

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2000

determined to reaffirm
faith in fundamental
human rights

Any society committed
to improving the lives
of its people must also
be committed to uphold
and equal rights for all.
the human person is

FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION

the fundamental rights of men
and women and of

FREEDOM OF PEACE

FREEDOM FROM FEAR

FREEDOM FROM WANT

FREEDOM TO DEVELOP AND REALIZE ONE'S HUMAN POTENTIAL

FREEDOM FROM INJUSTICE AND VIOLATIONS OF THE RULE OF LAW

FREEDOM FROM EXPLOITATION

FREEDOM FROM DECENT WORK

FREEDOM FROM EXPLOITATION

29 Gender and economic activity

HDI rank	Female economic activity rate (age 15 and above)			Unemployment rate (%) ^a				Female unpaid family workers (as % of total) ^b 1997-98 ^c	
	Rate (%) 1998	Index (1985 = 100) 1998	As % of male rate 1998	Total (age 15-64)		Youth (age 15-24)			
				Female 1998	Male 1998	Female 1998	Male 1998		
High human development									
1 Canada	59.6	110.0	80.6	8.2	8.6	13.7	16.6	71	
2 Norway	58.5	113.4	83.1	3.2	3.3	9.4	9.5	71	
3 United States	58.2	109.9	79.9	4.7	4.5	9.8	11.1	63	
4 Australia	55.3	113.3	74.9	7.3	8.4	13.2	15.7	60	
5 Iceland	67.9	103.4	85.4	3.3	2.3	5.6	6.4	50	
6 Sweden	62.9	108.4	88.8	8.0	8.8	16.1	17.5	67	
7 Belgium	39.7	112.1	64.5	11.7	7.6	23.0	18.3	..	
8 Netherlands	45.1	119.3	65.2	5.5	3.5	8.7	7.8	84	
9 Japan	51.0	105.5	66.4	4.2	4.3	7.3	8.2	82	
10 United Kingdom	52.4	109.6	73.2	5.3	6.9	10.5	13.8	72	
11 Finland	57.5	100.8	85.7	12.1	10.9	24.5	20.0	40	
12 France	47.8	106.5	75.2	13.9	10.3	30.0	21.9	..	
13 Switzerland	51.4	111.7	65.2	4.3	3.2	7.0	4.7	..	
14 Germany	48.4	105.4	68.7	8.7	8.5	8.2	10.4	77	
15 Denmark	61.9	103.8	83.6	6.4	3.9	7.7	6.7	..	
16 Austria	44.4	103.8	64.3	5.6	5.4	7.6	7.4	69	
17 Luxembourg	37.6	108.8	56.6	4.2	1.9	7.1	5.8	..	
18 Ireland	35.9	115.8	50.5	7.5	8.2	11.1	11.9	59	
19 Italy	38.2	110.9	57.3	16.4	9.5	37.2	28.1	..	
20 New Zealand	56.5	121.4	77.2	7.4	7.7	13.5	15.6	70	
21 Spain	36.9	118.6	54.9	26.7	13.7	43.4	27.1	60	
22 Cyprus	49.2	109.8	61.6	..	..	..	..	..
23 Israel	47.7	118.6	66.0	..	..	..	..	73
24 Singapore	50.4	105.2	63.9	..	..	..	..	77
25 Greece	37.2	118.4	56.8	17.8	8.1	42.4	23.1	73	
26 Hong Kong, China (SAR)	49.0	102.7	62.8	..	..	..	..	..
27 Malta	25.2	118.3	35.4	..	..	..	..	..
28 Portugal	50.6	105.7	70.0	6.0	4.0	10.9	8.3	59	
29 Slovenia	53.9	96.3	79.6	..	..	..	..	58
30 Barbados	58.6	107.9	76.6	..	..	..	..	..
31 Korea, Rep. of	52.6	109.4	68.6	5.8	7.9	12.8	20.8	90	
32 Brunei Darussalam	48.5	129.0	59.9	..	..	..	..	..
33 Bahamas	68.1	112.9	84.2	..	..	..	..	..
34 Czech Republic	62.3	102.0	84.4	8.2	5.0	14.6	10.6	70	
35 Argentina	34.3	118.2	44.4	..	..	..	..	..
36 Kuwait	40.2	127.7	51.4	..	..	..	..	..
37 Antigua and Barbuda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
38 Chile	36.6	124.2	47.1	..	..	..	..	..
39 Uruguay	47.4	123.4	65.0	..	..	..	..	..
40 Slovakia	62.9	102.9	84.5	..	..	..	..	44
41 Bahrain	31.8	133.3	37.0	..	..	..	..	..
42 Qatar	35.5	138.0	39.4	..	..	..	..	..
43 Hungary	48.4	98.7	71.5	6.9	8.1	11.6	14.8	65	
44 Poland	57.2	97.7	79.3	12.6	9.5	25.2	21.5	59	
45 United Arab Emirates	31.8	128.3	36.3	..	..	..	..	..
46 Estonia	61.7	95.8	82.2	..	..	..	..	62
Medium human development									
47 Saint Kitts and Nevis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
48 Costa Rica	36.3	125.2	44.6	..	..	..	..	38
49 Croatia	48.4	103.1	71.6	..	..	..	..	74
50 Trinidad and Tobago	43.2	113.5	57.0	..	..	..	..	77

