3 below, the government also arrests, tries, and imprisons leaders of and participants in oppositional religious organizations who have acted lawfully. Other sanctions include disruption of public gatherings and violent sanctions of activists (beatings, threats to families, destruction of valuable property).

2: Moderately. In addition to material sanctions outlined in 3 below, the government also engages

in minor legal harassment (detentions, short-term incarceration) to dissuade religious organizations from acting or expressing themselves. The government may also restrict the scope of their actions through measures that restrict association of religious civil society organizations with each other or political parties, bar religious civil society organizations from taking certain actions, or block international contacts.

3: Weakly. The government uses material sanctions (fines, firings, denial of social services) to deter oppositional religious organizations from acting or expressing themselves. They may also use burdensome registration or incorporation procedures to slow the formation of new religious civil society organizations and sidetrack them from engagement. The government may also organize parallel religious organizations to crowd out independent religious organizations.

4: No. Religious civil society organizations are free to organize, associate, strike, express themselves, and criticize the government without fear of government sanctions or harassment.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

E. ASSOCIATION, ASSEMBLY, AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Ei. Civil society entry and exit

This component is from the following V-Dem database question: To what extent does the government achieve control over entry and exit by civil society organizations (CSOs) into public life?

Responses:

0: Monopolistic control. The government exercises an explicit monopoly over CSOs. The only organizations allowed to engage in political activity such as endorsing parties or politicians, sponsoring public issues forums, organizing rallies or demonstrations, engaging in strikes, or publicly commenting on public officials and policies are government-sponsored organizations. The government actively represses those who attempt to defy its monopoly on political activity.

1: Substantial control. The government licenses all CSOs and uses political criteria to bar organizations that are likely to oppose the government. There are at least some citizen-based organizations that play a limited role in politics independent of the government. The government actively represses those who attempt to flout its political criteria and bars them from any political activity.

2: Moderate control. Whether the government ban on independent CSOs is partial or full, some prohibited organizations manage to play an active political role. Despite its ban on organizations of this sort, the government does not or cannot repress them, due to either its weakness or political expedience.

3: Minimal control. Whether or not the government licenses CSOs, there exist constitutional provisions that allow the government to ban organizations or movements that have a history of antidemocratic action in the past (e.g., the banning of neofascist or communist organizations in the Federal Republic of Germany). Such banning takes place under strict rule of law and conditions of judicial independence.

4: Unconstrained. Whether or not the government licenses CSOs, the government does not impede their formation and operation unless they are engaged in activities to violently overthrow the government.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Eii. Freedom of assembly

Eii(a). Freedom of assembly (Freedom House)

This component is from the E1 category in the *Freedom in the World* methodology: Is there freedom of assembly? Questions include the following: Are peaceful protests, particularly those of a political nature, banned or severely restricted? Are the legal requirements to obtain permission to hold peaceful demonstrations particularly cumbersome or time-consuming? Are participants in peaceful demonstrations intimidated, arrested, or assaulted? Are peaceful protesters detained by police in order to prevent them from engaging in such actions? Are organizers blocked from using online media to plan or carry out a protest, for example, through DDoS (distributed denial-of-service) attacks or wholesale blackouts of internet or mobile services? Are similar restrictions and obstacles used to impede other public events, such as conferences, panel discussions, and town hall–style meetings? Are public petitions in which citizens gather signatures to support a particular policy or initiative banned or severely restricted?

The data, which run from 0 to 4, were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: Freedom House, *Freedom in the World*.

Eii(b). Freedom of assembly (BTI)

This component is from the 2.3 category in the Transformation Index methodology: To what extent can individuals form and join independent political or civic groups? To what extent can these groups operate and assemble freely?

When assessing the degree of freedom of association and assembly, we consider the following: if the constitution guarantees freedom of association and assembly, and if these laws are enforced; if there are severe restrictions on assembly and association for all citizens or for particular groups; if the government

uses intimidation, harassment, or threats of retaliation to prevent citizens from exercising their rights to association and assembly (e.g., by arbitrarily arresting, detaining, and imprisoning peaceful demonstrators or using excessive force); if the government uses transparent and nondiscriminatory criteria in evaluating requests for permits to associate and/or assemble; and if groups are able to operate free from unwarranted state intrusion or interference in their affairs. Scoring is as follows:

10: Association and assembly rights are guaranteed against interference or government restrictions. Residents and civic groups can fully exercise these rights.

7: Association and assembly rights are occasionally subject to interference or government restrictions, but generally there are no outright prohibitions of independent political or civic groups.

4: Association and assembly rights are often subject to interference or government restrictions. Residents and civic groups that do not support the government often cannot exercise these rights.

1: Association and assembly rights are denied. Independent civic groups do not exist or are prohibited.

To transform the data to a 0-to-10 scale, 1 is subtracted from the data and the results are multiplied by 10/9.

Supplementing these data are the CIRI Human Rights data on the Freedom of Assembly and Association. CIRI's 0-to-2 scale is transformed to a 0-to-10 scale by multiplying it by 5. Its role in supplementing the Bertelsmann Stiftung Transformation Index (BTI) data is limited to countries that already receive a BTI score. Beginning with one year before BTI data are scored, the earliest BTI data are carried backward so long as the CIRI data are constant from one year to the year before. When the CIRI data change, a rating of 0, 5, or 10 is assigned commensurate with the 0, 1, and 2 scoring used by CIRI.

Sources: Bertelsmann Stiftung Transformation Index; CIRI Human Rights Data Project.

Eii(c). Freedom of assembly (CLD)

This component specifies the extent to which individuals and groups have freedom of assembly and association, that is, the right of the citizens to gather freely and carry out peaceful demonstrations as well as to join, form, and participate with other persons in political parties, cultural organizations, trade unions, or the like of their choice without being subject to actual limitations or restrictions.

Component scale:

(1) Severely restricted. Hardly any freedom of association and assembly exists. As a rule, politically relevant civic organizations and attempts to assemble do not exist or are harshly suppressed.

(2) Fairly restricted. Some elements of civic organizations exist, but oppositional organizations with relevance for governance are prohibited, disabled, or systematically repressed and

demonstrations critical of the government are exposed to numerous interventions and prohibitions.

(3) Modestly restricted. There are minor restraints on the freedom of association and/or assembly, predominantly limited to a few isolated cases, but as a rule there are no interventions or prohibitions on parties, social organizations, or public meetings.

(4) Unrestricted. Unhampered freedom of association and assembly exists.

The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: Svend-Erik Skaaning, Civil Liberty Dataset, 2020, Harvard Dataverse, V2.5.

Eiii. Freedom to form and run political parties

Eiii(a). Barriers to parties

This component is from the following V-Dem database question: How restrictive are the barriers to forming a party? Clarification: Barriers include legal requirements such as requirements for membership or financial deposits, as well as harassment.

Responses:

0: Parties are not allowed.

1: It is impossible, or virtually impossible, for parties not affiliated with the government to form (legally).

2: There are significant obstacles (e.g., party leaders face high levels of regular political harassment by authorities).

3: There are modest barriers (e.g., party leaders face occasional political harassment by authorities).

4: There are no substantial barriers.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Eiii(b). Party bans

This component is from the following V-Dem database question: Are any parties banned? Clarification: This does not apply to parties that are barred from competing for failing to meet registration requirements or support thresholds.

Responses:

0: Yes. All parties except the state-sponsored party (and closely allied parties) are banned.

1: Yes. Elections are nonpartisan or there are no officially recognized parties.

2: Yes. Many parties are banned.

3: Yes. But only a few parties are banned.

4: No. No parties are officially banned.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Eiii(c). Opposition parties autonomy

This component is from the following V-Dem database question: Are opposition parties independent and autonomous of the ruling regime? Clarification: An opposition party is any party that is not part of the government (i.e., that has no control over the executive).

Responses:

0: Opposition parties are not allowed.

1: There are no autonomous, independent opposition parties. Opposition parties are either selected or co-opted by the ruling regime.

2: At least some opposition parties are autonomous and independent of the ruling regime.

