

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Top Ranked Countries, 1980–2005

America's score on the global Index increased steadily over the last twenty-five years but other countries have progressed more quickly. As a result, the United States dropped from number 2 in 1980 to number 12 in 2005, falling behind peer nations that have been more efficient in transforming income into positive health and education outcomes.

Source: UNDP, Human Development Report 2007/2008.

1 Switzerland	1 Canada	1 Canada	1 Norway	1 Norway	1 Iceland
2 U.S.	2 U.S.	2 U.S.	2 Canada	2 Sweden	2 Norway
3 Iceland	3 Switzerland	3 Iceland	3 Sweden	3 Australia	3 Australia
4 Norway	4 Norway	4 Japan	4 Netherlands	4 Netherlands	4 Canada
5 Canada	5 Iceland	5 Switzerland	5 Australia	5 Iceland	5 Ireland
6 Japan	6 Japan	6 Netherlands	6 U.S.	6 Canada	6 Sweden
7 Netherlands	7 Netherlands	7 Norway	7 Belgium	7 Switzerland	7 Switzerland
8 Denmark	8 Sweden	8 France	8 Japan	8 Belgium	8 Netherlands
9 Sweden	9 Denmark	9 Finland	9 UK	9 U.S.	9 Japan
10 France	10 France	10 Sweden	10 Switzerland	10 Japan	10 Finland
11 Belgium	11 Finland	11 Belgium	11 France	11 Finland	11 France
12 Australia	12 Belgium	12 Austria	12 Iceland	12 France	12 U.S.
1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005