

Country Profile

BULGARIA

Region: Eastern Europe



2020 EPI Country Rank (out of 180)

41

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

57.0

GDP [PPP 2011\$ billions]

135.7

GDP *per capita* [\$]

19,321

Population [millions]

7.0

Urbanization [%]

75.69

Country Scorecard

Issue Categories

Rank [/180]

Environmental Health

63

Air Quality

111

Sanitation & Drinking Water

37

Heavy Metals

100

Waste Management

30

Ecosystem Vitality

27

Biodiversity & Habitat

40

Ecosystem Services

61

Fisheries

66

Climate Change

24

Pollution Emissions

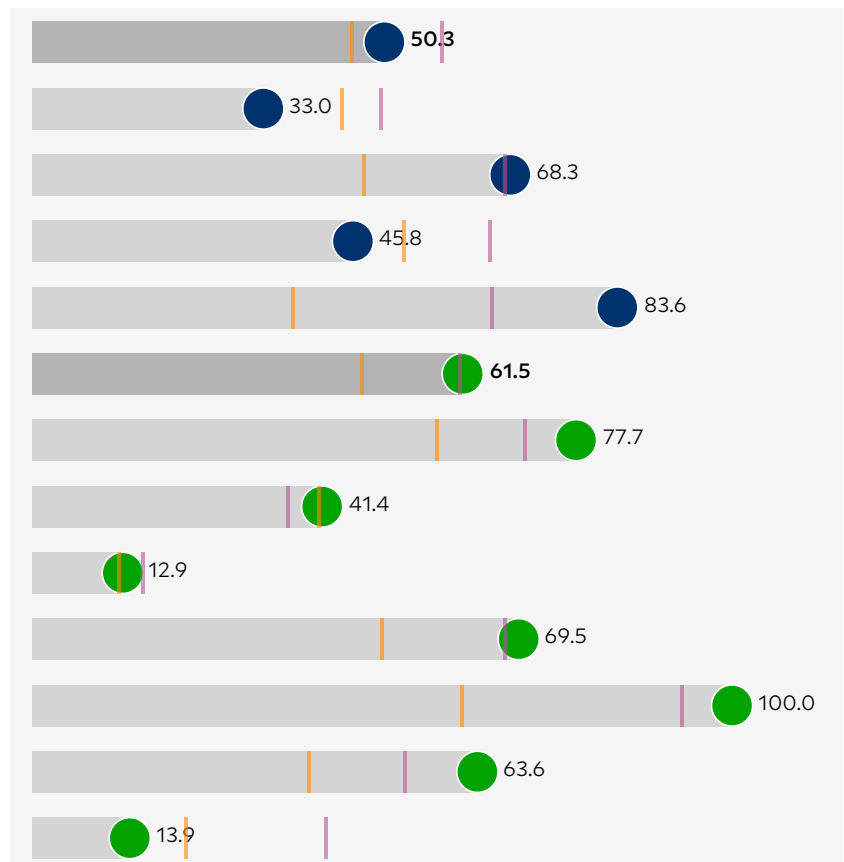
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Agriculture

