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ABOUT CS GLOBAL PARTNERS



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At CS Global Partners, we partner with governments to design and implement successful Citizenship by Investment (CBI) and Residency by Investment (RBI) programmes. These initiatives attract responsible foreign investment, drive sustainable economic development, and elevate global competitiveness, delivering tangible benefits for both nations and individuals.



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A DEEP DIVE INTO THE WORLD CITIZENSHIP INDEX

Each year, CS Global Partners publishes the World Citizenship Report (WCR), a definitive resource for high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs) navigating the complexities of global citizenship. At its core lies the World Citizenship Index (WCI), a robust framework that evaluates citizenship across 188 countries through a multidimensional lens. Far beyond a simple ranking of visa-free access, the WCI assesses the enduring value of citizenship based on five key motivators:

- **Safety and Security (25%):** Stability and governance as cornerstones of decision-making.
- **Quality of Life (25%):** Access to healthcare, education, and overall well-being.
- **Economic Opportunity (20%):** Prospects for wealth creation and business growth.
- **Global Mobility (15%):** Freedom to travel and connect globally.
- **Financial Freedom (15%):** Tax efficiency and financial flexibility.

The WCI employs a sophisticated blend of qualitative and quantitative research, harmonising diverse datasets through a process called minimum-maximum normalisation. This method standardises statistical values to a 0–100 scale, ensuring a clear and comparable evaluation of each motivator. The formula simplifies complex data, enabling precise insights into what truly matters to global citizens.

The Global Safety Index: A Spotlight on Security

In an ever-changing world, safety and security have emerged as paramount concerns for HNWIs. No longer confined to physical safety, this motivator encompasses political stability, robust legal protections, and long-term resilience. Secure jurisdictions with strong governance frameworks are now viewed as strategic assets, offering peace of mind and a foundation for prosperity.

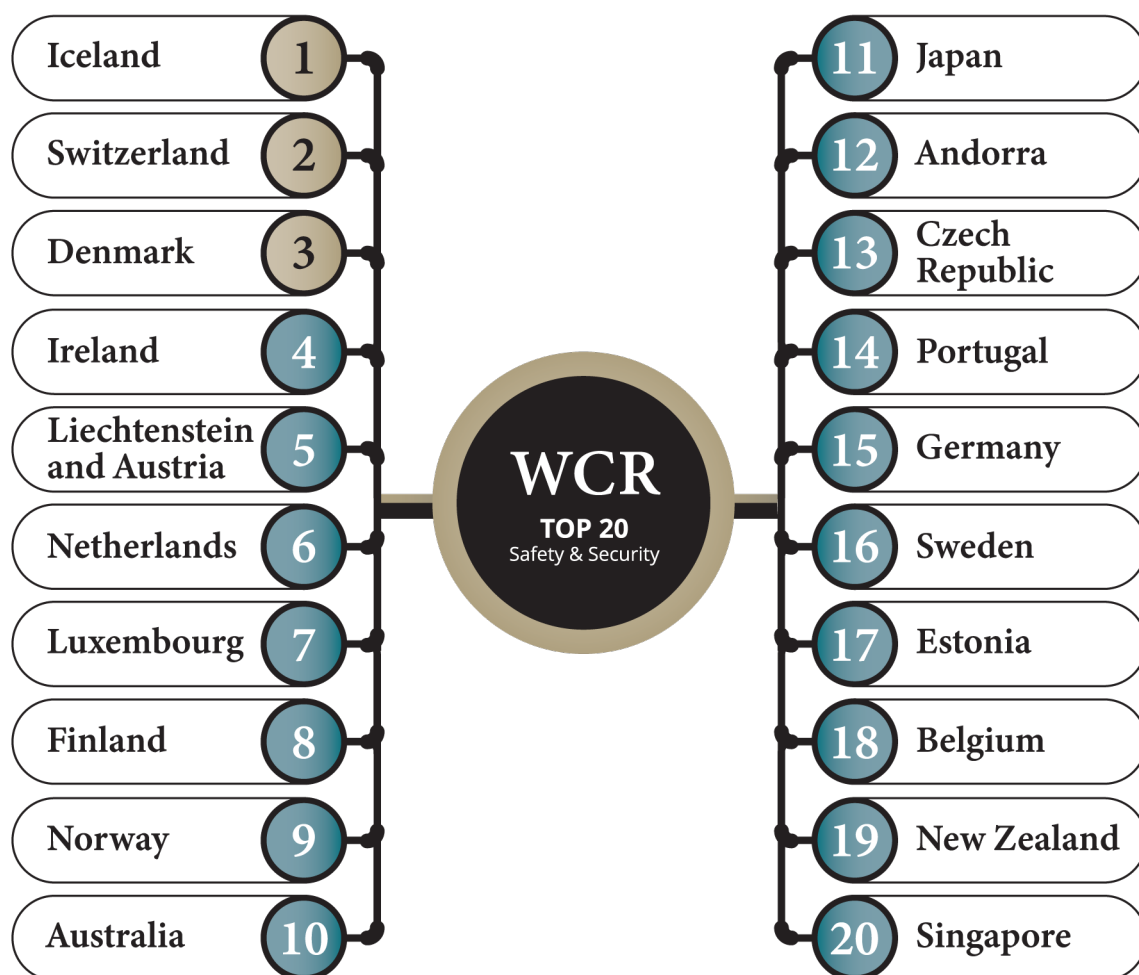
The Global Safety Index, a key component of this report, delves deeply into the Safety and Security motivator. Drawing on authoritative datasets such as the Global Peace Index (GPI) and the Worldwide Governance Indicators (WGI) from the World Bank, we assess critical dimensions including voice and accountability, political stability and absence of violence, and rule of law. These metrics provide a comprehensive understanding of how safety influences the decisions of HNWIs, shaping where they choose to live, invest, or relocate.





