

## Region: Latin America & Caribbean

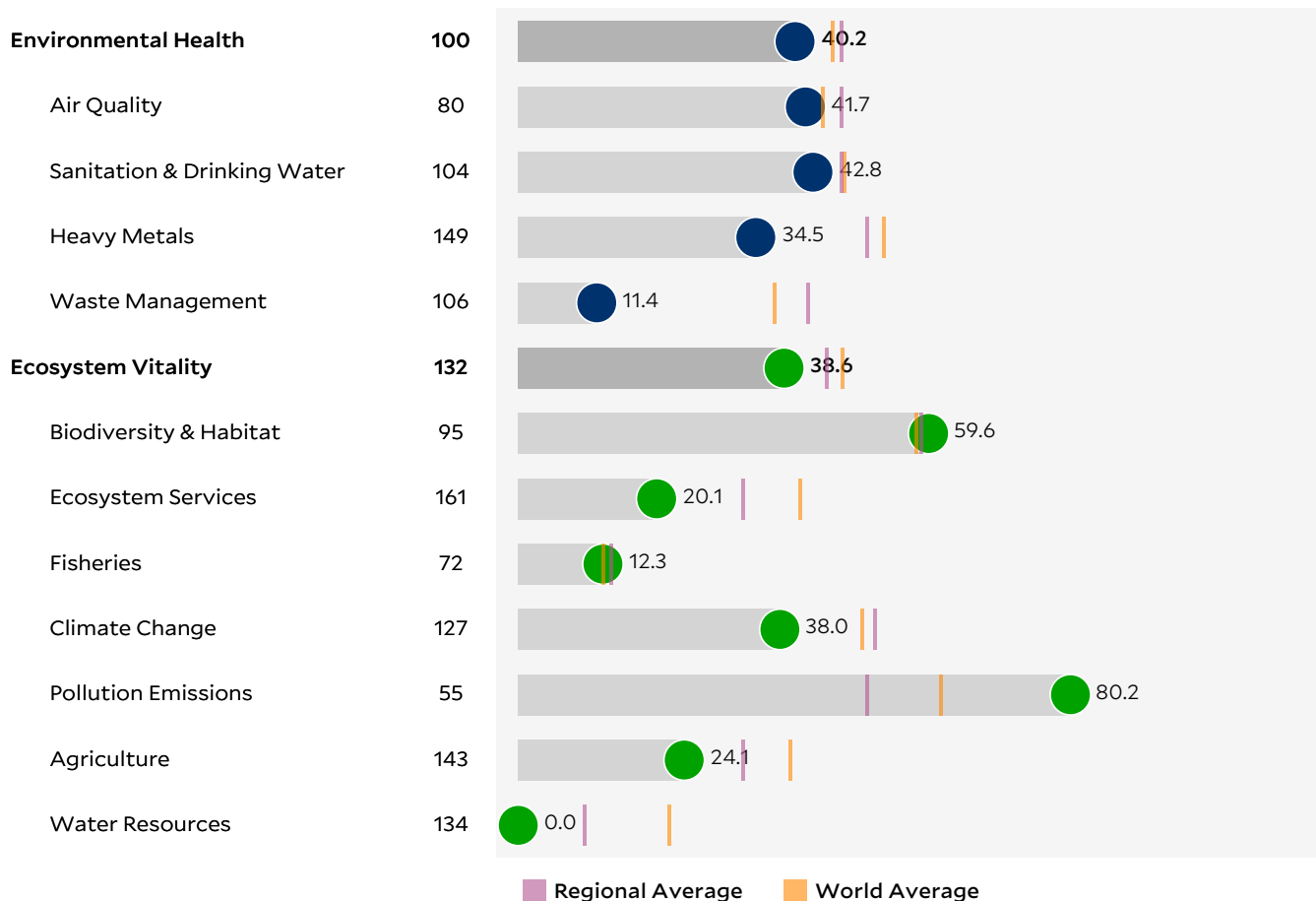


2020 EPI Country Rank (out of 180)	GDP [PPP 2011\$ billions]	<b>31.7</b>
<b>108</b>	GDP <i>per capita</i> [\$]	<b>4,910</b>
2020 EPI Score [0=worst, 100=best]	Population [millions]	<b>6.5</b>
<b>39.2</b>	Urbanization [%]	<b>59.01</b>

