

Country Profile IRELAND

Region: Global West



2020 EPI Country Rank (out of 180)

16

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

72.8

GDP [PPP 2011\$ billions]

343.9

GDP *per capita* [\$]

70,855

Population [millions]

4.9

Urbanization [%]

63.65

Country Scorecard

Issue Categories

Rank [/180]

Environmental Health

6

Air Quality

8

Sanitation & Drinking Water

13

Heavy Metals

22

Waste Management

32

Ecosystem Vitality

35

Biodiversity & Habitat

73

Ecosystem Services

125

Fisheries

102

Climate Change

31

Pollution Emissions

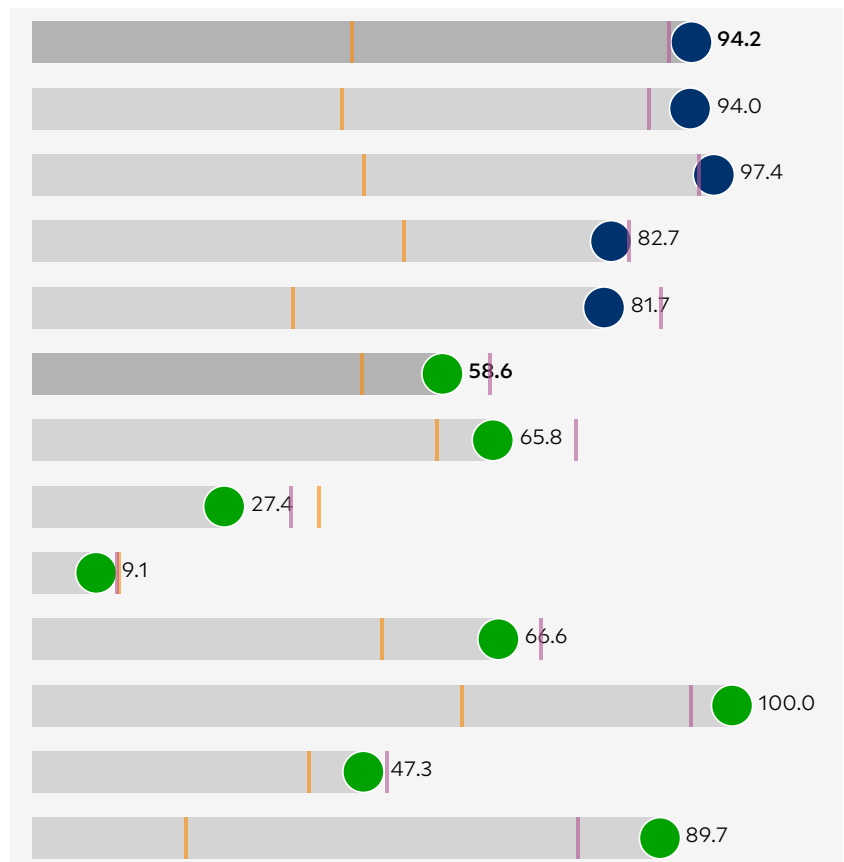
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Agriculture

