

Bulgaria in the International Rankings

Position	Year	Countries	Ranking/Index	Organisation	Criteria	
Business and Economy						
↓	61 (59-2019)	2020	190	Doing Business	The World Bank	Starting a Business (113); Dealing with Construction Permits (43); Electricity supply (151); Registering Property (66); Getting Credit (67); Protecting Investors (25); Paying Taxes (97); Trading Across Borders (21); Enforcing Contracts (42); Resolving insolvency (61);
↓	57 (53-2022)	2023	64	World Competitiveness	IMD - Institute for Management Development	Economic Performance (48); Business Efficiency (62); Government Efficiency (55); Infrastructure (54);
=	48 (48-2021)	2023	167	Prosperity Index	Legatum Institute	Safety & security (58); Personal Freedom (51); Governance (61); Social Capital (81); Investment Environment (53); Enterprise Condition (52); Market Access and Infrastructure (52); Economic Quality (43); Living Conditions (51); Health (65); Education (47); Natural Environment (64);
↓	43 (23-2020)	2023	165	Economic Freedom of the World	The Fraser Institute (Canada)	Size of Government (70); Legal System and Property Rights (56); Sound Money (28); Freedom to Trade Internationally (23); Regulation of Credit, Labor, and Business (49);
↑	31 (32-2023)	2024	176	Index of Economic Freedom	The Heritage Foundation	Rule of law (Property rights, Government Integrity, Judicial Effectiveness); Government size (Government spending, Tax Burden, Fiscal Health); Regulatory efficiency (Business Freedom, Labor Freedom, Monetary Freedom); Market openness (Trade Freedom, Investment Freedom, Financial Freedom);
↓	62 (57-2022)	2023	167	Democracy Index	EIU - The Economist Group	Electoral processes and pluralism; Functioning of government; Political participation; Political culture; Civil liberties;
↑	46 (48-2021)	2023	125	Country Attractiveness Index in the Venture Capital & Private Equity	IESE Business School	The Country Attractiveness Index measures the potential of countries for venture capital and private equity investments based on economic, regulatory, and market conditions.
↑	76 (81-2021)	2022	228	Gross Domestic Product per capita	Central Intelligence Agency (USA)	Real GDP per capita - \$27,000 (2022 est.); population - 6,827,736 (2023 est.);
=	16 (16-2019)	2021	120	Open Budget Survey	The International Budget Partnership	Public Participation (26); Legislature (53); Supreme audit institution (78); Independent Fiscal Institution (Yes);
↑	59 (60-2022)	2023	140	Rule of Law Index	World Justice Project	Constraints on Government Powers (75); Absence of Corruption (71); Open Government (48); Fundamental Rights (53); Order & Security (52); Regulatory Enforcement (59); Civil Justice (65); Criminal Justice (70);

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↑	41 (48-2021)	2023	164	The Freedom Index	Atlantic Council (Freedom and Prosperity Center)	The Freedom Index aggregates three subindexes (legal, economic, and political freedom), each of them covering several components. Legal freedom: Clarity of the law; Judicial independence and effectiveness; Bureaucracy quality and corruption; Security; Informality. Political freedom: Elections; Political liberties; Civil liberties; Legislative constraints on the executive. Economic freedom: Property rights; Trade freedom; Investment freedom; Women's economic opportunity.
Human Capital and Development						
↓	70 (68-2021)	2024	193	Human Development Index (HDI)	United Nations	Life expectancy at birth; Expected years of schooling; Mean years of schooling; Gross national income (GNI) per capita; GNI per capita rank minus HDI rank;
=	34 (34-2022)	2023	196	Globalisation Index	KOF Swiss Economic Institute	Economic globalization (38); Social globalization (61); Political globalization (36);
↓	30 (24-2022)	2023	163	Global Peace	Vision of Humanity - IEP (Institute for Economics and Peace)	Ongoing domestic and international conflict; Societal safety and security; Militarisation;
↓	65 (42-2022)	2023	146	Global Gender Gap Report	World Economic Forum	Economic participation and opportunity (39); Educational attainment (63); Health and survival (28); Political empowerment (98);
↑	58 (59-2022)	2023	64	World Talent Ranking (WTR)	IMD - Institute for Management Development	Investment & Development (42); Appeal (60); Readiness (62);
=	59 (59-2021)	2023	185	Social Resilience Index (SRI) <i>SOCIAL RISK INDEX</i>	Allianz Research	The SRI measures a country's ability to withstand social crises by assessing factors such as economic strength, social cohesion, and the robustness of public institutions.
↓	75 (62-2021)	2023	164	The Prosperity Index	Atlantic Council (Freedom and Prosperity Center)	The Prosperity Index attempts to capture both the average level of prosperity (through the levels of income, life expectancy, and happiness of the average citizen) and shared prosperity (as measured by minority-group wellbeing and environmental standards).
↑	89 (93-2023)	2024	172	Global Terrorism Index (GTI)	Vision of Humanity - IEP (Institute for Economics and Peace)	The Global Terrorism Index (GTI) measures the impact of terrorism by assessing the number and severity of terrorist incidents, as well as the broader social and economic consequences of terrorism in each country.

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Digitalization and Innovation						
↓	52 (44-2020)	2022	193	E-Government Development Index	United Nations	Online service index; Telecommunication infrastructure index; Human capital index;
↓	38 (35-2021)	2023	132	Global Innovation Index	WIPO (World intellectual property organization)	Institutions (66); Human capital and research (66); Infrastructure (28); Market sophistication (60); Business sophistication (42); Knowledge and technology outputs (34); Creative outputs (34);
↓	55 (48-2022)	2023	64	World Digital Competitiveness	IMD - Institute for Management Development	Knowledge (53), Technology (56), Future readiness (58);
=	26 (26-2021)	2022	27	Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI)	The European Commission	Human capital (26); Connectivity (19); Integration of digital technology (26); Digital public services (25);
↑	48 (58-2021)	2023	120	Energy Transition Index (ETI)	World Economic Forum	The Energy Transition Index evaluates countries based on their current energy system performance and their readiness to adopt sustainable energy solutions.
Others						
↑	71 (91-2022)	2023	180	World Press Freedom Index	Reporters without borders	Political indicator (73); Economic indicator (133); Legislative indicator (57); Social indicator (81); Security indicator (53);
↑	67 (72-2022)	2023	180	Corruption Perceptions Index	Transparency International	The Corruption Perceptions Index measures the perceived levels of public sector corruption in countries, based on expert opinions and surveys.
=	41 (41-2020)	2022	180	Environmental Performance Index	Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy	Ecosystem Vitality (31); Health (75); Climate Policy (50);
↑	59 (64-2022)	2023	129	International Property Rights Index	Property Rights Alliance	Legal and Political Environment (58); Physical Property Rights (72); Intellectual Property Rights (41);
↑	51 (52-2018)	2023	160	Logistics Performance Index	The World Bank	Customs (43); Infrastructure (52); International shipments (57); Logistics quality and competence (46); Tracking and tracing (49); Timeliness (46)

Legend:	=	Bulgaria has not changed its position
	↑	Bulgaria improved its position
	↓	Bulgaria worsened its position