

Rule of Law

Rule of law captures perceptions of the extent to which agents have confidence in and abide by the rules of society, and in particular the quality of contract enforcement, property rights, the police, and the courts, as well as the likelihood of crime and violence. This table lists the individual variables from each data source used to construct this measure in the Worldwide Governance Indicators

Code

Concept Measured

Representative Sources

EIU	Violent crime
	Organized crime
	Fairness of judicial process
	Enforceability of contracts
	Speediness of judicial process
	Confiscation/expropriation
	Intellectual property rights protection
GCS	Private property protection
	Business Cost of Crime and Violence
	Cost of Organized Crime
	Reliability of Police Services
	Judicial Independence
	Efficiency of Legal Framework for Challenging Regulations
	IPR protection
GWP	Property Rights
	Informal Sector
	Confidence in the police force
	Confidence in judicial system
	Have you had money property stolen from you or another household member?
	Have you been assaulted or mugged?
	Property Rights
HER	Degree of security of goods and persons
	by criminal organizations (drug trafficking, weapons, prostitution...)
	Degree of judicial independence vis-à-vis the State
	Degree of enforcement of court orders
	Timeliness of judicial decisions
	Equal treatment of foreigners before the law (compared to nationals)
	Practical ability of the administration to limit tax evasion
IPD	Efficiency of the legal means to protect property rights in the event of conflict between private stakeholders?
	Generally speaking, does the State exercise arbitrary pressure on private property (e.g. red tape...)?
	Does the State pay compensation equal to the loss in cases of expropriation (by law or fact) when the expropriation concerns land ownership?
	Does the State pay compensation equal to the loss in cases of expropriation (by law or fact) when the expropriation concerns production means?
	Degree of observance of contractual terms between national private stakeholders
	Degree of observance of contractual terms between national and foreign private stakeholders
	In the past 3 years, has the State withdrawn from contracts without paying the corresponding compensation... vis-à-vis national stakeholders?
PRS	In the past 3 years, has the State withdrawn from contracts without paying the corresponding compensation... vis-à-vis foreign stakeholders?
	Respect for intellectual property rights relating to... trade secrets and industrial patents
	Respect for intellectual property rights relating to... industrial counterfeiting
	Does the State recognize formally the diversity of land tenure system?
	Law and Order

TPR	Trafficking in People
VDM	Liberal component index (measuring rule of law, judicial independence, checks and balances)
WMO	<p><i>Expropriation.</i> The risk that the state or other sovereign political authority will deprive, expropriate, nationalise, or confiscate the assets of private businesses, whether domestic or foreign.</p> <p><i>State contract alteration.</i> The risk that a government or state body alters the terms of, cancels outright, or frustrates (usually through delay) contracts it has with private parties without due process.</p> <p><i>Contract enforcement.</i> The risk that the judicial system will not enforce contractual agreements between private-sector entities, whether domestic or foreign, due to inefficiency, corruption, bias, or an inability to enforce rulings promptly and firmly.</p>

Non-representative Sources

ADB	Property rights and rule based governance
AFR	<p>Over the past year, how often have you or anyone in your family feared crime in your own home?</p> <p>Over the past year, how often have you or anyone in your family had something stolen from your house?</p> <p>Over the past year, how often have you or anyone in your family been physically attacked?</p> <p>How much do you trust the courts of law?</p> <p>Trust in police</p>
ASD	Property rights and rule based governance
BPS	<p>How often is following characteristic associated with the court system: Fair and honest?</p> <p>How often is following characteristic associated with the court system: Enforceable?</p> <p>How often is following characteristic associated with the court system: Quick?</p> <p>How problematic is crime for the growth of your business?</p> <p>How problematic is judiciary for the growth of your business?</p>
BTI	<p>Separation of powers</p> <p>Independent Judiciary</p> <p>Civil rights</p>
CCR	Rule of Law
FRH	Judicial framework and independence (FNT)
GII	<p>Public Management</p> <p>Rights</p> <p>Gender</p>
IFD	<p>Access to land</p> <p>Access to water for agriculture</p>
LBO	<p>Trust in Judiciary</p> <p>Trust in Police</p> <p>Have you been a victim of crime?</p>
PIA	Property rights and rule based governance
VAB	<p>Trust in supreme court</p> <p>Trust in justice system</p> <p>Trust in police</p> <p>Have you been a victim of crime?</p>
WCY	<p>Tax evasion is a common practice in your country</p> <p>Justice is not fairly administered in society</p> <p>Personal security and private property are not adequately protected</p> <p>Parallel economy impairs economic development in your country</p> <p>Patent and copyright protection is not adequately enforced in your country</p>
WJP	<p>Factor 3.1: Crime is effectively controlled (Order and Security)</p> <p>Factor 7: Civil Justice</p> <p>Factor 8: Criminal Justice</p>

Code	Data Source Name
ADB	African Development Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments
AFR	Afrobarometer
ASD	Asian Development Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments
BPS	Business Enterprise Environment Survey
BTI	Bertelsmann Transformation Index
CCR	Freedom House Countries at the Crossroads
EBR	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Transition Report
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit Riskwire & Democracy Index
FRH	Freedom House
GCB	Transparency International Global Corruption Barometer Survey

GCS	World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report
GII	Global Integrity Index
GWP	Gallup World Poll
HER	Heritage Foundation Index of Economic Freedom
HUM	Cingranelli Richards Human Rights Database and Political Terror Scale
IFD	IFAD Rural Sector Performance Assessments
IJT	iJET Country Security Risk Ratings
IPD	Institutional Profiles Database
IRP	IREEP African Electoral Index
LBO	Latinobarometro
MSI	International Research and Exchanges Board Media Sustainability Index
OBI	International Budget Project Open Budget Index
PIA	World Bank Country Policy and Institutional Assessments
PRC	Political Economic Risk Consultancy Corruption in Asia Survey
PRS	Political Risk Services International Country Risk Guide
RSF	Reporters Without Borders Press Freedom Index
TPR	US State Department Trafficking in People report
VAB	Vanderbilt University Americas Barometer
VDM	Varieties of Democracy Project
WCY	Institute for Management and Development World Competitiveness Yearbook
WJP	World Justice Project Rule of Law Index
WMO	Global Insight Business Conditions and Risk Indicators