

Cyprus drops 1 place in Corruption Perception Index

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In the 2010 survey of Transparency International, Cyprus ranked 28th, a decrease of 1 position from last year's survey and its score dropped from 6.6 in 2009 to 6.3.

The annual Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), first released in 1995, is the best known of TI tools which has been widely credited with putting TI and the issue of corruption on the international policy agenda.

The 2010 CP index shows that nearly three quarters of the 178 countries in the index score below five, on a scale from 10 (very clean) to 0 (highly corrupt). According to TI, these results indicate a serious corruption problem.

Cyprus ranking since 2003

Year	Rank	CPI Scores
2003	27	6.1
2004	36	5.4
2005	37	5.7
2006	37	5.6
2007	39	5.3
2008	31	6.4
2009	27	6.6
2010	28	6.3

What is corruption perception index?

TI defines corruption as the abuse of entrusted power for private gain. This definition encompasses corrupt practices in both the public and private sectors. The CPI ranks countries according to perception of corruption in the public sector. It is an aggregate indicator that combines different sources of information about corruption, making it possible to compare countries.

The 2010 CPI draws on different assessments and business opinion surveys carried out by independent and reputable institutions. It captures information about the administrative and political aspects of corruption. Broadly speaking, the surveys and assessments used to compile the index include questions relating to bribery of public officials, kickbacks in public procurement, embezzlement of public funds, and questions that probe the strength and effectiveness of public sector anti-corruption efforts.

How should the CPI scores be interpreted?

The 2010 CPI measures the degree to which public sector corruption is perceived to exist in 178 countries and its results are drawn from 13 surveys and assessments published between January 2009 and September 2010.

While ranking countries enables TI to build an index, a country's score is a much more important indication of the perceived level of corruption in a country. A country's rank can change simply because new countries enter the index or others drop out.

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2010 TI Corruption Perceptions Index

Rank	Country/Territory	CPI Score
1	Denmark	9.3
1	New Zealand	9.3
1	Singapore	9.3
4	Finland	9.2
4	Sweden	9.2
6	Canada	8.9
7	Netherlands	8.8
8	Australia	8.7
8	Switzerland	8.7
10	Norway	8.6
11	Iceland	8.5
11	Luxembourg	8.5
13	Hong Kong	8.4
14	Ireland	8.0
15	Austria	7.9
15	Germany	7.9
17	Barbados	7.8
17	Japan	7.8
19	Qatar	7.7
20	United Kingdom	7.6
21	Chile	7.2
22	Belgium	7.1
22	United States	7.1
24	Uruguay	6.9
25	France	6.8
26	Estonia	6.5
27	Slovenia	6.4
28	Cyprus	6.3
28	United Arab Emirates	6.3
30	Israel	6.1
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78	China	3.5
78	Colombia	3.5
78	Greece	3.5
78	Lesotho	3.5
78	Peru	3.5
78	Serbia	3.5
78	Thailand	3.5
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175	Iraq	1.5
176	Afghanistan	1.4
176	Myanmar	1.4
178	Somalia	1.1

Source: Transparency International