

Figure 1: Who’s Ranked Number One?

	United States		China		Ranked #1		Data Provider
	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Performer	Score	
General Income and Performance							
Gross National Income Per Capita (US\$)	7	65,760	71	10,410	Switzerland	85,500	World Bank
Labor Productivity (GDP, US\$ per hour of work)	6	65.51	58	10.68	Ireland	99.13	Our World in Data
Pre-tax National Income of the Top 10% Population (%)	91	45.4	65	41.4	Czech Republic	28	World Inequality Database
Poverty (% of population living on less than \$5.50 a day)	26	2	72	23.9	Switzerland	0	World Bank
Global Competitiveness Index	2	83.7	28	73.9	Singapore	84.8	World Economic Forum
Commercial Wealth							
Number of Billionaires	1	607	2	389	United States	607	Forbes
Top 500 Global Brands: Number of Brands	1	205	2	70	United States	205	Brand Finance
Fortune Global 500: Number of Companies	2	121	1	124	China	124	Fortune
Fortune Global 500: Total Revenue (trillion US\$)	1	9.81	2	8.29	United States	9.81	Fortune
Fortune Global 500: Total Profit (billion US\$)	1	848	2	442	United States	848	Fortune
Innovation							
Global Innovation Index	3	60.56	14	53.28	Switzerland	66.08	WIPO
Resident Patent Applications per Million Population	6	869	4	890	South Korea	3,319	WIPO
Resident Patent Applications per US\$100 Billion GDP	6	1,389	2	6,409	South Korea	7,779	WIPO
Patent Applications Worldwide (thousand)	2	521	1	1,328	China	1,328	WIPO

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R&D Spending (% of GDP)	9	2.84	13	2.19	Israel	4.95	World Bank
Digital Technology							
World Digital Competitiveness	1	100	22	84.292	United States	100	Institute for Management Development
National Cyber Power Index	1	50.24	2	41.47	United States	50.24	Harvard
Individuals Using the Internet (% of population)	30	87.3	114	54.3	Liechtenstein	99.5	World Bank
Fixed Broadband Subscriptions (% of population)	22	34.7	30	31.3	Gibraltar	56.3	World Bank
Top 500 Supercomputer: Number of computers	2	113	1	212	China	212	Top500 Project
Top 500 Supercomputer: Aggregate Performance (petaflops)	1	668.7	3	564.0	United States	668.7	Top500 Project
Society							
Happiness Index	18	6.94	94	5.124	Finland	7.809	UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network
Social Progress Index	18	86.43	86	63.72	Denmark	90.57	Deloitte
Global Religiosity index	34	60	57	14	Ghana	96	WIN-Gallup International
Number of Top-100 Ranked Universities	1	37	5	6	United States	37	THE World University Rankings
Philanthropy (World Giving Index, percentage score)	1	58	126	16	United States	58	Charities Aids Foundation
Tolerance (Inclusiveness Index)	68	44.38	91	36.57	Netherlands	100	UC Berkeley
Good Country Index	40	40	61	61	Finland	1	Simon Anholt
Democracy and Freedom							
EIU Democracy Index	25	7.96	153	2.26	Norway	9.87	The Economist
Freedom House Global Freedom	52	86	192	10	Finland, Norway, and Sweden	100	Freedom House
Freedom House Internet Freedom	5	77	65	10	Iceland	95	Freedom House

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Human Freedom	15	8.46	126	6.17	New Zealand	8.88	CATO
Personal Freedom	22	78.71	159	19.97	Norway	94.56	Legatum Institute
World Press Freedom Index	45	23.85	177	78.48	Norway	7.84	Reporters Without Borders
VAP Turnout (% of voting-age population that actually voted)	150	47.15	-	-	Vietnam	99%	International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance
Governance							
Government Effectiveness	34	91.35	158	71.63	Singapore	100	Worldwide Governance Indicators (WGI)
Rule of Law	22	89.9	115	45.19	Finland	100	WGI
Political Stability	90	57.62	131	38.1	Greenland	100	WGI
Corruption Perceptions Index	23	69	80	41	Denmark; New Zealand	87	Transparency International
Violence and Crime							
Estimate of Civilian Firearms (per 100 persons)	1	120.5	139	3.6	Taiwan	0	Small Arms Survey
Firearm Deaths (per 100,000 population)	20	10.6	-	0.2	Singapore	0.1	Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation
Crime Rate (per 100,000 population)	50	47.7	101	31.18	Qatar	11.9	Numbeo
Incarceration (per 100,000 population)	1	639	129	121	San Marino	6	World Prison Brief
Environment							
Environmental Performance Index	24	69.3	120	37.3	Denmark	82.5	Yale
Biodiversity Index	11	0.42	4	0.55	Brazil	0.85	Mongabay
Climate Change Performance Index	61	18.6	30	48.16	Sweden	75.77	German watch
Carbon emissions (metric gigatons of CO ₂)	2	5.41	1	10.06	China	10.06	Union of Concerned Scientists

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Carbon Emissions Per Capita (metric tons of CO ₂)	12	15.5	41	7.18	Congo	0.03	World Bank
Nitrous Oxide Emissions (thousand metric tons of NO ₂)	2	288,878	1	587,166	Andorra	0.02	World Bank
Health							
Healthcare Access and Quality Index	29	89	48	78	Iceland	97	Lancet
Global Health Security Index	1	83.5	51	48.2	United States	83.5	Nuclear Threat Initiative and JHU
Life Expectancy at Birth (years)	37	78.9	62	76.7	Hong Kong	84.7	UNDP
Healthcare Expenditure as % of GDP	1	17	42	5	United States	17	OECD
Hospital Beds (number per 1,000 inhabitants)	29	2.87	17	4.31	Japan	12.98	OECD
Obesity Rate, %	12	36.2	169	6.2	Vietnam	2.1	WHO
Clean Water Access (Population with access to safely managed drinking water, %)	23	99	-	93	Greece	1	WHO and UNICEF
Infant Mortality Rate	48	5.6	60	6.8	San Marino	1.5	World Bank
Immunization of Measles (% of children ages 12-23 months)	57	90	1	99	China and other 19 countries	99	WHO and UNICEF
Median Age	52	38.3	51	38.4	Japan	48.4	UN
COVID: Total Confirmed Cases (thousand)	1	16,717	75	94.5	Antigua and Barbuda	0.148	JHU
COVID: Total Deaths (thousand)	1	303.8	40	4.8	Brunei	3	JHU
COVID: Deaths (per 100,000 population)	12	92.85	165	0.34	Taiwan	0.03	JHU
COVID: Case-Fatality Rate (%)	80	1.8%	10	5.0%	Singapore	0%	JHU
Military							
Nuclear Weapons (warheads)	2	5,800	3	320	Russia	6,375	Arms Control Association
Military Expenditure (\$ Millions)	1	605,803	2	227,829	United States	605,803	World Bank
Military Expenditure (% of GDP)	22	3.1	40	1.9	Saudi Arabia	10.3	World Bank
Armed Forces Personnel (Million)	5	1.359	2	2.695	India	3.031	World Bank

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Armed Forces Personnel (% of total labor force)	73	0.08	118	0.03	North Korea	9	World Bank
Military Strength (Power Index)	1	0.0606	3	0.0691	United States	0.0606	Global Fire Power