COSTA RICA

Latin America and the Caribbean

▼ AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG

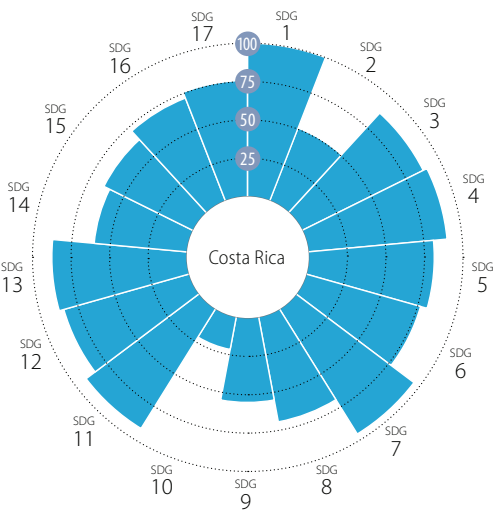

Costa Rica

▼ OVERALL PERFORMANCE

COUNTRY RANKING

COSTA RICA

47 /163

COUNTRY SCORE

73.8

REGIONAL AVERAGE: 77.2

▼ SDG DASHBOARDS AND TRENDS

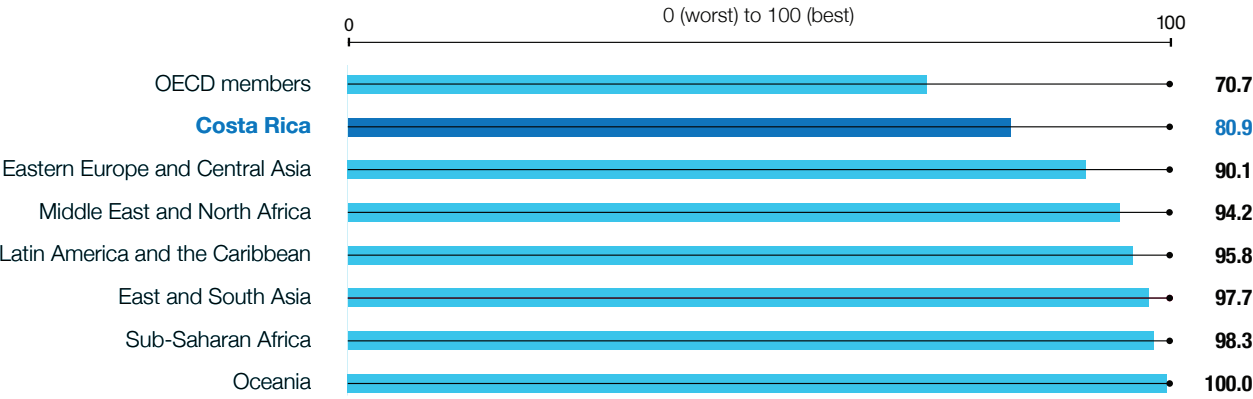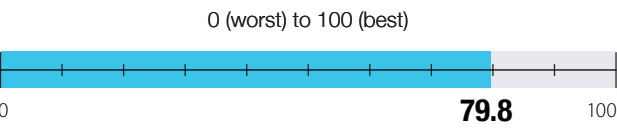|		
1 NO POVERTY ↗	**2 ZERO HUNGER** ↗	**3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** ↗
4 QUALITY EDUCATION →	**5 GENDER EQUALITY** ↗	**6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION** →
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY ↑	**8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH** →	**9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE** ↗
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES →	**11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES** ↗	**12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION** ↑
13 CLIMATE ACTION ↗	**14 LIFE BELOW WATER** →	**15 LIFE ON LAND** →
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS ↗	**17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS** ↗	

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

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

Note: The full title of each SDG is available here: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sustainabledevelopmentgoals

▼ INTERNATIONAL SPILLOVER INDEX

0 (worst) to 100 (best)

OECD members	70.7
Costa Rica	**80.9**
Eastern Europe and Central Asia	90.1
Middle East and North Africa	94.2
Latin America and the Caribbean	95.8
East and South Asia	97.7
Sub-Saharan Africa	98.3
Oceania	100.0

▼ STATISTICAL PERFORMANCE INDEX

0 (worst) to 100 (best)

0   **79.8**   100 ↑

▼ MISSING DATA IN SDG INDEX

0%

COSTA RICA

SDG1 – No Poverty

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Poverty headcount ratio at $1.90/day (%)	0.2	2022	🟢	↑
Poverty headcount ratio at $3.20/day (%)	0.3	2022	🟢	↑
Poverty rate after taxes and transfers (%)	20.5	2020	🔴	→

