

Priorities in public spending

HDI rank	Public expenditure on health	Public expenditure on education		Military expenditure ^a		Total debt service ^b	
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HIGH HUMAN DEVELOPMENT							
1	Iceland	8.3	..	8.1	0.0	0.0	..
2	Norway	8.1	7.1	7.7	2.9	1.7	..
3	Australia	6.5	4.9	4.7	2.0	1.8	..
4	Canada	6.8	6.5	5.2	2.0	1.1	..
5	Ireland	5.7	5.0	4.8	1.3	0.6	..
6	Sweden	7.7	7.1	7.4	2.6	1.5	..
7	Switzerland	6.7	5.3	6.0	1.8	1.0	..
8	Japan	6.3	..	3.6	0.9	1.0	..
9	Netherlands	5.7	5.6	5.4	2.5	1.5	..
10	France	8.2	5.5	5.9	3.4	2.5	..
11	Finland	5.7	6.5	6.5	1.6	1.4	..
12	United States	6.9	5.1	5.9	5.3	4.1	..
13	Spain	5.7	4.1	4.3	1.8	1.1	..
14	Denmark	7.1	6.9	8.5	2.0	1.8	..
15	Austria	7.8	5.3	5.5	1.2	0.9	..
16	United Kingdom	7.0	4.8	5.4	3.9	2.7	..
17	Belgium	6.9	5.0	6.1	2.4	1.1	..
18	Luxembourg	7.2	3.0	3.6 ^{d,e}	0.9	0.8	..
19	New Zealand	6.5	6.1	6.5	1.9	1.0	..
20	Italy	6.5	3.0	4.7	2.1	1.9	..
21	Hong Kong, China (SAR)	..	2.8	4.2	..	..	..
22	Germany	8.2	..	4.6	2.8 ^f	1.4	..
23	Israel	6.1	6.5	6.9	12.3	9.7	..
24	Greece	4.2	2.3	4.3	4.5	4.1	..
25	Singapore	1.3	3.1	3.7 ^e	4.9	4.7	..
26	Korea (Republic of)	2.9	3.8	4.6	3.7	2.6	..
27	Slovenia	6.6	4.8	6.0	2.2 ^g	1.5	..
28	Cyprus	2.6	3.7	6.3	5.0	1.4	..
29	Portugal	7.0	4.6	5.7	2.7	2.3	..
30	Brunei Darussalam	2.6	3.5	..	6.4	3.9	..
31	Barbados	4.5	7.8	6.9	0.8	0.8 ^e	8.2
32	Czech Republic	6.5	..	4.4	..	1.8	3.0
33	Kuwait	2.2	4.8	5.1	48.5	4.8	..
34	Malta	7.0	4.4	4.5	0.9	0.7	..
35	Qatar	1.8	3.5	1.6 ^d	..	..	..
36	Hungary	5.7	6.1	5.5	2.8	1.5	12.8
37	Poland	4.3	5.2	5.4	2.8	1.9	1.6
38	Argentina	4.3	3.3	3.8	1.2	1.0	4.4
39	United Arab Emirates	2.0	2.0	1.3 ^d	6.2	2.0	..
40	Chile	2.9	2.4	3.5	4.3	3.8	8.8
41	Bahrain	2.7	3.9	..	5.1	3.6	..
42	Slovakia	5.3	5.6	4.3	..	1.7	..
43	Lithuania	4.9	5.5	5.2	..	1.2	..
44	Estonia	4.0	..	5.3	0.5 ^g	1.5	..
45	Latvia	4.0	4.1	5.3	..	1.7	..
46	Uruguay	3.6	2.5	2.6	3.1	1.3	10.6
47	Croatia	6.2 ^{h,i}	5.5	4.7	7.6 ^g	1.6	..
48	Costa Rica	5.1	3.4	4.9	0.0	0.0	6.8
49	Bahamas	3.4	3.7	3.6 ^{d,e}	0.8	0.7	..
50	Seychelles	4.6	6.5	5.4 ^d	4.0	1.8	5.8
51	Cuba	5.5	9.7	9.8
52	Mexico	3.0	3.8	5.4	0.4	0.4	4.3
53	Bulgaria	4.6	5.4	4.2	3.5	2.4	..

