

WGI 2026 Reproducibility Package
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Purpose

This reproducibility package provides all scripts and structured input data used to produce the **WGI 2026 aggregate governance indicators**. These indicators cover six core dimensions:

- Voice and Accountability (VA)
- Political Stability (PV)
- Government Effectiveness (GE)
- Regulatory Quality (RQ)
- Rule of Law (RL)
- Control of Corruption (CC)

The aggregate governance indicators are computed from 35 individual data sources using an **Unobserved Components Model (UCM)** that adjusts for measurement error and weights input data sources based on their precision.

1. Contents

This reproducibility package includes the following files and folders:

File/Folder	Estimated Runtime	Description
0. WGI_Master.do		Master script to run full pipeline (from raw source data to final outputs)
1. Reshape_data.do	3 minutes	Imports and reshapes all source data (barometer + non-barometer)
2. Append.do	5 seconds	Appends reshaped source files into a single long-format dataset
3. Normalize and average.do	5 seconds	Normalizes indicator values and computes dimension-level means
4. Lag and reshape.do	5 seconds	Creates lagged series and reshapes (into a wide-format) by source x dimension
5. UCM.do	30 seconds	Estimates indicators using Unobserved Components Model
6. Output_exporter.do	3 minutes	Exports clean outputs in .xlsx and .dta formats
Programs/		Utility scripts to handle survey-specific reshaping
1. input/		Processed input data including averaged commercial values
2. output/		All intermediate and final output datasets

All the .do files can run independently from one other. The input file for a .do file is specified at the top, and is produced by the preceding .do file according to the above ordering. In the sixth, and final .do file, intermediary data sets are removed. If you wish to run a file after this cleaning, you will have to rerun all files up to this point.

2. Outputs Datasets

a) **wgidataset_with_sourcedata.dta / .xlsx**

Final dataset of WGI indicators in long format. Includes:

- `codeindyr`: Unique ID (economy + indicator + year)
- `econ_code`, `econ_name`: Economy identifiers. 3-letter economy identifier (ISO code), and the full economy name.
- `region`, `income_class`: Regional and income [classifications](#).
- `wgi_year`: Edition of the WGI.
- `dimension`: One of va, pv, ge, rq, rl, cc
- `estimate`: Governance estimate (approx. -2.5 to +2.5)
- `estimate_se`: Standard errors of the estimates
- `estimatelower`, `estimateupper`: 90% confidence bounds on the estimate
- `nsource`: Number of sources used in estimation
- `score`, `scorelower`, `scoreupper`: Absolute score of governance (0-100) and 90% confidence bounds
- `score_se`: Standard errors on the governance scores
- `adb`, `afr`, `arb`, ... , `wmo`: A total of 35 variables with normalized (0-1) and averaged data at the source-dimension level, which are used as inputs for the aggregation model—the UCM.

The Excel output is divided into 6 sheets (va, pv, ge, rq, rl, cc), each of which, only contains scores and data corresponding to that dimension of governance.

b) **wgiparameterestimates.dta / wgiparameterestimates.xlsx**

Long-format dataset of Unobserved Components Model (UCM) parameter estimates by source, and indicator. Includes:

- `srcdmns`: Unique ID (source + dimension)
- `dimension`: WGI dimension code (va, pv, ge, rq, rl, cc)
- `source`: 3-letter code for the data source (e.g., adb, afr, ... , wmo)
- `alpha`: Estimate of alpha (α)
- `beta`: Estimate of beta (β)
- `sigma`: Estimate of sigma (σ)
- `weight`: Average weight (w)

The Excel output is divided into 6 sheets (va, pv, ge, rq, rl, cc), each of which, only contains estimates corresponding to that dimension of governance.

c) **all_inputs_long.dta/ all_inputs_long.xlsx**

Long-format dataset of all the raw indicators used in the WGI with their original scales. For commercial sources, the data is averaged at the dimension level.

