

More-Developed and Less-Developed Countries of Europe and the Americas



More-developed countries

According to the United Nations in 2005, the following 25 countries have the highest Human Development Index in the world. Note how many are in Europe and the Americas, and locate them on a map of the world.

Norway	United States	New Zealand
Iceland	Japan	Germany
Australia	Netherlands	Spain
Luxembourg	Finland	Israel
Canada	Denmark	Greece
Sweden	United Kingdom	Slovenia
Switzerland	France	Portugal
Ireland	Austria	
Belgium	Italy	

Less-developed countries

Most of the least-developed countries (LDCs) of the world are in Africa and South Asia. The following list shows the countries in Europe and the America with a low Human Development Index. Locate these countries on a map of the world.

Central and South America

Haiti	Ecuador	Paraguay
Bolivia	Nicaragua	Venezuela
Guatemala	Peru	
Honduras	El Salvador	

Eastern Europe

Moldova	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Bulgaria
Turkey	Albania	Romania
Ukraine	Belarus	

Source: United Nations Human Development Reports, Indicators (current rankings for all countries)
<http://hdr.undp.org/reports/global/2005/pdf/HDR05_HDI.pdf>