3: Most significant opposition parties are autonomous and independent of the ruling regime.

4: All opposition parties are autonomous and independent of the ruling regime.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Eiv. Civil society repression

This component is from the following V-Dem database question: Does the government attempt to repress civil society organizations (CSOs)?

Responses:

0: Severely. The government violently and actively pursues all real and even some imagined members of CSOs. They seek not only to deter the activity of such groups but to effectively liquidate them. Examples include Stalinist Russia, Nazi Germany, and Maoist China.

1: Substantially. In addition to the kinds of harassment outlined in responses 2 and 3 below, the government also arrests, tries, and imprisons leaders of and participants in oppositional CSOs who have acted lawfully. Other sanctions include disruption of public gatherings and violent sanctions of activists (beatings, threats to families, destruction of valuable property). Examples include Mugabe's Zimbabwe, Poland under martial law, and Serbia under Milošević.

2: Moderately. In addition to material sanctions outlined in response 3 below, the government

also engages in minor legal harassment (detentions, short-term incarceration) to dissuade CSOs from acting or expressing themselves. The government may also restrict the scope of their actions through measures that restrict association of CSOs with each other or political parties, bar CSOs from taking certain actions, or block international contacts. Examples include post–martial law Poland, Brazil in the early 1980s, and the late Franco period in Spain.

3: Weakly. The government uses material sanctions (fines, firings, denial of social services) to deter oppositional CSOs from acting or expressing themselves. They may also use burdensome registration or incorporation procedures to slow the formation of new CSOs and sidetrack them from engagement. The government may also organize government-organized movements or nongovernmental organizations to crowd out independent organizations. One example would be Singapore in the post–Lee Kuan Yew phase or Putin's Russia.

4: No. CSOs are free to organize, associate, strike, express themselves, and criticize the government without fear of government sanctions or harassment.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

F. EXPRESSION AND INFORMATION

Fi. Direct attacks on the press

Fi(a). Press killed

This component counts journalists killed while covering news or offering comment on public affairs in print, in photographs, on radio, on television, or online. As such, the component includes writers, editors, publishers, producers, technicians, photographers, camera operators, and directors of news organizations. Countries with 3.4 or more journalists killed over the previous five years per 10 million population earn a rating of 0. Countries with no journalists killed over the previous five years earn a 10. Countries with more than 0 but fewer than 3.4 journalists killed per 10 million population over the previous five years earn a corresponding rating between 10 and 0. A value of 3.4 per 10 million corresponds to the number killed in the 95th percentile country from 2004 to 2008.

Source: Committee to Protect Journalists, Killed Census.

Fi(b). Press jailed

This component quantifies journalists imprisoned for covering news or offering comment on public affairs in print, in photographs, on radio, on television, or online. As such, the component includes writers, editors, publishers, producers, technicians, photographers, camera operators, and directors of news

organizations. Countries with 4.1 or more journalists imprisoned over the previous five years per 10 million population earn a rating of 0. Countries with no journalists imprisoned over the previous five years earn a 10. Countries with more than 0 but fewer than 4.1 journalists per 10 million population imprisoned over the previous five years earn a corresponding rating between 10 and 0. A value of 4.1 per 10 million corresponds to the number jailed in the 95th percentile country from 2004 to 2008.

Source: Committee to Protect Journalists, Prison Census.

Fii. Media and expression (V-Dem)

Fii(a). Freedom of academic and cultural expression

This component is from the following V-Dem database question: Are there academic freedom and freedom of cultural expression related to political issues?

Responses:

0: Not respected by public authorities. Censorship and intimidation are frequent. Academic activities and cultural expressions are severely restricted or controlled by the government.

1: Weakly respected by public authorities. Academic freedom and freedom of cultural expression are practiced occasionally, but direct criticism of the government is mostly met with repression.

2: Somewhat respected by public authorities. Academic freedom and freedom of cultural expression are practiced routinely, but strong criticism of the government is sometimes met with repression.

3: Mostly respected by public authorities. There are few limitations on academic freedom and freedom of cultural expression, and resulting sanctions tend to be infrequent and soft.

4: Fully respected by public authorities. There are no restrictions on academic freedom or cultural expression.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Fii(b). Harassment of journalists

This component is from the following V-Dem database question: Are individual journalists harassed (i.e., threatened with libel, arrested, imprisoned, beaten, or killed) by governmental or powerful nongovernmental actors while engaged in legitimate journalistic activities?

Responses:

0: No journalists dare to engage in journalistic activities that would offend powerful actors because harassment or worse would be certain to occur.

1: Some journalists occasionally offend powerful actors, but they are almost always harassed or worse and eventually are forced to stop.

2: Some journalists who offend powerful actors are forced to stop, but others manage to continue practicing journalism freely for long periods of time.

3: It is rare for any journalist to be harassed for offending powerful actors, and if this were to happen, those responsible for the harassment would be identified and punished.

4: Journalists are never harassed by governmental or powerful nongovernmental actors while engaged in legitimate journalistic activities.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Fii(c). Government censorship effort

This component is from the following V-Dem database question: Does the government directly or indirectly attempt to censor the print or broadcast media?

Responses:

0: Attempts to censor are direct and routine.

1: Attempts to censor are indirect but nevertheless routine.

2: Attempts to censor are direct but limited to especially sensitive issues.

3: Attempts to censor are indirect and limited to especially sensitive issues.

4: The government rarely attempts to censor major media in any way, and when such exceptional attempts are discovered, the responsible officials are usually punished.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Fii(d). Internet censorship effort

This component is from the following V-Dem database question: Does the government attempt to censor information (text, audio, or visuals) on the internet?

Responses:

0: The government successfully blocks internet access except to sites that are pro-government or devoid of political content.

1: The government attempts to block internet access except to sites that are pro-government or devoid of political content, but many users are able to circumvent such controls.

2: The government allows internet access, including to some sites that are critical of the government, but blocks selected sites that deal with especially politically sensitive issues.

3: The government allows internet access that is unrestricted, with the exceptions mentioned above.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Fii(e). Media self-censorship

This component is from the following V-Dem database question: Is there self-censorship among journalists when reporting on issues that the government considers politically sensitive?

Responses:

0: Self-censorship is complete and thorough.

1: Self-censorship is common but incomplete.

2: There is self-censorship on a few highly sensitive political issues but not on moderately sensitive issues.

3: There is little or no self-censorship among journalists.

The version of the data is the "original scale" variable found in the V-Dem dataset. The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Fiii. Media and expression (Freedom House)

This component is from the D1 category in the *Freedom in the World* methodology: Are there free and independent media? (Note: "Media" refers to all relevant sources of news and commentary—including formal print, broadcast, and online news outlets, as well as social media and communication applications when they are used to gather or disseminate news and commentary for the general public. The question also applies to artistic works in any medium.)

Questions include the following: Are the media directly or indirectly censored? Is self-censorship common among journalists (the term includes professional journalists, bloggers, and citizen journalists), especially when reporting on sensitive issues, including politics, social controversies, corruption, or the activities of powerful individuals? Are journalists subject to pressure or surveillance aimed at identifying their sources? Are libel, blasphemy, security, or other restrictive laws used to punish journalists who scrutinize government officials and policies or other powerful entities through either onerous fines or imprisonment? Is it a crime to insult the honor and dignity of the president or other government officials? How broad is the range of such prohibitions, and how vigorously are they enforced? If media outlets

are dependent on the government for their financial survival, does the government condition funding on the outlets' cooperation in promoting official points of view and/or denying access to opposition parties and civic critics? Do powerful private actors engage in similar practices? Do the owners of private media exert improper editorial control over journalists or publishers, skewing news coverage to suit their personal business or political interests? Is media coverage excessively partisan, with the majority of outlets consistently favoring either side of the political spectrum? Does the government attempt to influence media content and access through means including politically motivated awarding or suspension of broadcast frequencies and newspaper registrations, unfair control and influence over printing facilities and distribution networks, blackouts of internet or mobile service, selective distribution of advertising, onerous operating requirements, prohibitive tariffs, and bribery? Are journalists threatened, harassed online, arrested, imprisoned, beaten, or killed by government or nonstate actors for their legitimate journalistic activities, and if such cases occur, are they investigated and prosecuted fairly and expeditiously? Do women journalists encounter gender-specific obstacles to carrying out their work, including threats of sexual violence or strict gender segregation? Are works of literature, art, music, or other forms of cultural expression censored or banned for political purposes? For the years 2017 and 2018, we translate Freedom House's 0-to-4 scale by simply multiplying by 2.5 so that the minimum score given is 0 and the maximum score given is 10. Earlier years' data were reported continuously over the interval.

