

# Glossary: Human development index (HDI)

Statistics Explained

The **human development index** , abbreviated as **HDI** , is a summary composite index incorporating statistical measures of [life expectancy](#) , literacy, educational attainment and [GDP per capita](#) , calculated by the [United Nations \(UN\)](#) under the [UN Development Programme](#) . It measures a country's average achievements in three basic aspects of human development: health, knowledge, and a decent standard of living.

[Eurostat](#) uses the 2006 HDI classification as the basis for the grouping of countries by level of development.

The HDI provides an alternative to the common practice of evaluating a country's progress in development only based on per-capita GDP.

## Further information

- [Human Development Index, Trends, 1990 - 2014](#)
- [Human Development Index and its Components, 2014](#)
- [Human Development Report](#)

## Statistical data

- [Migration and migrant population statistics](#)