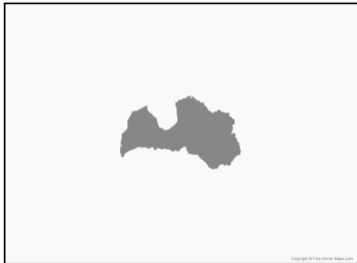


Country Profile LATVIA

Region: Eastern Europe



2020 EPI Country Rank (out of 180)

36

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

61.6

GDP [PPP 2011\$ billions]

50.5

GDP *per capita* [\$]

26,219

Population [millions]

1.9

Urbanization [%]

68.32

Country Scorecard

Issue Categories

Rank [/180]



Region: Eastern Europe

	Rank	EPI Score	10-Year Change	Regional Rank	Regional Average
Environmental Performance Index	36	61.6	+5.0	11	59.9
Environmental Health	45	58	+7.4	10	58.4
Air Quality	46	54.8	+13.0	8	49.8
Household solid fuels	67	55.2	+5.9	10	55.7
PM _{2.5} exposure	47	53.2	+19.1	6	45.4
Ozone exposure	23	69.8	+3.8	3	49.7
Sanitation & Drinking Water	56	59	+1.3	15	67.5
Unsafe sanitation	62	61.1	+2.1	16	74.3
Unsafe drinking water	48	57.5	+0.7	13	63.0
Heavy Metals / Lead exposure	27	78.4	+7.8	4	65.3
Waste Management / Controlled solid waste	56	61.4	-	14	65.6
Ecosystem Vitality	20	64	+3.3	7	60.9
Biodiversity & Habitat	14	86.7	-1.3	4	70.3
Terrestrial biomes (nat'l)	1	100	-	1	81.8
Terrestrial biomes (global)	1	100	-	1	83.2
Marine protected areas	1	100	-	1	57.3
Protected Areas Representativeness Index	78	31.9	+5.3	14	36.6
Species Habitat Index	116	75.9	-18.1	17	84.8
Species Protection Index	1	100	-	1	84.3
Biodiversity Habitat Index	55	59.4	-0.3	2	46.4
Ecosystem Services	154	21.4	-2.6	19	36.4
Tree cover loss	146	18.2	-1.7	18	34.0
Grassland loss	138	43.2	-10.6	19	60.5
Wetland loss	64	58.2	-8.1	6	55.7
Fisheries	120	7.3	-6.6	11	15.6
Fish Stock Status	93	3.5	-19.4	5	11.6
Marine Trophic Index	69	14.4	-	9	23.8
Fish caught by trawling	55	3.5	+0.6	7	5.7
Climate Change	29	67.7	+10.5	10	67.3
CO ₂ growth rate	21	65.8	+17.6	7	60.7
CH ₄ growth rate	78	70.9	-29.1	16	85.7
F-gas growth rate	54	90.2	+26.8	8	89.0
N ₂ O growth rate	113	48.7	-12.3	16	70.4
Black Carbon growth rate	27	96.7	+74.6	6	79.1
CO ₂ from land cover	53	62.5	-	8	58.1
Greenhouse gas intensity growth rate	117	41.7	-11.3	12	49.2
Greenhouse gas emissions <i>per capita</i>	122	35.3	-4.3	7	31.6
Pollution Emissions	29	94.8	+0.1	10	92.7
SO ₂ growth rate	1	100	-	1	94.3
NO _x growth rate	36	89.7	+0.2	12	91.2
Agriculture / Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index	24	62.8	+8.5	8	53.1
Water Resources / Wastewater treatment	13	90.7	-	1	41.7

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

Country Profile

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

EPI Performance	
Estonia	65.3
Cyprus	64.8
Romania	64.7
Hungary	63.7
Croatia	63.1
Lithuania	62.9
Latvia	61.6
Poland	60.9
Seychelles	58.2
Singapore	58.1

GDP per capita	
Greece	69.1
Cyprus	64.8
Romania	64.7
Latvia	61.6
Seychelles	58.2
Russia	50.5
Iran	48.0
Malaysia	47.9
Kazakhstan	44.7
Turkey	42.6

Issue Performance	
Slovenia	72.0
New Zealand	71.3
Czech Republic	71.0
Slovakia	68.3
Estonia	65.3
Hungary	63.7
Croatia	63.1
Lithuania	62.9
Latvia	61.6
Poland	60.9

Regulatory Quality	
France	80.0
Japan	75.1
Belgium	73.3
Czech Republic	71.0
Malta	70.7
South Korea	66.5
Israel	65.8
Lithuania	62.9
Latvia	61.6
Georgia	41.3

Voice & Accountability	
Greece	69.1
Slovakia	68.3
South Korea	66.5
Latvia	61.6
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	48.4
Mauritius	45.1
Dominica	44.6
Bahamas	43.5
Saint Lucia	43.1
Samoa	37.3

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	
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
North Macedonia	55.4

OECD	
Slovakia	68.3
Portugal	67.0
South Korea	66.5
Israel	65.8
Estonia	65.3
Hungary	63.7
Lithuania	62.9
Latvia	61.6
Poland	60.9
Chile	55.3

Ease of Doing Business Index	
Finland	78.9
Australia	74.9
Ireland	72.8
Canada	71.0
Estonia	65.3
Lithuania	62.9
Latvia	61.6
Taiwan	57.2
North Macedonia	55.4
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.