

# Country Profile

## AFGHANISTAN

### Region: Southern Asia



2020 EPI Country Rank (out of 180)

**178**

2020 EPI Score [0=worst, 100=best]

**25.5**

GDP [PPP 2011\$ billions]

**64.5**

GDP *per capita* [\$]

**1,735**

Population [millions]

**37.2**

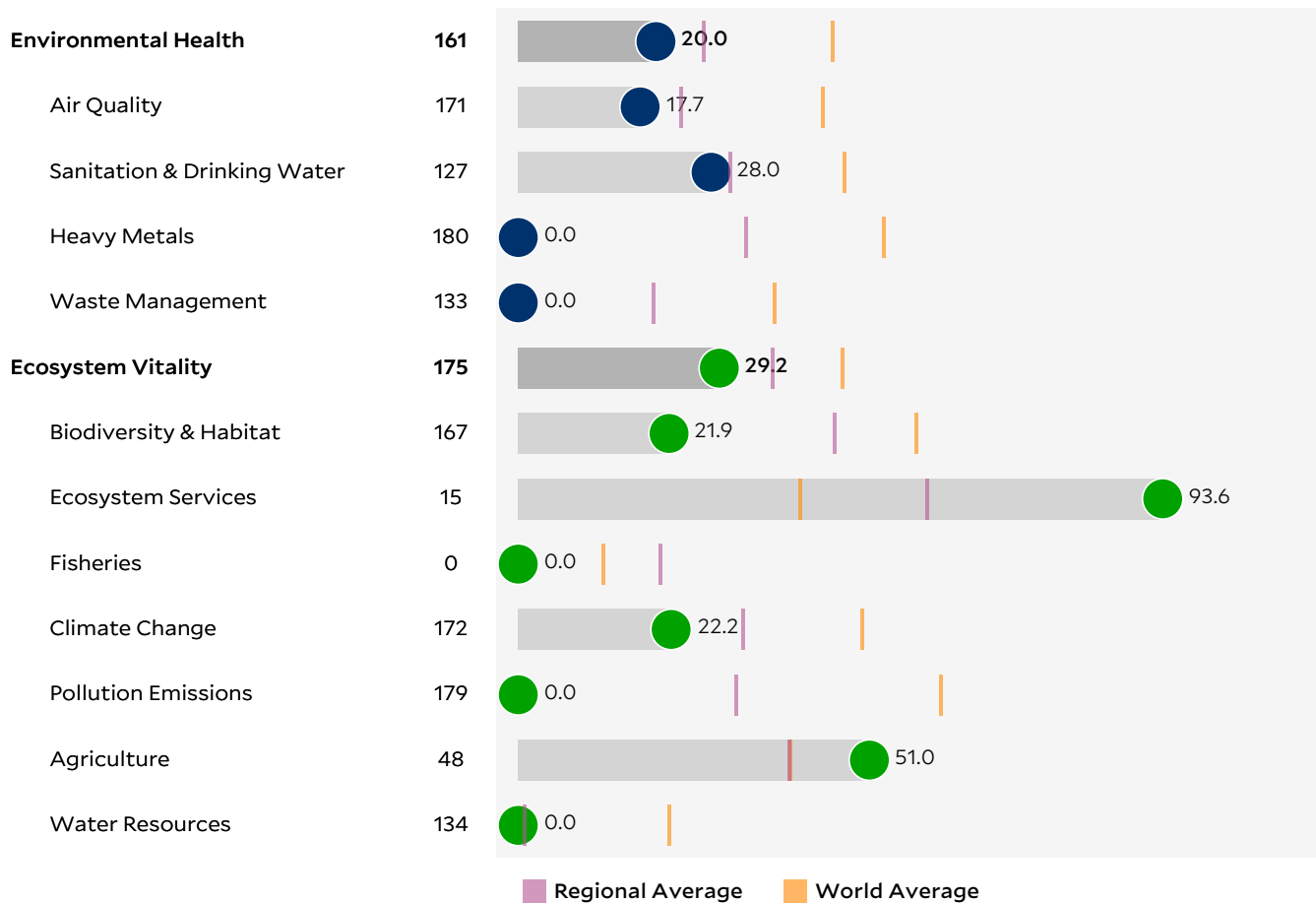
Urbanization [%]

