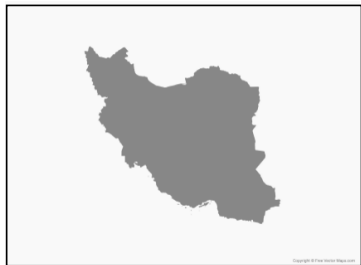


### Region: Greater Middle East

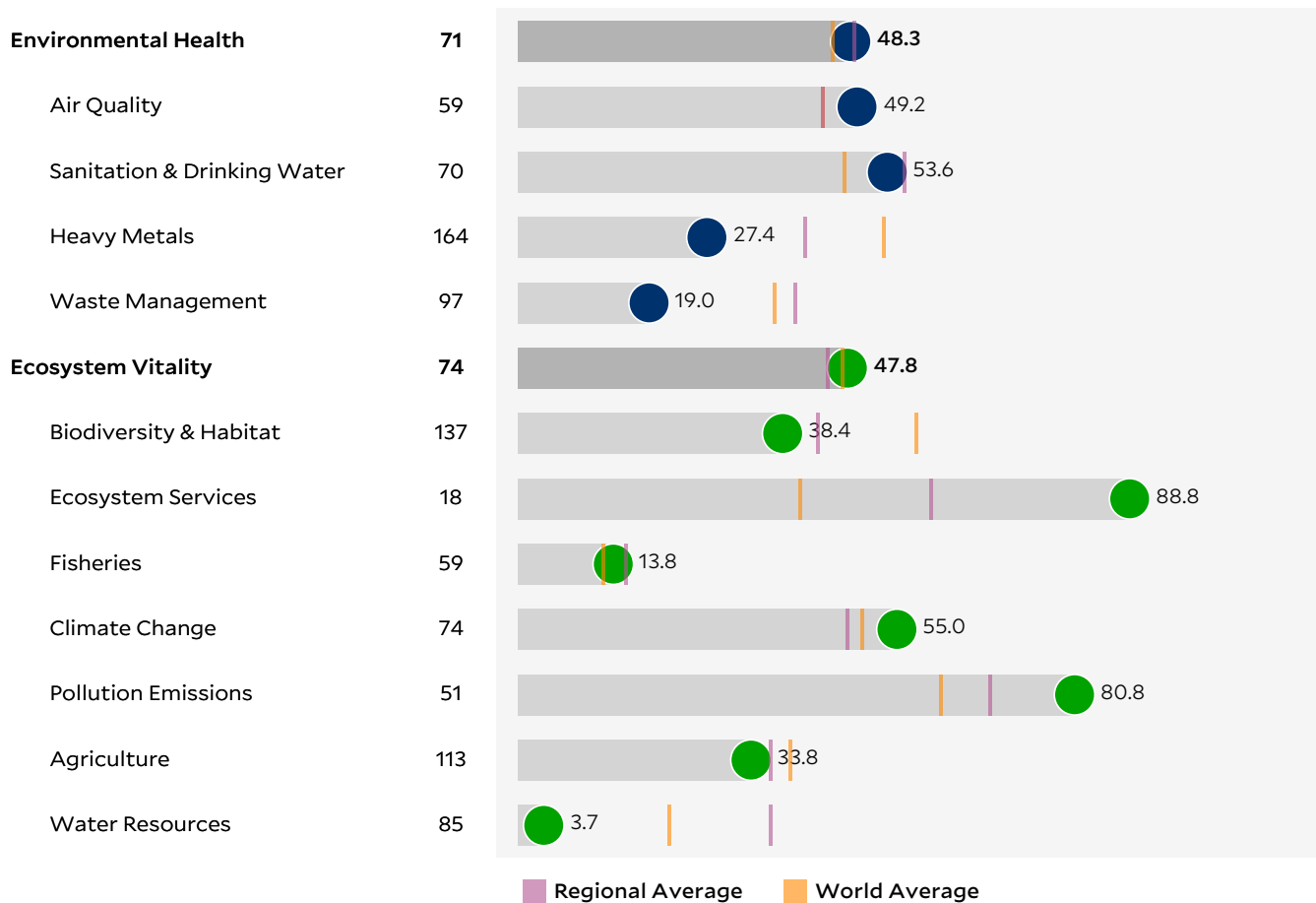


2020 EPI Country Rank (out of 180)	GDP [PPP 2011\$ billions]	<b>2,116.2</b>
<b>67</b>	GDP <i>per capita</i> [\$]	<b>25,871</b>
2020 EPI Score [0=worst, 100=best]	Population [millions]	<b>81.8</b>
<b>48.0</b>	Urbanization [%]	<b>75.87</b>

