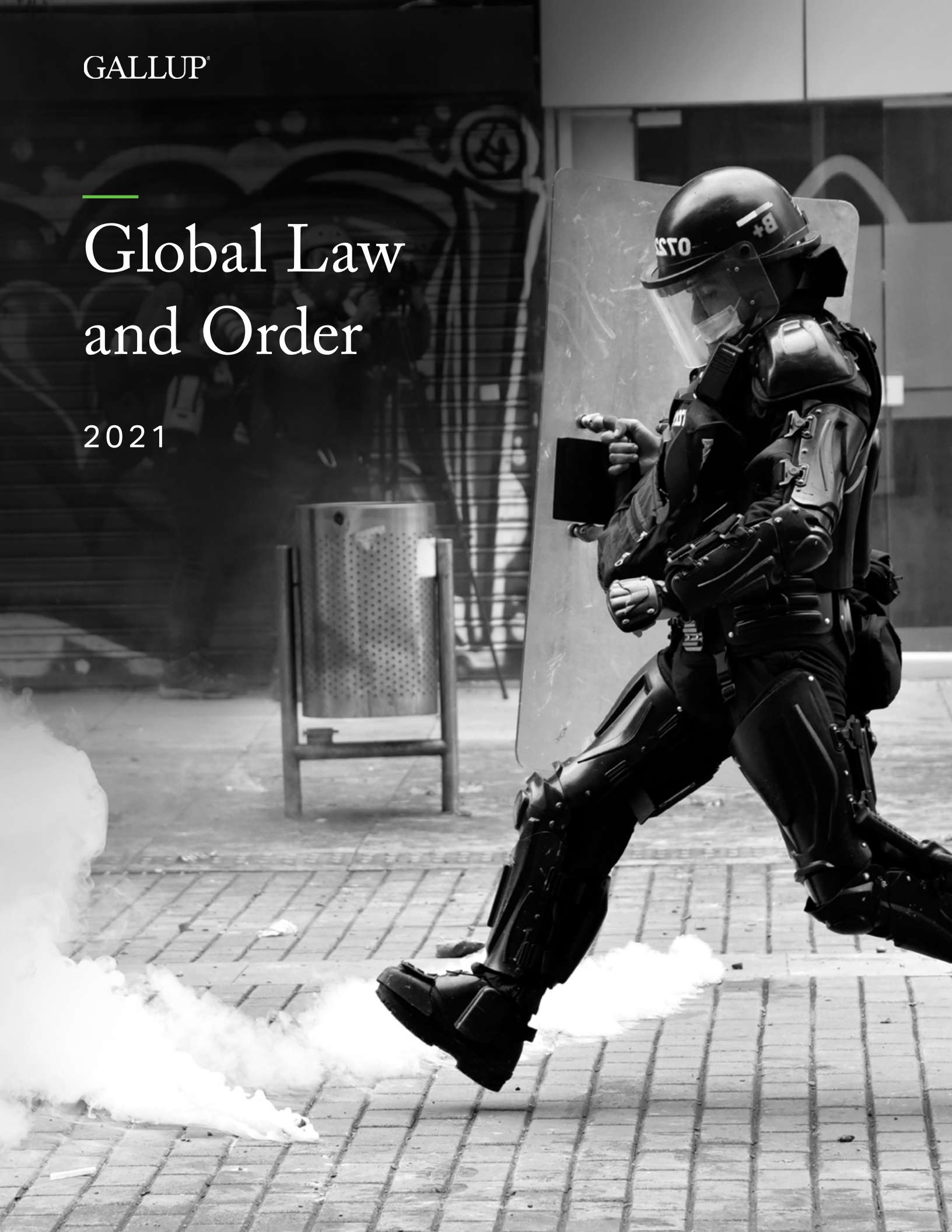


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Sustainable Development Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

The United Nations' most recent progress report on its Sustainable Development Goals for 2030 concludes that, in the second full year of the COVID-19 pandemic, "the world is still a long way from achieving the goal of peaceful, just and inclusive societies." But for the world to keep moving forward, it will need to do so from a foundation of "peace, stability, respect for human rights, effective governance and the rule of law."