**26.03**

## Country Scorecard

### Issue Categories

### Rank [/180]



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	Rank	EPI Score	10-Year Change	Regional Rank	Regional Average
<b>Environmental Performance Index</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>+5.0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>32.7</b>
<b>Environmental Health</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>+1.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26.8</b>
<b>Air Quality</b>	171	17.7	-3.6	5	23.7
Household solid fuels	167	7.3	+4.7	8	19.4
PM <sub>2.5</sub> exposure	142	25.4	-10.0	4	27.8
Ozone exposure	174	16.9	+1.8	3	12.2
<b>Sanitation &amp; Drinking Water</b>	127	28	+7.1	4	30.8
Unsafe sanitation	128	28.5	+7.5	5	32.9
Unsafe drinking water	125	27.7	+6.9	4	29.4
<b>Heavy Metals</b> / Lead exposure	180	0	-	8	33.2
<b>Waste Management</b> / Controlled solid waste	133	0	-	8	19.6
<b>Ecosystem Vitality</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>+7.7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>36.7</b>
<b>Biodiversity &amp; Habitat</b>	167	21.9	-0.4	7	45.7
Terrestrial biomes (nat'l)	179	0.6	-	8	47.3
Terrestrial biomes (global)	179	1.3	-	8	53.6
Marine protected areas	0	0	-	6	7.8
Protected Areas Representativeness Index	164	5	+1.9	7	19.8
Species Habitat Index	54	90.7	-4.8	4	88.8
Species Protection Index	149	18	-	7	64.1
Biodiversity Habitat Index	66	57.7	+0.2	1	47.8
<b>Ecosystem Services</b>	15	93.6	+40.5	1	59.4
Tree cover loss	12	95	+45.0	1	58.0
Grassland loss	68	60.9	-2.4	4	64.3
Wetland loss	1	100	-	1	79.1
<b>Fisheries</b>	0	0	-	6	20.4
Fish Stock Status	0	0	-	6	15.7
Marine Trophic Index	0	0	-	6	19.0
Fish caught by trawling	0	0	-	5	32.6
<b>Climate Change</b>	172	22.2	+7.3	8	32.6
CO <sub>2</sub> growth rate	176	0	-	6	14.4
CH <sub>4</sub> growth rate	89	66.1	+46.5	5	67.8
F-gas growth rate	0	0	-	4	93.5
N <sub>2</sub> O growth rate	147	34.1	+1.6	6	49.8
Black Carbon growth rate	156	15.7	-9.8	7	40.2
CO <sub>2</sub> from land cover	1	100	-	1	56.9
Greenhouse gas intensity growth rate	77	50.6	-1.5	3	45.9
Greenhouse gas emissions <i>per capita</i>	1	100	-	1	77.7
<b>Pollution Emissions</b>	179	0	-	8	31.7
SO <sub>2</sub> growth rate	176	0	-	8	36.7
NO <sub>x</sub> growth rate	176	0	-	8	26.7
<b>Agriculture</b> / Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index	48	51	+0.9	1	39.3
<b>Water Resources</b> / Wastewater treatment	134	0	-	4	0.8

**Note:** three largest increases in green and three largest decreases in red. "-" indicates no change.

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Peer Comparisons: EPI Scores for this country and peers based on similar characteristics

EPI Performance	
Burundi	27.0
Haiti	27.0
Chad	26.7
Solomon Islands	26.7
Madagascar	26.5
Guinea	26.4
Côte d'Ivoire	25.8
Sierra Leone	25.7
Afghanistan	25.5
Myanmar	25.1

GDP per capita	
Burkina Faso	38.3
Uganda	35.6
Ethiopia	34.4
Rwanda	33.8
Togo	29.5
Guinea-Bissau	29.1
Haiti	27.0
Chad	26.7
Madagascar	26.5
Afghanistan	25.5

Issue Performance	
Saudi Arabia	44.0
Kyrgyzstan	39.8
Iraq	39.5
Tajikistan	38.2
Guyana	35.9
Nepal	32.7
Niger	30.8
Mauritania	27.7
Haiti	27.0
Afghanistan	25.5

Regulatory Quality	
Algeria	44.8
Uzbekistan	44.3
Iraq	39.5
Tajikistan	38.2
Comoros	32.1
Marshall Islands	30.8
Guinea-Bissau	29.1
Haiti	27.0
Chad	26.7
Afghanistan	25.5

Voice & Accountability	
Russia	50.5
Gabon	45.8
Thailand	45.4
Algeria	44.8
Iraq	39.5
Nicaragua	39.2
Oman	38.5
Angola	29.7
Afghanistan	25.5
Myanmar	25.1

Political Stability	
Ukraine	49.5
Lebanon	45.4
Iraq	39.5
Central African Republic	36.9
Dem. Rep. Congo	36.4
Sudan	34.8
Pakistan	33.1
Nigeria	31.0
Mali	29.4
Afghanistan	25.5

Southern Asia	
Bhutan	39.3
Sri Lanka	39.0
Maldives	35.6
Pakistan	33.1
Nepal	32.7
Bangladesh	29.0
India	27.6
Afghanistan	25.5

Least Developed Countries	
Mauritania	27.7
Burundi	27.0
Haiti	27.0
Solomon Islands	26.7
Chad	26.7
Madagascar	26.5
Guinea	26.4
Sierra Leone	25.7
Afghanistan	25.5
Myanmar	25.1

Ease of Doing Business Index	
Gabon	45.8
Iraq	39.5
Kiribati	37.7
Cameroon	33.6
Guinea-Bissau	29.1
Bangladesh	29.0
Burundi	27.0
Afghanistan	25.5
Myanmar	25.1
Liberia	22.6

**Note:** 'Issue Performance' based on *k*-nearest neighbors analysis of EPI issue categories.

**Sources:** GDP *per capita*, Worldwide Governance Indicators, and Ease of Doing Business Index from World Bank DataBank. Urbanization rate from UN, Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division.