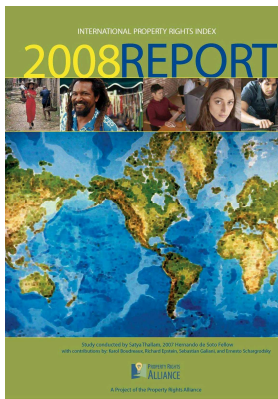




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The **OHRID Institute for Economic Strategies and International Affairs** is proud to announce the release of the 2008 International Property Rights Index (IPRI), which measures 115 countries on the significance of both physical and intellectual property rights and their protection for economic well-being. In order to incorporate and grasp the important aspects related to property rights protection, the 2008 IPRI focuses on three areas: Legal and Political Environment (LP), Physical Property Rights (PPR), and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). Ninety-six (96) percent of world GDP is represented by the incorporated countries, and demonstrates that countries in the top quartile of the Index have an average GDP per capita more than nine times that of those in the bottom quartile. The current study analyzes data for 115 countries around the globe, representing ninety-six percent of world GDP. Of great importance, the 2008 gauge incorporates data of PR protection from various sources, often directly obtained from expert surveys within the evaluated countries. It covers 70 nations, industrialized and developed from each region of the world.

The International Property Rights Index will provide the public, researchers and policymakers, from across the globe, with a tool for comparative analysis and future research on global property rights. The Index seeks to assist underperforming countries to develop robust economies through an emphasis on sound property law.



If we elaborate more detailed the table below i.e. the International property right index we will see that Republic of Macedonia is ranked on the 96th place from 115 countries in the overall category. It can be also seen that in the parts where Macedonia is most concerned at the moment i.e. the Judicial independence and the Confidence in court, faces differences between itself. In the first case i.e. regarding the Judicial independence, Macedonia is on the 99th place in the world ranking, and 19th place in the regional ranking. In the second case regarding the Confidence in court, Republic of Macedonia is on the 57th place from 115 countries in the world ranking criteria, while in the regional one on the 17th place out from 22 countries. Referring the Corruption Macedonia is on the 84th place in the world, while on the 17th position in the regional ranking.

Regarding the Physical property rights Republic of Macedonia is on the 90th place out from 115, while according the Intellectual property rights on the 103rd. Regarding the Intellectual property rights and gender equality Republic of Macedonia shares the position with Bosnia and Herzegovina. Concerning the gender equality Macedonia is on the same position as its northern neighbor Serbia, 91st in the world ranking and 22nd in the regional ranking. Although the Balkan countries are close ranked, there are still certain exceptions referring some criteria.



MACEDONIA

Some fields are blank because not all data is available for all countries. See the full report for further explanation.

Category	Score	World Rank	Regional Rank
Overall	3.8	96 of 115	15 of 22
Legal and Political Environment	3.7	92 of 115	19 of 22
• Judicial Independence	2.3	99 of 115	18 of 22
• Confidence in Courts	4.5	57 of 115	17 of 22
• Corruption	2.7	84 of 115	17 of 22
• Political Stability	3.7	87 of 115	19 of 22
Physical Property Rights	4.9	90 of 115	17 of 22
• Property Rights Protection	4.2	96 of 115	17 of 22
• Registering Property	7.9	74 of 115	13 of 22
• Ease of Loan Access	2.6	86 of 115	20 of 22
Intellectual Property Rights	2.8	103 of 115	14 of 22
• IP Rights Protection	2.5	97 of 115	17 of 22
• Strength of Patent Rights			
• Copyright Piracy	3.1	56 of 115	10 of 22
Gender Equality	0.0	91 of 115	11 of 22
• Access to Land	0.0	84 of 115	11 of 22
• Access to Property Other than Land	0.0	91 of 115	11 of 22
• Access to Bank Loans	0.0	91 of 115	11 of 22
• Inheritance	0.0	72 of 115	11 of 22
• Social Rights	0.0	93 of 115	12 of 22



Capital:	
Skopje	
Languages:	
Population:	
2055915	
Population growth rate:	
0.00	
GDP (PPP):	
17	
GDP real growth rate:	
0.0	
GDP per capita (PPP):	
8300	
Area (total):	
Land Boundaries (Total):	
Natural resources:	
Land use (arable):	
Government type:	
Chief of state:	
Head of government:	



Country Index

In this chart are listed scores, world rankings, and regional rankings. Not all data is available for all countries. See the full report for further explanation.