## 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>108</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>+0.1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>45.6</b>
<b>Environmental Health</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>+2.8</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>46.8</b>
<b>Air Quality</b>	80	41.7	-0.1	23	46.9
Household solid fuels	115	24.1	+4.1	29	48.0
PM <sub>2.5</sub> exposure	46	53.5	-2.7	7	44.3
Ozone exposure	57	51.4	-5.1	22	65.7
<b>Sanitation &amp; Drinking Water</b>	104	42.8	+6.5	23	47.0
Unsafe sanitation	106	43.9	+7.2	25	52.0
Unsafe drinking water	101	42	+6.0	21	43.6
<b>Heavy Metals / Lead exposure</b>	149	34.5	+5.4	27	50.8
<b>Waste Management / Controlled solid waste</b>	106	11.4	-	26	42.2
<b>Ecosystem Vitality</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>44.7</b>
<b>Biodiversity &amp; Habitat</b>	95	59.6	-7.4	17	58.4
Terrestrial biomes (nat'l)	62	93.1	+0.1	7	73.3
Terrestrial biomes (global)	65	93.9	-	9	71.4
Marine protected areas	67	7.5	-	15	31.7
Protected Areas Representativeness Index	12	68.4	+8.8	8	52.4
Species Habitat Index	152	0	-80.6	23	62.6
Species Protection Index	53	89.5	-	3	67.3
Biodiversity Habitat Index	112	48.9	-2.7	19	52.6
<b>Ecosystem Services</b>	161	20.1	-5.4	30	32.6
Tree cover loss	156	15.7	-7.5	31	30.3
Grassland loss	89	54.9	-4.2	18	59.4
Wetland loss	50	64.1	+30.1	7	49.6
<b>Fisheries</b>	72	12.3	-2.1	17	13.4
Fish Stock Status	47	11.7	-4.2	7	9.2
Marine Trophic Index	74	12.9	-	18	15.5
Fish caught by trawling	0	0	-	23	15.1
<b>Climate Change</b>	127	38	-4.5	28	51.7
CO <sub>2</sub> growth rate	103	37.6	-1.1	25	44.8
CH <sub>4</sub> growth rate	161	29.8	-16.3	29	65.2
F-gas growth rate	0	0	-	28	90.2
N <sub>2</sub> O growth rate	162	22.2	-5.6	30	58.1
Black Carbon growth rate	94	52.1	-6.3	13	45.5
CO <sub>2</sub> from land cover	62	60.5	-	16	61.3
Greenhouse gas intensity growth rate	109	43.8	-5.8	17	39.1
Greenhouse gas emissions <i>per capita</i>	65	65.2	-3.5	6	50.8
<b>Pollution Emissions</b>	55	80.2	+59.9	3	50.5
SO <sub>2</sub> growth rate	50	96.5	+68.7	4	55.7
NO <sub>x</sub> growth rate	71	64	+51.3	8	45.3
<b>Agriculture / Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index</b>	143	24.1	-6.1	19	32.7
<b>Water Resources / Wastewater treatment</b>	134	0	-	28	9.7

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

# Country Profile

## NICARAGUA

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

EPI Performance	
Kyrgyzstan	39.8
Iraq	39.5
Bhutan	39.3
Nicaragua	39.2
Sri Lanka	39.0
Oman	38.5
Philippines	38.4
Burkina Faso	38.3
Malawi	38.3
Tajikistan	38.2

GDP per capita	
Tonga	45.1
Nicaragua	39.2
Honduras	37.8
São Tomé and Príncipe	37.6
Sudan	34.8
Pakistan	33.1
Nigeria	31.0
Republic of Congo	30.8
Djibouti	28.1
Ghana	27.6

Issue Performance	
Dominican Republic	46.3
Morocco	42.3
Nicaragua	39.2
Philippines	38.4
Equatorial Guinea	38.1
Honduras	37.8
Dem. Rep. Congo	36.4
Mozambique	33.9
Rwanda	33.8
Guatemala	31.8

Regulatory Quality	
Belarus	53.0
Belize	41.9
Nicaragua	39.2
Malawi	38.3
Mozambique	33.9
Pakistan	33.1
Niger	30.8
Togo	29.5
Djibouti	28.1
Madagascar	26.5

Voice & Accountability	
United Arab Emirates	55.6
Russia	50.5
Thailand	45.4
Nicaragua	39.2
Oman	38.5
Zimbabwe	37.0
Ethiopia	34.4
Rwanda	33.8
Cameroon	33.6
Afghanistan	25.5

Political Stability	
Colombia	52.9
Bahrain	51.0
Tunisia	46.7
Thailand	45.4
Algeria	44.8
Nicaragua	39.2
Tajikistan	38.2
Zimbabwe	37.0
Mozambique	33.9
Guinea	26.4

Latin America & Caribbean	
Bolivia	44.3
Peru	44.0
Bahamas	43.5
Grenada	43.1
Saint Lucia	43.1
El Salvador	43.1
Belize	41.9
Nicaragua	39.2
Honduras	37.8
Guyana	35.9

Org. of Ibero-American States	
Panama	47.3
Paraguay	46.4
Dominican Republic	46.3
Bolivia	44.3
Peru	44.0
El Salvador	43.1
Nicaragua	39.2
Equatorial Guinea	38.1
Honduras	37.8
Guatemala	31.8

Ease of Doing Business Index	
Lebanon	45.4
Belize	41.9
Nicaragua	39.2
Mozambique	33.9
Cambodia	33.6
Cabo Verde	32.8
Tanzania	31.1
Senegal	30.7
Togo	29.5
Solomon Islands	26.7

**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.