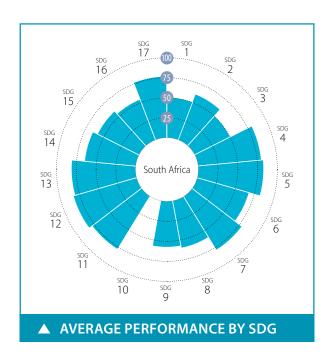
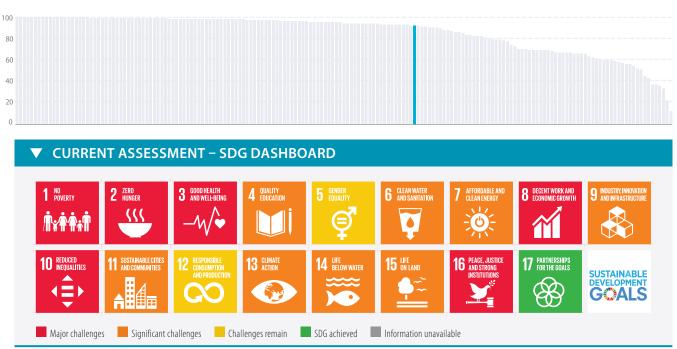
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▼ OVERALL PERFORMANCE Index score Regional average score 63.4 53.1 SDG Global rank 110 (OF 166)



▼ SPILLOVER INDEX

100 (best) to 0 (worst)





Notes: The full title of Goal 2"Zero Hunger" is "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture". The full title of each SDG is available here: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sustainabledevelopmentgoals