SDG2 – Zero Hunger

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Prevalence of undernourishment (%)	3.1	2019	🟢	↑
Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 years of age (%)	9.0	2018	🟡	↑
Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 years of age (%)	1.8	2018	🟢	↑
Prevalence of obesity, BMI ≥ 30 (% of adult population)	25.7	2016	🔴	↓
Human Trophic Level (best 2–3 worst)	2.4	2017	🟠	→
Cereal yield (tonnes per hectare of harvested land)	4.3	2018	🟢	↑
Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index (best 0–1.41 worst)	1.1	2015	🔴	↓
Yield gap closure (% of potential yield)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Exports of hazardous pesticides (tonnes per million population)	190.8	2019	🔴	⚪

SDG3 – Good Health and Well-Being

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births)	27	2017	🟢	↑
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	5.6	2020	🟢	↑
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	7.9	2020	🟢	↑
Incidence of tuberculosis (per 100,000 population)	10.0	2020	🟢	↑
New HIV infections (per 1,000 uninfected population)	0.3	2020	🟡	↓
Age-standardized death rate due to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease in adults aged 30–70 years (%)	9.5	2019	🟢	↑
Age-standardized death rate attributable to household air pollution and ambient air pollution (per 100,000 population)	23	2016	🟡	⚪
Traffic deaths (per 100,000 population)	14.8	2019	🟠	↗
Life expectancy at birth (years)	80.9	2019	🟢	↑
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 females aged 15 to 19)	40.9	2019	🟠	↑
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	99.0	2018	🟢	↑
Surviving infants who received 2 WHO-recommended vaccines (%)	95	2020	🟡	↑
Universal health coverage (UHC) index of service coverage (worst 0–100 best)	78	2019	🟡	↑
Subjective well-being (average ladder score, worst 0–10 best)	6.4	2021	🟢	↑
Gap in life expectancy at birth among regions (years)	2.0	2019	🟢	↑
Gap in self-reported health status by income (percentage points)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Daily smokers (% of population aged 15 and over)	4.2	2018	🟢	↑

SDG4 – Quality Education

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Participation rate in pre-primary organized learning (% of children aged 4 to 6)	98.5	2020	🟢	↑
Net primary enrollment rate (%)	99.9	2020	🟢	↑
Lower secondary completion rate (%)	69.2	2020	🔴	↗
Literacy rate (% of population aged 15 to 24)	99.4	2018	🟢	⚪
Tertiary educational attainment (% of population aged 25 to 34)	32.5	2020	🟡	↑
PISA score (worst 0–600 best)	414.7	2018	🟠	↓
Variation in science performance explained by socio-economic status (%)	17.7	2018	🟡	↓
Underachievers in science (% of 15-year-olds)	47.8	2018	🔴	↓

SDG5 – Gender Equality

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Demand for family planning satisfied by modern methods (% of females aged 15 to 49)	80.8	2018	🟢	↑
Ratio of female-to-male mean years of education received (%)	103.5	2019	🟢	↑
Ratio of female-to-male labor force participation rate (%)	65.4	2020	🟡	↗
Seats held by women in national parliament (%)	45.6	2020	🟢	↑
Gender wage gap (% of male median wage)	4.7	2018	🟢	↑

SDG6 – Clean Water and Sanitation

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population using at least basic drinking water services (%)	99.8	2020	🟢	↑
Population using at least basic sanitation services (%)	97.9	2020	🟢	↑
Freshwater withdrawal (% of available freshwater resources)	4.1	2018	🟢	⚪
Anthropogenic wastewater that receives treatment (%)	9.7	2018	🔴	⚪
Scarce water consumption embodied in imports (m^3 H_2O eq/capita)	2786.1	2018	🔴	⚪
Population using safely managed water services (%)	80.5	2020	🟠	→
Population using safely managed sanitation services (%)	30.2	2020	🔴	↓

SDG7 – Affordable and Clean Energy

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population with access to electricity (%)	99.7	2019	🟢	↑
Population with access to clean fuels and technology for cooking (%)	95.5	2019	🟢	↑
CO_2 emissions from fuel combustion per total electricity output (MtCO₂/TWh)	0.8	2019	🟢	↑
Share of renewable energy in total primary energy supply (%)	50.5	2019	🟢	↑

SDG8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Adjusted GDP growth (%)	-0.7	2020	🟡	⚪
Victims of modern slavery (per 1,000 population)	1.3	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)	67.8	2017	🟡	↑
Fundamental labor rights are effectively guaranteed (worst 0–1 best)	0.6	2020	🟡	↓
Fatal work-related accidents embodied in imports (per 100,000 population)	0.5	2015	🟢	↑
Employment-to-population ratio (%)	57.2	2021	🟡	↓
Youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) (% of population aged 15 to 29)	18.8	2020	🔴	→

