

# World Happiness Report 2015-2019

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Fig 1.1 Happiness Score to Economy

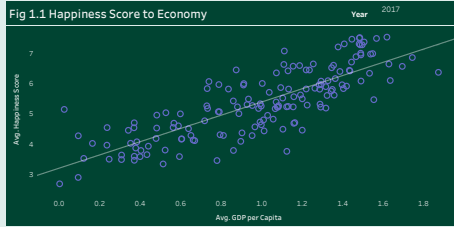


Fig 1.2 Happiness Score to Level of Freedom

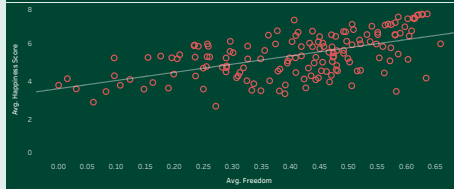
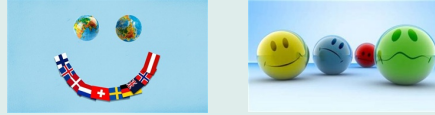
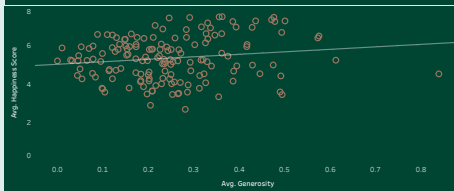


Fig 1.3 Happiness Score to Level of Generosity



The World Happiness Report is a landmark survey of the state of global happiness that ranks more than 150 countries by how happy their citizens perceive themselves to be. The World Happiness Report 2015 - 2019 focuses on happiness and the community: how happiness has evolved over the past dozen years, with a focus on the technologies, social norms, conflicts and government policies that have driven those changes.

The first report was released in April 2012 in support of a UN High level meeting on "Wellbeing and Happiness: Defining a New Economic Paradigm". That report presented the available global data on national happiness and reviewed related evidence from the emerging science of happiness, showing that the quality of people's lives can be coherently, reliably, and validly assessed by a variety of subjective well-being measures, collectively referred to then and in subsequent reports as "happiness."

The world is a rapidly changing place. Among the fastest changing aspects are those relating to how people communicate and interact with each other, whether in their schools and workplaces, their neighbourhoods, or in far-flung parts of the world.

We will consider more broadly some of the main forces that influence happiness by changing the ways in which communities and their members interact with each other.

We are dealing with six sets of factors:

1. Economy (GDP per Capita)
2. Freedom
3. Generosity
4. Social Support
5. Health (Life Expectancy)
6. Trust

Fig 1.4 Happiness Score to Social Support

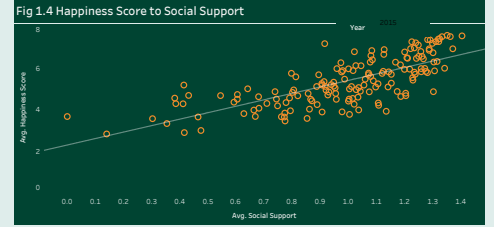
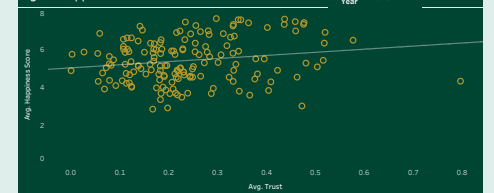


Fig 1.5 Happiness Score to Life Expectancy



Fig 1.6 Happiness Score to Level of Trust



## What is Good Government

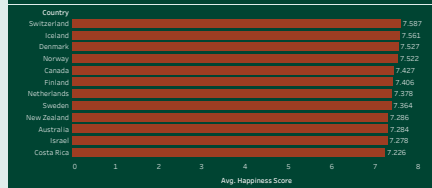
At the most basic level, good government establishes and maintains an institutional framework that enables people to live better lives. Similarly, good public services are those that improve lives while using fewer scarce resources. How can the excellence of government be measured, and how can its effects on happiness be determined?

This chapter has a special focus on how several measures of happiness, and of its contributing factors, have changed over the 2015 to 2019 period.

The top countries tend to have high values for most of the key variables that have been found to support well-being: income, healthy life expectancy, social support, freedom, trust and generosity, to such a degree that year to year changes in the top rankings are to be expected. With its continuing upward trend in average scores, Finland consolidated its hold on first place, ahead of an also-rising Denmark in second place.

Most countries show significant changes, with slightly more gainers than losers.

Yearly Top and Bottom Happy Countries



Dataset Link: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/unsdsn/world-happiness>

Python Code: <https://github.com/mknyambura/Google-Data-Analyst-Professional-Certificate-Capstone-Projects/blob/main/Choose%20Your%20Own%20Dataset/World%20Happiness%20Report/World%20Ha..>

Happiness Score Map

