

About

Arton Capital's Passport Index is the world's most popular online interactive tool, which collects, displays and ranks the passports of the world.

It is the only real time global ranking of the world's passports, updated as frequently as new visa waivers and changes are announced.

Visitors can dive in the fascinating world of passports, explore their designs, sort them by country, region and even by color. For the first time ever, visitors can compare passports side by side and even explore which additional passports can improve their Global Mobility Score.

The Passport Index also features PASSE/PORT, the comprehensive blog curating passport-related news, and views on global mobility, security, technology, branding, and visa policies (/visa.php#visapolicy) from around the world.

Methodology

The Passport Index methodology is based on the following:

- Passports of 193 United Nations member countries and 6 territories (ROC Taiwan, Macao (SAR China), Hong Kong (SAR China), Kosovo, Palestinian Territory and the Vatican) for a total of 199 are considered.
- Territories annexed to other countries such as Norfolk Island (Australia), French Polynesia (France), British Virgin Islands (Britain), etc. who do not issue their own passports are excluded and not considered as destinations.
- Countries which issue passports, regardless if they enforce independent visa policies or not are considered as destinations.
- Data is based on proprietary research from publicly available sources and on official information provided by government agencies.
- Significant number of passport images are provided by proud citizens of their countries. While some chose to remain anonymous, most have been credited for their contribution.
- To determine the individual rank of each passport, a three-tier method is applied:
 1. Visa-Free Score (VFS) – includes visa-free (VF) and visa on arrival (VOA) (/visa.php#visafreevoa)
 2. VF portion of their score vs VOA
 3. United Nations Development Programme Human Development Index (UNDP HDI) is used as a tie breaker. The UNDP HDI is a significant measure on the country's perception abroad.

Purpose

Inform

Showcase, educate and inform the public on the power passports transcend on the holder's identity, opportunity, mobility and overall quality of life. United by our diversity, the passport is one of the most important documents we possess.

Engage

Encourage discussions on visa policies, citizenship, country branding, global mobility, public security, philanthropy and foreign policy.

Inspire

In today's world, becoming a Global Citizen is more important than ever. Having a second citizenship is a liberating and empowering privilege which comes with a responsibility to the world.

How to use the Passport Index

EXPLORE:
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(HREF: <https://www.artoncapital.com/high-net-worth-immigration>)
BY COUNTRY
UNDP HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Global Passport Power Rank

Examples

Germany ranks as the most powerful passport in the world.

Explore the interactive mosaic, find your country's passport, or simply discover others.

By Region

Display passports for specific continents, regions, or other geopolitical filters.

By Location

The world map represented by the color of the country's passport cover.

By Color

Sort passports by the color of their cover.

COMPARE:

By Passport

Compare the world's passports next to each other, learn about their visa policies (/visa.php#visapolicy) and discover your Global Mobility Score.

By Destination

Compare how welcoming different countries are.

RANK:

Global Passport Power Rank

Passports of the world are sorted by their total Visa-Free Score, which includes visa-free and visa on arrival privileges. The higher the VFS score, the better global mobility its passport bearer enjoys.

Individual Passport Power Rank

No two passports are alike, hence why share a rank? The 2016 edition of the Passport Index introduced a unique ranking system, where each passport occupies an individual rank, based on their individual country and visa characteristics.

Filtered Rank

It has never been easier to rank passports based on their individual characteristics within a context of your interest. You can now filter by continent, region, industry and many more.

Global Country Welcoming Rank

Some passports command respect and visa-free access to many parts of the world. But how welcoming are they? Passport Index' Country Welcoming Rank showcases the most and least welcoming countries in the world, ranked solely on the the number of countries they accept visa-free or with visa on arrival.

IMPROVE:

Boost your Global Mobility Score

Discover which additional passport(s) can improve your Global Mobility Score. The higher the global

the world with a Visa-Free Score of 157.