Includes:

- o DataSourceCode: 3-letter code for the data source (e.g., adb, afr, ... , wmo)
- o Organization: Name of the organization producing the underlying source dataset
- o DataSource: Name of the underlying source dataset
- o indicator: Name of the question/indicator from the underlying source dataset
- o econ_code, econ_name: Economy identifiers. 3-letter economy identifier (ISO code), and the full economy name.
- o region, income_class: Regional and income [classifications](#).
- o production_year: Year in which the question/indicator was produced
- o wgi_dimension: Mapping of the question/indicator to one or more of va, pv, ge, rq, rl, cc
- o value: The raw question/indicator data in the year of production for that economy
- o minimum, maximum: The minimum (maximum) attainable value for that question/indicator in that year of production
- o orientation: It is equal to one (zero) when higher (lower) values correspond to better governance

Note that the econ_code variable for the WGI has been updated to reflect the latest ISO code. The 2024 and previous releases of the WGI used slightly different economy identifiers. You can match the old and new codes with the input file `countrycodes.dta`

3. How to Replicate the Governance Measures

To replicate the governance measures:

1. Open 0. WGI_Master.do in Stata 17 or later.
2. Update the global path in the script to match your file location:
3. If you have access to commercial sources (e.g., EIU, PRS), in the master .do file, set:

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global run_raw_data 1
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4. Run the master script. Final output files will be saved in the 2. output/ folder as .dta and .xlsx.

4. Data Availability Statement

The 2026 WGI incorporates data from 35 separate sources. Data for all of these sources was obtained between May and August 2026. Of these, a majority are publicly and freely available, and their underlying data are included in this package. For each source, we provide Excel files

containing the subset of data used in the WGI, documenting the corresponding governance dimension, the minimum, maximum, and orientation of each variable. The data are separated into worksheets corresponding to the edition(s) of WGI for which the data is used.

The remaining 5 data sources used in the Worldwide Governance Indicators (WGI) are provided under license or other data access agreements with third-party organizations—the Economist Intelligence Unit, Gallup World Poll, The PRS Group, S&P Global, and the World Economic Forum. To support transparency, the World Bank publishes only standardized, rescaled values derived from these sources. These published values are not the original data supplied by these third-party providers, do not disclose the underlying proprietary data, and do not make such data publicly available.

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The table below provides detailed documentation for each of the 35 data sources.

#	WGI Code	Organization	Data Source	Economy Coverage	Frequency	Type	Methodology
1	ADB	African Development Bank (AfDB)	Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA)	40 client countries eligible for concessional finance	Every 2 years (annual 2004–2015); in WGI since 2004	Expert Assessment (International Organization)	The AfDB CPIA is a biennial diagnostic assessing 54 African countries on 18 criteria grouped into five clusters: economic management, structural policies, social inclusion, governance, and infrastructure/regional integration. The assessments are provided by AfDB country economists and validation by technical panels; the institution is headquartered in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. For more information on methodology, see here .
2	AFR	Afrobarometer	Afrobarometer Surveys	42 African economies	Every 2–3 years; in WGI since 2002	Household Surveys (NGO)	Afrobarometer conducts face-to-face interviews with nationally representative samples across 30+ African countries. Using multistage stratified probability sampling, interviews are carried out in local languages via tablets. Training, field supervision, and data checks are applied to ensure quality. Afrobarometer is a survey research network headquartered in Ghana. It works with 39 national partners for data collection and dissemination, coordinated regionally by CDD-Ghana, the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (South Africa), and the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Nairobi. For more information on methodology, see here .
3	ARB	Arab Barometer	Arab Barometer Surveys	16 Middle East and North African economies	Every 2–3 years; in WGI since 2006	Household Surveys (NGO)	Arab Barometer conducts nationally representative surveys of adults in MENA using probability-based, multistage stratified sampling by region and settlement type. Interviews are primarily face-to-face via CAPI, with fieldwork supervision, back-checks, and post-fieldwork validation to ensure data quality. Arab Barometer is a survey network partnered with Princeton University, University of Michigan, the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, the Center for Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan, One to One for Research and Polling, and the Middle East Council on Global Affairs. For more information on methodology, see here .