21

Water Resources

61



■ Regional Average ■ World Average

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	Rank	EPI Score	10-Year Change	Regional Rank	Regional Average
Environmental Performance Index	41	57	+4.2	13	59.9
Environmental Health	63	50.3	+3.8	13	58.4
Air Quality	111	33	+5.0	17	49.8
Household solid fuels	95	38.2	+3.6	15	55.7
PM _{2.5} exposure	133	28.2	+6.1	17	45.4
Ozone exposure	77	45.7	+6.0	11	49.7
Sanitation & Drinking Water	37	68.3	+2.6	8	67.5
Unsafe sanitation	30	84	+4.0	4	74.3
Unsafe drinking water	47	57.8	+1.7	12	63.0
Heavy Metals / Lead exposure	100	45.8	+5.3	18	65.3
Waste Management / Controlled solid waste	30	83.6	-	6	65.6
Ecosystem Vitality	27	61.5	+4.5	11	60.9
Biodiversity & Habitat	40	77.7	+3.9	11	70.3
Terrestrial biomes (nat'l)	1	100	-	1	81.8
Terrestrial biomes (global)	1	100	-	1	83.2
Marine protected areas	36	55.8	+16.1	7	57.3
Protected Areas Representativeness Index	64	37	+17.2	9	36.6
Species Habitat Index	96	83.6	-10.1	13	84.8
Species Protection Index	1	100	-	1	84.3
Biodiversity Habitat Index	142	44.8	-0.8	11	46.4
Ecosystem Services	61	41.4	-0.5	7	36.4
Tree cover loss	48	41	-1.0	7	34.0
Grassland loss	103	51.8	+6.4	15	60.5
Wetland loss	129	38.9	+1.7	16	55.7
Fisheries	66	12.9	+1.0	6	15.6
Fish Stock Status	0	0	-	8	11.6
Marine Trophic Index	54	16.6	-	7	23.8
Fish caught by trawling	31	8.7	+2.3	4	5.7
Climate Change	24	69.5	+5.2	8	67.3
CO ₂ growth rate	30	60.2	+8.5	9	60.7
CH ₄ growth rate	1	100	-	1	85.7
F-gas growth rate	109	82.2	+10.1	18	89.0
N ₂ O growth rate	93	58.2	-8.9	14	70.4
Black Carbon growth rate	1	100	+31.8	1	79.1
CO ₂ from land cover	28	77.4	-	2	58.1
Greenhouse gas intensity growth rate	80	50.3	-34.9	9	49.2
Greenhouse gas emissions <i>per capita</i>	132	29.8	+1.1	11	31.6
Pollution Emissions	1	100	+17.3	1	92.7
SO ₂ growth rate	1	100	-	1	94.3
NO _x growth rate	1	100	+34.7	1	91.2
Agriculture / Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index	21	63.6	+12.3	7	53.1
Water Resources / Wastewater treatment	61	13.9	-	14	41.7

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	
Seychelles	58.2
Singapore	58.1
Taiwan	57.2
Bulgaria	57.0
United Arab Emirates	55.6
North Macedonia	55.4
Chile	55.3
Serbia	55.2
Brunei Darussalam	54.8
Kuwait	53.6

GDP per capita	
Bulgaria	57.0
Belarus	53.0
Mexico	52.6
Argentina	52.2
Uruguay	49.1
Montenegro	46.3
Thailand	45.4
Mauritius	45.1
Turkmenistan	43.9
Equatorial Guinea	38.1

Issue Performance	
Slovakia	68.3
Hungary	63.7
Croatia	63.1
Poland	60.9
Bulgaria	57.0
North Macedonia	55.4
Serbia	55.2
Belarus	53.0
Mexico	52.6
South Africa	43.1

Regulatory Quality	
Italy	71.0
Hungary	63.7
Bulgaria	57.0
North Macedonia	55.4
Costa Rica	52.5
Uruguay	49.1
Malaysia	47.9
Barbados	45.6
Peru	44.0
Qatar	37.1

Voice & Accountability	
Hungary	63.7
Bulgaria	57.0
Brazil	51.2
Suriname	45.2
Georgia	41.3
Guyana	35.9
Timor-Leste	35.3
Mongolia	32.2
Benin	30.0
India	27.6

Political Stability	
Belgium	73.3
United States of America	69.3
Latvia	61.6
Bulgaria	57.0
Chile	55.3
Belarus	53.0
Costa Rica	52.5
Albania	49.0
Jamaica	48.2
Laos	34.8

Eastern Europe	
Cyprus	64.8
Romania	64.7
Hungary	63.7
Croatia	63.1
Lithuania	62.9
Latvia	61.6
Poland	60.9
Bulgaria	57.0
North Macedonia	55.4
Serbia	55.2

EU-27	
Portugal	67.0
Estonia	65.3
Cyprus	64.8
Romania	64.7
Hungary	63.7
Croatia	63.1
Lithuania	62.9
Latvia	61.6
Poland	60.9
Bulgaria	57.0

Ease of Doing Business Index	
Italy	71.0
Cyprus	64.8
Romania	64.7
Croatia	63.1
Bulgaria	57.0
Chile	55.3
Mexico	52.6
Moldova	44.4
Morocco	42.3
Kenya	34.7

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.