

CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2014

Scores and ranks 175 countries and territories from around the world on the perceived level of corruption in the public sector.



THE CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX IS:

A global (175 countries/territories) aggregate Index (up to 12 different data sources) capturing perceptions (experts/business people) of corruption (abuse of power for private gain) in the public sector (public officials and institutions)



THE METHON

STEP 1 – Select data sources

STEP 2 – Rescale data sources

STEP 3 – Calculate the average

STEP 4 – Report uncertainty

0 - 0.9 No Date

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What makes a valid data source:

- A) Measures perceptions of corruption in the public sector
- **B)** Reliable data from a credible institution
- C) Cross-country comparability
- D) Quantitative granularity
- E) Comparison over time

STEP 2 – RESCALE DATA SOURCES



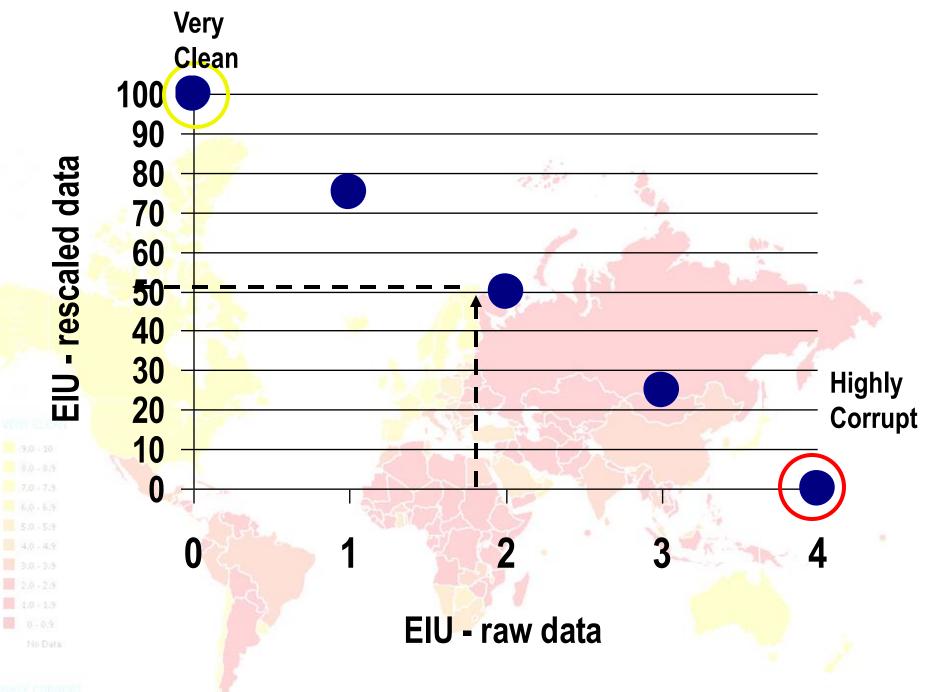
A) Reverse your data (if necessary)

- Low number = Highly corrupt
- High number = Very clean



Standardise data to CPI scale (0-100)

- Set average equal to 50
- Fix the spread of data to have a max 100, min 0



STEP 3 – CALCULATE THE AVERAGE



At least three scores for each country

Simple average of scores



Each source counts equally (no weighting)

Country X	Score
World Bank	61
Bertelsmann Foundation	63
World Justice Project	61
Transparency International (BPI)	65
World Economic Forum	65



Country X score = (61+63+61+65+65)/5 = 63

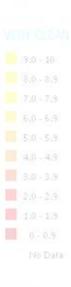


To capture the uncertainty in the score

- Calculate a measure for the spread of the source data
- Report the standard error
 - Calculate a 90% confidence interval

NB: This does NOT capture the uncertainty in the underlying perceptions data

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Country X st.error

 $\frac{\sqrt{\text{var}(61,63,61,65,65)}}{\sqrt{5}}$

90% Confidence interval = 61 (lower bound) 65 (upper bound)

ITERPRETING THE RESULTS



Score:

On a scale of 0 – 100, where 0 means highly corrupt and 100 means very clean.

Allows for comparison with 2013 scores: The CPI scores from 2014 can be compared with the CPI 2013 scores and changes in scores can be interpreted appropriately.

Rank:

Out of the 175 countries globally, a change in rank could be due to: a)Change in CPI score for the country between 2013 and 2014 b)Change in scores of other countries included in the CPI

ITERPRETING THE RESULTS



Uncertainty:

Number of sources: Between 3 (minimum) and 12 (total number of sources)

min/max: Captures the range of scores given to that country from all data sources

Standard error: Calculation of the distribution of the source data, taking into account both the range in values of each source and also the number of sources available for that country

90% confidence interval: Captures the uncertainty in the CPI score, by providing a range of scores that we have 90% confidence the CPI score falls between