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4	ASB	Asian Barometer	Asian Barometer Surveys	16 Asian and Pacific economies	Every 3–5 years; in WGI since 2001	Household Surveys (NGO)	The Asian Barometer conducts nationally representative probability samples, stratified to cover rural and minority populations. Surveys use standardized questionnaires, face-to-face interviews in local languages, and interviewer training. Field supervision, translation checks, and post-survey validation are applied to ensure quality. Asian Barometer is a regional survey network with collaborating academic institutions across East and Southeast Asia, including Australia, Hong Kong SAR (China), India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Taiwan (China), Thailand, Vietnam, and South Asia. For more information on methodology, see here .
5	ASD	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Country Performance Assessment (CPA)	34 client economies eligible for concessional finance	Every 2 years (annual 2005–2016); in WGI since 2005	Expert Assessment (International Organization)	The ADB's CPA evaluates concessional-eligible countries on 16 indicators grouped into four areas: economic management, structural policies, social inclusion/equity, and public sector management. The scores are assigned by ADB's country economists and validation by technical panels; the institution is headquartered in Manila, Philippines. For more information on methodology, see here .
6	BPS	World Bank Group; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	Business Environment and Enterprise Performance Survey (BEEPS)	30 transition economies in Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Every 3–4 years; in WGI 2000–2013	Firm Surveys (International Organization)	The BEEPS is a firm-level survey conducted through face-to-face interviews with business managers. It samples private sector firms to capture perceptions of the business environment, including finance, corruption, infrastructure, crime, competition, and firm performance. The survey is part of the World Bank Group's Enterprise Surveys project, implemented by the World Bank Group headquartered in Washington, DC and by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development headquartered in London. For more information on methodology, see here .

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7	BTI	Bertelsmann Foundation	Bertelsmann Transformation Index	137 economies, global sample	Every 2 years; in WGI since 2002	Expert Assessment (NGO)	The BTI evaluates whether and how developing countries transform their political systems and economic governance. Partnering with 250 experts worldwide (academia, CSOs), country experts assess standardized criteria using a detailed codebook, with each report reviewed by a second expert. Regional and interregional calibration ensures consistency across countries. Bertelsmann Stiftung is an independent foundation, based in Gütersloh, Germany. For more information on methodology, see here .
8	CCR	Freedom House	Countries at the Crossroads	69 economies, rotating sample	Annual; in WGI 2004–2011	Expert Assessment (NGO)	Countries at the Crossroads evaluated government accountability, civil liberties, rule of law, and anticorruption. Expert-authored reports used a standardized 0–7 scoring framework, with centralized review to ensure consistency. All reports and methodological materials are publicly archived. Freedom House is a nonprofit research institute based in Washington, DC. For more information on methodology archive, see here .
9	EBR	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	Transition Indicators	36 economies in Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Annual; in WGI 1996–2014	Expert Assessment (International Organization)	EBRD Transition Indicators (established in 1994) measure progress in market-oriented reforms across sectors in client economies. Country economists assign annual scores from 1 (least progress) to 4+ (most progress) using a structured methodology covering areas such as privatization, market liberalization, and enterprise restructuring. The EBRD is an international financial institution headquartered in London. For more information on methodology archive, see here .

