

Best Countries For Children To Grow Up And Live In, 2017

Rank	Country	Score	Rank	Country	Score	Rank	Country	Score
1	Norway	985	59	Barbados	905	117	Cambodia	753
1	Slovenia	985	59	Turkey	905	118	Colombia	752
3	Finland	983	61	Algeria	903	119	Kenya	750
4	Netherlands	982	61	Cuba	903	120	Dominican Republic	741
4	Sweden	982	61	Sri Lanka	903	121	Haiti	733
6	Portugal	981	64	Brunei Darussalam	896	122	Timor-Leste	732
7	Ireland	980	65	Malaysia	894	123	Iraq	730
8	Iceland	979	66	Costa Rica	892	124	Congo	728
8	Italy	979	67	Argentina	883	125	Venezuela	724
10	Belgium	978	67	Fiji	883	126	El Salvador	723
10	Cyprus	978	67	Saint Lucia	883	127	Djibouti	715
10	Germany	978	70	Mongolia	880	128	Senegal	699
10	Republic of Korea	978	71	Albania	877	129	Comoros	688
14	France	976	71	Trinidad & Tobago	877	130	Lao PDR	684
14	Spain	976	73	Jamaica	872	130	Togo	684
16	Japan	974	74	Seychelles	871	132	Liberia	681
16	Switzerland	974	74	Uruguay	871	132	Uganda	681
18	Australia	973	76	Moldova	867	134	Bangladesh	680
18	Greece	973	77	Turkmenistan	865	134	Nepal	680
18	Luxembourg	973	78	DPR Korea	862	136	Papua New Guinea	674
21	Denmark	972	78	Uzbekistan	862	137	Syrian Arab Republic*	668
21	Israel	972	80	Iran	860	138	Zimbabwe	664
23	United Kingdom	971	81	Suriname	859	139	Ethiopia	657
24	Lithuania	970	82	State of Palestine	858	140	Yemen*	653
25	Croatia	969	83	Morocco	853	141	Burundi	650
26	Estonia	967	84	Thailand	852	142	Honduras	648
26	Poland	967	85	Cabo Verde	851	143	Gambia	645
28	New Zealand	964	85	Georgia	851	144	Sudan	639
29	Hungary	962	87	Azerbaijan	835	145	Tanzania	635
30	Latvia	956	88	Egypt	830	146	Zambia	633
31	Malta	953	89	Brazil	821	147	Guatemala	624
32	Belarus	951	90	Mexico	819	148	Pakistan	621
33	Singapore	949	91	Kyrgyzstan	816	149	Malawi	619
34	Qatar	947	92	Vietnam	815	150	Lesotho	611
35	Bosnia & Herzegovina	942	93	Bhutan	813	151	Eritrea	608
36	United States	941	94	Tajikistan	812	152	Afghanistan	602
37	Russian Federation	940	95	Ecuador	808	153	Equatorial Guinea	601
38	Kuwait	938	96	Philippines	807	154	Benin	592
39	Ukraine	937	96	Vanuatu	807	155	Mauritania	591
40	Kazakhstan	935	98	Belize	801	156	Guinea-Bissau	589
41	China	928	99	Panama	800	157	Madagascar	587
41	Serbia	928	100	Botswana	796	158	Côte d'Ivoire	586
43	Oman	927	101	Indonesia	793	159	Cameroon	585
44	Montenegro	926	102	Paraguay	790	160	Mozambique	578
45	Lebanon	924	103	Peru	788	160	Nigeria	578
45	Tunisia	924	103	South Africa	788	162	DR Congo	558
47	Saudi Arabia	922	105	Namibia	777	163	Guinea	546
48	Maldives	920	105	Swaziland	777	163	Sierra Leone	546
49	Bulgaria	917	107	Gabon	775	165	Burkina Faso	541
49	Mauritius	917	108	Guyana	771	166	South Sudan	488
51	Jordan	915	109	Nicaragua	766	167	Chad	473
52	Romania	914	109	Solomon Islands	766	168	Somalia	470
53	Chile	913	111	Ghana	761	169	Central African Rep.	428
54	Armenia	912	112	Myanmar	757	170	Mali	414
54	Bahamas	912	112	Rwanda	757	171	Angola	393
56	TfYR Macedonia	910	114	Bolivia	756	172	Niger	384
56	Tonga	910	114	Sao Tome & Principe	756			
58	Samoa	909	116	India	754			

Index scores reflect the average level of performance across a set of eight indicators related to child health, education, labor, marriage, childbirth and violence. The only reason a country was not included in this analysis was insufficient data (e.g., the country was missing values for three or more indicators). To see the underlying dataset, including data gaps, turn to pages 30-34. Performance bands reflect the extent to which children are missing out on childhood. For details, see Methodology and Research Notes.

*Data collection in times of conflict is difficult and dangerous. Latest available data for conflict-affected countries often predate escalations of violence and do not capture the harsh realities for children in these settings. In Syria, for example, recent evidence suggests rates of child labor and child marriage have risen. These trends are not reflected in the data or index ranking.

- Few children missing out on childhood
- Some children missing out on childhood
- Many children missing out on childhood
- Most children missing out on childhood