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54 Saint Kitts and Nevis	3.3	2.7	9.3	1.9	10.6
55 Tonga	5.0	..	4.8	..	1.0 ^e	1.7	1.9
56 Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2.8	..	2.7 ^e	..	2.0
57 Antigua and Barbuda	3.4	..	3.8	..	..	..	..
58 Oman	2.4	3.0	3.6	16.5	11.9	..	4.1
59 Trinidad and Tobago	1.4	4.1	4.2 ^d	..	..	8.9	2.6
60 Romania	3.4	3.5	3.4	4.6	2.0	(.)	7.0
61 Saudi Arabia	2.5	5.8	6.8	14.0	8.2	..	..
62 Panama	5.2	4.6	3.8 ^d	1.3	1.0 ^e	6.5	13.5
63 Malaysia	2.2	5.1	6.2	2.6	2.4	9.8	7.2
64 Belarus	4.6	5.7	6.0	1.5 ^g	1.2	..	2.3
65 Mauritius	2.4	3.8	4.5	0.3	0.2	6.5	4.5
66 Bosnia and Herzegovina	4.1	..	..	..	1.9	..	2.7
67 Russian Federation	3.7	3.6	3.6 ^d	12.3	4.1	..	5.5
68 Albania	3.0	..	2.9 ^d	5.9	1.4	..	1.0
69 Macedonia (TFYR)	5.7	..	3.5	..	2.2	..	4.1
70 Brazil	4.8	..	4.4	2.4	1.6	1.8	7.9
MEDIUM HUMAN DEVELOPMENT							
71 Dominica	4.2	..	5.0 ^{d,e}	..	..	3.5	6.0
72 Saint Lucia	3.3	..	5.8	..	..	1.6	4.0
73 Kazakhstan	2.3	3.9	2.3	..	1.1	..	23.1
74 Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2.0	4.6	..	1.8 ^g	1.2	10.6	4.0
75 Colombia	6.7	2.4	4.8	1.8	3.7	9.7	8.3
76 Ukraine	3.7	6.2	6.4	..	2.4	..	7.1
77 Samoa	4.1	..	4.5 ^d	..	..	4.9	5.5
78 Thailand	2.3	3.1	4.2	2.6	1.1	6.2	11.0
79 Dominican Republic	1.9	..	1.8	0.6	0.5	3.3	3.0
80 Belize	2.7	4.6	5.4	1.2	..	4.4	20.7
81 China	1.8 ⁱ	2.2	1.9 ^e	2.7	2.0	2.0	1.2
82 Grenada	5.0	4.9	5.2	..	..	1.5	2.6
83 Armenia	1.4	..	3.2 ^e	2.2 ^g	2.7	..	2.8
84 Turkey	5.6 ^{h,i}	2.4	3.7	3.5	2.8	4.9	11.6
85 Suriname	3.6	5.9	..	..	..	..	..
86 Jordan	4.7 ⁱ	8.0	4.9 ^e	6.9	5.3	15.6	4.8
87 Peru	1.9	2.8	2.4	0.1	1.4	1.8	7.0
88 Lebanon	3.2	..	2.6	7.6	4.5	3.5	16.1
89 Ecuador	2.2	2.5	1.0 ^{d,e}	1.9	2.6	10.5	11.4
90 Philippines	1.4	3.0	2.7	1.4	0.9	8.1	10.0
91 Tunisia	2.8 ^e	6.0	7.3	2.0	1.6	11.6	7.2
92 Fiji	2.9	5.1	6.4	2.3	1.2 ^e	7.9	0.6
93 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	3.9	5.9	8.2	..	..	2.2	5.5
94 Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3.2	4.1	4.7	2.9	5.8	0.6	1.3
95 Paraguay	2.6	1.9	4.3	1.0	0.7	6.2	6.7
96 Georgia	1.5	..	2.9	..	3.5	..	2.9
97 Guyana	4.4	2.2	8.5	0.9	..	74.5	4.2
98 Azerbaijan	0.9	7.7	2.5	2.5 ^g	2.5	..	1.9
99 Sri Lanka	2.0	3.2	..	2.1	2.6	4.8	1.9
100 Maldives	6.3	7.0	7.1	..	..	4.1	4.4
101 Jamaica	2.8	4.5	5.3	0.6	0.6	14.4	10.1
102 Cape Verde	3.9	3.6	6.6	..	0.7 ^e	1.7	3.4
103 El Salvador	3.5	1.8	2.8	2.0	0.6	4.3	3.8
104 Algeria	2.6	5.1	..	1.5	2.9	14.2	5.8
105 Viet Nam	1.5	1.8	2.7	1.8
106 Occupied Palestinian Territories	7.8 ^e