Trends in human development and economic growth

GDP per capita
(1995 US\$)

HDI rank	Change in human development index (HDI)				1975	Lowest value during 1975-98 ^a	Year	Highest value during 1975-98 ^a	Year	1998	Average annual rate of change (%) 1975-98 ^a
	1975-80	1980-85	1985-90	1990-98							
High human development											
1 Canada	0.016	0.022	0.022	0.010	14,535	14,535	1975	20,458	1998	20,458	1.5
2 Norway	0.019	0.011	0.012	0.039	19,022	19,022	1975	36,806	1998	36,806	2.9
3 United States	0.020	0.013	0.014	0.020	19,364	19,364	1975	29,683	1998	29,683	1.9
4 Australia	0.017	0.012	0.013	0.045	14,317	14,317	1975	21,881	1998	21,881	1.9
5 Iceland	0.022	0.009	0.018	0.020	17,445	17,445	1975	29,488	1998	29,488	2.3
6 Sweden	0.010	0.010	0.009	0.037	21,157	20,889	1977	27,705	1998	27,705	1.2
7 Belgium	0.017	0.013	0.019	0.035	18,620	18,620	1975	28,790	1998	28,790	1.9
8 Netherlands	0.012	0.014	0.014	0.028	18,584	18,584	1975	28,154	1998	28,154	1.8
9 Japan	0.024	0.015	0.016	0.020	23,296	23,296	1975	43,412	1997	42,081	2.6
10 United Kingdom	0.008	0.009	0.020	0.044	13,015	13,015	1975	20,237	1998	20,237	1.9
11 Finland	0.019	0.017	0.023	0.025	17,608	17,473	1977	28,075	1998	28,075	2.0
12 France	0.015	0.012	0.021	0.024	18,730	18,730	1975	27,975	1998	27,975	1.8
13 Switzerland	0.011	0.007	0.012	0.014	36,154	35,977	1976	45,951	1990	44,908	0.9
14 Germany	..	..	..	..	28,594 ^b	28,472	1993	31,141	1998	31,141	1.2
15 Denmark	0.008	0.009	0.007	0.028	22,984	22,984	1975	37,449	1998	37,449	2.1
16 Austria	0.014	0.014	0.022	0.023	18,857	18,857	1975	30,869	1998	30,869	2.2
17 Luxembourg	0.015	0.014	0.023	0.038	21,650	21,650	1975	46,591	1998	46,591	3.4
18 Ireland	0.013	0.015	0.024	0.050	8,605	8,587	1976	23,422	1998	23,422	4.4
19 Italy	0.018	0.010	0.022	0.028	11,969	11,969	1975	19,574	1998	19,574	2.2
20 New Zealand	0.008	0.011	0.009	0.032	14,005	13,504	1977	16,690	1997	16,427	0.7
21 Spain	0.019	0.016	0.020	0.030	10,040	10,040	1975	15,644	1998	15,644	1.9
22 Cyprus	..	..	..	..	3,619	3,619	1975	12,857	1998	12,857	5.7
23 Israel	0.021	0.018	0.015	0.027	10,620	10,288	1977	15,978	1998	15,978	1.8