Source: Freedom House, *Freedom in the World*.

Fiv. Media and expression (BTI)

This component is from the 2.4 category in the Transformation Index methodology: To what extent can citizens, organizations, and the mass media express opinions freely? When assessing the degree of freedom of expression, we consider the following: if the constitution guarantees freedom of expression, and if these laws are enforced; if individuals, organizations, or media are harassed or physically threatened by either the state or influential interest groups and if there are cases of assault against dissenting media or critical journalists; if the state practices censorship or if journalists practice self-censorship; if penal code, security laws, or penalties for libeling state officials are enacted to intimidate dissenting opinion; if freedom of information legislation is in place and effective; and if the structure of the media system provides for a plurality of opinions. Scoring:

10: Freedom of expression is guaranteed against interference or government restrictions. Individuals, groups, and the press can fully exercise these rights.

7: Freedom of expression is occasionally subject to interference or government restrictions, but there are generally no incidents of blatant intrusions like outright state censorship or media shutdowns.

4: Freedom of expression is often subject to interference or government restrictions. Distortion and manipulation shape matters of public debate.

1: Freedom of expression is denied. Independent media do not exist or are prohibited.

To transform the data to a 0-to-10 scale, 1 is subtracted from the data and the results are multiplied by 10/9.

Supplementing these data are the CIRI Human Rights data on Freedom of Speech and Press. Its 0-to-2 scale is transformed to a 0-to-10 scale by multiplying it by 5. Its role in supplementing the BTI data is limited to countries that already receive a BTI score. Beginning with one year before BTI data are scored, the earliest BTI data are carried backward so long as the CIRI data are constant from one year to the year before. When the CIRI data change in value at any point, they receive a 0, 5, or 10 commensurate with the 0, 1, and 2 scoring used by CIRI.

Sources: Bertelsmann Stiftung Transformation Index; CIRI Human Rights Data Project.

Fv. Media and expression (CLD)

This component specifies the extent to which individual citizens, groups, and the media have freedom of opinion and expression—that is, the right of the citizens, groups, and press to hold views freely and to seek, obtain, and pass on information on political issues broadly understood without being subject to actual limitations or restrictions.

Component scale:

(1) Severely restricted. Hardly any freedom of opinion or expression exists. As a rule, political statements and press coverage independent and/or critical of the government do not exist or are harshly suppressed.

(2) Fairly restricted. Some elements of expression of political opinions and press coverage independent and critical of the government exist but are exposed to numerous interventions and prohibitions.

(3) Modestly restricted. There are minor restraints on the freedom of opinion and expression, predominantly limited to a few isolated cases, but as a rule there are no interventions and prohibitions on political statements and/or press coverage.

(4) Unrestricted. Unhampered freedom of opinion and expression exists.

The data were multiplied by 2.5 for conversion to the 0-to-10 scale.

Source: Svend-Erik Skaaning, Civil Liberty Dataset, 2020, Harvard Dataverse, V2.5.

G. RELATIONSHIPS

Gi. Same-sex relationships

Gi(a). Male-to-male relationships

This subcomponent is based on the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association's Sexual Orientation Laws dataset on male-to-male relationships. A rating of 10 was assigned to countries where male-to-male relationships are legal. Where different jurisdictions within a country differed in policy

concerning the legality of male-to-male relationships, the country receives a rating proportional to the population of the regions in which it is legal (e.g., a country where it is legal for 70 percent of the population receives a 7 out of 10). A rating of 0 was assigned to countries where male-to-male relationships are illegal.

Source: International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association, Sexual Orientation Laws dataset.

Gi(b). Female-to-female relationships

This subcomponent is based on the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association's Sexual Orientation Laws dataset on female-to-female relationships. A rating of 10 was assigned to countries where female-to-female relationships are legal. Where different jurisdictions within a country differed in policy concerning the legality of female-to-female relationships, the country receives a rating proportional to the population of the regions in which it is legal (e.g., a country where it is legal for 70 percent of the population receives a 7 out of 10). A rating of 0 was assigned to countries where female-to-female relationships are illegal.

Source: International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association, Sexual Orientation Laws dataset.

Gii. Divorce

This component measures whether women and men have the same legal rights to initiate divorce and have the same requirements for divorce or annulment. A rating of 10 was assigned to countries where women have both the same rights to initiate divorce and the same requirements to finalize divorce or annulment as men, without negative repercussions on their parental authority. A rating of 7.5 was assigned to countries where women of all groups have both the same right to initiate divorce and the same requirements to finalize divorce or annulment as men, without negative repercussions on their parental authority, but where some customary, religious, or traditional laws or practices discriminate against women's rights regarding divorce and/or parental authority after divorce. A rating of 5 was assigned to countries where women have both the same rights to initiate divorce and the same requirements to finalize divorce or annulment as men, without negative repercussions on their parental authority, but where this right does not apply to all groups of women. A rating of 2.5 was assigned to countries where women do not have the same rights over divorce as men: Either their rights to initiate divorce and/or the requirements to finalize divorce or annulment are unequal, or their parental authority after divorce is restricted. A rating of 0 was assigned to countries where women do not have the same rights over divorce as men: Their rights to initiate divorce and/or the requirements to finalize divorce or annulment are unequal and their parental authority after divorce is restricted. For 2008–2016, this component is an average of two measurements:

whether women and men have the same right to be the legal guardian of and have custody rights over a child after divorce and the extent to which women and men have the same rights to initiate divorce.

Source: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), *Social Institutions and Gender Index*.

Giii. Inheritance rights

This subcomponent measures whether women and men have the same legal rights to inheritance of land and nonland assets. A rating of 10 was applied to countries where widows and daughters enjoy the same rights as widowers and sons to inherit land and nonland assets. A rating of 7.5 was assigned to countries where widows and daughters in all groups enjoy the same rights as widowers and sons to inherit land and nonland assets but where some customary, religious, or traditional laws discriminate against women's inheritance rights. A rating of 5 was assigned to countries where widows and daughters enjoy the same rights as widowers and sons to inherit land and nonland assets but where this right does not apply to all groups of women. A rating of 2.5 was assigned to countries where widows or daughters do not enjoy the same rights as widowers and sons to inherit land and/or nonland assets. A rating of 0 was applied to countries where both widows and daughters do not enjoy the same rights as widowers and sons to inherit land and/or nonland assets. For 2008–2016, this subcomponent is an average of two measurements: inheritance rights of widows and inheritance rights of daughters.

Source: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), *Social Institutions and Gender Index*.

Giv. Female genital mutilation

This subcomponent measures the percentage of women ages 15 to 49 years in the country who have undergone any type of female genital mutilation. A continuous score ranges from 0 to 10, where a rating of 10 was assigned to countries with no prevalence of female genital mutilation and a rating of 0 was assigned to countries with complete prevalence of female genital mutilation.

Source: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Global Database.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

A. SIZE OF GOVERNMENT

Ai. Government consumption

This component is measured as general government consumption spending as a percentage of total consumption. The rating for this component, as with many of the following components, is designed to

mirror the actual distribution of the raw data but on a 0-to-10 scale. The rating is equal to $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. The V_i is the country's actual government consumption as a proportion of total consumption, while the V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 40 and 6, respectively. The 1990 data were used to derive the maximum and minimum values for this component as well as most other components to follow. Countries with a larger proportion of government expenditures receive lower ratings.

Sources: World Bank, World Development Indicators; International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics; United Nations National Accounts.