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107	Indonesia	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.8	1.2	8.7	6.3
108	Syrian Arab Republic	2.2	3.9	..	6.0	5.1	9.7	0.8
109	Turkmenistan	3.3	3.9	2.9 ^e	..	3.8
110	Nicaragua	3.9	3.4	3.1 ^d	4.0 ^g	0.7	1.6	3.5
111	Moldova	4.2	5.3	4.3	..	0.3	..	8.6
112	Egypt	2.2	3.9	..	4.7	2.8	7.1	2.8
113	Uzbekistan	2.4	9.4	..	..	0.5 ^e	..	5.6
114	Mongolia	4.0	11.5	5.3	4.3	1.6	..	2.4
115	Honduras	4.0	3.8	..	..	0.6	12.8	4.6
116	Kyrgyzstan	2.3	6.0	4.4 ^d	1.6 ^g	3.1	..	5.2
117	Bolivia	4.1	2.4	6.4	2.3	1.6	7.9	5.7
118	Guatemala	2.3	1.3	..	1.5	0.3	3.0	1.5
119	Gabon	3.1	..	3.9 ^{d,e}	..	1.5	3.0	1.4
120	Vanuatu	3.1	4.6	9.6	..	..	1.6	0.7
121	South Africa	3.5	5.9	5.4	3.8	1.5	..	2.0
122	Tajikistan	1.0	9.1	3.5	0.3 ^g	2.2 ^e	..	3.4
123	Sao Tome and Principe	9.9	..	..	..	..	4.9	13.8
124	Botswana	4.0	6.2	10.7	4.1	3.0	2.8	0.5
125	Namibia	4.7	7.9	6.9	5.6 ^g	3.2	..	..
126	Morocco	1.7	5.0	6.7	5.0	4.5	6.9	5.3
127	Equatorial Guinea	1.2	..	0.6 ^d	..	..	3.9	0.1
128	India	0.9	3.7	3.8	3.2	2.8	2.6	3.0
129	Solomon Islands	5.6	3.8	3.3 ^{d,e}	..	..	5.5	4.7
130	Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.8	..	2.3	..	2.1 ^e	1.0	6.0
131	Cambodia	1.7	..	1.9	3.1	1.8	2.7	0.5
132	Myanmar	0.3	..	1.3 ^e	..	..	..	..
133	Bhutan	3.0	..	5.6 ^e	..	..	1.7	0.8
134	Comoros	1.6	..	3.9	..	..	0.4	1.0
135	Ghana	2.8	..	5.4	0.4	0.7	6.2	2.7
136	Pakistan	0.4	2.6	2.3	5.8	3.5	4.8	2.2
137	Mauritania	2.0	4.6	2.3	3.8	3.6	14.3	3.6
138	Lesotho	5.5	6.2	13.4	4.5	2.3	3.8	3.7
139	Congo	1.2	7.4	2.2	..	1.4	19.0	2.3
140	Bangladesh	0.9	1.5	2.5	1.0	1.0	2.5	1.3
141	Swaziland	4.0	5.7	6.2	1.8	1.8 ^e	5.3	1.6
142	Nepal	1.5	2.0	3.4	0.9	2.1	1.9	1.6
143	Madagascar	1.8	2.5	3.2	1.2	1.1	7.2	1.5
144	Cameroon	1.5	3.2	1.8 ^d	1.5	1.3	4.6	4.7
145	Papua New Guinea	3.0	..	..	2.1	0.6	17.2	7.9
146	Haiti	2.9	1.4	..	..	..	1.3	1.4
147	Sudan	1.5	6.0	..	3.5	2.3 ^e	0.4	1.4
148	Kenya	1.8	6.7	6.7	2.9	1.7	9.2	1.3
149	Djibouti	4.4	3.5	7.9	5.9	4.2 ^e	3.3	2.6
150	Timor-Leste	8.8	..	..	..	..	..	..
151	Zimbabwe	3.5	7.7	4.6 ^{d,e}	4.4	2.3	5.4	6.7
152	Togo	1.1	..	2.6	3.1	1.5	5.3	0.8
153	Yemen	1.9	..	9.6 ^{d,e}	7.9	7.0	3.5	1.4
154	Uganda	2.5	1.5	5.2 ^d	3.1	2.3	3.4	2.0
155	Gambia	1.8	3.8	2.0 ^d	1.2	0.5 ^e	11.9	6.3
LOW HUMAN DEVELOPMENT								
156	Senegal	2.4	3.9	5.4	2.0	1.5	5.7	2.3
157	Eritrea	1.8	..	5.4	..	24.1 ^e	..	2.1
158	Nigeria	1.4	0.9	..	0.9	0.7	11.7	9.0
159	Tanzania (United Republic of)	1.7	2.8	2.2 ^{d,e}	2.0	1.1	4.2	1.1