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10	EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit	Operational Risk Service; Democracy Index	Operational Risk Service: 180 economies, global sample; Democracy Index: 167 economies, global sample	Operational Risk Service: Monthly, in WGI since 1996; Democracy Index: Annual, in WGI since 2006	Expert Assessment (Commercial Data Provider)	Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) measures political, economic, and operational risks (Operational Risk Service) and democratic institutions (Democracy Index). Scores are produced annually by EIU staff in regional offices using structured checklists and centralized review. Operational Risk Service data are commercially available, while the Democracy Index is publicly accessible with full documentation . The EIU is the research and analysis division of the Economist Group, with main offices in London, New York City, Hong Kong SAR (China), and Dubai.
11	EQI	Quality of Government Institute, University of Gothenburg	European Quality of Government Index	28 European economies	Every 3 years; in WGI since 2010	Household Surveys (NGO)	European Quality of Government Index (EQI) is based on large-scale citizen surveys assessing perceptions and experiences of public sector corruption, impartiality, and service quality. Conducted at the NUTS 1 or NUTS 2 regional level, the EQI enables both cross-country and within-country comparisons of governance across Europe. The Quality of Government Institute is an independent research institute affiliated with the University of Gothenburg. For more information on methodology, see here .
12	EUB	European Union	Eurobarometer	40 EU member states and neighboring countries	Twice a year; in WGI since 1999	Household Surveys (International Organization)	Eurobarometer monitors public opinion on EU institutions, policies, and socio-political issues. Conducted every two years, it uses random national samples through face-to-face, telephone, or online interviews. Samples are weighted for demographic and geographic representativeness, with results published by country and for the EU average. Eurobarometer is the flagship public opinion survey of the European Commission, headquartered in Brussels. For more information on methodology, see here .

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13	FRH	Freedom House	Freedom in the World ; Freedom of the Net ; Nations in Transit ; Freedom of the Press	Freedom in the World: 197 economies, global sample; Freedom of the Net: 72 economies, global sample; Nations in Transit: 29 transition economies across ECA; Freedom of the Press: 197 economies, global sample	Freedom in the World: Annual, in WGI since 1996; Freedom of the Net: Annual, in WGI since 2019; Nations in Transit: in WGI 1996-2024; Freedom of the Press: in WGI 1996-2016	Expert Assessment (NGO)	Freedom House Indices include Freedom in the World (political rights and civil liberties), Freedom of the Net (internet freedom), Nations in Transit (democracy in transition countries), and Freedom of the Press (media freedom). Expert assessments draw on standardized checklists with centralized review. Freedom House is a nonprofit research institute based in Washington, DC. Methodologies and scoring criteria are publicly documented. For more information on methodologies, see sources here , here , here , and here .
14	GCB	Transparency International	Global Corruption Barometer	159 economies, rotating samples by region	Every 1–3 years ; in WGI since 2003	Household Surveys (NGO)	Global Corruption Barometer (GCB) measures citizens' views on the prevalence of corruption across public institutions. It uses nationally representative surveys conducted in regional rollouts. Interviews are typically face-to-face, with telephone or pen-and-paper modes used in some economies. Fieldwork is carried out in-country by market research companies. Transparency International is a nonprofit NGO headquartered in Berlin. For more information on methodology, see here .

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15	GCS	World Economic Forum	Executive Opinion Survey	154 economies, global sample	Annual; in WGI since 1996	Firm Surveys (NGO)	Executive Opinion Survey is conducted online with senior managers. In-country partners—universities, research organizations, and business associations—develop sampling frames and contact a representative sample of executives. Respondents provide views on the business environment, private- and public-sector capacity, industrial policy, and related topics. All survey data undergo validation to ensure respondent seniority, completeness, and removal of irregularities. The World Economic Forum, which administers the survey, is headquartered in Cologne, Switzerland. For more information on methodology, see here .
16	GII	African Institute for Development Policy	Africa Integrity Indicators (previously, during 2006-2012, Global Integrity Index)	54 African economies, (although previously, it covered countries outside of Africa, and the cumulative coverage is 123 economies)	Annual; in WGI since 2006	Expert Assessment (NGO)	African Integrity Indicators measure governance across African countries in collaboration with the Mo Ibrahim Foundation. Data sources include legal and scholarly reviews and interviews with experts. Indicators are scored by in-country researchers using an evidence-based investigation methodology. All scores undergo blind review by a panel of peer reviewers, drawing on country-specific and thematic expertise. The African Institute for Development Policy is an African-led, nonprofit research policy institute with offices in Lilongwe, Malawi, and Nairobi, Kenya. For more information on methodology, see here .
17	GW P	Gallup	Gallup World Poll	165 economies, global sample	Annual; in WGI since 2006	Household Surveys (Commercial Data Provider)	Gallup World Poll tracks global attitudes and behaviors across a wide range of topics. It conducts nationally representative surveys of individuals aged 15+ using probability-based, multistage sampling. Interviews are administered by telephone in developed countries and face-to-face in developing countries. Gallup is a private, employee-owned analytics company headquartered in