Aii. Transfers and subsidies

This component is measured as general government transfers and subsidies as a share of GDP. The rating for this component is equal to $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. The V_i is the country's ratio of transfers and subsidies to GDP, while the V_{max} and V_{min} values are set at 37.2 and 0.5, respectively. The formula will generate lower ratings for countries with larger transfer sectors. When the size of a country's transfer sector approaches that of the country with the largest transfer sector during the 1990 benchmark year, the rating of the country will approach 0.

Sources: International Monetary Fund, *Government Finance Statistics Yearbook*; World Bank, World Development Indicators; International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics; United Nations National Accounts.

Aiii. Government investment

Data on government investment as a share of total investment are used to construct the 0-to-10 ratings. Countries with more government investment as a share of total investment receive lower ratings. The rating for this component is equal to $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. The V_i is the country's ratio of transfers and subsidies to GDP, while the V_{max} and V_{min} values are set at 50 and 15, respectively.

Sources: International Monetary Fund, *Investment and Capital Stock Dataset*; World Bank, World Development Indicators; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD Data.

Aiv. Top marginal tax rate

Aiv(a). Top marginal income tax rate

Countries with higher marginal tax rates that take effect at lower income thresholds received lower ratings based on the matrix on page 70 in James Gwartney et al., *Economic Freedom of the World: 2024 Annual Report* (Fraser Institute, 2024). The income threshold data are converted from local currency to 1983 US dollars (using exchange rates and the US Consumer Price Index). These figures include subnational rates if applicable.

Aiv(b). Top marginal income and payroll tax rates

Countries with higher marginal income and payroll (wage) tax rates that take effect at lower income thresholds received lower ratings based on the matrix on page 70 in James Gwartney et al., *Economic Freedom of the World: 2024 Annual Report* (Fraser Institute, 2024). The income threshold data are converted from local currency to 1983 US dollars (using exchange rates and the US Consumer Price Index). These figures include subnational rates if applicable.

Sources: PricewaterhouseCoopers, Worldwide Tax Summaries Online; PricewaterhouseCoopers, *Individual Taxes: A Worldwide Summary* (various issues); Ernst and Young, *Worldwide Personal Tax and Immigration Guide* (various issues); Deloitte International Tax Source, *Guide to Fiscal Information: Key Economics in Africa* (various issues).

Av. State ownership of assets

This component is based on ratings from the *Varieties of Democracy* (V-Dem) data on State Ownership of the Economy, which "gauges the degree to which the state owns and controls capital (including land) in the industrial, agricultural, and service sectors. It does not measure the extent of government revenue and expenditure as a share of total output; indeed, it is quite common for states with expansive fiscal policies to exercise little direct control (and virtually no ownership) over the economy." We use the original scale (*****osp) data from V-Dem for this variable and for all V-Dem-based variables to follow. The rating is equal to $(V_i - V_{min}) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. The V_i is the country's state ownership score, while the V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 4.0 and 0, respectively. Countries with greater government ownership of assets get lower scores.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

B. LEGAL SYSTEM AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

Note: The ratings for the legal system and property rights category are adjusted to reflect inequalities in the legal treatment of women using a Gender Disparity Index (GDI) provided annually by Rosemarie Fike. The primary data used in the GDI are from the World Bank's *Women, Business and the Law* reports.

For additional details, see Rosemarie Fike, *Impact of Economic Freedom and Women's Well-Being* (Fraser Institute, 2018).

Bi. Judicial independence

This component is based on three sources. The first source of this component is from the *Global Competitiveness Report* question: "Is the judiciary in your country independent from political influences of members of government, citizens, or firms? No—heavily influenced (= 1) or Yes—entirely independent (= 7)." The question's wording has varied slightly over the years. All variables from the *Global Competitiveness Report*

were converted from the original 1-to-7 scale to a 0-to-10 scale using this formula: $EFW_i = ((GCR_i - 1) \div 6) \times 10$. The second source is a collection of questions from the V-Dem dataset, namely Judicial Purges, Government Attacks on the Judiciary, Court Packing, High Court Independence, and Low Court Independence. Each of the V-Dem variables is individually rated using the formula $(V_i - V_{min}) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. The V_i is the country's V-Dem score according to V-Dem. For Judicial Purges, Government Attacks on the Judiciary, High Court Independence, and Low Court Independence, V_{max} and V_{min} were set at 4.0 and 0, respectively. For Court Packing, V_{max} and V_{min} were set at 3.0 and 0, respectively. All five scores are then averaged. The third data source is based on *Update, A Global Measure of Judicial Independence, 1900–2015* (Staton, Linzer, Reenock, and Holsinger, 2019). This data source scores on a 0-to-1 scale, so it was multiplied by 10 to place it on the scale of the other variables. The final rating is the average of whichever of these sources are available, and the data are chain-linked to assure time consistency.

Sources: World Economic Forum, *Global Competitiveness Report*; V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*; Jeffrey Staton, Drew Linzer, Christopher Reenock, and Jordan Holsinger (2019), *Update, A Global Measure of Judicial Independence, 1900–2015* (Harvard Dataverse, V1).

Bii. Impartial courts

This component is based on four sources. The first source is the *Global Competitiveness Report* question: "The legal framework in your country for private businesses to settle disputes and challenge the legality of government actions and/or regulations is inefficient and subject to manipulation (= 1) or is efficient and follows a clear, neutral process (= 7)." The question's wording has varied slightly over the years. The second source of this component is Judicial Corruption Decision from the V-Dem dataset. The rating is equal to $(V_i - V_{min}) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. The V_i is the country's Judicial Corruption Decision Score, while the V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 4.0 and 0, respectively. The third source is the Rule of Law indicator found in the *Worldwide Governance Indicators*. The formula used to calculate the 0-to-10 ratings is $(V_i - V_{min}) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the component value. The values for V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 2.5 and −2.5, respectively. Countries with values outside the V_{max} and V_{min} range received ratings of either 0 or 10, accordingly. The fourth source is the "Transparency and the Fairness of the Legal System" indicator from the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). The original scale is 1 to 5, so the rating formula for data from the EIU is $EFW_i = ((EIU_i - 1) \div 4) \times 10$. The final rating is the average of whichever of these sources are available, and the data are chain-linked to assure time consistency.

Sources: World Economic Forum, *Global Competitiveness Report*; World Bank, *Worldwide Governance Indicators*; V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*; Economist Intelligence Unit, *Business Environment Rankings*.

Biii. Property rights

This component is based on three sources. The first source is the *Global Competitiveness Report* question: "Property rights, including over financial assets, are poorly defined and not protected by law (= 1) or are clearly defined and well protected by law (= 7)." The second source is Property Rights and Rule-Based Governance from *Country Policy and Institutional Assessment* data from the World Bank. This has been scaled to the legal system and property rights data via regression. The third source is the "Degree to Which Private Property Rights Are Guaranteed and Protected" indicator from the Economist Intelligence Unit. The final rating is the average of whichever of these sources are available, and the data are chain-linked to assure time consistency.

Sources: World Economic Forum, *Global Competitiveness Report*; World Bank, *Country Policy and Institutional Assessment*; Economist Intelligence Unit, *Business Environment Rankings*.

Biv. Military interference

This component is based on the *International Country Risk Guide* Political Risk Component G, Military in Politics: "A measure of the military's involvement in politics. Since the military is not elected, involvement, even at a peripheral level, diminishes democratic accountability. Military involvement might stem from an external or internal threat, be symptomatic of underlying difficulties, or be a full-scale military takeover. Over the long term, a system of military government will almost certainly diminish effective governmental functioning, become corrupt, and create an uneasy environment for foreign businesses." Originally on a 0-to-6 scale, the rating is algebraically converted to a 0-to-10 scale.

Source: PRS Group, *International Country Risk Guide*.