SDG1 – No Poverty	Value Year Rating Trend		Value Year Rating Tre
Poverty headcount ratio at \$1.90/day (%)	24.5 2020 • →	Population using the internet (%)	56.2 2017 • 1
Poverty headcount ratio at \$3.20/day (%)	34.1 2020 • →	Mobile broadband subscriptions (per 100 population)	77.5 2018 • 1
SDG2 – Zero Hunger	•	Logistics Performance Index: Quality of trade and transport-related infrastructure (worst 1–5 best)	3.2 2018 • 1
Prevalence of undernourishment (%)	6.2 2017 • ↑	The Times Higher Education Universities Ranking: Average score of top 3	
Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 years of age (%)	27.4 2016	The Times Higher Education Universities Ranking: Average score of top 3 universities (worst 0–100 best)	53.6 2020 • •
Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 years of age (%)	2.5 2016	Scientific and technical journal articles (per 1,000 population)	0.2 2018 • 🚽
Prevalence of obesity, BMI ≥ 30 (% of adult population)	28.3 2016 • ↓	Expenditure on research and development (% of GDP)	0.8 2016
Human Trophic Level (best 2–3 worst)	2.3 2017 • →	SDG10 – Reduced Inequalities	0.0 == .
Cereal yield (tonnes per hectare of harvested land)	5.6 2017 • ↑	Gini coefficient adjusted for top income	67.3 2014
Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index (worst 0–1.41 best)	0.5 2015 • 7		07.3 2017
SDG3 – Good Health and Well-Being		SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities Appual mean concentration of particulate matter of less than	
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births)	119 2017 • 7	Annual mean concentration of particulate matter of less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM2.5) (μg/m³)	25.1 2017 • 7
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	10.7 2018 • ↑	Access to improved water source, piped (% of urban population)	98.3 2017 • 1
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	33.8 2018 • ↑	Satisfaction with public transport (%)	57.1 2018
Incidence of tuberculosis (per 100,000 population)	520.0 2018 • ↑		37.1 2010
New HIV infections (per 1,000 uninfected population)	4.9 2018 • 🛧	SDG12 – Responsible Consumption and Production Municipal solid waste (Va/capita/day)	1 2 2011
Age-standardized death rate due to cardiovascular disease, cancer,	26.2 2016 • 7	Municipal solid waste (kg/capita/day)	1.3 2011
diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease in adults aged 30–70 years (%)	20.2 20.0	Electronic waste (kg/capita)	5.7 2016
Age-standardized death rate attributable to household air pollution and	87 2016 • •	Production-based SO ₂ emissions (kg/capita)	43.1 2012
ambient air pollution (per 100,000 population) Traffic deaths (per 100,000 population)	25.0.2016	SO ₂ emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	2.9 2012
Traffic deaths (per 100,000 population)	25.9 2016 • •	Production-based nitrogen emissions (kg/capita)	24.4 2010
Life expectancy at birth (years) Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 adolescent females aged 15 to 19)	63.6 2016 • 7 67.9 2017 • →	Nitrogen emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	3.0 2010 •
	67.9 2017 • → 96.7 2016 • •	SDG13 – Climate Action	
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%) Percentage of surviving infants who received 2 WHO-recommended vaccines (%)		Energy-related CO ₂ emissions (tCO ₂ /capita)	9.1 2017 • 7
Percentage of surviving infants who received 2 WHO-recommended vaccines (%) Universal health coverage (UHC) index of service coverage (worst 0–100 best)		CO ₂ emissions embodied in imports (tCO ₂ /capita)	0.5 2015
Subjective well-being (average ladder score, worst 0–100 best)	4.9 2018 • ↓		1690.1 2018
	4.9 2010 🗸 😛	SDG14 – Life Below Water	
SDG4 – Quality Education	20017	Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity (%)	51.9 2018 • 1
Net primary enrollment rate (%)	87.0 2017	Ocean Health Index: Clean Waters score (worst 0–100 best)	55.6 2019
Lower secondary completion rate (%)	80.8 2016	Fish caught from overexploited or collapsed stocks (% of total catch)	33.6 2014
Literacy rate (% of population aged 15 to 24)	95.3 2017 • •	Fish caught by trawling (%)	26.6 2014 • 👢
SDG5 – Gender Equality		Marine biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.1 2018 • •
Demand for family planning satisfied by modern methods (% of females aged 15 to 49 who are married or in unions)	77.9 2016 • →	SDG15 – Life on Land Mean area that is protected in terrestrial sites important to biodiversity (%)	30.7 2018 • 🚽
Ratio of female-to-male mean years of education received (%)	95.2 2018 • →	Mean area that is protected in terrestrial sites important to biodiversity (%)	35.8 2018
Ratio of female-to-male labor force participation rate (%)	77.9 2019 • ↑	Red List Index of species survival (worst 0–1 best)	0.8 2019
Seats held by women in national parliament (%)	46.6 2020 • ↑	Permanent deforestation (% of forest area, 5-year average)	0.1 2018
SDG6 – Clean Water and Sanitation		Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity threats embodied in imports	
Population using at least basic drinking water services (%)	92.7 2017 • 🛧	(per million population)	0.8 2018 • •
Population using at least basic sanitation services (%)	75.7 2017 • 🞵	SDG16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	
Freshwater withdrawal (% of available freshwater resources)	44.4 2015	Homicides (per 100,000 population)	35.9 2017 • 🔻
Anthropogenic wastewater that receives treatment (%)	21.7 2018 • •	Unsentenced detainees (% of prison population)	27.0 2018
Scarce water consumption embodied in imports (m³/capita)	5.8 2013 • ↑	Percentage of population who feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where they live (%)	31.5 2018
SDG7 – Affordable and Clean Energy Population with access to electricity (%)	214 2017 🛕 👃	Property Rights (worst 1–7 best)	4.1 2019
Population with access to clean fuels and technology for cooking (%)	84.4 2017 • •	Birth registrations with civil authority (% of children under age 5)	88.6 2018
Population with access to clean fuels and technology for cooking (%)	84.8 2016 • ↑	Corruption Perception Index (worst 0–100 best)	44 2019
CO ₂ emissions from fuel combustion for electricity and heating per total electricity output (MtCO ₂ /TWh)	1.8 2017 • 7	Children involved in child labor (% of population aged 5 to 14)	NA NA •
SDG8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth		Exports of major conventional weapons (TIV constant million USD	0.1 2019
Adjusted GDP growth (%)	-4.3 2018 • •	per 100,000 population)	
Victims of modern slavery (per 1,000 population)	2.8 2018 • •	Press Freedom Index (best 0–100 worst)	22.2 2019 • 1
Adults with an account at a bank or other financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider (% of population aged 15 or over)	69.2 2017 • 🔸	SDG17 – Partnerships for the Goals Government spending on health and education (% of GDP)	10.3 2016 • 1
Unemployment rate (% of total labor force)	28.2 2019 • 🕹	For high-income and all OECD DAC countries: International concessional	NIA NIA • (
Fatal work-related accidents embodied in imports (per 100,000 population)		public finance, including official development assistance (% of GNI) Other countries: Government revenue excluding grants (% of GDP)	NA NA • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
		Corporate Tax Haven Score (best 0–100 worst)	47.1 2019
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^{*} Imputed data point.

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