Since its inception in 1995, the Corruption Perceptions Index, Transparency International's flagship publication, is the leading global indicator of public sector corruption. The index offers an annual snapshot of perceived public sector corruption by ranking countries from all over the globe.

No country earns a perfect score since 2012:

- Political Integrity

Recommendations to stop corruption:

- Keeping big money out of politics is essential to ensure political decision-making serves the public interest and curb opportunities for corrupt deals.
- Greater transparency of campaign donations is associated with lower levels of corruption.
- Broad consultation in political decision-making is associated with lower levels of corruption.

What you can do:

- Read the full report at transparency.org/cpi2019
- Speak out on social media
- Contact your local chapter to see how you can help

The CPI scores 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption, according to experts and businesspeople. Countries that perform well on the CPI have strong enforcement of campaign finance regulations. Countries that perform well on the CPI have broader consultation in policy decisions.

The CPI uses a scale from 0 to 100:

- 100 is very clean and 0 is highly corrupt.

A majority of countries are showing little to no improvement in tackling corruption. Our analysis suggests that reducing big money in politics and promoting inclusive political decision-making are essential to curbing corruption.

The average regional score since 2018:

- Highest scoring region: 66/100 - Western Europe & European Union
- Lowest scoring region: 32/100 - Sub-Saharan Africa

180 countries scored:

- CPI 2019
- Varieties of Democracy (V-DEM) 2019

Greater transparency of campaign donations is associated with lower levels of corruption. Each dot represents a country's CPI 2019 score and the circles represent the average CPI score as compared to the strength of enforcement.

Broad consultation in political decision-making is associated with lower levels of corruption. Each dot represents a country's CPI 2019 score and the circles represent the average CPI score as compared to the extent of consultation.

Recommendations to stop corruption:

- Manage conflicts of interest
- Regulate lobbying activities
- Reinforce checks and balances
- Control political financing
- Tackle preferential treatment
- Strengthen electoral integrity
- Empower citizens

COUNTRIES IMPROVED:

- Greece
- Canada
- Guyana
- Estonia
- Australia

COUNTRIES DECLINED:

- Including:
  - Canada
  - Guyana
  - Estonia
  - Australia

The remaining countries made little or no progress in the fight against corruption in recent years.