UNITED KINGDOM

▼ OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Index score

79.8
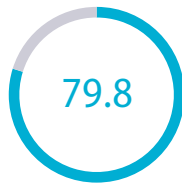
Regional average score

77.3

SDG Global rank 13 (OF 166)
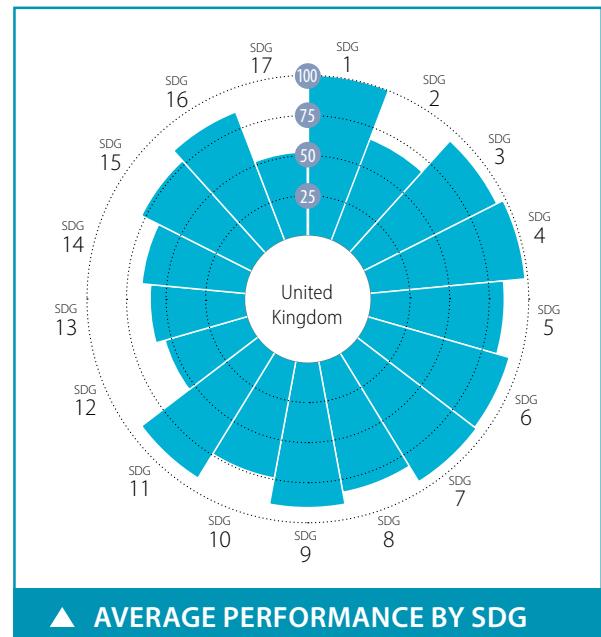
▼ SPILLOVER INDEX

100 (best) to 0 (worst)

▲ AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG

United Kingdom

▼ CURRENT ASSESSMENT – SDG DASHBOARD

■ Major challenges   ■ Significant challenges   ■ Challenges remain   ■ SDG achieved   ■ Information unavailable

▼ SDG TRENDS

↓ Decreasing   → Stagnating   ↗ Moderately improving   ↑ On track or maintaining SDG achievement   ● Information unavailable

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
Poverty headcount ratio at $1.90/day (%)	0.2	2020	🟢	↑
Poverty headcount ratio at $3.20/day (%)	0.2	2020	🟢	↑
Poverty rate after taxes and transfers (%)	11.9	2017	🟡	↓

SDG2 – Zero Hunger

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Prevalence of undernourishment (%)	2.5	2017	🟢	↑
Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 years of age (%)	* 2.6	2016	🟢	↑
Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 years of age (%)	* 0.7	2016	🟢	↑
Prevalence of obesity, BMI ≥ 30 (% of adult population)	27.8	2016	🔴	↓
Human Trophic Level (best 2–3 worst)	2.4	2017	🔴	→
Cereal yield (tonnes per hectare of harvested land)	7.2	2017	🟢	↑
Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index (best 0–1.41 worst)	0.6	2015	🟠	↓
Yield gap closure (% of potential yield)	67.8	2015	🟡	⚫

SDG3 – Good Health and Well-Being

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births)	7	2017	🟢	↑
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	2.6	2018	🟢	↑
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	4.3	2018	🟢	↑
Incidence of tuberculosis (per 100,000 population)	8.0	2018	🟢	↑
New HIV infections (per 1,000 uninfected population)	NA	NA	⚫	⚫
Age-standardized death rate due to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease in adults aged 30–70 years (%)	10.9	2016	🟢	↑
Age-standardized death rate attributable to household air pollution and ambient air pollution (per 100,000 population)	14	2016	🟢	⚫
Traffic deaths (per 100,000 population)	3.1	2016	🟢	↑
Life expectancy at birth (years)	81.4	2016	🟢	↑
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 adolescent females aged 15 to 19)	13.4	2017	🟢	↑
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	NA	NA	⚫	⚫
Percentage of surviving infants who received 2 WHO-recommended vaccines (%)	92.0	2018	🟢	↑
Universal health coverage (UHC) index of service coverage (worst 0–100 best)	87.0	2017	🟢	↑
Subjective well-being (average ladder score, worst 0–10 best)	7.2	2019	🟢	↑
Gap in life expectancy at birth among regions (years)	3.5	2016	🟡	⚫
Gap in self-reported health status by income (percentage points)	22.0	2017	🟡	→
Daily smokers (% of population aged 15 and over)	17.2	2017	🟢	↑