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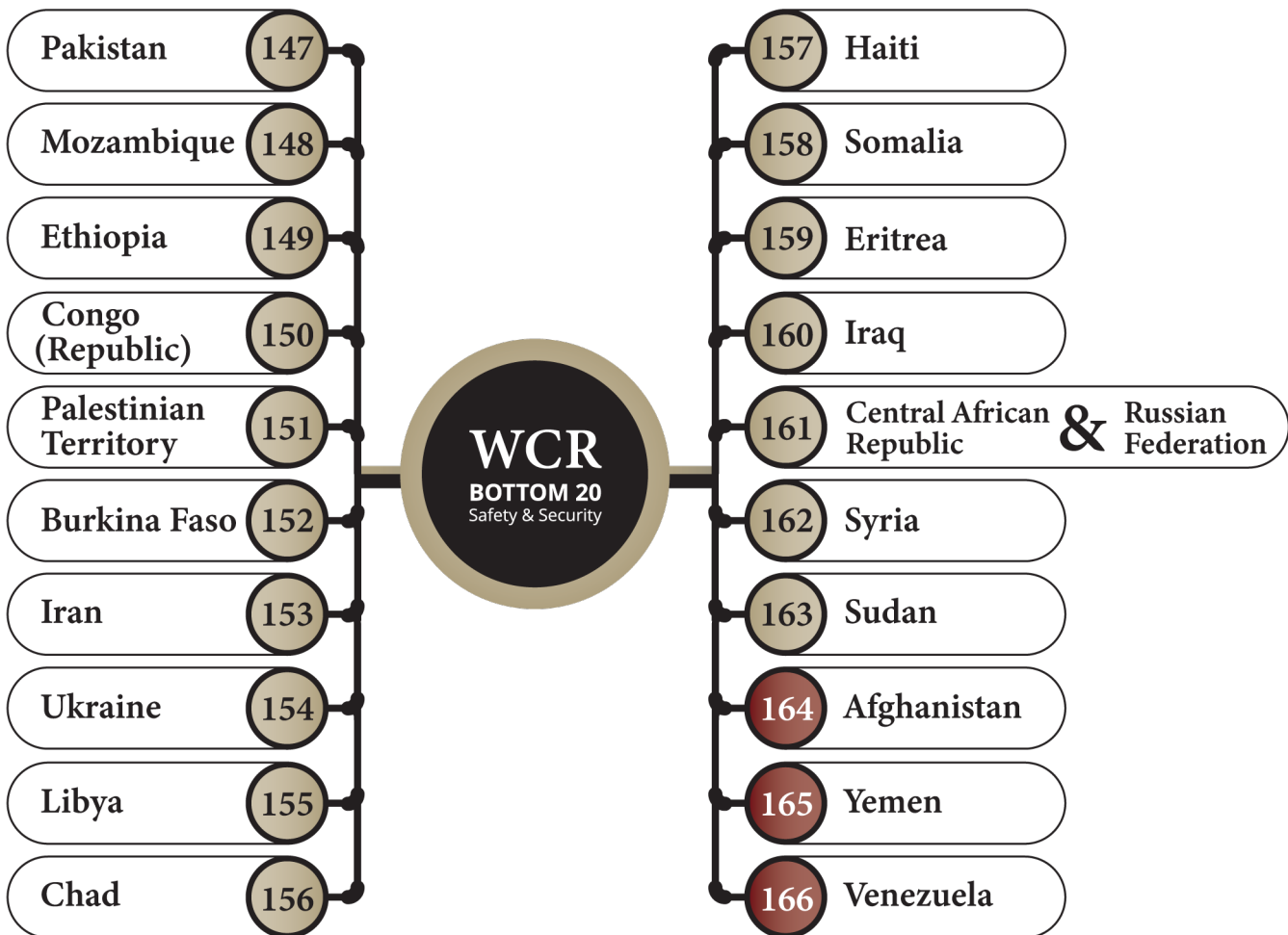
Top 20 Countries for Safety and Security in 2025