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							Washington, DC. For more information on methodology, see here .
18	HER	Heritage Foundation	Index of Economic Freedom	185 economies, global sample	Annual; in WGI since 1996	Expert Assessment (NGO)	Index of Economic Freedom measures economic freedom across four dimensions: rule of law, government size, regulatory efficiency, and market openness. WGI draws on two subcomponents of market openness: Investment Freedom and Financial Freedom. Annual scores (0–100) are produced by the Heritage Foundation based on qualitative assessments and are publicly available. The public policy think tank is headquartered in Washington, DC. For more information on methodology, see here .
19	HRM	Human Rights Measurement Initiative	Rights Tracker	51 economies	Annual; in WGI since 2017	Expert Assessment (NGO)	Rights Tracker measures government respect for eight civil and political rights. A questionnaire is administered to a global network of human rights practitioners who directly monitor country conditions. A Bayesian variant of the common factor model is used to convert responses into a comparable metric, placing each country on a common scale. The Human Rights Measurement Initiative is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Wellington, New Zealand. For more information on methodology, see here .
20	HUM	University of North Carolina-Asheville	Political Terror Scale (previously, CIRI Human Rights Data)	198 economies, global sample	Annual; in WGI since 1996 (PTS); 1996–2013 (CIRI)	Expert Assessment (NGO)	The Political Terror Scale (PTS) measures state-sponsored political violence—such as imprisonment, torture, and extrajudicial killings—based on expert coding of countries on a 5-point scale. The CIRI dataset (1996–2013) covered a broader set of human rights indicators but was discontinued after 2014. The PTS index is currently managed by researchers at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, a public liberal arts institution. For more information on methodology, see here and here .

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21	IFD	International Fund for Agricultural Development	Rural Sector Performance Assessment (RSPA)	71 client economies eligible for concessional finance (cumulative coverage is 137 economies)	Every 3 years (annual 2004–2015); in WGI since 2004	Expert Assessment (International Organization)	RSPA measures rural transformation policies and institutions across six clusters, totaling 19 questions. Each question draws on qualitative and quantitative indicators: quantitative indicators assess the performance of country policies, while qualitative indicators assess the presence of an effective policy framework. Scores range from 1 to 6 and are relative to the scores of other countries in the assessment. The International Fund for Agricultural Development, an international financial institution, is headquartered in Rome. For more information on methodology, see here .
22	IJT	Crisis24	Country Security Assessment Ratings	211 economies, global sample	Annual (with real-time updates); in WGI since 2004	Expert Assessment (Commercial Data Provider)	Crisis24 Security Risk Assessment provides expert evaluations of security risks faced by international travelers and businesses. A global team of 200+ analysts uses open-source intelligence to identify, monitor, and quantify risks and geopolitical developments. Data are commercially available, and WGI uses the December scores. Crisis24 is a travel risk management company headquartered in Quebec, Canada. For more information on methodology, see here .
23	IRP	Ghana Center for Democratic Development	African Electoral Integrity Index	54 African economies	Every 2 years (annual until 2020); in WGI since 2000	Expert Assessment (NGO)	African Electoral Integrity Index measures two dimensions of electoral integrity: (a) free and fair executive elections and (b) opposition participation in executive elections. Experts score nine indicators using a structured methodology. The nonprofit think tank is based in Accra, Ghana. For more information on methodology, see here .
24	LBO	Latinobarómetro	Latinobarómetro Survey	18 Latin American economies	Every 1–3 years (annual until 2018); in	Household Surveys (NGO)	Latinobarómetro monitors public opinion on institutions, policies, and socio-political issues across Latin America. It conducts nationally representative surveys of adults using probability-based, multistage sampling, with interviews conducted primarily face-to-face. Fieldwork is

