Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I access the Index?

A: Go to http://rcii.gsu.edu/ and click on Subscription and Contact Info at the top of the page. Follow the instructions for both establishing an account in the RCII system AND subscribing. You must use the same email for both steps. Once you have subscribed you can access the RCII by signing in on the Subscriber Access page using your email and the password you created in the RCII system. If you are accessing the RCII through a Realizeit subscription, access the tool through your college’s online learning management system.

Q: How much is a subscription to the RCII? How long are the account subscriptions valid?

A: Students and faculty have two subscription options: a full year at $50.00 or a semester (5-month) at $25.00. A standard non-academic one-year subscription is $100.00. If you have other questions concerning subscriptions, please contact us at rcii@gsu.edu.

Q: How many variables are in the RCII?

A: The 2021 RCII consists of 514 variables (including 383 raw data variables), 126 sub-dimensions, and four macro-dimensions, for a total of 1,636,576 data points. The number of raw data variables and sub-dimensions fluctuates from one year to the next depending on data availability, but any structural changes to the RCII are always harmonized across all years of the RCII with each new release.

Q: What can I do with the RCII? How can I customize the RCII? What do each of the tabs on the RCII do? How do I access data on all 199 countries in the RCII?

A: For information on the functionality of the RCII, including how to visualize data, see the tutorials on the RCII web page.

Q: How can I access RCII at my school/work?

A: The RCII is available at http://rcii.gsu.edu, or through your college’s online learning management system if you have a Realizeit subscription. It is recommended that users access the RCII through an up-to-date browser. It is not recommended that users access the RCII through smartphones at this time.

Q: How can I report data issues, bugs, or other concerns with the RCII?

A: Email us at rcii@gsu.edu. Please include a detailed description. If possible, please also provide screen captures to help document the issue.
Q: How often does the RCII update its data? Where does the data in the RCII come from?

A: Data for the RCII is collected each year. Many of our sources release their information in the late fall, which means that the RCII releases an updated version the following spring. A list of the nearly fifty sources used in the RCII, as well as links to their websites, can be found on the [here](#).

Q: What's changed since last year’s RCII?

A: The 2021 RCII has the following changes from last year’s version:

- The RCII added a new year's worth of data for 2020.
- Due to a decrease in data availability, the following countries dropped out of the pre-calculated 2021 RCII (meaning these countries now have less than 85% data availability for 2020): Barbados, Brunei Darussalam, Cabo Verde, Chad, Gambia, Haiti, Lesotho, and Sierra Leone.
- The RCII added a new sub-dimension to Enabling Environment called Resource Advantag, which contains raw data on essential resource availability.
- Due to data availability, the raw data variable Currency Over-Under Valuation and the raw data variable Efficiency of the Clearance Process have been dropped; and due to a decrease in country-coverage at the source, the number of countries with data for Interest Rate Spread has substantially decreased from previous years.

Q: What does the RCII score/rank mean? How are they calculated?

A: Think baseball! You want to be ranked #1 in the league and batting 1000. For more detailed information on the mathematical calculations behind the RCII, please see the academic paper, which is archived on our website [here](#).

Q: Can I use the RCII for academic research? Can I publish my research using the RCII?

A: We welcome and encourage you to use the RCII for your research. Data and/or visualizations from the RCII may be used for academic purposes, including publication of any academic research. Data and/or visualizations from the RCII must be cited as follows: Robinson Country Intelligence Index, Georgia State University. Data and/or visualizations from the RCII must accurately represent the information contained in the RCII.