Gallup's latest global surveys on people's perceptions of their own security and faith in

the rule of law were collected throughout the first full year of the pandemic, and through the first half of the second, providing a sense of where this foundation is stronger and weaker.

The results overall show that not much changed between 2019 and 2020, and there is still much room to grow. Two of the security metrics Gallup asks about — people's feelings of safety walking alone at night in the area where they live (an indicator of SDG 16) and their confidence in local police — ticked only slightly higher.

Gallup's Law and Order Index uses four questions to gauge people's sense of personal security and their personal experiences with crime and law enforcement.

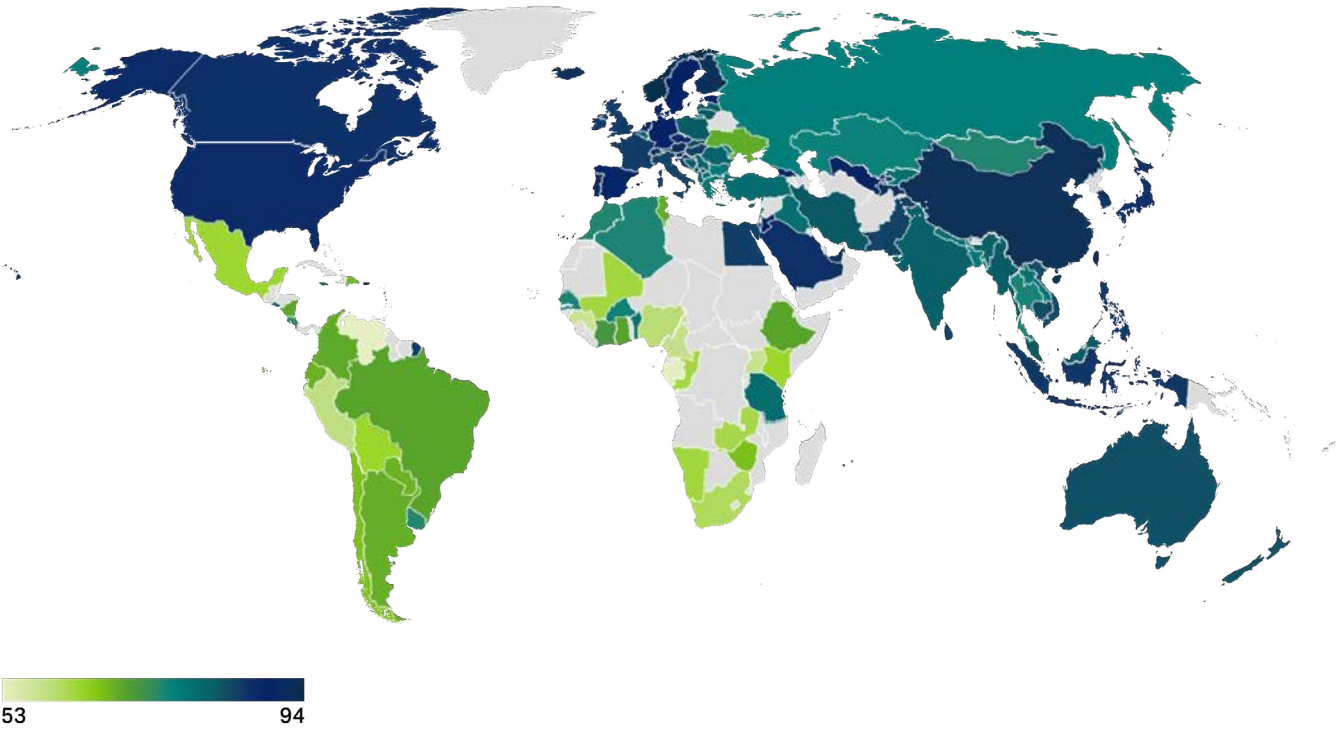
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- In the city or area where you live, do you have confidence in the local police force?
- Do you feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where you live?
- Within the last 12 months, have you had money or property stolen from you or another household member?
- Within the past 12 months, have you been assaulted or mugged?

