

Table 6: Index of Economic Freedom, 2010: Top 10 Countries

Country	Overall	Government Spending	Fiscal Freedom	Property Rights	Business Freedom	Labor Freedom
Hong Kong	89.7	93.7	93.0	90.0	98.7	87.4
Singapore	86.1	95.3	90.7	90.0	98.2	98.9
Australia	82.6	64.9	61.4	90.0	90.3	94.9
New Zealand	82.1	51.3	63.6	95.0	99.9	88.8
Ireland	81.3	61.8	71.1	90.0	92.8	79.0
Switzerland	81.1	68.9	68.2	90.0	81.2	81.8
Canada	80.4	54.1	76.7	90.0	96.5	81.5
United States	78.0	58.0	67.5	85.0	91.3	94.8
Denmark	77.9	22.0	35.9	90.0	97.9	93.7
Chile	77.2	89.6	77.5	85.0	64.8	75.4

Source: Copyrighted data from The Heritage Foundation and *The Wall Street Journal*.

Note: Scores are based on a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 reflecting "an economic environment or set of policies that is most conducive to economic freedom." These are selected items from the index, which ranks 162 nations on the basis of 10 benchmarks of "liberty, prosperity, and economic freedom." The other benchmarks in the complete index are trade freedom, monetary freedom, financial freedom, investment freedom, and freedom from corruption.