Country	International Property Rights Index	Legal and Political Environment	Physical Property Rights	Intellectual Property Rights	Gender Equality
<u>Albania</u>	3.6	4.0	4.8	2.0	7.1
<u>Algeria</u>	4.5	4.8	4.8	3.9	5.9
<u>Angola</u>	3.4	3.6	4.0	2.5	6.1
<u>Argentina</u>	4.4	3.6	4.7	4.8	10.0
<u>Armenia</u>	3.8	3.9	5.6	1.8	9.9
<u>Australia</u>	8.0	8.1	8.1	7.9	10.0
<u>Austria</u>	7.9	8.0	7.8	7.9	10.0
<u>Azerbaijan</u>	3.6	3.8	5.1	1.9	0.0
<u>Bahrain</u>	5.0	4.7	5.7	4.6	5.8
<u>Bangladesh</u>	2.9	2.1	3.7	2.9	3.8
<u>Belgium</u>	7.4	7.1	7.1	7.9	10.0
<u>Benin</u>	4.6	4.3	4.9	4.7	6.4
<u>Bolivia</u>	3.7	3.2	4.4	3.4	8.5
<u>Bosnia-Herzegovina</u>	3.8	4.4	4.1	2.8	0.0
<u>Botswana</u>	5.9	7.0	6.5	4.3	2.6
<u>Brazil</u>	5.0	4.5	5.4	5.1	10.0
<u>Bulgaria</u>	4.9	4.3	5.5	4.9	10.0
<u>Burkina Faso</u>	5.1	4.8	5.1	5.3	4.2
<u>Burundi</u>	3.5	3.2	4.3	3.0	0.0
<u>Cameroon</u>	4.1	4.0	4.4	3.9	4.9



<u>Canada</u>	7.7	7.8	7.4	7.8	10.0
<u>Chad</u>	3.3	1.8	4.2	3.8	2.1
<u>Chile</u>	6.7	6.7	7.2	6.1	10.0
<u>China</u>	5.0	5.1	5.5	4.4	8.3
<u>Colombia</u>	5.2	4.2	6.0	5.5	10.0
<u>Costa Rica</u>	5.9	6.6	6.1	4.9	10.0
<u>Croatia</u>	4.9	5.5	4.8	4.5	0.0
<u>Cyprus</u>	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.0	0.0
<u>Czech Republic</u>	5.7	5.4	5.8	5.8	10.0
<u>Denmark</u>	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.1	10.0
<u>Dominican Republic</u>	4.6	4.4	5.3	4.1	10.0
<u>Ecuador</u>	3.9	2.9	4.9	4.0	10.0
<u>Egypt</u>	4.8	4.6	5.3	4.4	7.0
<u>El Salvador</u>	5.0	4.4	6.2	4.4	9.4
<u>Estonia</u>	6.6	6.9	7.4	5.4	10.0
<u>Ethiopia</u>	3.8	3.8	4.3	3.4	5.7
<u>Finland</u>	8.6	8.9	8.5	8.5	10.0
<u>France</u>	7.1	6.8	6.5	8.1	10.0
<u>Germany</u>	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.4	10.0
<u>Greece</u>	6.1	6.4	6.3	5.7	0.0
<u>Guatemala</u>	4.4	3.4	5.8	4.0	0.0
<u>Guyana</u>	3.6	3.5	5.0	2.4	0.0
<u>Honduras</u>	4.1	3.6	5.0	3.8	8.2
<u>Hong Kong</u>	7.7	7.9	7.9	7.2	0.0
<u>Hungary</u>	6.3	5.7	6.9	6.2	10.0
<u>Iceland</u>	8.1	8.8	8.8	6.7	0.0
<u>India</u>	6.2	5.9	7.4	5.2	4.7
<u>Indonesia</u>	4.9	3.7	6.8	4.2	8.2
<u>Ireland</u>	7.9	7.8	8.2	7.6	10.0