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HOW GLOBAL CITIZENS MEASURE RISK IN A CHANGING WORLD

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Amid a landscape of rising instability, safety and security have become defining priorities for high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs) seeking second citizenship. Once considered an implicit benefit of developed economies, today personal and family safety must be carefully assessed, compared, and actively pursued.

The 2025 Global Safety Index spotlights this shift. Safety and Security is one of five key motivators evaluated across 188 nationalities. It captures a wide spectrum - from rule of law and civil liberties to geopolitical stability, crime rates, and public confidence in institutions. The results reveal not only how countries are perceived on this front, but also how global citizens redefine what it means to be 'safe' in different contexts.

What safety means across regions

For HNWIs in war-affected or politically unstable areas such as Ukraine, safety often means physical security and immediate protection. In South Africa or Nigeria, it may refer to personal safety in day-to-day life, such as protection from violent crime. In the United States, where safety concerns frequently stem from gun violence, social unrest, and polarisation, many wealthy individuals are now seeking backup plans through second citizenship.

This is echoed in the WCR Survey 2024, where HNWIs in Latin America and Africa ranked physical safety and freedom from crime as top concerns. In Asia and the Middle East, respondents linked safety more strongly to political stability, while Europeans favoured safety in the form of consistent law enforcement and privacy protections.

Top-performing nations and regional leaders

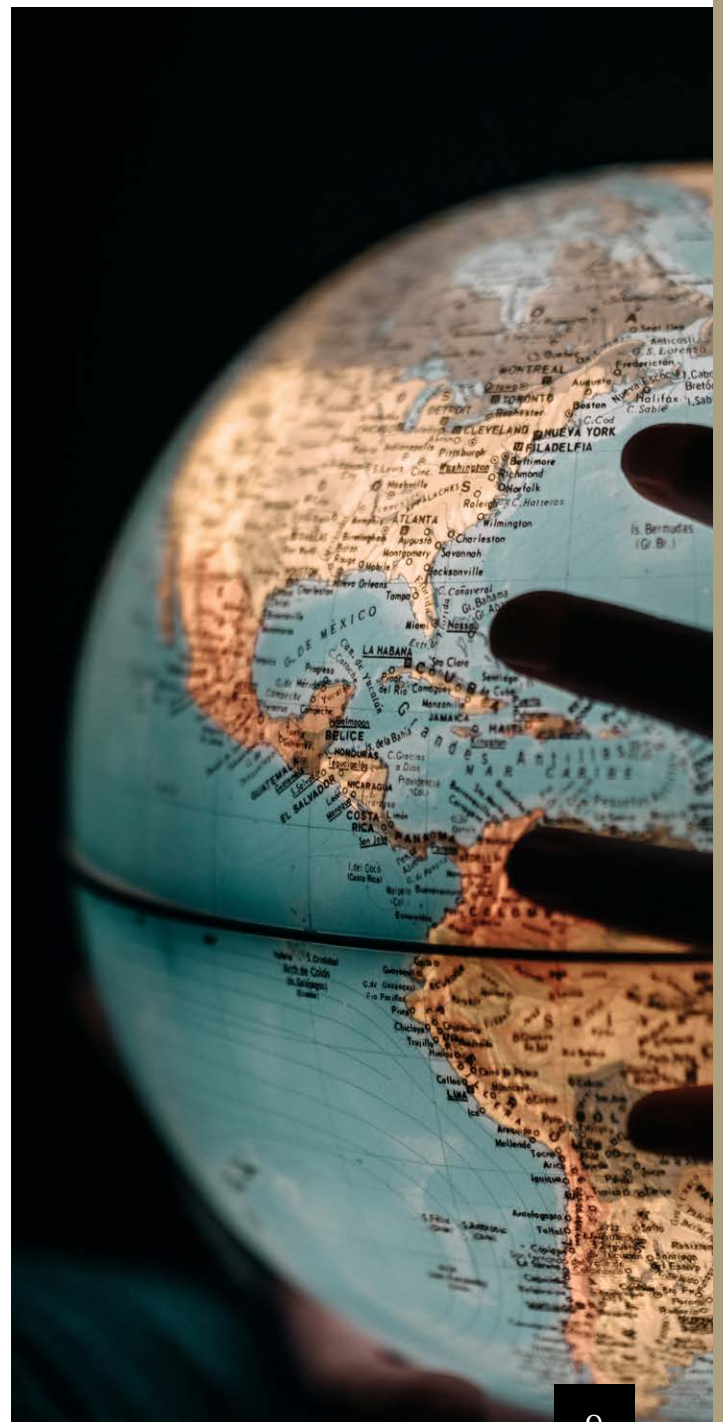
Iceland leads the 2025 Safety and Security Index with a near-perfect score, followed closely by Switzerland, upholding its long-standing reputation for neutrality, civic order, and low corruption. Denmark, Ireland, and Lichtenstein also perform exceptionally well, as do Austria and the Netherlands.

