



SOUTH AFRICA

2019 Social Progress Index GDP PPP per capita

Score/Value **67.44/100** Rank **73/149**
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BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

Score/Value **73.93** Rank **95** Strength/Weakness

Nutrition & Basic Medical Care

Score/Value **77.84** Rank **98** Strength/Weakness

Undernourishment (% of pop.)	6.10	70	
Maternal mortality rate (deaths/100,000 live births)	109.03	94	
Child mortality rate (deaths/1,000 live births)	37.10	104	
Child stunting (% of children)	24.56	101	
Deaths from infectious diseases (deaths/100,000)	390.02	124	

Water & Sanitation

Score/Value **87.90** Rank **84** Strength/Weakness

Access to at least basic drinking water (% of pop.)	92.68	87	
Access to piped water (% of pop.)	89.96	65	
Access to at least basic ⁴ sanitation facilities (% of pop.)	75.75	94	
Rural open defecation (% of pop.)	2.93	76	

Shelter

Score/Value **79.80** Rank **85** Strength/Weakness

Access to electricity (% of pop.)	84.40	106	
Quality of electricity supply (1=low; 7=high)	3.92	89	
Household air pollution attributable deaths (deaths/100,000 people)	11.00	72	
Access to clean fuels and technology for cooking (% of pop.)	84.75	74	

Personal Safety

Score/Value **50.18** Rank **132** Strength/Weakness

Homicide rate ¹ (deaths/100,000)	33.97	142	
Perceived criminality (1=low; 5=high)	4.00	82	
Political killings and torture (0=low freedom; 1=high freedom)	0.77	81	
Traffic deaths (deaths/100,000)	29.15	124	

Notes

1. Homicide rate and globally ranked universities are log-transformed for calculation.

2. The following indicators are capped for calculation: Adult literacy rate (99), secondary school enrollment (100), mobile telephone subscriptions (100), and greenhouse gas emissions (1,955.52).

3. Gender parity in secondary enrollment is transformed to reflect the absolute distance from 1 for calculation. Calculated absolute distance below 0.03 is assigned a value of 0.03.

Comparing Countries

Over- and underperformance is relative to 15 countries of similar GDP per capita:

Peru, Lebanon, Albania, Mongolia, Paraguay, Sri Lanka, Republic of North Macedonia, Colombia, Indonesia, Tunisia, Suriname, Algeria, Egypt, Ecuador, Brazil

FOUNDATIONS OF WELLBEING

Score/Value **65.35** Rank **93** Strength/Weakness

Access to Basic Knowledge

Score/Value **79.30** Rank **87** Strength/Weakness

Adult literacy rate ² (% of pop. aged 15+)	94.37	70	
Primary school enrollment (% of children)	95.60	79	
Secondary school enrollment ² (% of children)	85.01	58	
Gender parity in secondary enrollment ³ (girls/boys)	1.09	102	
Access to quality education (0=unequal; 4=equal)	0.58	140	

Access to Information & Communications

Score/Value **76.86** Rank **60** Strength/Weakness

Mobile telephone subscriptions (subscriptions/100 people)	156.03	1	
Internet users (% of pop.)	56.17	75	
Access to online governance (0=low; 1=high)	0.85	39	
Media censorship (0=frequent; 4=rare)	2.11	97	

Health & Wellness

Score/Value **54.69** Rank **93** Strength/Weakness

Life expectancy at 60 (years)	19.95	77	
Premature deaths from non-communicable diseases (deaths/100,000)	389.28	76	
Access to essential health services (0=none; 100=full coverage)	65.19	88	
Access to quality healthcare (0=unequal; 4=equal)	0.73	136	

Environmental Quality

Score/Value **50.56** Rank **130** Strength/Weakness

Outdoor air pollution attributable deaths (deaths/100,000)	44.64	123	
Greenhouse gas emissions ² (CO2 equivalents per GDP)	771.53	122	
Biome protection (% of biomes)	7.03	114	

Key

- Overperforming by 1 or more pts.
- Overperforming by less than 1 pt.
- Performing within the expected range
- Underperforming by less than 1 pt.
- Underperforming by 1 or more pts.
- No data available

OPPORTUNITY

Score/Value **63.03** Rank **45** Strength/Weakness

Personal Rights

Score/Value **81.03** Rank **62** Strength/Weakness

Political rights (0=no rights; 40=full rights)	33.00	49	
Freedom of expression (0=no freedom; 1=full freedom)	0.77	68	
Freedom of religion (0=no freedom; 4=full freedom)	3.82	21	
Access to justice (0=non-existent; 1=observed)	0.77	68	
Property rights for women (0=no right; 5=full rights)	3.69	103	

Personal Freedom & Choice

Score/Value **74.31** Rank **44** Strength/Weakness

Vulnerable employment (% of employees)	9.75	28	
Early marriage (% of women)	6.00	60	
Satisfied demand for contraception (% of women)	81.00	36	
Corruption (0=high; 100=low)	43.00	61	

Inclusiveness

Score/Value **53.00** Rank **54** Strength/Weakness

Acceptance of gays and lesbians (0=low; 100=high)	50.52	33	
Discrimination and violence against minorities (0=low; 10=high)	6.10	74	
Equality of political power by gender (0=unequal power; 4=equal power)	2.04	74	
Equality of political power by socioeconomic position (0=unequal power; 4=equal power)	2.47	51	
Equality of political power by social group (0=unequal power; 4=equal power)	2.23	94	

Access to Advanced Education

Score/Value **43.79** Rank **52** Strength/Weakness

Years of tertiary schooling	1.13	91	
Women's average years in school	9.90	64	
Globally ranked universities (points)	14.00	36	
Percent of tertiary students enrolled in globally ranked universities	40.00	25	