59

Water Resources

14



■ Regional Average ■ World Average

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	Rank	EPI Score	10-Year Change	Regional Rank	Regional Average
Environmental Performance Index	16	72.8	+2.9	15	75.6
Environmental Health	6	94.2	+6.5	6	91.0
Air Quality	8	94	+10.7	8	88.2
Household solid fuels	1	100	+4.7	1	97.5
PM _{2.5} exposure	9	91	+14.3	8	84.6
Ozone exposure	15	79.5	+19.9	1	53.8
Sanitation & Drinking Water	13	97.4	+1.7	12	95.2
Unsafe sanitation	23	93.5	+4.2	17	95.6
Unsafe drinking water	1	100	-	1	95.0
Heavy Metals / Lead exposure	22	82.7	+8.4	14	85.4
Waste Management / Controlled solid waste	32	81.7	-	19	89.8
Ecosystem Vitality	35	58.6	+0.6	19	65.3
Biodiversity & Habitat	73	65.8	+2.1	19	77.6
Terrestrial biomes (nat'l)	82	82.9	+0.1	15	86.4
Terrestrial biomes (global)	85	82.9	+0.1	15	86.9
Marine protected areas	48	21.3	+7.9	18	76.9
Protected Areas Representativeness Index	50	43.7	+7.0	12	44.1
Species Habitat Index	15	96.9	-	2	84.5
Species Protection Index	21	98.4	+0.4	9	94.9
Biodiversity Habitat Index	140	45	-2.3	13	53.8
Ecosystem Services	125	27.4	+3.4	17	36.9
Tree cover loss	127	22.5	+1.7	17	31.0
Grassland loss	36	71.2	+23.4	9	68.9
Wetland loss	43	72.6	+15.9	3	52.6
Fisheries	102	9.1	+1.1	14	12.0
Fish Stock Status	45	11.8	+2.8	6	8.3
Marine Trophic Index	73	13.1	-	11	25.5
Fish caught by trawling	72	1	+0.2	15	6.8
Climate Change	31	66.6	+2.9	16	72.7
CO ₂ growth rate	22	65.1	+13.9	11	66.9
CH ₄ growth rate	138	43.8	-30.5	22	92.1
F-gas growth rate	33	92.9	+8.1	13	92.7
N ₂ O growth rate	65	66.2	-33.8	16	70.3
Black Carbon growth rate	1	100	-	1	89.1
CO ₂ from land cover	16	91.5	-	1	59.1
Greenhouse gas intensity growth rate	16	80.4	+11.8	2	56.8
Greenhouse gas emissions <i>per capita</i>	159	13.3	+4.3	15	21.6
Pollution Emissions	1	100	+10.7	1	93.9
SO ₂ growth rate	1	100	-	1	94.7
NO _x growth rate	1	100	+21.5	1	93.1
Agriculture / Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index	59	47.3	-42.7	14	50.5
Water Resources / Wastewater treatment	14	89.7	-	12	77.9

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

Country Profile

IRELAND

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

EPI Performance	
Spain	74.3
Belgium	73.3
Ireland	72.8
Iceland	72.3
Slovenia	72.0
New Zealand	71.3
Canada	71.0
Czech Republic	71.0
Italy	71.0
Malta	70.7

GDP per capita	
Switzerland	81.5
Norway	77.7
Netherlands	75.3
Ireland	72.8
United States of America	69.3
Singapore	58.1
Taiwan	57.2
United Arab Emirates	55.6
Brunei Darussalam	54.8
Kuwait	53.6

Issue Performance	
Luxembourg	82.3
Switzerland	81.5
Finland	78.9
Sweden	78.7
Norway	77.7
Netherlands	75.3
Australia	74.9
Ireland	72.8
New Zealand	71.3
South Korea	66.5

Regulatory Quality	
Denmark	82.5
Luxembourg	82.3
United Kingdom	81.3
Austria	79.6
Norway	77.7
Germany	77.2
Ireland	72.8
Canada	71.0
United States of America	69.3
Estonia	65.3

Voice & Accountability	
United Kingdom	81.3
Austria	79.6
Germany	77.2
Australia	74.9
Belgium	73.3
Ireland	72.8
Iceland	72.3
Portugal	67.0
Estonia	65.3
Uruguay	49.1

Political Stability	
Japan	75.1
Australia	74.9
Ireland	72.8
Czech Republic	71.0
Canada	71.0
Uruguay	49.1
Saint Lucia	43.1
Grenada	43.1
Botswana	40.4
Kiribati	37.7

Global West	
Netherlands	75.3
Australia	74.9
Spain	74.3
Belgium	73.3
Ireland	72.8
Iceland	72.3
New Zealand	71.3
Canada	71.0
Italy	71.0
Malta	70.7

OECD	
Australia	74.9
Spain	74.3
Belgium	73.3
Ireland	72.8
Iceland	72.3
Slovenia	72.0
New Zealand	71.3
Canada	71.0
Czech Republic	71.0
Italy	71.0

Ease of Doing Business Index	
Austria	79.6
Finland	78.9
Germany	77.2
Australia	74.9
Ireland	72.8
Iceland	72.3
Canada	71.0
Latvia	61.6
Thailand	45.4
Mauritius	45.1

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.