SDG4 – Quality Education

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Net primary enrollment rate (%)	* 98.4	2017	🟢	↑
Lower secondary completion rate (%)	* 98.4	2017	🟢	↑
Literacy rate (% of population aged 15 to 24)	NA	NA	⚫	⚫
Participation rate in pre-primary organized learning (% of children aged 4 to 6)	99.9	2017	🟢	↑
Tertiary educational attainment (% of population aged 25 to 34)	50.8	2018	🟢	↑
PISA score (worst 0–600 best)	503.7	2018	🟢	↑
Variation in science performance explained by socio-economic status (%)	10.7	2018	🟡	↓
Underachievers in science (% of 15-year-olds)	17.4	2018	🟡	→
Resilient students in science (% of 15-year-olds)	37.0	2018	🟡	↑

SDG5 – Gender Equality

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Demand for family planning satisfied by modern methods (% of females aged 15 to 49 who are married or in unions)	* 93.0	2017	🟢	↑
Ratio of female-to-male mean years of education received (%)	99.2	2018	🟢	↑
Ratio of female-to-male labor force participation rate (%)	84.4	2019	🟢	↑
Seats held by women in national parliament (%)	33.9	2020	🟡	↑
Gender wage gap (% of male median wage)	16.4	2018	🟠	→
Gender gap in time spent doing unpaid work (minutes/day)	108.6	2015	🟡	⚫

SDG6 – Clean Water and Sanitation

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population using at least basic drinking water services (%)	100.0	2017	🟢	⚫
Population using at least basic sanitation services (%)	99.1	2017	🟢	⚫
Freshwater withdrawal (% of available freshwater resources)	13.7	2010	🟢	⚫
Anthropogenic wastewater that receives treatment (%)	98.5	2018	🟢	⚫
Scarce water consumption embodied in imports (m³/capita)	33.9	2013	🟡	↗
Population using safely managed water services (%)	100.0	2017	🟢	⚫
Population using safely managed sanitation services (%)	97.8	2017	🟢	↑

SDG7 – Affordable and Clean Energy

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population with access to electricity (%)	100.0	2017	🟢	↑
Population with access to clean fuels and technology for cooking (%)	100.0	2016	🟢	↑
CO_2 emissions from fuel combustion for electricity and heating per total electricity output (MtCO₂/TWh)	1.1	2017	🟡	↑
Share of renewable energy in total primary energy supply (%)	11.5	2018	🟠	↑

SDG8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Adjusted GDP growth (%)	-1.2	2018	🟡	⚫
Victims of modern slavery (per 1,000 population)	2.1	2018	🟢	⚫
Adults with an account at a bank or other financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider (% of population aged 15 or over)	96.4	2017	🟢	↑
Fatal work-related accidents embodied in imports (per 100,000 population)	1.8	2010	🟠	↑
Employment-to-population ratio (%)	75.2	2019	🟢	↑
Youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) (% of population aged 15 to 29)	12.6	2018	🟠	↑

SDG9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population using the internet (%)	94.9	2018	🟢	↑
Mobile broadband subscriptions (per 100 population)	98.5	2018	🟢	↑
Logistics Performance Index: Quality of trade and transport-related infrastructure (worst 1–5 best)	4.0	2018	🟢	↑
The Times Higher Education Universities Ranking: Average score of top 3 universities (worst 0–100 best)	93.2	2020	🟢	⚫
Scientific and technical journal articles (per 1,000 population)	1.5	2018	🟢	↑
Expenditure on research and development (% of GDP)	1.7	2017	🟢	↑
Researchers (per 1,000 employed population)	9.5	2018	🟢	↑
Triadic patent families filed (per million population)	23.5	2017	🟢	↑
Gap in internet access by income (percentage points)	36.5	2008	🟠	⚫
Women in science and engineering (% of tertiary graduates in science and engineering)	35.3	2015	🟢	⚫

