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- The latest update of WWL Methodology together with various other background documents can be found on the [World Watch List Documentation](https://opendoorsanalytical.org/world-watch-list-documentation/)¹ page of the Open Doors Analytical website.
- WWL 2022 Full Country Dossiers giving in-depth information on the situation of Christians in the 76 countries listed are available on the Open Doors Analytical website page under the heading [Full country dossiers – Open Doors Analytical](http://opendoorsanalytical.org/country-dossiers/)².
- The definition of persecution used in WWL analysis is: “Any hostility experienced as a result of one’s identification with Christ. This can include hostile attitudes, words and actions towards Christians”. This broad definition includes (but is not limited to) restrictions, pressure, discrimination, opposition, disinformation, injustice, intimidation, mistreatment, marginalization, oppression, intolerance, infringement, violation, ostracism, hostilities, harassment, abuse, violence, ethnic cleansing and genocide.
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Data on violence experienced by Christians in the countries scoring 41+ points in the reporting period 1 October 2020 – 30 September 2021

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1. Summary data of Questionnaire Block 6 questions 1-5 and WWL comparisons

Questions Block 6 Violence	WWL 2022	WWL 2021	WWL 2020	WWL 2019	WWL 2018	WWL 2017	WWL 2016
6.1 Christians killed for faith-related reasons	5,898	4,761	2,983	4,305	3,066	1,207	7,106
6.2 Churches and other Christian buildings attacked	5,110	4,488	9,488	1,847	793	1,329	2,425
6.3 and 6.4 Christians detained without trial, arrested, sentenced and imprisoned	6,175	4,277	4,811	3,150	1,905	-	-
6.5 Christians abducted	3,829	1,710	1,052	-	-	-	-

2. Summary statements focusing on all WWL 2022 violence data

The statements below are based on the tables giving detailed violence data per country and region in Section 4 of this document. It is important to note that nearly all totals include several symbolic numbers (10, 100, 1000 or 10,000). This indicates that the numbers presented are lower than in reality.

- **The total number of Christians killed for their faith rose from 4,761 registered cases (WWL 2021) to 5,898 (WWL 2022).**

This is an increase of 24%. Again Nigeria contributed most to the total: 4,650 or 79% of the recorded killings were in Nigeria alone. Pakistan came second with 11% (620 Christians killed). NN, Burkina Faso, DR Congo and Mozambique all follow with symbolic 100* which suggests these numbers are at least 100 but could easily be higher.

- **The total number of churches attacked in differing forms of severity, increased from 4,488 registered cases (WWL 2021) to 5,110 (WWL 2022).**

This is an increase of 14%. China had again the highest number of churches attacked: 3,000 or 59% churches attacked. Followed by Nigeria (470), Bangladesh (200), Pakistan (183) and Qatar (100). Central African Republic, Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Burundi, Angola and Rwanda all have symbolic 100*, indicating the real numbers could be (much) higher.