### Country Scorecard

#### Issue Categories

#### Rank [/180]



Region: Greater Middle East

	Rank	EPI Score	10-Year Change	Regional Rank	Regional Average
<b>Environmental Health</b>	71	48.3	+6.4	10	48.7
<b>Air Quality</b>	59	49.2	+9.4	4	44.3
Household solid fuels	36	82.8	+15.2	7	79.5
PM <sub>2.5</sub> exposure	139	26.5	+6.2	3	19.8
Ozone exposure	145	29.4	-3.0	11	32.6
<b>Sanitation &amp; Drinking Water</b>	70	53.6	+3.7	10	56.2
Unsafe sanitation	64	60.9	+6.5	10	65.9
Unsafe drinking water	72	48.7	+1.8	10	49.7
<b>Heavy Metals</b> / Lead exposure	164	27.4	+5.6	14	41.6
<b>Waste Management</b> / Controlled solid waste	97	19	-	12	40.3
<b>Ecosystem Vitality</b>	74	47.8	+10.9	8	45.0
<b>Biodiversity &amp; Habitat</b>	137	38.4	-	11	43.5
Terrestrial biomes (nat'l)	136	40.9	-	8	45.4
Terrestrial biomes (global)	141	35.2	-	10	44.3
Marine protected areas	88	1.2	-	7	18.2
Protected Areas Representativeness Index	156	8.5	+2.7	9	9.8
Species Habitat Index	21	95.8	-2.6	5	89.2
Species Protection Index	114	62.6	-	6	55.5
Biodiversity Habitat Index	50	62.8	+0.1	12	66.2
<b>Ecosystem Services</b>	18	88.8	+16.2	5	59.9
Tree cover loss	14	93.2	+17.9	3	57.4
Grassland loss	100	52.1	+14.4	8	67.5
Wetland loss	98	45.4	-14.1	12	71.5
<b>Fisheries</b>	59	13.8	+2.9	9	15.5
Fish Stock Status	53	10.3	+5.4	6	14.1
Marine Trophic Index	35	20.8	-	5	17.2
Fish caught by trawling	27	9.6	+3.2	1	5.8
<b>Climate Change</b>	74	55	+18.8	6	47.8
CO <sub>2</sub> growth rate	87	42.3	+14.7	10	43.0
CH <sub>4</sub> growth rate	125	51.5	+22.4	9	50.3
F-gas growth rate	1	100	-	1	93.2
N <sub>2</sub> O growth rate	62	67.3	+67.3	2	43.4
Black Carbon growth rate	57	72.8	+35.9	5	46.8
CO <sub>2</sub> from land cover	19	87.2	-	1	34.0
Greenhouse gas intensity growth rate	12	86.1	+46.7	2	51.4
Greenhouse gas emissions <i>per capita</i>	149	21.8	-3.4	10	32.8
<b>Pollution Emissions</b>	51	80.8	+36.8	6	68.4
SO <sub>2</sub> growth rate	46	99.6	+35.5	4	76.4
NO <sub>x</sub> growth rate	73	62	+38.0	10	60.3
<b>Agriculture</b> / Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index	113	33.8	-7.1	10	36.5
<b>Water Resources</b> / Wastewater treatment	85	3.7	-	15	36.7

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

## Country Profile

# IRAN

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

EPI Performance	
Uruguay	49.1
Albania	49.0
Antigua and Barbuda	48.5
Cuba	48.4
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	48.4
Jamaica	48.2
Iran	48.0
Malaysia	47.9
Trinidad and Tobago	47.5
Panama	47.3

GDP per capita	
Greece	69.1
Cyprus	64.8
Romania	64.7
Latvia	61.6
Seychelles	58.2
Russia	50.5
Antigua and Barbuda	48.5
Iran	48.0
Kazakhstan	44.7
Turkey	42.6

Issue Performance	
Jordan	53.4
Iran	48.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	45.4
Kazakhstan	44.7
Moldova	44.4
Uzbekistan	44.3
Turkmenistan	43.9
Egypt	43.3
Oman	38.5
Pakistan	33.1

Regulatory Quality	
Cuba	48.4
Iran	48.0
Algeria	44.8
Iraq	39.5
Central African Republic	36.9
Republic of Congo	30.8
Marshall Islands	30.8
Guinea-Bissau	29.1
Haiti	27.0
Afghanistan	25.5

Voice & Accountability	
Belarus	53.0
Bahrain	51.0
Venezuela	50.3
Cuba	48.4
Iran	48.0
Egypt	43.3
Qatar	37.1
Eswatini	33.8
Cambodia	33.6
Djibouti	28.1

Political Stability	
Venezuela	50.3
Iran	48.0
Egypt	43.3
Turkey	42.6
Kenya	34.7
Ethiopia	34.4
Cameroon	33.6
Niger	30.8
Chad	26.7
Myanmar	25.1

Greater Middle East	
Kuwait	53.6
Jordan	53.4
Bahrain	51.0
Iran	48.0
Tunisia	46.7
Lebanon	45.4
Algeria	44.8
Saudi Arabia	44.0
Egypt	43.3
Morocco	42.3

OPEC	
United Arab Emirates	55.6
Kuwait	53.6
Venezuela	50.3
Iran	48.0
Gabon	45.8
Algeria	44.8
Saudi Arabia	44.0
Iraq	39.5
Equatorial Guinea	38.1
Nigeria	31.0

Ease of Doing Business Index	
Argentina	52.2
Brazil	51.2
Iran	48.0
Paraguay	46.4
Egypt	43.3
Uganda	35.6
Eswatini	33.8
Djibouti	28.1
Lesotho	28.0
Côte d'Ivoire	25.8

**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.