SDG9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population using the internet (%)	80.5	2020	🟢	↑
Mobile broadband subscriptions (per 100 population)	92.4	2019	🟢	↑
Logistics Performance Index: Quality of trade and transport-related infrastructure (worst 1–5 best)	2.5	2018	🟠	→
The Times Higher Education Universities Ranking: Average score of top 3 universities (worst 0–100 best)	39.5	2022	🟢	⚪
Articles published in academic journals (per 1,000 population)	0.3	2020	🟠	↗
Expenditure on research and development (% of GDP)	0.4	2018	🔴	↓
Researchers (per 1,000 employed population)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Triadic patent families filed (per million population)	0.0	2019	🟠	→
Gap in internet access by income (percentage points)	18.3	2020	🟡	⚪
Female share of graduates from STEM fields at the tertiary level (%)	32.2	2018	🟢	↑

SDG10 – Reduced Inequalities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Gini coefficient	48.2	2019	🔴	→
Palma ratio	3.1	2020	🔴	↓
Elderly poverty rate (% of population aged 66 or over)	17.0	2020	🟢	↑

SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Proportion of urban population living in slums (%)	3.6	2018	🟢	↑
Annual mean concentration of particulate matter of less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM2.5) (µg/m³)	14.8	2019	🟡	↑
Access to improved water source, piped (% of urban population)	100.0	2020	🟢	↑
Satisfaction with public transport (%)	69.0	2021	🟡	↓
Population with rent overburden (%)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪

SDG12 – Responsible Consumption and Production

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Electronic waste (kg/capita)	10.0	2019	🔴	⚪
Production-based SO_2 emissions (kg/capita)	4.7	2018	🟢	⚪
SO_2 emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	3.1	2018	🟢	⚪
Production-based nitrogen emissions (kg/capita)	13.1	2015	🟢	⚪
Nitrogen emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	4.3	2015	🟢	⚪
Exports of plastic waste (kg/capita)	2.4	2020	🟢	↑
Non-recycled municipal solid waste (kg/capita/day)	0.7	2019	🟢	↑

SDG13 – Climate Action

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
CO_2 emissions from fossil fuel combustion and cement production (tCO₂/capita)	1.6	2020	🟢	↑
CO_2 emissions embodied in imports (tCO₂/capita)	1.0	2018	🔴	→
CO_2 emissions embodied in fossil fuel exports (kg/capita)	0.0	2020	🟢	⚪
Carbon Pricing Score at EUR60/tCO₂ (%, worst 0–100 best)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪

SDG14 – Life Below Water

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity (%)	48.7	2020	🔴	→
Ocean Health Index: Clean Waters score (worst 0–100 best)	72.8	2020	🟡	↗
Fish caught from overexploited or collapsed stocks (% of total catch)	36.6	2018	🟡	↓
Fish caught by trawling or dredging (%)	0.0	2018	🟢	↑
Fish caught that are then discarded (%)	45.8	2018	🔴	↗
Marine biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.2	2018	🟢	⚪

SDG15 – Life on Land

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in terrestrial sites important to biodiversity (%)	41.1	2020	🔴	→
Mean area that is protected in freshwater sites important to biodiversity (%)	50.0	2020	🔴	→
Red List Index of species survival (worst 0–1 best)	0.8	2021	🟠	↓
Permanent deforestation (% of forest area, 5-year average)	0.1	2020	🟡	↑
Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	1.6	2018	🟡	⚪

SDG16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Homicides (per 100,000 population)	11.2	2020	🔴	→
Unsentenced detainees (% of prison population)	76.4	2019	🔴	↓
Population who feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where they live (%)	53	2021	🟠	↗
Property Rights (worst 1–7 best)	5.1	2020	🟢	↑
Birth registrations with civil authority (% of children under age 5)	99.6	2020	🟢	⚪
Corruption Perception Index (worst 0–100 best)	58	2021	🟡	↑
Children involved in child labor (% of population aged 5 to 14)	3.8	2020	🟡	⚪
Exports of major conventional weapons (TIV constant million USD per 100,000 population)	0.0	2020	🟢	⚪
Press Freedom Index (best 0–100 worst)	8.8	2021	🟢	↑
Access to and affordability of justice (worst 0–1 best)	0.7	2020	🟢	↑
Persons held in prison (per 100,000 population)	63.2	2019	🟢	↑

SDG17 – Partnerships for the Goals

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Government spending on health and education (% of GDP)	12.0	2020	🟢	↑
For high-income and all OECD DAC countries: International concessional public finance, including official development assistance (% of GNI)	NA	NA	⚪	⚪
Other countries: Government revenue excluding grants (% of GDP)	24.3	2019	🟡	→
Corporate Tax Haven Score (best 0–100 worst) *	0.0	2019	🟢	⚪
Financial Secrecy Score (best 0–100 worst)	62.3	2020	🔴	⚪
Shifted profits of multinationals (US$ billion)	1.7	2018	🟢	↑
Statistical Performance Index (worst 0–100 best)	79.8	2019	🟢	↑

* Imputed data point