

# HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX: A SNAPSHOT

The Human Development Index (HDI) is a summary measure of average achievement in key dimensions of human development: a long and healthy life, being knowledgeable and have a decent standard of living. The 2018 Human Development Report by the United Nations Development Programme calculates HDI values based on estimates for 2017.

**Disclaimer:** The analytical results and views in this publication are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of ICD.

## GLOBAL AND ICD MEMBER COUNTRIES

### TOP 5 GLOBAL

RANKING		HDI VALUES
1	NORWAY	0.953
2	SWITZERLAND	0.944
3	AUSTRALIA	0.939
4	IRELAND	0.938
5	GERMANY	0.936

### BOTTOM 5 GLOBAL

RANKING		HDI VALUES
189	NIGER	0.354
188	CENTR. AFRICAN REP.	0.367
187	SOUTH SUDAN	0.388
186	CHAD	0.404
185	BURUNDI	0.417

ICD member countries

ICD member countries in the GCC region, with the exception of Brunei Darussalam, ranked the highest in human development.

While ranked the lowest globally and amongst ICD member countries, these countries showcased some of the largest advances in human development over the past few decades.

### TOP 5 ICD MEMBER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	2018 RANK	INDEX 2017	INDEX 1990	% CHANGE IN HDI VALUES (1990-2017)
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	34	0.863	0.727	↑ 18.7%
QATAR	37	0.856	0.754	↑ 13.5%
SAUDI ARABIA	39	0.853	0.697	↑ 22.4%
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	39	0.853	0.782	↑ 9.1%
BAHRAIN	43	0.846	0.746	↑ 13.4%

### BOTTOM 5 ICD MEMBER COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	2018 RANK	INDEX 2017	INDEX 1990	% CHANGE IN HDI VALUES (1990-2017)
NIGER	189	0.354	0.210	↑ 68.6%
CHAD*	186	0.404	0.299	↑ 35.1%
SIERRA LEONE	184	0.419	0.275	↑ 52.4%
BURKINA FASO*	183	0.423	0.286	↑ 47.9%
MALI	182	0.427	0.231	↑ 84.8%

\*Earliest data as at 2000

Out of 51 ICD member countries, 30 countries fall below the global HDI average value in 2017.

41% of ICD member countries, largely from the sub-Saharan Africa region, fall under the Low Human Development category.



**69%**  
OF ICD MEMBER COUNTRIES  
FALL UNDER THE GLOBAL HDI  
AVERAGE VALUE OF 0.728

