

# World Happiness Report Dataset

This dataset is derived from the World Happiness Report, an annual publication that ranks countries based on their citizens’ self-reported happiness levels. The report is a collaboration among the Wellbeing Research Centre at the University of Oxford, Gallup, and the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

## Dataset Overview

The dataset provides insights into factors influencing happiness across various countries. It includes data from multiple years, with each entry representing a country’s performance in a given year.

## Data Structure

CSV file contains the following columns:

Variable	Description
Year	The year for which the happiness data was recorded.
Rank	The country’s ranking in the happiness index for the given year (1 = happiest country).
Country	Name of the country in the dataset.
Ladder Score	The overall happiness score between 0-10.
Upper Whisker	The upper bound of the confidence interval for the happiness score.
Lower Whisker	The lower bound of the confidence interval for the happiness score.
Explained by Log GDP per Capita	The contribution of GDP per capita (log-transformed) to the happiness score.
Explained by Social Support	The contribution of social support to happiness, measuring the availability of friends or family for support.
Explained by Healthy Life Expectancy	The contribution of healthy life expectancy to happiness, representing expected years of good health.
Explained by Freedom to Make Life Choices	The contribution of personal freedom to happiness.
Explained by Generosity	The contribution of generosity to happiness, reflecting charitable donations and social kindness.
Explained by Perceptions of Corruption	The contribution of corruption perception to happiness. Higher values indicate less perceived corruption.
Dystopia Residual	A theoretical lowest happiness score (dystopia) used as a baseline, representing the unexplained portion of the happiness score.

These variables are used to analyze and explain differences in happiness levels across countries.

## Citation

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