

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 course-based subscription, access the tool through your college's online learning management system as directed.

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

A: There are two subscription options: a full year at \$50.00 or a semester (5-month) at \$25.00. If you have other questions concerning subscriptions, please contact us at rcii@gsu.edu.

Q: How many variables are in the RCII?

A: The 2023 RCII consists of 407 variables (including 302 raw data variables), 105 sub-dimensions, and four macro-dimensions, for a total of 1,457,874 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. 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 or summer. A list of sources used in the RCII, as well as links to their websites, can be found on the [RCII homepage](#).

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

A: The 2023 RCII has the following changes from last year's version:

- The RCII added a new year's worth of data for 2022.*
- Due to data availability, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Guinea, Lebanon, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, and Uganda dropped out of the default 2023 RCII (set at an 85% data availability threshold). Belarus, Iraq, Myanmar, Sudan, and Uzbekistan were all added to the default 2023 RCII.*
- The RCII restructured the Finance subdimension in Macro-Economic Indicators, the Barriers to Trade subdimension in the Trade Index, the Investment Profile subdimension in Market Access, the Operational Landscape subdimension in Operations, the Substance Abuse subdimension in Diseases, the Gender Equity and Integrity subdimension (formerly Gender Inequality and Integrity) in Society, and the Environmental Sustainability subdimension in Society. In addition, all variables formerly gathered from the Global Competitiveness Report anywhere in the RCII not already mentioned have been dropped.*

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.*