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Happiness indices

Finland is the happiest country in the world, says UN report

Nordic nations take top four places in happiness rankings, with annual study also charting the decline of the US

Patrick Collinson

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Finland, a country of just 5.5 million people, is now the happiest country in the world, according to a UN report. The 2018 World Happiness Report also shows that the top four places are taken by Nordic nations – Finland, then Norway, Denmark and Iceland. Burundi in east Africa, which has suffered ethnic cleansing and civil wars, is the unhappiest place in the world. Surprisingly, there are five other nations – Rwanda, Yemen, Tanzania, South Sudan and the Central African Republic – that have happiness levels lower than even Syria.

The report said all the Nordic countries scored highly on income, healthy life expectancy, social support, freedom, trust and generosity. Finland has been ranked the most stable, the safest and the best governed country in the world. It is also one of the least corrupt. Its police are the most trusted in the world and its banks the most secure.

“It is remarkable that Finland is at the top,” said Meik Wiking of the Happiness Research Institute in Denmark. *“GDP in Finland is lower than other Nordic countries but Finns are good at using money to increase wellbeing.”* *“In Finland, we pay some of the highest taxes in the world but people generally support them because they see them as investments in quality of life for all. Free healthcare and university education really help to increase happiness,”* he added.

African countries have the worst happiness scores but one West African nation has improved its happiness. Togo was in last place in 2015 but improved the most in the 2018



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report, rising 18 places. Latvians and Bulgarians are also reporting higher levels of happiness. Venezuela had the biggest fall in happiness, bigger even than Syria. Latin America is well known for corruption, high violence and crime rates, big gaps between rich and poor, and poverty but it has always scored quite highly in the happiness report. The authors say this is because of strong families and other social relationships. The report also shows that the biggest human migration in history –the hundreds of millions of people who have moved from the Chinese countryside into cities – has not made people happier at all. *“Even seven-and-a-half years after migrating to cities, migrants from the countryside are on average less happy than they might have been if they had stayed at home,”* according to John Knight, one of the authors of the UN report.

Adapted from: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/mar/14/finland-happiest-country-world-un-report>

Reading Comprehension (6 points)

1. Choose the correct answer (3 points):

The UN World Happiness report is published

- A. every year.
- B. every month.
- C. every fortnight.
- D. every two years.

The four countries that hold the top four places in the happiness rankings are

- A. Iceland, Finland, Latvia, Norway.
- B. Finland, Iceland, Bulgaria, Latvia.
- C. Norway, Latvia, Bulgaria, Denmark.
- D. Iceland, Norway, Denmark and Finland.

The unhappiest country in the world was

- A. Syria.
- B. Yemen.
- C. Rwanda.
- D. Burundi.



The country that made the biggest improvement in the rankings is

- A. Togo.
- B. Latvia.
- C. Bulgaria.
- D. Venezuela.

The article appeared in the _____ section of the website

- A. News
- B. Culture
- C. Opinion
- D. Lifestyle

The author of the article was

- A. John Knight.
- B. Meik Wiking.
- C. not mentioned.
- D. Patrick Collinson.

2. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE according to the text? (1 point)

1. People in Finland pay some of the highest taxes in the world:
2. People in China who moved from the countryside to big cities are happier than they were before:
3. Latin American countries are well-known for their corruption and violence:
4. Togo was in the last place of the happiness ranking in 2005:

3. Answer the following questions in full sentences using information from the text. (1 point)

1. Which country had the biggest fall in happiness?
.....
.....



2. Why do Latin American countries always score quite highly in the report?

.....
.....

4. Fill the gaps in the sentences using these key words from the text.

wellbeing *depression* *corruption* *ethnic cleansing*

..... is when a person is so unhappy that they cannot live a normal life.

..... is the removal or killing of one group of people by those of another group in a particular area.

..... people do dishonest, illegal or immoral things in order to get money or power.

..... is the satisfactory state that someone should be in, involving being happy, healthy and safe.

Writing (4 points)

5. Write at least 90 words on the following topic:



Image taken from: <https://labur.eus/Y4Q3Z>

Do you think your country is a happy country? Why? Give reasons for your answer.



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- **CRITERIOS DE CALIFICACIÓN**

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The unhappiest country in the world was

D. Burundi.

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A. Togo.

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A. News

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D. Patrick Collinson.

2. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE according to the text? (1 point)

1. **TRUE**

2. **FALSE**

3. **TRUE**

4. **FALSE**



3. Answer the following questions in full sentences using information from the text. (1 point)

1. Which country had the biggest fall in happiness?

Venezuela is the country that has had the biggest fall in happiness

2. Why do Latin American countries always score quite highly in the report?

Latin American countries always score quite highly in the report because they have strong families and other social relationships.

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Corruption people do dishonest, illegal or immoral things in order to get money or power.

Wellbeing is the satisfactory state that someone should be in, involving being happy, healthy and safe.

5. Writing (4 points)

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DE CONOCIMIENTO**

Pregunta	Indicador de conocimiento
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2	1.1, 2.1, 3.1, 3.7
3	1.1, 1.5, 2.1, 2.6, 3.1, 3.7
4	1.1, 1.5, 2.1, 2.6, 3.1, 3.7
5	1.3, 1.5, 2.6, 3.4, 3.7