- **The total number of Christians detained for their faith increased from 2,813 registered cases (WWL 2021) to 4,765 (WWL 2022).**
This is an increase of 69%. India (1,310), NN (1,000*), Pakistan (1,000*) and China (1,000*) make up for 90% of the total.
- **The total number of Christians sentenced for their faith decreased from 1,464 registered cases (WWL 2021) to 1,410 (WWL 2022).**
This is a decrease of 4%. The main share was to be found in NN (1,000*), Eritrea (100*), China (100*) and Bangladesh (81). They represent 91% of the total.
- **The total number of Christians abducted for faith-related reasons increased from 1,710 registered cases (WWL 2021) to 3,829 (WWL 2022).**
This is an increase of 124%. Abductions were highest in Nigeria (2,510; 66%), followed by Pakistan (1000*; 26%). Both countries together account for 92% of the registered abductions.
- It was difficult to **record actual cases of Christians raped or otherwise sexually harassed for faith-related reasons: 3,147 (WWL 2022).**
For 36 countries (out of 48) a symbolic number was chosen (2 x 1000*; 8 x 100*; 26 x 10*). The real number was certainly (much) higher. The problem is that this is such a taboo subject that reports are very hard to obtain.
- The same applies for **registered cases of forced marriages of Christians to non-Christians: 1,588 (WWL 2022).**
This number consists of symbolic numbers for 25 countries (out of 37). The numbers are: 1 x 1000*; 3 x 100*; 21 x 10*. A world of abject misery for women forced into such marriages is hidden behind this (far) too low number.
- The number of **recorded cases of Christians who have been otherwise physically or mentally abused for faith-related reasons (including beatings and death threats) was 24,678 (WWL 2022).**
The statement says 'recorded', but 36 out of 74 are symbolic numbers (1 x 10,000*; 9 x 1,000*; 13 x 100*; 13 x 10*), which means the number given is low.
- There were **4,543 recorded cases of houses of Christians or other property (excluding shops) attacked (WWL 2022).**
The first 3 (Nigeria, Pakistan and Mozambique) all have a symbolic 1000*. Numbers 6 to 10 (Iraq, Syria, China, Burkina Faso and DR Congo) all have a symbolic 100*. In reality the numbers must be (much) higher especially in countries where jihadist violence forces many Christians to flee their communities.
- The same applies for **registered cases of shops or businesses of Christians that were attacked: 1,906 (WWL 2022).**
This number is low given that 18 out of the 38 countries with data are symbolic numbers (1 x 1000*; 7 x 100*; 10 x 10*).

- Because of violence but also pressure (especially converts having to leave their homes and communities) the **registered cases of Christians forced to leave their homes or go into hiding in-country for faith-related reasons was 218,709 (WWL 2022)**. Part of this number was however symbolic (1 x 10,000*; 5 x 1000*; 9 x 100*; 14 x 10*). Many more Christians likely became Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). In Myanmar alone there were 200,000 (91%).
- Sometimes there was no choice for Christians but to leave their country because of persecution. The number of **recorded cases of Christians forced to leave the country for faith-related reasons was 25,038 (WWL 2022)**. Myanmar alone represents 80% of this number (20,000). The percentage for Asia, after statistical adjustment (see explanation below), was 42%, against 57% for Africa.

3. Introductory notes concerning detailed violence data per country and region

The WWL 2022 data presented in this document is based wherever possible on direct counting. In several cases, where it is very hard to know exact numbers and it is clear from indirect sources that there have been violent incidents occurring against Christians, numbers have been estimated. In such cases, the World Watch Research team has always estimated conservatively. (In connection with this, please see Section 2 of the WWR document “[WWL – Discussion of key themes](#)”, published in October 2021 and the discussion below.)

The tables presented below do not pretend to be complete. The exact details of what is happening to Christians in a country are difficult to obtain: For instance, especially in countries where there is conflict or a high level of secrecy, the media are often seriously curtailed by the regime or influenced by social actors. Please see the individual WWL 2022 Full Country Dossiers for more details. These are made publicly available at <https://opendoorsanalytical.org/country-dossiers/> (password: freedom).

The data on violence presented is limited to all countries scoring 41 or more points in the WWL 2022 reporting period. There may be cases of violence in countries scoring 40 points or less, but these are not included here. For each question in Block 6, country and regional data is shown.

For security reasons: There are 5 countries where the data on violence is presented but the names of those countries are not individually revealed. These countries are Afghanistan, Maldives, North Korea, Somalia and Yemen. The data for these countries are indicated with “NN” which stands for the Latin “Nomen Nescio” (“name unknown”).

In the tables below, where there is an asterisk (“*”) beside the name of the country, this indicates that the number given is understood to be symbolic, meaning that the real number of incidents is possibly (much) higher. In cases where it has been impossible to count exactly, a symbolic round figure (10, 100, 1000, 10,000) is given. A symbolic number of 10 could in reality be much more than 10 but the real number is uncertain; the same applies for the other symbolic numbers.

A further disclaimer: Even where it was possible to count exact numbers, it has to be understood that what was counted is very often the absolute minimum. Much violence goes unnoticed and/or unreported.