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					WGI since 1996		carried out by local market research companies. The project is governed by a private, nonprofit NGO based in Santiago, Chile, supported by an international advisory council. For more information on methodology, see here .
25	MSI	International Research and Exchanges Board	Vibrant Information Barometer (previously, during 2000-2019, Media Sustainability Index)	82 economies	Every 2 years (annual until 2019); in WGI 2000–2024	Expert Assessment (NGO)	Vibrant Information Barometer (VIBE) tracks how information is produced, distributed, consumed, and used. It measures four principles of information vibrancy: quality, channels of information flow, consumption, and the way information shapes behavior. In-country experts from media, NGOs, and academia score 20 indicators and provide supporting evidence. Based on panel discussions, a strength-of-evidence score is assigned to each indicator. Management conducts central review of scores and evidence to ensure cross-country consistency. The nonprofit is headquartered in Washington, DC. For more information on methodology, see here .
26	OBI	International Budget Partnership	Open Budget Survey	125 economies, global sample	Every 2 years (every 3 years 2012–2015); in WGI since 2005	Expert Assessment (NGO)	Open Budget Survey measures transparency and accountability in government budgeting. In-country budget experts—across civil society organizations and academia—score 145 questions, typically on a 5-point scale, covering citizen participation, oversight institutions, and budget transparency. Assessments use standardized questionnaires and are supported by evidence such as budget documents, laws, and interviews with officials. A centralized review validates results and cross-checks them against fiscal transparency reports from the IMF, World Bank Group, and OECD. Data and methodology are publicly available, and governments are invited to comment on draft findings. The nonprofit International Budget Partnership is headquartered in Washington, DC, with offices in Dakar,

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							Cape Town, and Amsterdam. For more information on methodology, see here .
27	PIA	World Bank Group	Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA)	87 client economies eligible for concessional finance	Annual; in WGI since 2005	Expert Assessment (International Organization)	World Bank Group CPIA evaluates IDA-eligible countries on 16 criteria grouped into four areas: economic management, structural policies, social inclusion/equity, and public sector management. Using structured questionnaires and scoring criteria, scores are assigned by World Bank Group country economists and undergo centralized review. The CPIA measures the quality of policy and institutional frameworks for concessional lending allocation. Data are publicly available only for IDA-eligible and blend countries. The World Bank Group is headquartered in Washington, DC. For more information on methodology, see here .
28	PRS	The PRS Group	International Country Risk Guide	141 economies, global sample	Annual (with monthly updates); in WGI since 1996	Expert Assessment (Commercial Data Provider)	International Country Risk Guide (ICRG) has measured geopolitical and business risks facing firms for over 40 years. Its political risk index consists of 12 components. Data are gathered by a global roster of country and political risk experts and scored monthly by the PRS Group analysts using a structured methodology and centralized review. The full dataset is commercially available. The data analytics firm is headquartered in Liverpool, NY, United States. For more information on methodology, see here .
29	RSF	Reporters Without Borders	World Press Freedom Index	179 economies, global sample	Annual; in WGI since 2002	Expert Assessment (NGO)	World Press Freedom Index measures the level of press freedom and restrictions on journalists and media across countries. Experts—including journalists, academics, and human rights specialists—answer 123 questions across five categories: political, legal, economic, sociocultural, and safety. Each category receives a 0–100 score, contributing equally to the overall index. Methodology and full data are publicly available. The nonprofit is