More striking, however, is how some of the world's largest and most influential economies perform in contrast. Nations such as the United States and the United Arab Emirates score lower than expected, featuring in the second third of the rankings.

By comparison, several smaller Caribbean nations - including St. Kitts and Nevis, Dominica, and Antigua and Barbuda - continue to perform well.

Their safety and security rankings reflect a powerful combination of political stability, low crime rates, and geopolitical neutrality - factors that increasingly define citizenship value in the eyes of the global elite.

These results reinforce the Caribbean's position as a credible and reliable region for those prioritising safety and long-term security through investment migration.



Safety and the global elite

HNWIs increasingly seek safe havens to live, invest, and raise families. The Global Safety Index underscores that safety is no longer just a preference but a critical criterion for citizenship decisions. Applications for second citizenship have surged among American HNWIs, driven by domestic polarisation and economic concerns.

In South Africa, issues like infrastructure decline, violent crime, and political instability have boosted interest in Caribbean Citizenship by Investment Programmes.

In Nigeria, persistent inflation and corruption fuel demand for second citizenship as a pathway to long-term security.

Shifting trends from 2022 to 2025

From 2022 to 2025, Iceland has consistently led the Index, with Switzerland and Denmark regularly in the top five.

Notably, Nigeria climbed 36 ranks from 147 in 2022 to 111 in 2025, while South Africa dropped 50 ranks from 79 to 129, reflecting growing concerns over crime and political instability. Conversely, nations like Syria, Yemen, and Afghanistan remain in the bottom five, plagued by ongoing conflicts, humanitarian crises, terrorism, and displacement driven by violence and economic collapse.

A new definition of value

With the world changing rapidly, safety has become a decisive factor for global citizens. It is not merely a preference but a cornerstone of wealth and legacy planning.

As nations vie for global talent and capital, those offering genuine safety and stability through smart policy and sound governance are gaining the trust of the world's most discerning investors.



Global Rankings

Safety and Security (25%)

Country	Score	Rank
Iceland	95.8	1
Switzerland	92.8	2
Denmark	90.5	3
Ireland	90.4	4
Liechtenstein	89.3	5
Austria	89.3	5
Netherlands	88.7	6
Luxembourg	88.5	7
Finland	88.3	8
Norway	87.7	9
Australia	87.4	10
Japan	86.2	11
Andorra	86.1	12
Czech Republic	85.3	13
Portugal	85.2	14
Germany	85.0	15
Sweden	83.7	16
Estonia	83.1	17
Belgium	83.0	18
New Zealand	81.9	19
Singapore	81.4	20
Monaco	81.3	21
Lithuania	81.3	21
United Kingdom	81.0	22
Cape Verde	80.3	23
Taiwan	80.2	24
Palau Islands	80.2	24
Uruguay	80.0	25
Slovakia	79.5	26
Latvia	79.3	27
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	79.1	28
San Marino	77.9	29
Bhutan	77.6	30
Korea (Republic)	76.8	31
Italy	76.1	32
Hungary	75.7	33