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160 Guinea	0.7	2.0	2.0	2.4 ^g	2.0 ^e	6.0	4.9
161 Rwanda	4.3	..	3.8	3.7	2.9	0.8	1.1
162 Angola	1.5	..	2.6 ^{d,e}	2.7	5.7	3.2	6.8
163 Benin	2.5	..	3.5 ^d	..	..	2.1	1.6
164 Malawi	9.6	3.2	5.8	1.3	0.7 ^e	7.1	4.6
165 Zambia	3.4	2.8	2.0	3.7	2.3 ^e	6.1	3.3
166 Côte d'Ivoire	0.9	..	4.6 ^{d,e}	1.3	1.5 ^e	11.7	2.8
167 Burundi	0.8	3.5	5.1	3.4	6.2	3.7	4.9
168 Congo (Democratic Republic of the)	1.1	..	..	..	2.4	3.7	3.0
169 Ethiopia	2.7	2.4	6.1 ⁱ	8.5	2.6	2.0	0.8
170 Chad	1.5	1.6	2.1	..	1.0	0.7	1.1
171 Central African Republic	1.5	2.2	..	1.6 ^g	1.1	2.0	0.4
172 Mozambique	2.7	..	3.7	5.9	0.9	3.2	1.4
173 Mali	3.2	..	4.3	2.1	2.3	2.8	1.7
174 Niger	2.2	3.3	2.3	..	1.2 ^e	4.0	1.1
175 Guinea-Bissau	1.3	..	5.2 ^e	..	4.0	3.5	10.8
176 Burkina Faso	3.3	2.6	4.7	2.7	1.3	1.1	0.9
177 Sierra Leone	1.9	..	3.8 ^d	1.4	1.0	3.3	2.1

NOTES

- a.** Because of limitations in the data, comparisons across countries should be made with caution. For detailed notes on the data see SIPRI 2007c.
- b.** For aggregates, see Table 18.
- c.** Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified.
- d.** National or UNESCO Institute for Statistics estimate.
- e.** Data refer to an earlier year than that specified; from 1999 onwards.

- f.** Data refer to the Federal Republic of Germany before reunification.
- g.** Data refer to the closest available year between 1991 and 1992.
- h.** Data refer to 2005.
- i.** Data differ from the standard definition or refer to only part of a country.
- j.** Data refer to 2006.

SOURCES

- Column 1:** World Bank 2007b.
- Columns 2 and 3:** UNESCO Institute for Statistics 2007b.
- Column 4:** SIPRI 2007b.
- Column 5:** SIPRI 2007c.
- Columns 6 and 7:** calculated on the basis of data on debt service and GDP data from World Bank 2007b.