Bv. Integrity of the legal system

This component is based on two sources. The first source is the *International Country Risk Guide* Political Risk Component I for Law and Order: "Two measures comprising one risk component. Each subcomponent equals half of the total. The 'law' subcomponent assesses the strength and impartiality of the legal system, and the 'order' subcomponent assesses popular observance of the law." Originally on a 0-to-6 scale, the rating is algebraically converted to a 0-to-10 scale. The second source is Judicial Accountability, Compliance with the High Court, Judicial Review, Transparent Laws with Predictable Enforcement, and Access to Justice for Men from the V-Dem dataset. (An adjustment for the area as a whole is made later to account uniformly for gender disparities.) Each of the V-Dem variables is individually rated using the formula $(V_i - V_{min}) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i is the country's V-Dem score according to V-Dem, and V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 4.0 and 0, respectively. The five measures from

V-Dem are then averaged. The final rating is the average of whichever of these sources are available, and the data are chain-linked to assure time consistency.

Sources: PRS Group, *International Country Risk Guide*; V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Bvi. Contracts

This component is based on three sources. The first source uses the World Bank's *Doing Business* estimates for the time and money required to collect a debt. The debt is assumed to equal 200 percent of the country's per capita income where the plaintiff has complied with the contract and judicial judgment is rendered in his or her favor. Zero-to-10 ratings are constructed for (1) the time cost (measured in number of calendar days required from the moment the lawsuit is filed until payment) and (2) the monetary cost of the case (measured as a percentage of the debt). These two ratings are then averaged to arrive at the final rating for this component. The formula used to calculate the 0-to-10 ratings is $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the time or money cost value. The values for V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 725 days and 82.3 percent and 62 days and 0 percent, respectively. Countries with values outside the range from V_{max} to V_{min} received ratings of either 0 or 10, accordingly. The second source is Enforcement of Contracts from the *Historical Ratings Research Package* by Business Environment Risk Intelligence (BERI). The formula used to calculate the 0-to-10 ratings is $(V_i - V_{min}) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the component value. The values for V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 4 and 0, which corresponds to the range of the variable. The third source is the "Efficiency of the Legal System" indicator from the Economist Intelligence Unit. The final rating is the average of whichever of these sources are available, and the data are chain-linked to assure time consistency.

Sources: World Bank, *Doing Business*; Business Environment Risk Intelligence, *Historical Ratings Research Package*; Economist Intelligence Unit, *Business Environment Rankings*.

Bvii. Real property

This component is based on the World Bank's *Doing Business* data on the time measured in days and monetary costs required to transfer ownership of property that includes land and a warehouse. Zero-to-10 ratings are constructed for (1) the time cost (measured in the number of calendar days required to transfer ownership) and (2) the monetary cost of transferring ownership (measured as a percentage of the property value). These two ratings are then averaged to arrive at the final rating for this component. The formula used to calculate the 0-to-10 ratings is $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the time or money cost value. The values for V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 265 days and 15 percent and 0 days and 0 percent, respectively. Countries with values outside the range from V_{max} to V_{min} received ratings of either 0 or 10, accordingly.

Source: World Bank, *Doing Business*.

Bviii. Police and crime

This component is based on two sources. The first source is the *Global Competitiveness Report* question: "To what extent can police services be relied upon to enforce law and order in your country? (1 = Cannot be relied upon at all; 7 = Can be completely relied upon.)" The second source is the "Impact of Crime" indicator from the Economist Intelligence Unit. The final rating is the average of whichever of these sources are available, and the data are chain-linked to assure time consistency.

Sources: World Economic Forum, *Global Competitiveness Report*; Economist Intelligence Unit, *Business Environment Rankings*.

C. SOUND MONEY

Ci. Money growth

This component measures the average annual growth of the money supply in the past five years minus average annual growth of real GDP in the past 10 years. Countries where growth of the money supply greatly exceeds growth of real output receive lower ratings. The broad money supply (basically what used to be called M2) is used to measure the money supply. The rating is equal to $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the average annual growth rate of the money supply during the past five years adjusted for the growth of real GDP during the previous 10 years. The values for V_{min} and V_{max} are set at 0 percent and 50 percent, respectively. Therefore, if the adjusted growth rate of the money supply during the past five years is 0 percent, indicating that money growth is equal to the long-term growth of real output, the formula generates a rating of 10. Ratings decline as the adjusted growth of the money supply increases toward 50 percent. When adjusted annual money growth is equal to (or greater than) 50 percent, a rating of 0 results.

Sources: World Bank, World Development Indicators; International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics; United Nations National Accounts.

Cii. Standard deviation of inflation

This component measures the standard deviation of the inflation rate over the past five years. Generally, the GDP deflator is used as the measure of inflation for this component. When these data are unavailable, the Consumer Price Index is used. The following formula is used to determine the 0-to-10 scale rating for each country: $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the country's standard deviation of the annual rate of inflation during the past five years. The values for V_{min} and V_{max} are set at 0 percent and 25 percent, respectively. This procedure will allocate the highest ratings to the countries with the least variation in the annual rate of inflation. A perfect 10 results when there is no variation in the rate of inflation over the five-year period. Ratings will decline toward 0 as the standard deviation of the inflation rate approaches 25 percent annually.

Sources: World Bank, World Development Indicators; International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics.

Ciii. Inflation: most recent year

This component has historically distributed the 0-to-10 ratings between values for the inflation rate of 50 percent and 0 percent. With this report, the value for annual inflation rate that generates a rating of 0 has been changed from 50 percent to 25 percent for all years' data. Generally, the Consumer Price Index is used as the measure of inflation for this component as it is often available before the GDP deflator is available. When these data are unavailable, the GDP deflator inflation rate is used. The 0-to-10 country ratings are derived by the following formula: $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the rate of inflation during the most recent year. The values for V_{min} and V_{max} are set at 0 percent and 25 percent, respectively: the lower the rate of inflation, the higher the rating. Countries that achieve perfect price stability earn a rating of 10. As the current annual inflation rate moves toward 25 percent, the rating for this component moves toward 0. A 0 rating is assigned to all countries with an inflation rate of 25 percent or more.

Sources: World Bank, World Development Indicators; International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics.

Civ. Foreign currency bank accounts

When foreign currency bank accounts are permissible without any restrictions both domestically and abroad, the rating is 10; when these accounts are restricted, the rating is 0. If foreign currency bank accounts are permissible domestically but not abroad (or vice versa), the rating is 5.

Source: International Monetary Fund, *Annual Report on Exchange Arrangements and Exchange Restrictions*.

D. FREEDOM TO TRADE INTERNATIONALLY

Di. Tariffs

Di(a). Trade tax revenue

This subcomponent measures the amount of tax on international trade as a share of exports and imports. The formula used to calculate the ratings for this subcomponent is $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the revenue derived from taxes on international trade as a share of the trade sector. The values for V_{min} and V_{max} are set at 0 percent and 15 percent, respectively. This formula leads to lower ratings as the average tax rate on international trade increases. Countries with no specific taxes on international trade earn a perfect 10. As the revenues from these taxes rise toward 15 percent of international trade, ratings decline toward 0.

Sources: International Monetary Fund, *Government Finance Statistics Yearbook*; International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics.

Di(b). Mean tariff rate

This subcomponent is based on the unweighted mean of tariff rates. The formula used to calculate the 0-to-10 rating for each country is $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the country's mean tariff rate. The values for V_{min} and V_{max} are set at 0 percent and 50 percent, respectively. This formula will allocate a rating of 10 to countries that do not impose tariffs. As the mean tariff rate increases, countries are assigned lower ratings. The rating will decline toward 0 as the mean tariff rate approaches 50 percent. (Note that, except for two or three extreme observations, all countries have mean tariff rates within this range from 0 percent to 50 percent.)

Source: World Trade Organization, *World Tariff Profiles*.

Di(c). Standard deviation of tariff rates

Compared with a uniform tariff, wide variations in tariff rates indicate greater efforts toward central planning of the economy's production and consumption patterns. Thus, countries with a greater variation in their tariff rates are given lower ratings. The formula used to calculate the 0-to-10 ratings for this component is $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the standard deviation of the country's tariff rates. The values for V_{min} and V_{max} are set at 0 percent and 25 percent, respectively. This formula will allocate a rating of 10 to countries that impose a uniform tariff. As the standard deviation of tariff rates increases toward 25 percent, ratings decline toward 0.