The *2021 Global Law and Order* report presents the results from Gallup's latest measurements of people's answers to these questions, based on interviews with more than **120,000 adults** in **115 countries** and areas in 2020. It also features data from fieldwork in 51 countries released as of October 2021.

Law and Order Index

WORLDWIDE 2020



Countries/Areas With Highest Law and Order Index Scores

COUNTRY	LAW AND ORDER INDEX
Norway	94
United Arab Emirates	93
China	93
Switzerland	93
Finland	92
Iceland	92
Tajikistan	92
Taiwan, Province of China	91
Slovenia	91
Austria	91
Portugal	91

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Full results for all countries available at the back of the report.

Countries/Areas With Lowest Law and Order Index Scores

COUNTRY	LAW AND ORDER INDEX
Namibia	62
Mali	62
Republic of Congo	62
Zambia	62
South Africa	61
Nigeria	59
Peru	59
Cameroon	58
Uganda	57
Guinea	57
Gabon	53
Venezuela	53



Most of the World Remains Confident in Police, Feels Secure

Nearly seven in 10 people worldwide in 2020 said they feel safe walking alone at night where they live (72%) and have confidence in their local police (71%). About one in eight (13%) said they had money or property stolen from them or another household member in the past year, and 6% said they were assaulted or mugged.

These figures have not changed much for years, but in 2020, the percentages of people who said they feel safe walking alone at night and have confidence in their local police edged up just slightly, from 69% for each in 2019. The other figures remained in line with those from the past several years.

Gallup compiles the “positive” responses to these four questions into a Law and Order Index score for each country. The higher the score, the higher the proportion of the population that reports feeling safe. The index score for the world in 2020 was 82 out of a possible 100 — basically unchanged since 2017.

Because of the pandemic, Gallup was unable to field its surveys in two countries that have scored the highest and lowest on the index year after year — Singapore and Afghanistan.

Norway, which posted the highest score on the index in 2020 with a 94, consistently ranks near the top. Venezuela and Gabon, which posted the lowest scores on the index in 2020, with scores of 53, also consistently rank near the bottom. While data from Venezuela and Gabon are not yet available in 2021, the score for Norway in 2021 remained a high 93. Notably, the data in Norway were collected before the nation-shocking bow and arrow and stabbing attack in October that claimed five people’s lives.

Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America Face Security Challenges

For years, people in Latin America and the Caribbean and sub-Saharan Africa have been the least likely among all global regions to feel secure in their communities. However, for the first time in 2020, sub-Saharan Africa's score on Gallup's Law and Order Index was lower than the score for Latin America and the Caribbean — although just by one point, with a score of 65 that is on par with the 66 for Latin America.



Law and Order Index by Region

SCORES BY REGION	2017	2018	2019	2020	CHANGE
East Asia	87	90	92	92	0
Western Europe	85	86	86	87	1
U.S. and Canada	85	83	85	87	2
Southeast Asia	86	85	85	83	-2
Eastern Europe	81	81	81	82	1
Middle East and North Africa	80	81	81	81	0
South Asia	83	80	79	81	2
Commonwealth of Independent States	74	76	77	77	0
Latin America and the Caribbean	62	63	66	66	0
Sub-Saharan Africa	68	67	67	65	-2

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In most regions, the 2020 scores on the Law and Order Index were relatively within the range of scores for the past few years. However, the score in sub-Saharan Africa ticked slightly downward, as did the score in Southeast Asia. Overall, in most regions, index scores for individual countries tended to change relatively little.

Lower security scores in a handful of countries in sub-Saharan Africa helped deflate the region's overall score slightly in 2020. Index scores declined in Guinea, Nigeria, Mali, Cameroon and Kenya.

In each of these five countries, people's confidence in their local police moved in a negative direction, including substantial drops from 55% to 40% in Nigeria — where allegations of police brutality led to violent protests — and 56% to 40% in Guinea. Further, the percentage who felt safe walking alone at night did not top 50% in any of them in 2020, except for Kenya, where 56% said they felt safe.

