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| Positive Factors | Measures change in: | Primary Source |
| [Human Development Index](https://ourworldindata.org/human-development-index) | The Human Development Index (HDI) is an index that measures key dimensions of human development. The three key dimensions are:  – **A long and healthy life** – measured by *life expectancy*.  – **Access to education** – measured by *expected years of schooling* of children at school-entry age and *mean years of schooling* of the adult population.  – **And a decent standard of living** – measured by *Gross National Income per capita* adjusted for the price level of the country. | United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) |
| [Happiness Report](https://ourworldindata.org/happiness-and-life-satisfaction) | The main life evaluation question asked in the poll is: “Please imagine a ladder, with steps numbered from 0 at the bottom to 10 at the top. | World Happiness Report 2019 - Gallup World Poll surveys (life evaluation question) |
| [Decrease in Cancer Deaths](https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/cancer-death-rates) | The number of deaths by Cancer. | Global Burden of Disease Study 2017 (GBD 2017) Results. |
| [Decrease in Cancer Incidence](https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/cancer-incidence) | The number of incidences of Cancer. | Global Burden of Disease Study 2017 (GBD 2017) Results |
| [Decrease in Autism](https://ourworldindata.org/burden-of-disease) | Disability-Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) per 100,000 individuals from all causes. DALYs measure the total burden of disease – both from years of life lost due to premature death and years lived with a disability. | Global Burden of Disease Study 2017 (GBD 2017) Results |
| [Life Expectancy](https://ourworldindata.org/life-expectancy) | The average number of years that a newborn could expect to live if he or she were to pass through life subject to the age-specific mortality rates of a given period. | World Bank – World Development Indicators |
| [Decrease in Air Pollution](https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/death-rate-by-source-from-air-pollution) | Age-standardized death rates from outdoor ozone, particulates, and indoor fuel pollution per 100,000 individuals. | Global Burden of Disease Study 2017 (GBD 2017) Results |
| [Decrease in Vaccine Preventable Deaths](https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/Deaths-caused-by-vaccine-preventable-diseases-over-time) | Deaths caused by diseases with available vaccines. | Global Burden of Disease Study 2017 (GBD 2017) Results |
| [Decrease in Deaths Caused by Unclean Water](https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/number-of-deaths-by-risk-factor) | Number of premature deaths caused by unsafe drinking water. | Global Burden of Disease Study 2017 (GBD 2017) Results |
| [Decrease in Death Caused by Unsanitary Conditions](https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/number-of-deaths-by-risk-factor) | Number of premature deaths caused by unsanitary conditions. | Global Burden of Disease Study 2017 (GBD 2017) Results. |
| [Decrease in Suicide](https://ourworldindata.org/suicide) | The annual number of deaths from suicide per 100,000 people. | Global Burden of Disease Study 2017 (GBD 2017) |
| [Decrease in HIV deaths](https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/the-number-of-cases-of-infectious-diseases?country=~USA) | The number of deaths from HIV/AIDS per 100,000 people. | World Health Organization (2018) and Tebbens et al. (2010) |
| [Decreases in Tuberculosis](https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/the-number-of-cases-of-infectious-diseases?country=~USA) | The number of deaths from Tuberculosis per 100,000 people. | World Health Organization (2018) and Tebbens et al. (2010) |
| [GDP](https://ourworldindata.org/economic-growth) | GDP per capita adjusted for price changes over time (inflation) and price differences between countries – it is measured in international-$ in 2011 prices. | https://www.rug.nl/ggdc/historicaldevelopment/maddison/releases/maddison-project-database-2020 |
| [Decrease in CO2 Emissions](https://ourworldindata.org/co2-emissions) | Carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from the burning of fossil fuels for energy and cement production. Land use  change is not included. | Global Carbon Budget 2020 (Version 1.0) |
| [Decrease in Child Mortality](https://ourworldindata.org/child-mortality) | Share of children, born alive, dying before they are five years old. | United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2019). World Population Prospects: The 2019 Revision, DVD Edition. |
| [Decrease in Malnutrition](https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/malnutrition-death-rates-by-age) | Death rates from protein-energy malnutrition measured per 100,000 individuals across various age categories. Also shown is the total death rate across all ages (not age-standardized) and the age-standardized death rate. Age-standardization assumes a constant population age & structure to allow for comparisons between countries and with time without the effects of a changing age distribution within a  population (e.g. aging). | Global Burden of Disease Study 2017 (GBD 2017) |