SDG10 – Reduced Inequalities

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Gini coefficient adjusted for top income	37.0	2015	🟠	↓
Palma ratio	1.5	2017	🔴	→
Elderly poverty rate (% of population aged 66 or over)	15.3	2017	🟠	↓

SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Annual mean concentration of particulate matter of less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM2.5) (µg/m³)	10.5	2017	🟡	↑
Access to improved water source, piped (% of urban population)	99.0	2017	🟢	⚫
Satisfaction with public transport (%)	69.8	2019	🟡	↓
Population with rent overburden (%)	10.4	2017	🟡	↑

SDG12 – Responsible Consumption and Production

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Electronic waste (kg/capita)	24.9	2016	🔴	⚫
Production-based SO₂ emissions (kg/capita)	53.9	2012	🟡	⚫
SO₂ emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	17.0	2012	🟢	⚫
Production-based nitrogen emissions (kg/capita)	38.0	2010	🟠	⚫
Nitrogen emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	16.2	2010	🟠	⚫
Non-recycled municipal solid waste (kg/capita/day)	0.7	2018	🟠	⚫

SDG13 – Climate Action

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Energy-related CO_2 emissions (tCO₂/capita)	5.5	2017	🔴	↑
CO_2 emissions embodied in imports (tCO₂/capita)	3.2	2015	🔴	→
CO_2 emissions embodied in fossil fuel exports (kg/capita)	331.4	2019	🟡	⚫
Effective carbon rate (EUR/tCO₂)	14.6	2016	🔴	⚫

SDG14 – Life Below Water

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity (%)	84.0	2018	🟢	↑
Ocean Health Index: Clean Waters score (worst 0–100 best)	64.2	2019	🟠	→
Fish caught from overexploited or collapsed stocks (% of total catch)	18.6	2014	🟢	↑
Fish caught by trawling (%)	71.2	2014	🔴	↓
Marine biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.2	2018	🟡	⚫

SDG15 – Life on Land

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in terrestrial sites important to biodiversity (%)	84.3	2018	🟢	↑
Mean area that is protected in freshwater sites important to biodiversity (%)	88.1	2018	🟢	↑
Red List Index of species survival (worst 0–1 best)	0.8	2019	🔴	↓
Permanent deforestation (% of forest area, 5-year average)	0.0	2018	🟢	⚫
Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	3.2	2018	🔴	⚫

SDG16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Homicides (per 100,000 population)	1.2	2017	🟢	↑
Unsentenced detainees (% of prison population)	8.8	2018	🟢	↑
Percentage of population who feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where they live (%)	74.5	2019	🟢	↑
Property Rights (worst 1–7 best)	5.5	2019	🟢	↑
Birth registrations with civil authority (% of children under age 5)	100.0	2019	🟢	⚫
Corruption Perception Index (worst 0–100 best)	77.0	2019	🟢	↑
Children involved in child labor (% of population aged 5 to 14)	* 0.0	2016	🟢	⚫
Exports of major conventional weapons (TIV constant million USD per 100,000 population)	1.6	2019	🟡	⚫
Press Freedom Index (best 0–100 worst)	22.2	2019	🟢	↑
Persons held in prison (per 100,000 population)	141.3	2017	🟡	→

SDG17 – Partnerships for the Goals

	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Government spending on health and education (% of GDP)	13.3	2016	🟢	↑
For high-income and all OECD DAC countries: International concessional public finance, including official development assistance (% of GNI)	0.7	2017	🟢	↑
Other countries: Government revenue excluding grants (% of GDP)	NA	NA	⚫	⚫
Corporate Tax Haven Score (best 0–100 worst)	100.0	2019	🔴	⚫
Financial Secrecy Score (best 0–100 worst)	70.8	2020	🔴	⚫
Shifted profits of multinationals (US$ billion)	12.8	2016	🟢	⚫