Country	Score	Rank
Croatia	75.3	34
Costa Rica	75.2	35
Barbados	74.2	36
Botswana	73.9	37
France	73.8	38
Poland	73.8	38
Malta	73.6	39
Dominica	73.5	40
Qatar	72.5	41
Saint Lucia	72.0	42
Brunei	71.9	43
Vanuatu	71.8	44
Cyprus	71.5	45
Spain	71.4	46
Grenada	71.4	46
Greece	71.3	47
Macao (SAR China)	71.0	48
Canada	70.9	49
Chile	70.8	50
Seychelles	70.8	50
Romania	70.5	51
Hong Kong (SAR China)	70.2	52
Saint Kitts and Nevis	70.1	53
Bulgaria	69.9	54
Bahamas	69.4	55
Antigua and Barbuda	68.7	56
Namibia	68.5	57
Mongolia	68.1	58
Kuwait	66.6	59
Malawi	66.5	60
United Arab Emirates	66.2	61
Oman	66.2	61
Malaysia	66.0	62
Albania	64.6	63
United States of America	64.5	64
Trinidad and Tobago	64.4	65
North Macedonia (FYROM)	64.0	66
Mauritius	63.8	67
Ghana	63.7	68
Slovenia	63.6	69
Jamaica	63.4	70
Nepal	63.0	71
Montenegro	62.9	72
Argentina	62.6	73
Suriname	61.9	74
Moldova	61.8	75
Sierra Leone	61.7	76
Dominican Republic	61.5	77
Panama	61.4	78
Timor-Leste	61.4	78

Country	Score	Rank
Senegal	60.6	79
Indonesia	60.1	80
Belize	59.5	81
Zambia	59.1	82
Sao Tome and Principe	58.2	83
Thailand	58.0	84
Vietnam	57.9	85
Jordan	57.9	85
Gambia	57.6	86
Kosovo	57.6	86
Paraguay	57.6	86
Rwanda	57.3	87
Georgia	57.3	87
Tanzania	56.4	88
Guyana	56.3	89
Mauritania	56.3	89
Laos	56.0	90
Armenia	55.8	91
Bosnia and Herzegovina	55.7	92
Serbia	55.6	93
Tunisia	54.9	94
Liberia	54.8	95
Saudi Arabia	54.5	96
India	54.5	96
El Salvador	53.9	97
Bahrain	53.8	98
Kazakhstan	53.4	99
Cuba	53.0	100
Sri Lanka	52.8	101
Morocco	52.7	102
Philippines	52.3	103
Mexico	52.1	104
Peru	52.1	104
Brazil	51.3	105
Bolivia	51.2	106
Lesotho	50.8	107
Benin	50.7	108
Papua New Guinea	50.4	109
Uzbekistan	50.2	110
Nigeria	50.0	111
China	49.9	112
Cote d' Ivoire	49.5	113
Israel	49.1	114
Maldives	49.1	114
Madagascar	49.0	115
Angola	48.9	116
Guinea-Bissau	48.9	116
Bangladesh	48.2	117
Kenya	48.1	118
Togo	48.0	119
Mali	47.8	120

Country	Score	Rank
Kyrgyzstan	47.6	121
Algeria	47.6	121
Guatemala	47.2	122
Eswatini	47.0	123
Egypt	46.3	124
Cambodia	46.2	125
Ecuador	45.9	126
Gabon	45.4	127
Uganda	44.9	128
Honduras	44.9	128
South Africa	44.7	129
Cameroon	44.6	130
Turkmenistan	44.4	131
The Comoros	44.4	131
Colombia	44.3	132
Equatorial Guinea	43.8	133
Tajikistan	43.6	134
Azerbaijan	43.3	135
South Sudan	43.3	135
Djibouti	41.0	136
Guinea	39.7	137
Myanmar	39.6	138
Zimbabwe	39.5	139
Türkiye	39.1	140
Belarus	39.0	141
Congo (Democratic Republic)	38.0	142
Nicaragua	37.4	143
Lebanon	37.3	144
Niger	36.2	145
Burundi	35.8	146
Pakistan	35.7	147
Mozambique	35.4	148
Ethiopia	35.3	149
Congo (Republic)	34.9	150
Palestinian Territory	34.6	151
Burkina Faso	34.2	152
Iran	33.8	153
Ukraine	33.2	154
Libya	33.1	155
Chad	32.4	156
Haiti	32.3	157
Somalia	31.9	158
Eritrea	31.2	159
Iraq	28.9	160
Central African Republic	27.9	161
Russian Federation	27.9	161
Syria	22.8	162
Sudan	22.4	163
Afghanistan	22.3	164
Yemen	21.1	165
Venezuela	20.7	166



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