Source: World Trade Organization, *World Tariff Profiles*.

Dii. Regulatory trade barriers

Dii(a). Non-tariff trade barriers

This subcomponent is based on two sources. The first source is the *Global Competitiveness Report* survey question: "In your country, tariff and non-tariff barriers significantly reduce the ability of imported goods to compete in the domestic market. 1–7 (best)." The question's wording has varied slightly over the years. The second source is the "Tariff and Non-tariff Barriers" indicator from the Economist Intelligence Unit. The final rating is the average of whichever of these sources are available, and the data are chain-linked to assure time consistency. Note that, notwithstanding the subcomponent's title, this indicator captures both tariff and non-tariff barriers.

Sources: World Economic Forum, *Global Competitiveness Report*; Economist Intelligence Unit, *Business Environment Rankings*.

Dii(b). Costs of importing and exporting

This subcomponent is based on the World Bank's *Doing Business* data on the time (i.e., nonmonetary) cost of procedures required to import a full 20-foot container of dry goods that contains no hazardous or military

items. Countries where it takes longer to import or export are given lower ratings. Zero-to-10 ratings are constructed for (1) the time cost (in hours) associated with border compliance and documentary compliance when exporting and (2) the time cost (in hours) associated with border compliance and documentary compliance when importing. These two ratings are then averaged to arrive at the final rating for this subcomponent. The formula used to calculate the 0-to-10 ratings is $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the time-cost value. The values for V_{min} and V_{max} are set, respectively, at 228.38 hours and 0 hours for exporting and 338.00 hours and 0 hours for importing. Countries with values outside the V_{max} and V_{min} range receive ratings of either 0 or 10, accordingly.

Source: World Bank, *Doing Business*.

Diii. Black-market exchange rates

This component is based on the percentage difference between the official and the parallel (black-market) exchange rate. The formula used to calculate the 0-to-10 ratings for this component is the following: $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i is the country's black-market exchange-rate premium. The values for V_{min} and V_{max} are set at 0 percent and 50 percent, respectively. This formula will allocate a rating of 10 to countries without a black-market exchange rate; that is, those with a domestic currency that is fully convertible without restrictions. When exchange-rate controls are present and a black market exists, the ratings will decline toward 0 as the black-market premium increases toward 50 percent. A 0 rating is given when the black-market premium is equal to, or greater than, 50 percent.

Source: Monetary Research Institute, *MRI Bankers' Guide to Foreign Currency*.

Div. Controls of the movement of capital and people

Div(a). Financial openness

This subcomponent is based on two sources. The first source is the Chinn-Ito Index of de jure financial openness. This index is composed of a series of dummy variables that "codify the tabulation of restrictions on cross-border financial transactions reported in the [International Monetary Fund's] *Annual Report on Exchange Arrangements and Exchange Restrictions*." This data source scores on a continuous scale from 0 to 1, so it is multiplied by 10 to place it on the 0-to-10 scale. The second source is the "Capital Account Liberalization" indicator from the Economist Intelligence Unit.

Sources: Menzie D. Chinn and Hiro Ito, "What Matters for Financial Development? Capital Controls, Institutions, and Interactions," *Journal of Development Economics* 81, no. 1 (2006): 163–91; Menzie D. Chinn and Hiro Ito, "A New Measure of Financial Openness," *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* 10, no. 3 (2008): 309–22; see also the Chinn-Ito Index; Economist Intelligence Unit, *Business Environment Rankings*.

Div(b). Capital controls

The International Monetary Fund reports on up to 13 types of international capital controls. The 0-to-10 rating is the percentage of capital controls not levied as a share of the total number of capital controls listed, multiplied by 10.

Source: International Monetary Fund, *Annual Report on Exchange Arrangements and Exchange Restrictions*.

Div(c). Freedom of foreigners to visit

This component measures the percentage of countries for which a country requires a visa from foreign visitors. It reflects the freedom of foreigners to travel to this country for tourist and short-term business purposes. The formula used to calculate the 0-to-10 ratings was $(V_i - V_{min}) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the component value. The values for V_{max} and V_{min} were set at 47.2 (1 standard deviation above average) and 0, respectively. Countries with values outside the range between V_{max} and V_{min} received ratings of either 0 or 10, accordingly.

Sources: Robert Lawson and Jayme Lemke, "Travel Visas," *Public Choice* 154, no. 1–2 (2012): 17–36; authors' calculations.

Div(d). Protection of foreign assets

This subcomponent is based on two sources. The first source is the *Global Competitiveness Report* survey questions on "Prevalence of foreign ownership" and "Business impact of rules on FDI." The second source is the "Risk of Expropriation of Foreign Assets" indicator from the Economist Intelligence Unit. The final rating is the average of whichever of these sources are available, and the data are chain-linked to assure time consistency.

Sources: World Economic Forum, *Global Competitiveness Report*; World Bank, *Worldwide Governance Indicators*; Economist Intelligence Unit, *Business Environment Rankings*.

E. REGULATION

Ei. Credit market regulation

Ei(a). Ownership of banks

Data on the percentage of bank deposits held in privately owned banks are used to construct rating intervals. Countries with larger shares of privately held deposits received higher ratings. When privately held deposits total between 95 percent and 100 percent, countries are given a rating of 10. When private deposits constitute between 75 percent and 95 percent of the total, a rating of 8 is assigned. When private deposits are between 40 percent and 75 percent of the total, the rating is 5. When private

deposits total between 10 percent and 40 percent, countries received a rating of 2. A 0 rating is assigned when private deposits are 10 percent or less of the total.

Sources: Deniz Anginer et al., "Bank Regulation and Supervision Ten Years After the Global Financial Crisis" (Policy Research Working Paper 9044, World Bank, 2019); World Bank, Bank Regulation and Supervision Survey; James R. Barth, Gerard Caprio, and Ross Levine, *Rethinking Bank Regulation: Till Angels Govern* (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

Ei(b). Private-sector credit

This subcomponent measures the extent of government borrowing relative to private-sector borrowing. If the data are available, this subcomponent is calculated as the government fiscal deficit as a share of gross saving. The formula used to derive the country ratings for this subcomponent is $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i is the [absolute value of the] ratio of deficit to gross savings, and the values for V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 100 percent and 0 percent, respectively. The formula allocates higher ratings as the deficit gets smaller relative to gross saving. If the deficit data are not available, the component is instead based on the share of private credit relative to total credit extended in the banking sector. Thus, the formula used to derive the country ratings for this subcomponent is $(V_i - V_{min}) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i is the share of the country's total domestic credit allocated to the private sector and the values for V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 99.9 percent and 10.0 percent, respectively. The formula allocates higher ratings as the share of credit extended to the private sector increases.

Sources: World Bank, World Development Indicators; World Economic Forum, *Global Competitiveness Report*; International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics.

Ei(c). Interest rate controls/negative real interest rates

Countries with interest rates determined by the market, stable monetary policy, and reasonable real-deposit and lending-rate spreads received higher ratings. When interest rates are determined primarily by market forces as evidenced by reasonable deposit and lending-rate spreads, and when real interest rates are positive, countries are given a rating of 10. When interest rates are primarily market determined but the real rates are sometimes slightly negative (less than 5 percent) or the differential between the deposit and lending rates is large (8 percent or more), countries received a rating of 8. When the real deposit or lending rate is persistently negative by a single-digit amount or the differential between them is regulated by the government, countries are rated at 6. When the deposit and lending rates are fixed by the government and the real rates are often negative by single-digit amounts, countries are assigned a rating of 4. When the real deposit or lending rate is persistently negative by a double-digit amount, countries received a rating of 2. A 0 rating is assigned when the deposit and lending rates are fixed by the government and real rates are persistently negative by double-digit amounts or hyperinflation has virtually eliminated the credit market.

Sources: World Bank, World Development Indicators; International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics; US Central Intelligence Agency, *The World Factbook*.