- Afghanistan is ranked last with a Visa-Free Score of 23.
- Barbados ranks as the most powerful Caribbean passport (ranked 21st), followed by Bahamas (22nd) and Antigua & Barbuda with Saint Kitts & Nevis (25th)

Individual Passport Power Rank Examples

- Both Spain and Switzerland have a Visa-Free Score of 155. However, Spain, ranked 7th, has a visa-free portion of 120, while Switzerland has only 119, which puts it in 8th place.
- Both Belgium and Austria have a Visa-Free Score of 154, and identical visa-free portions of 120. However, Belgium is ranked higher in the UN's Human Development Index than Austria, therefore it is placed 14th in the Individual Passport Power Rank.

Welcoming Countries Rank Examples

- The African continent has some of the most welcoming countries.
- Dominica is the most welcoming Caribbean country and ranked in 2nd place in the world.
- Iran is the most welcoming country in the MENA region (ranked 9th in the world), followed by Turkey (17th), Jordan (26th) and Lebanon (46th).
- UK ranks in 52nd place of the most welcoming country in the world.
- While Germany has the most powerful passport in the world as of January 2017, it only allows 91 countries to enter without a visa (or with visa on arrival), placing it 52nd on the Welcoming Countries Rank.

World Openness Score Examples

- Global mobility is getting easier overall. The 2016 World Openness Score was 17,925. See the current score here (/byHistoric.php).
- Austria's current Visa-Free Score is 154, up from 153 in 2016.

mobility score, the more countries you can visit visa-free or with visa on arrival.
(HTTP://WWW.ARTONCAPITAL.COM/HIGH-NET-WORTH-INVESTORS/ULTIMATE-SOURCE-PASSPORTINDEX)

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Help us improve this tool and have a chance to represent your country by sending us a high quality passport cover photo to contribute@passportindex.org (<mailto:contribute@passportindex.org>). Your name will be fully credited, unless you wish to remain anonymous. Your privacy is guaranteed.

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Legal notes

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Change log

3.0.17.03.15: Update to reflect the different eVisa (eTV, e-Visitor, EVW, etc) requirements.

3.0.17.02.09: Malaysia impose visa requirements for Serbia.

3.0.17.01.10: Belarus waive visa requirements for 40 countries.

3.0.17.01.06: Passport Index 2017 launch.

2.0.16.11.25: Belarus and Brazil waive visa requirements.

2.0.16.11.21: New Zealand impose visa requirements for South Africa.

2.0.16.11.11: Guyana waive visa requirements for Malaysia.

2.0.16.11.01: Azerbaijan waive visa requirements for Kuwait, Israel, Japan, Oman, Qatar, Korea (Rep), Bahrain, Malaysia.

2.0.16.11.01: Mongolia impose visa requirements for 53 countries.

2.0.16.10.15: Singapore impose visa requirements for North Korea.

2.0.16.10.11: European Union and Solomon Islands waive visa requirements.

2.0.16.10.03: Korea, Republic of and United Arab Emirates waive visa requirements.

2.0.16.09.23: St. Kitts and Nevis and Maldives waive visa requirements.

2.0.16.09.22: European Union waive Visa requirements for Micronesia.

2.0.16.09.08: UAE waive visa requirements for China.

2.0.16.08.06: Iran and Armenia waive visa requirements.

2.0.16.07.30: Brasil waive visa requirements for Montenegro.

2.0.16.07.19: St Vincent and The Grenadines and Ecuador waive visa requirements.

2.0.16.07.09: Qatar waive visa requirements for Turkey.

2.0.16.07.07: Tuvalu, Marshall Island, Kiribati waives visa requirements for EU citizens.

2.0.16.07.07: European Union waive Visa requirements for Tuvalu, Marshall Island, Kiribati, Peru.

2.0.16.06.06: Indonesia waive visa requirements for Rwanda.

2.0.16.05.18: UK electronic visa waiver scheme was launched for Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and UAE passport holders.

2.0.16.04.21: Brunei lifts visa requirements for Croatian citizens.

2.0.16.04.13: Added Global Mobility Score comparison and sharing functions.

2.0.16.04.01: Passport Index 2016 launch.