Law and Order Index Scores in Sub-Saharan Africa

COUNTRY	2019	2020	DIFFERENCE
Guinea	65	57	-8
Nigeria	66	59	-7
Mali	69	62	-7
Cameroon	63	58	-5
Kenya	67	63	-4
Republic of the Congo	65	62	-3
Uganda	59	57	-2
Ethiopia	71	69	-2
Tanzania	80	79	-1
Burkina Faso	76	75	-1
Zimbabwe	67	66	-1
Namibia	63	62	-1
Ghana	69	69	0
Zambia	62	62	0
Gabon	52	53	1
Mauritius	82	83	1
Ivory Coast	69	71	2
South Africa	57	61	4
Senegal	71	75	4
Benin	69	77	8

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Venezuelans, Gabonese Least Likely in the World to Feel Safe Walking Alone at Night Where They Live

The two countries with the lowest scores on the Law and Order Index, Venezuela and Gabon, were also the least likely in 2020 to say they feel safe walking alone in their area at night — 31% of the populations in each said they felt this way. These percentages are similar to those from 2019, when people in Venezuela and Gabon were, after Afghans, the least likely in the world to feel safe. Notably, the 31% in Venezuela who feel safe is the highest percentage to say so in the country since 2012. The record low for Venezuela was 12% in 2016.

The countries in which residents are least likely to say they feel safe walking alone at night are exclusively a mix of countries in Latin America and the Caribbean and sub-Saharan Africa. Six of them also ranked among the least safe in 2019 — Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Namibia, South Africa, Gabon and Venezuela.

In most economically developed countries and territories with strong rule of law, high majorities of residents say they feel safe walking alone in their area at night. The same is true in countries where populations are under tighter state control. For example, these feelings were nearly universal in 2020 in the United Arab Emirates (95%), Norway (93%), China (91%) and Slovenia (91%). So far in 2021, Norwegians (93%) and UAE residents (92%) largely feel the same way.

In 2020, the U.S. was slightly above the global average at 78%, when Americans were interviewed during the heart of the pandemic lockdown in March through early May 2020. A year later, in 2021, slightly fewer (73%) Americans said they felt safe walking alone at night.

Countries/Areas Where People Feel Safest Walking Alone

COUNTRY	% FEEL SAFE
United Arab Emirates	95%
Norway	93%
China	91%
Slovenia	91%
Taiwan	89%
Finland	88%
Tajikistan	88%
Croatia	87%
Austria	86%
Switzerland	86%

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Countries/Areas Where People Feel Least Safe Walking Alone

COUNTRY	% FEEL SAFE
Brazil	45%
Dominican Republic	45%
Uganda	45%
Cameroon	43%
Mexico	42%
Chile	41%
Guinea	40%
Namibia	40%
Peru	40%
South Africa	40%
Gabon	31%
Venezuela	31%

Confidence in the Local Police

More than seven in 10 adults worldwide (71%) in 2020 said they have confidence in their local police. The results vary significantly by region, however, from a low of 49% in Latin America and the Caribbean to 82% in Western Europe and Northern America.

Percentage Confident in Police by Region

REGION	2019	2020	CHANGE
Western Europe	83	82	-1
Northern America	80	82	2
Southeast Asia	81	78	-3
South Asia	73	77	4
East Asia	71	73	2
Middle East and North Africa	71	72	1
Eastern Europe	71	66	-5
Sub-Saharan Africa	60	56	-4
Commonwealth of Independent States	53	56	3
Latin America and the Caribbean	49	49	0

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The relatively low average on this measure in Latin America and the Caribbean is not surprising, given the region's poor performance on all of the Law and Order Index component metrics in 2020 and in previous years. The 49% who were confident in 2020 is unchanged from the previous year, but it is also on the higher end for historical scores in the region.

With rare exceptions, confidence in the police remained stable or improved across most of Latin America and the Caribbean in 2020. Confidence plummeted 10 points in Bolivia, which was rocked by violent protests that virtually brought the country to a standstill. Bolivians' confidence in police dropped from 45% in 2019 — which was a record high — to 35% the next year. In 2021, the situation is no better; 34% in Bolivia are confident in their local police.

71% of adults worldwide
have confidence in their
local police.