Eii. Labor market regulation

Eii(a). Labor regulations and minimum wage

This subcomponent is based on two sources. The first source is the Employing Workers section of the World Bank's *Doing Business* and uses the following data: (1) whether fixed-term contracts are prohibited for permanent tasks, (2) the maximum cumulative duration of fixed-term contracts, and (3) the ratio of the minimum wage for a trainee or first-time employee to the average value added per worker. Countries with restrictions on fixed-term contracts, restrictions on the duration of fixed-term contracts, and/or higher minimum wages receive lower ratings. The second source is the "Wage Regulation" indicator from the Economist Intelligence Unit. The final rating is the average of whichever of these sources are available, and the data are chain-linked to assure time consistency.

Sources: World Bank, *Doing Business*; Economist Intelligence Unit, *Business Environment Rankings*.

Eii(b). Hiring and firing regulations

This subcomponent is based on two sources. The first source is the *Global Competitiveness Report* question: "The hiring and firing of workers is impeded by regulations (= 1) or flexibly determined by employers (= 7)." The question's wording has varied over the years. The second source is the "Restrictiveness of Labour Laws" indicator from the Economist Intelligence Unit. The final rating is the average of whichever of these sources are available, and the data are chain-linked to assure time consistency.

Sources: World Economic Forum, *Global Competitiveness Report*; Economist Intelligence Unit, *Business Environment Rankings*.

Eii(c). Flexible wage determination

This subcomponent is based on the *Global Competitiveness Report* question: "Flexibility of wage determination, 1–7 (best)." In earlier years, the question is "Wages in your country are set by a centralized bargaining process (= 1) or up to each individual company (= 7)." Before 2000, the actual union density is used to determine ratings for select countries.

Source: World Economic Forum, *Global Competitiveness Report*.

Eii(d). Hours regulations

This subcomponent is based on the Employing Labor section in the World Bank's *Doing Business*. It uses the following five components: (1) whether there are restrictions on night work, (2) whether there are restrictions

on holiday work, (3) whether the length of the work week can be 5.5 days or longer, (4) whether there are restrictions on overtime work, and (5) whether the average paid annual leave is 21 working days or more. If there are no restrictions, the economy receives a score of 0. The 0-to-10 rating is based on how many of these regulations are in place: 0 regulations result in a rating of 10, 1 regulation results in a rating of 8, and so on.

Source: World Bank, *Doing Business*.

Eii(e). Costs of worker dismissal

This subcomponent is based on the World Bank's *Doing Business* data on the cost of the advance-notice requirements, severance payments, and penalties due when dismissing a redundant worker with 10-year tenure. The formula used to calculate the 0-to-10 ratings is $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the dismissal cost (measured in weeks of wages). The values for V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 58 weeks and 0 weeks, respectively. Countries with values outside the V_{max} and V_{min} range received ratings of either 0 or 10, accordingly.

Source: World Bank, *Doing Business*.

Eii(f). Conscription

Data on the use and duration of military conscription are used to construct rating intervals. Countries with longer conscription periods received lower ratings. A rating of 10 is assigned to countries without military conscription. When length of conscription is 6 months or less, countries are given a rating of 5. When length of conscription is more than 6 months but not more than 12 months, countries are rated at 3. When length of conscription is more than 12 months but not more than 18 months, countries are assigned a rating of 1. When conscription periods exceed 18 months, countries are rated 0. If conscription is present but apparently not strictly enforced or the length of service could not be determined, the country is given a rating of 3. In cases where it is clear conscription is never used, even though it may be possible, a rating of 10 is given. If a country's mandated national service includes clear nonmilitary options, the country is given a rating of 5.

Sources: International Institute for Strategic Studies, *The Military Balance*; War Resisters International, World Survey of Conscription and Conscientious Objection to Military Service; additional online sources used as necessary.

Eii(g). Foreign labor

This subcomponent is based on two sources. The first source is the *Global Competitiveness Report* question: "To what extent does labour regulation in your country limit the ability to hire foreign labour? (1 = Very much limits hiring foreign labour; 7 = Does not limit hiring foreign labour at all.)" The question's wording

has varied over the years. The second source is the "Hiring of Foreign Nationals" indicator from the Economist Intelligence Unit. The final rating is the average of whichever of these sources are available, and the data are chain-linked to assure time consistency.

Sources: World Economic Forum, *Global Competitiveness Report*; Economist Intelligence Unit, *Business Environment Rankings*.

Eiii. Business regulation

Eiii(a). Regulatory burden

This subcomponent is based on the *Global Competitiveness Report* question on the "Burden of government regulation, 1–7 (best)." The question's wording has varied slightly over the years.

Source: World Economic Forum, *Global Competitiveness Report*.

Eiii(b). Bureaucracy costs

This subcomponent is based on the "Regulatory Burden Risk Ratings" from IHS Markit, which measures "[t]he risk that normal business operations become more costly due to the regulatory environment. This includes regulatory compliance and bureaucratic inefficiency and/or opacity. Regulatory burdens vary across sectors so scoring should give greater weight to sectors contributing the most to the economy." The raw scores range, roughly, from 0 to 7, with higher values indicating greater risk. The formula used to calculate the 0-to-10 ratings is $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i is the country's Regulatory Burden rating, while the V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 5 and 0.5, respectively.

Source: IHS Markit.

Eiii(c). Impartial public administration

This subcomponent is based on the "Rigorous and Impartial Public Administration" data from the V-Dem dataset. If nepotism, cronyism, and discrimination are widespread in the application of public administration, countries receive a lower score. The rating is equal to $(V_i - V_{min}) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i is the country's impartial administration score, while V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 4.0 and 0, respectively.

Source: V-Dem Institute, *Varieties of Democracy*.

Eiii(d). Tax compliance

This subcomponent is based on two sources. The first source is the World Bank's *Doing Business* data on the time required per year for a business to prepare, file, and pay taxes on corporate income, value-added or sales taxes, and taxes on labor. The formula used to calculate the 0-to-10 ratings is $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the time cost (measured in hours) of tax compliance. The values for V_{max}

and V_{min} are set at 892 hours and 0 hours, respectively. Countries with values outside the V_{max} and V_{min} range received ratings of either 0 or 10, accordingly. The second source is the "Tax Complexity" indicator from the Economist Intelligence Unit. The final rating is the average of whichever of these sources are available, and the data are chain-linked to assure time consistency.

Sources: World Bank, *Doing Business*; Economist Intelligence Unit, *Business Environment Rankings*.

Eiv. Freedom to compete

Eiv(a). Market openness

This subcomponent is based on two sources. The first source is the World Bank's *Doing Business* data on the amount of time and money it takes to start a new limited liability business. Countries where it takes longer or is costlier to start a new business are given lower ratings. Zero-to-10 ratings are constructed for three variables: (1) time (measured in days) necessary to comply with regulations when starting a limited liability company, (2) money costs of the fees paid to regulatory authorities (measured as a share of per capita income), and (3) minimum capital requirements, that is, funds that must be deposited into a company bank account (measured as a share of per capita income). These three ratings are then averaged to arrive at the final rating for this subcomponent. The formula used to calculate the 0-to-10 ratings is $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the variable value. The values for V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 104 days/317%/1,017% and 0 days/0%/0%, respectively. Countries with values outside the V_{max} and V_{min} range received ratings of either 0 or 10, accordingly. The second source is the "Freedom of Existing Businesses to Compete" and "Level of Government Regulation and Impact on Private Business" indicators from the Economist Intelligence Unit. The latter indicator is based heavily on regulations related to starting a business. The final rating is the average of whichever of these sources are available, and the data are chain-linked to assure time consistency.

Sources: World Bank, *Doing Business*; Economist Intelligence Unit, *Business Environment Rankings*.

Eiv(b). Business permits

This subcomponent is based on the World Bank's *Doing Business* data on the time in days and monetary costs required to obtain a license to construct a standard warehouse. Zero-to-10 ratings are constructed for (1) the time cost (measured in number of calendar days required to obtain a license) and (2) the monetary cost of obtaining the license (measured as a share of per capita income). These two ratings are then averaged to arrive at the final rating for this subcomponent. The formula used to calculate the 0-to-10 ratings is $(V_{max} - V_i) / (V_{max} - V_{min}) \times 10$. V_i represents the time or money cost value. The values for V_{max} and V_{min} are set at 363 days/2,763%/56 days and 0 days/0%/0%, respectively. Countries with values outside the V_{max} and V_{min} range received ratings of either 0 or 10, accordingly.