24 Singapore	0.031	0.029	0.038	0.058	8,722	8,722	1975	31,276	1997	31,139	5.7
25 Greece	0.021	0.020	0.010	0.026	8,302	8,302	1975	12,069	1998	12,069	1.6
26 Hong Kong, China (SAR)	0.039	0.027	0.036	0.017	7,404	7,404	1975	23,554	1997	21,726	4.8
27 Malta	0.035	0.027	0.035	0.053	2,996	2,996	1975	18,620	1998	18,620	8.3
28 Portugal	0.023	0.027	0.030	0.051	6,024	6,024	1975	11,672	1998	11,672	2.9
29 Slovenia	..	..	..	0.021	9,659 ^c	8,331	1992	10,637	1998	10,637	1.2
30 Barbados	..	..	..	..	5,497	5,474	1976	7,894	1998	7,894	1.6
31 Korea, Rep. of	0.038	0.043	0.042	0.047	2,894	2,894	1975	11,925	1997	11,123	6.0
32 Brunei Darussalam	..	0.005	0.014	0.023	21,758	17,654	1994	32,732	1979	18,038	-0.8
33 Bahamas	..	..	..	..	8,030	8,030	1975	14,087	1989	12,444 ^d	2.2
34 Czech Republic	..	..	0.007	0.013	4,861 ^e	4,651	1993	5,335	1989	5,142	0.4
35 Argentina	0.014	0.006	0.003	0.034	7,317	5,782	1990	8,475	1998	8,475	0.6
36 Kuwait	..	..	..	..	21,838	9,913	1988	22,618	1979	16,756 ^d	-1.3
37 Antigua and Barbuda	..	..	..	..	3,296 ^f	3,296	1977	8,559	1998	8,559	4.6
38 Chile	0.034	0.017	0.027	0.046	1,842	1,842	1975	4,784	1998	4,784	4.2
39 Uruguay	0.020	0.005	0.020	0.028	4,092	3,932	1984	6,029	1998	6,029	1.7
40 Slovakia	..	..	0.006	0.013	3,529 ^e	2,912	1993	3,919	1989	3,822	0.6
41 Bahrain	..	0.029	0.019	0.023	12,022 ^g	8,257	1987	12,022	1980	9,260	-1.4
42 Qatar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
43 Hungary	0.016	0.012	-0.001	0.019	3,581	3,581	1975	5,018	1989	4,920	1.4
44 Poland	..	0.004	0.006	0.029	2,932 ^g	2,468	1982	3,877	1998	3,877	1.6
45 United Arab Emirates	0.032	0.011	0.023	0.006	37,520	16,666	1998	37,841	1980	16,666	-3.5
46 Estonia	..	0.008	-0.006	-0.005	4,022 ^g	3,064	1994	4,807	1989	3,951	-0.1
Medium human development											
47 Saint Kitts and Nevis	..	..	..	..	2,074 ^f	2,074	1977	6,716	1998	6,716	5.8
48 Costa Rica	0.024	0.000	0.018	0.022	2,231	2,116	1983	2,800	1998	2,800	1.0
49 Croatia	..	..	..	..	5,432 ^c	3,480	1993	5,432	1990	4,846	-1.4
50 Trinidad and Tobago	0.032	0.019	0.006	0.016	3,302	3,302	1975	5,148	1982	4,618	1.5