<u>Israel</u>	6.5	6.0	7.2	6.3	8.3
<u>Italy</u>	5.9	5.1	6.1	6.5	10.0
<u>Jamaica</u>	5.5	5.3	5.8	4.0	0.0
<u>Japan</u>	7.7	7.5	7.5	8.2	10.0
<u>Jordan</u>	5.7	5.4	6.3	5.4	4.4
<u>Kazakhstan</u>	4.2	4.2	5.6	2.7	0.0
<u>Kenya</u>	4.3	3.5	5.5	3.9	3.5
<u>Korea (South)</u>	6.2	5.7	6.2	6.7	8.0
<u>Kuwait</u>	5.7	6.3	6.9	3.8	7.1
<u>Latvia</u>	5.3	5.5	6.3	4.2	0.0
<u>Lithuania</u>	5.7	5.2	6.9	4.9	0.0
<u>Luxembourg</u>	8.0	8.1	7.8	8.1	0.0
<u>Macedonia</u>	3.8	3.7	4.9	2.8	0.0
<u>Madagascar</u>	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.2	9.3
<u>Malawi</u>	4.8	5.4	5.4	3.6	5.6
<u>Malaysia</u>	6.4	6.2	7.1	5.8	7.7
<u>Mali</u>	5.1	5.0	5.3	4.9	1.9
<u>Malta</u>	6.5	7.3	6.3	5.9	10.1
<u>Mauritania</u>	5.0	4.8	5.1	5.2	4.0
<u>Mauritius</u>	6.0	6.4	6.6	4.9	10.0
<u>Mexico</u>	5.0	4.1	5.8	5.1	10.0
<u>Moldova</u>	3.4	3.3	5.0	1.9	0.0
<u>Montenegro</u>	3.7	3.9	5.2	2.0	0.0
<u>Morocco</u>	5.4	5.2	6.0	5.0	5.8
<u>Mozambique</u>	4.2	4.1	4.8	3.8	4.3
<u>Nepal</u>	3.9	3.0	5.5	3.3	3.2
<u>Netherlands</u>	8.3	8.2	8.6	8.0	10.0
<u>New Zealand</u>	8.2	8.7	8.1	7.9	10.0
<u>Nicaragua</u>	3.7	3.1	4.4	3.6	10.0



<u>Nigeria</u>	3.5	2.4	4.4	3.8	3.0
<u>Norway</u>	8.3	8.5	8.7	7.8	10.0
<u>Pakistan</u>	3.9	3.0	5.8	2.8	2.4
<u>Panama</u>	5.3	4.2	6.9	4.9	10.0
<u>Paraguay</u>	3.4	2.6	4.7	2.9	10.0
<u>Peru</u>	4.1	2.9	5.7	3.7	9.0
<u>Philippines</u>	5.0	4.2	5.7	5.0	9.9
<u>Poland</u>	5.3	5.1	5.1	5.7	10.0
<u>Portugal</u>	7.0	6.7	7.3	7.1	10.0
<u>Qatar</u>	6.4	7.0	7.0	5.3	0.0
<u>Romania</u>	5.0	4.6	5.4	5.0	10.0
<u>Russia</u>	4.0	3.2	4.9	3.9	8.8
<u>Serbia</u>	3.6	3.5	5.2	2.2	0.0
<u>Singapore</u>	7.9	8.0	8.2	7.5	0.0
<u>Slovakia</u>	6.4	5.6	7.2	6.3	0.0
<u>Slovenia</u>	5.9	6.6	5.6	5.5	0.0
<u>South Africa</u>	6.9	6.6	7.1	7.0	4.0
<u>Spain</u>	6.7	6.4	7.3	6.4	10.0
<u>Sri Lanka</u>	5.1	4.3	6.0	5.1	8.8
<u>Sweden</u>	8.2	8.3	8.6	7.6	10.0
<u>Switzerland</u>	8.2	8.6	8.1	8.0	10.0
<u>Taiwan</u>	6.5	5.7	7.3	6.4	0.0
<u>Tanzania</u>	4.8	5.0	4.8	4.5	2.1
<u>Thailand</u>	5.6	5.1	7.0	4.6	9.9
<u>Trinidad and Tobago</u>	5.3	4.9	5.4	5.7	0.0
<u>Tunisia</u>	5.9	5.9	6.9	4.9	7.6
<u>Turkey</u>	5.5	5.3	6.0	5.1	9.0
<u>Uganda</u>	4.2	4.3	4.1	4.2	2.1
<u>Ukraine</u>	4.3	3.9	4.8	4.3	10.0



<u>United Arab Emirates</u>	6.9	6.6	7.7	6.4	4.6
<u>United Kingdom</u>	8.2	7.7	8.7	8.2	10.0
<u>United States</u>	7.5	6.6	8.0	7.9	10.0
<u>Uruguay</u>	5.6	6.4	5.6	4.9	10.0
<u>Venezuela</u>	3.3	1.9	4.6	3.4	10.0
<u>Vietnam</u>	4.7	5.3	5.7	3.2	6.6
<u>Zambia</u>	4.1	4.5	5.0	2.7	3.4
<u>Zimbabwe</u>	3.1	2.0	4.3	3.1	3.1