Source: World Bank, *Doing Business*.

Eiv(c). Distortion of business environment

This subcomponent is based on the "Price Controls" and "State Control" indicators from the Economist Intelligence Unit.

Source: Economist Intelligence Unit, *Business Environment Rankings*.

NOTES

1. That work can be found in the annual *Economic Freedom of the World* reports coauthored by James Gwartney et al. and published by the Fraser Institute. See also Joshua Hall and Robert Lawson, "Economic Freedom of the World: An Accounting of the Literature," *Contemporary Economic Policy* 32, no. 1 (2014): 1–19; Robert Lawson, "Economic Freedom in the Literature: What Is It Good (Bad) For?," in Gwartney et al., *Economic Freedom of the World: 2022 Annual Report* (Fraser Institute, 2022); Niclas Berggren, ed., *Handbook of Research on Economic Freedom* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024); and Matthew D. Mitchell, *Economic Freedom: What Is It? How Is It Measured? And How Does It Affect Our Lives?* (Fraser Institute, 2024).

2. Some of those preliminary papers can be found in Fred McMahon, ed., *Towards a Worldwide Index of Human Freedom* (Fraser Institute, 2012).

3. John Locke, *Two Treatises of Civil Government*, Second Treatise, 1689, ed. Thomas Hollis (A. Millar et al., 1764; Liberty Fund, at Online Library of Liberty).

4. See George H. Smith, *The System of Liberty: Themes in the History of Classical Liberalism* (Cambridge University Press, 2013), especially chapter 7, on "The Idea of Freedom"; and Tom G. Palmer, *Realizing Freedom: Libertarian Theory, History, and Practice* (Cato Institute, 2009).

5. Isaiah Berlin, "Two Concepts of Liberty," in Isaiah Berlin, *Four Essays on Liberty* (Oxford University Press, 1969). The justification for relying on the concept of negative freedom is discussed at length in Fred McMahon, "Human Freedom from Pericles to Measurement," in McMahon, *Towards a Worldwide Index of Human Freedom*.

6. See McMahon, "Human Freedom from Pericles to Measurement," and Palmer, *Realizing Freedom*, especially chapter 3, "Freedom Properly Understood," in which Palmer critiques Amartya Sen's capability approach to defining freedom. See also Jean-Pierre Chauffour, *The Power of Freedom: Uniting Human Rights and Development* (Cato Institute, 2008).

7. McMahon, *Towards a Worldwide Index*, p. 3.

8. Democracy, as is widely believed, may be more consistent than other forms of government at safeguarding freedom, but many philosophers of freedom, such as Berlin, draw a distinction between freedom and democracy. See Berlin, "Two Concepts of Liberty."

9. James Gwartney, Robert Lawson, and Walter Block, *Economic Freedom of the World: 1975–1995* (Fraser Institute, 1996), p. 12.

10. As we treat the term here, "variable" refers to the distinct data we use to make up the index, and we use it interchangeably with the term "indicator." The term "component" refers to the main measures within each broad area or category of freedom in the index, and a component may itself be made up of subcomponents. The subcomponents and many of the components themselves are distinct indicators or variables.

11. See McMahon, *Towards a Worldwide Index*.

12. Before the 2021 edition, the index weighted the five areas measuring economic freedom equally with the seven areas measuring personal freedom. The personal freedom subindex, in turn, gave 50 percent weight to the rule of law and safety and security areas and 50 percent weight to the remaining five personal freedom areas.

13. F. A. Hayek, *The Constitution of Liberty* (University of Chicago Press, 1960), p. 137.

14. Locke, *Two Treatises of Civil Government*, chap. VI, para. 57.

15. For a description of that adjustment, see Rosemarie Fike, "Adjusting for Gender Disparity in Economic Freedom and Why It Matters," in James Gwartney, Robert Lawson, and Joshua Hall, *Economic Freedom of the World: 2017 Annual Report* (Fraser Institute, 2017).

16. Hayek, *The Constitution of Liberty*, p. 154.

17. WJP research team, *WJP Rule of Law Index* (World Justice Project), from the 2012–2013 edition to the 2023 edition. The *Rule of Law Index* provides data for 97 jurisdictions in its 2012–2013 edition, 99 jurisdictions in its 2014 edition, 102 jurisdictions in its 2015 edition, 113 jurisdictions in its 2016 edition, 113 jurisdictions in its 2017–2018 edition, 126 jurisdictions in its 2019 edition, 128 jurisdictions in its 2020 edition, 139 jurisdictions in its 2021 edition, 140 jurisdictions in its 2022 edition, and 142 jurisdictions in its 2023 edition. We apply data from the source on a two-year lag to account for the timing of collection of the data. To derive rule of law ratings for the remaining countries in our index, and for the years in which the WJP does not provide data, we rely on the V-Dem Institute's *Varieties of Democracy Rule of Law Index*. Thus, for the year 2022, we use V-Dem data. See "Methodology and Sources" section for a more detailed discussion.

18. For the exact survey questions the WJP used to derive these measures, see the "Methodology" section of the WJP Rule of Law Index website.

19. Hayek, *The Constitution of Liberty*, p. 153.

20. McMahon brings up the problem of "how restrictions on freedom that are designed to enhance freedom should be measured" in the brief "Some Issues Concerning the Scope of a

Freedom Measure," presented in June 2010 at a colloquium in Potsdam, Germany, organized by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation.

21. As in other areas of the index where appropriate, the movement category relies on more than one source measuring similar broad indicators of freedom, whose ratings are averaged to produce a more robust index.

22. For the years 2000–2021, we use a sample of 123 jurisdictions representing the 92.4 percent of the world's population for which we have comparable data. In the calculation used in this paragraph, for the years 2007–2021, we compare 141 jurisdictions representing 95.4 percent of the world's population.

23. Because the less than 2 percent of the world's population that is left out of the HFI due to lack of reliable data is concentrated in countries such as Cuba or North Korea that have low levels of freedom, the number of people deprived of freedom is even somewhat larger than the bottom-quartile estimate suggests.

24. See Jacob Mchangama, *Free Speech: A History from Socrates to Social Media* (Basic Books, 2022).

25. The following observations pertain to Figures 10–21. The number of countries reported is based on the maximum number for which we have data during the years chosen.

Figure 10: Life expectancy in 2021; average human freedom rating, 2000–2020; 157 countries. Figure 11: Extreme poverty measured in latest available year in each country, 2011–2013; average human freedom rating, 2000–2010; 128 countries. Figure 12: Child mortality in 2022; average human freedom rating, 2000–2021; 155 countries. Figure 13: Self-reported life satisfaction in 2023; average human freedom rating, 2000–2022; 149 countries. Figure 14: Average deaths from conflict, 2000–2020; average human freedom rating, 2000–2020; 156 countries. Figure 15: Scientific and technical journal articles in 2018; average human freedom rating, 2000–2017; 155 countries. Figure 16: Social tolerance in 2005; average human freedom rating, 2000–2004; 53 countries. Figure 17: Environmental performance in 2022; average human freedom rating, 2000–2021; 154 countries. Figure 18: Absence of corruption in 2023; average human freedom rating, 2000–2020; 163 countries. Figure 19: Average net migration, 2000–2020; average human freedom rating, 2000–2019; 155 countries. Figure 20: Charitable giving in 2021; average human freedom rating, 2000–2020; 114 countries. Figure 21: Patents granted in 2023; average human freedom rating, 2000–2022; 116 countries.

26. Milton Friedman, foreword to *Economic Freedom of the World: 1975–1995*, by James Gwartney, Robert Lawson, and Walter Block (Fraser Institute, 1996).

27. For an expanded justification of Hong Kong's continued inclusion, see Fred McMahon and Michael Walker, "For Freedom's Sake, Rate Hong Kong," *Wall Street Journal*, March 31, 2021.

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