

Water quality indicator values in selected countries*

Rank	Country	Indicator Value	Rank	Country	Indicator Value	Rank	Country	Indicator Value
1	Finland	1.85	42	Estonia	.11	83	Kazakhstan	-.33
2	Canada	1.45	43	Panama	.11	84	China	-.33
3	New Zealand	1.53	44	Slovakia	.10	85	Libya	-.33
4	United Kingdom	1.42	45	Turkey	.10	86	Papua New Guinea	-.35
5	Japan	1.32	46	Trinidad and Tobago	.10	87	Malaysia	-.35
6	Norway	1.31	47	South Africa	.09	88	Israel	-.35
7	Russian Federation	1.30	48	Croatia	.09	89	Honduras	-.36
8	Republic of Korea	1.27	49	El Salvador	.08	90	Paraguay	-.37
9	Sweden	1.19	50	Fiji	.06	91	Uzbekistan	-.37
10	France	1.13	51	Bulgaria	.04	92	Azerbaijan	-.39
11	Portugal	1.09	52	Botswana	.04	93	Gabon	-.40
12	United States	1.04	53	Venezuela	-.01	94	Senegal	-.42
13	Argentina	1.03	54	Lithuania	-.02	95	Ukraine	-.47
14	Hungary	.93	55	Jamaica	-.04	96	Bhutan	-.49
15	Philippines	.91	56	Ecuador	-.06	97	Madagascar	-.49
16	Switzerland	.87	57	Germany	-.06	98	Togo	-.53
17	Ireland	.86	58	Zimbabwe	-.08	99	Tunisia	-.54
18	Austria	.85	59	Peru	-.08	100	Thailand	-.59
19	Iceland	.74	60	Lebanon	-.11	101	Haiti	-.61
20	Australia	.73	61	Romania	-.13	102	Nigeria	-.62
21	Netherlands	.70	62	Albania	-.14	103	Mozambique	-.64
22	Mali	.66	63	Egypt	-.15	104	Algeria	-.64
23	Brazil	.64	64	Sri Lanka	-.16	105	Zambia	-.67
24	Slovenia	.63	65	Saudi Arabia	-.18	106	Mexico	-.69
25	Singapore	.62	66	Armenia	-.19	107	Benin	-.70
26	Greece	.61	67	Bolivia	-.2	108	Uganda	-.70
27	Cuba	.60	68	Cameroon	-.2	109	Ethiopia	-.74
28	Spain	.58	69	Moldova	-.22	110	Indonesia	-.77
29	Denmark	.55	70	Tanzania, United Rep. of	-.22	111	Malawi	-.77
30	Iran, I.R.	.52	71	Belarus	-.22	112	Mauritius	-.77
31	Italy	.47	72	Macedonia	-.23	113	Rwanda	-.78
32	Uruguay	.39	73	Viet Nam	-.23	114	Central African Rep.	-.81
33	Kuwait	.39	74	Mongolia	-.24	115	Burundi	-.95
34	Poland	.37	75	Kenya	-.26	116	Burkina Faso	-1.0
35	Columbia	.27	76	Dominican Republic	-.28	117	Niger	-1.04
36	Czech Republic	.27	77	Kyrgyzstan	-.28	118	Sudan	-1.06
37	Ghana	.23	78	Nepal	-.28	119	Jordan	-1.26
38	Costa Rica	.23	79	Syrian A.R.	-.29	120	India	-1.31
39	Chile	.19	80	Pakistan	-.30	121	Morocco	-1.36
40	Bangladesh	.18	81	Guatemala	-.30	122	Belgium	-2.25
41	Latvia	.15	82	Nicaragua	-.32			

Pressures on water quality are particularly severe in developing countries where institutional and structural arrangements for the treatment of municipal, industrial and agricultural wastewater are often poor. Source: Esty and Cornelius, 2002.

These are composite figures based upon a range of factors, such as the quantity and quality of freshwater, especially groundwater, wastewater treatment facilities as well as legal issues such as the application of pollution regulations.