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							headquartered in Paris with seven offices worldwide. For more information on methodology, see here .
30	VAB	Center for Global Democracy, Vanderbilt University	Americas Barometer	34 economies in the Americas	Every 2 years; in WGI since 2004	Household Surveys (NGO)	Americas Barometer monitors public opinion on democracy and governance across the Americas. It conducts nationally representative surveys of voting-age adults using national probability samples. Interviews are conducted face-to-face except in the United States and Canada, where web-based interviewing is used. Surveys are implemented by in-country survey organizations, and the project is governed by a social science institute housed at a university in Nashville, TN, United States, which maintains quality control procedures throughout fieldwork, including real-time monitoring. Record-level data, questionnaires, and documentation are publicly available. For more information on methodology, see here .
31	VDM	Varieties of Democracy Institute	Varieties of Democracy	176 economies, global sample	Annual; in WGI since 1996	Expert Assessment (NGO)	Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) measures seven principles underlying democracy and includes 367 indicators consisting of both factual and perception-based measures. Experts—mostly academics and in-country nationals—score questionnaires using anchoring vignettes, and approximately 350 lateral coders score multiple countries simultaneously to strengthen cross-country comparability. Bayesian item response theory (IRT) models are used to aggregate individual assessments. The independent research institute is housed at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Full methodology, codebook, and data are publicly available. For more information on methodology, see here .

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32	WBS	World Bank Group	Enterprise Surveys	104 economies (first and second rounds associated with World Bank Group's Business Ready project)	Every 3 years (rotating cycle); in WGI since 2023	Firm Surveys (International Organization)	Enterprise Surveys are firm-level surveys conducted through face-to-face interviews with business owners and managers. Using stratified random sampling, private sector firms provide perceptions of the business environment, including access to finance, corruption, infrastructure, crime, competition, and firm performance. Surveys are implemented on a three-year rotating cycle across roughly 165 countries. The Enterprise Surveys are part of the World Bank Group's project headquartered in Washington, DC. Full questionnaires, sampling methodology, and record-level data are publicly available. For more information on methodology, see here .
33	WCY	Institute for Management Development	World Competitiveness Yearbook	72 economies	Annual; in WGI since 1996	Firm Surveys (NGO)	IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook (WCY) is based on third-party indicators and an executive survey administered by IMD. The WGI uses only the survey component, conducted online with more than 6,100 business executives. Questions address competitiveness issues related to regulatory and public sector conditions and are scored from 1 (most negative) to 6 (most positive). Average scores for each economy are converted to a 0–10 scale. IMD is headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland, with campuses in Singapore and Shenzhen, China. For more information on methodology, see here .
34	WJP	World Justice Project	Rule of Law Index	142 economies, global sample	Annual; in WGI since 2011	Expert Assessments; Household Surveys (NGO)	World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index measures rule of law using a hybrid of expert assessments and household surveys. Nationally representative household surveys—implemented by leading polling firms—capture public perceptions on interactions with government, public safety, and related topics, using face-to-face, telephone, or online interviewing depending on country context. Expert assessments draw on an average of 300+ in-country experts, typically from academia, law firms, or NGOs, who complete detailed questionnaires with

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							closed-ended questions and hypothetical vignettes to enhance comparability. The two data sources are codified, normalized, and combined into final scores. The nonprofit NGO is headquartered in Washington, DC, with offices in Singapore and Mexico City. For more information on methodology, see here .
35	WMO	S&P Global	Country Risk Scores	210 economies, global sample	Annual (with quarterly updates); in WGI since 2004	Expert Assessment (Commercial Data Provider)	S&P Country Risk Scores evaluate countries on sociopolitical stability, regulatory matters, and other emerging risks. Qualitative definitions and scoring bands guide assessments within each risk category. Economists and country risk analysts score risks based on expert judgment informed by economic models, open-source information, and structured intelligence gathered by in-country personnel. S&P Global is a publicly traded corporation headquartered in New York City, with offices worldwide. For more information on methodology, see here .

5. Contacts

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