Percentage Confident in Local Police in Latin America

COUNTRY	2019	2020	DIFFERENCE
Uruguay	66%	75%	9
El Salvador	70%	69%	-1
Costa Rica	56%	69%	13
Jamaica	51%	62%	11
Ecuador	54%	60%	6
Nicaragua	56%	57%	1
Argentina	52%	57%	5
Colombia	53%	55%	2
Brazil	53%	54%	1
Dominican Republic	48%	53%	5
Chile	44%	52%	8
Paraguay	55%	48%	-7
Peru	46%	43%	-3
Mexico	40%	38%	-2
Bolivia	45%	35%	-10
Venezuela	28%	26%	-2

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Law and Order Index Scores for 2020

COUNTRY/TERRITORY	LAW AND ORDER INDEX SCORE
Norway	94
United Arab Emirates	93
China	93
Switzerland	93
Finland	92
Iceland	92
Tajikistan	92
Taiwan, Province of China	91
Slovenia	91
Austria	91
Portugal	91
Netherlands	89
Uzbekistan	89
Denmark	89
Estonia	89
Jordan	89
Malta	88
Sweden	88
Germany	88
Georgia	88
Spain	87
United States	87
Czech Republic	86
Canada	86
Saudi Arabia	86

COUNTRY/TERRITORY	LAW AND ORDER INDEX SCORE
Japan	86
Kosovo	86
South Korea	86
Indonesia	86
Philippines	85
Ireland	85
Croatia	85
United Kingdom	85
France	85
Egypt	85
Hungary	85
Italy	84
Sri Lanka	84
Israel	84
Pakistan	84
Montenegro	84
Vietnam	83
Cambodia	83
Slovakia	83
Australia	83
New Zealand	83
Mauritius	83
Lithuania	82
Iran	82
Malaysia	82



COUNTRY/TERRITORY	LAW AND ORDER INDEX SCORE
Hong Kong	82
Bosnia and Herzegovina	82
Myanmar	81
Poland	81
Latvia	81
India	81
Cyprus	80
Romania	80
Serbia	80
Albania	80
Jamaica	80
Belgium	80
Turkey	79
El Salvador	79
Tanzania	79
Kyrgyzstan	79
Iraq	78

COUNTRY/TERRITORY	LAW AND ORDER INDEX SCORE
Nepal	78
North Macedonia	78
Laos	78
Greece	78
Benin	77
Bangladesh	77
Bulgaria	77
Russia	76
Moldova	76
Kazakhstan	75
Burkina Faso	75
Thailand	75
Senegal	75
Algeria	75
Morocco	75
Mongolia	75
Uruguay	75



COUNTRY/TERRITORY	LAW AND ORDER INDEX SCORE
Lebanon	74
Costa Rica	74
Ivory Coast	71
Ghana	69
Brazil	69
Ethiopia	69
Nicaragua	69
Colombia	68
Ukraine	68
Tunisia	68
Argentina	68
Ecuador	67
Paraguay	67
Dominican Republic	67
Zimbabwe	66
Chile	66
Kenya	63

COUNTRY/TERRITORY	LAW AND ORDER INDEX SCORE
Bolivia	63
Mexico	63
Namibia	62
Mali	62
Republic of the Congo	62
Zambia	62
South Africa	61
Nigeria	59
Peru	59
Cameroon	58
Uganda	57
Guinea	57
Gabon	53
Venezuela	53

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Methodology

Results for the 2020 perceptions of law and order are based on nationally representative, probability-based samples among the adult populations, aged 15 and older, in 115 countries and areas throughout 2020.

In most countries/areas, surveys were conducted over mobile and landline telephones; some in-person interviews were conducted in Republic of the Congo, India, Mali, Pakistan and Senegal.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error ranges from ± 1.1 to ± 5.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For more details on the 2020 fieldwork: <https://news.gallup.com/opinion/gallup/328745/gallup-learning-polling-world-pandemic.aspx>

Results for the 2021 perceptions of law and order are based on nationally representative, probability-based samples among the adult populations, aged 15 and older, in 51 countries and areas surveyed between April and August 2021. Surveys were conducted either through telephone or face-to-face interviews.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error ranges from ± 2.8 to ± 5.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

The margin of error reflects the influence of data weighting. In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

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