4. Detailed Block 6 violence data per country and region

Please note: The light brown shading indicates country scoring 41+ points but ranked outside WWL 2022 Top 50.

6.1	<p>How many Christians have been killed for faith-related reasons (including state sanctioned executions)?</p> <p>TOTAL: 5.898</p>
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From high to low:

Rank 6.1	Rank WWL 2022	Country	Region	Subregion	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Score	Block Score
1	7	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	4650		87	16.7
2	8	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	620		87	16.7
3		NN			100	TRUE		
4	32	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	68	14.8
5	40	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	66	15.6
6	41	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	65	15.6
7	31	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	29		68	15.6
8	44	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	27		65	15.4
9	55	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	25		61	13.7
10	28	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	15		68	13.5
11	12	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	13		79	14.8
12	68	Honduras	Latin America	Central America	13		48	8.7
13		NN			10	TRUE		
14	4	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	91	11.5
15	10	India	Asia	South Asia	10		82	15.6
16	24	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	70	15.0
17	33	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	68	14.8
18	74	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	43	15.0
19	20	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	8		71	10.0
20	30	Colombia	Latin America	South America	7		68	13.3
21	43	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	7		65	12.6
22	65	Venezuela	Latin America	South America	4		51	9.6
23	69	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	4		48	11.7
24	51	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	3		63	11.1

25	70	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	3		45	7.2
26	29	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	2		68	11.3
27	56	Azerbaijan	Asia	Western Asia	2		60	3.3
28	14	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	1		78	6.9
29	19	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1		71	8.7
30	26	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1		69	5.9
31	38	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	1		66	9.8
32	75	Ivory Coast	Africa	Western Africa	1		42	2.0
33	76	Israel	Asia	Western Asia	1		41	4.3

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6.2 How many churches or Christian buildings (schools, hospitals, cemeteries, etc.) have been attacked, damaged, bombed, looted, destroyed, burned down, closed or confiscated for faith-related reasons?
TOTAL: 5,110

From high to low:

Rank 6.2	Rank WWL 2022	Country	Region	Subregion	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Score	Block Score
1	17	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	3000		76	11.1
2	7	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	470		87	16.7
3	29	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	200		68	11.3
4	8	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	183		87	16.7
5	18	Qatar	Asia	Western Asia	100		74	7.2
6	31	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	68	15.6
7	32	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	68	14.8
8	41	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	65	15.6
9	64	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	52	8.1
10	66	Angola	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	51	7.8
11	67	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	50	9.3
12	30	Colombia	Latin America	South America	96		68	13.3
13	10	India	Asia	South Asia	47		82	15.6
14	43	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	45		65	12.6
15	61	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	28		56	7.6
16	38	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	25		66	9.8
17	65	Venezuela	Latin America	South America	24		51	9.6
18	12	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	23		79	14.8
19	33	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	20		68	14.8
20	9	Iran	Asia	South Asia	19		85	10.4

21	28	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	16		68	13.5
22	55	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	11		61	13.7
23		NN			10	TRUE		
24		NN			10			
25	6	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	88	11.1
26	13	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	79	8.5
27	15	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	10		78	9.3
28	19	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	10		71	8.7
29	24	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	70	15.0
30	40	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	66	15.6
31	44	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	65	15.4
32	51	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	10		63	11.1
33	52	Sri Lanka	Asia	South Asia	10		63	7.8
34	69	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	48	11.7
35	74	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	43	15.0
36		NN			8			
37	37	Cuba	Latin America	Caribbean	7		66	5.9
38	63	Chad	Africa	Middle Africa	6		55	5.6
39	76	Israel	Asia	Western Asia	6		41	4.3
40	48	Nepal	Asia	South Asia	5		64	5.2
41	70	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	5		45	7.2
42	22	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	4		71	4.1
43	35	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	4		66	6.5
44	42	Turkey	Asia	Western Asia	4		65	4.6
45	4	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	3		91	11.5
46	14	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	3		78	6.9
47	26	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	3		69	5.9
48	56	Azerbaijan	Asia	Western Asia	3		60	3.3
49	68	Honduras	Latin America	Central America	3		48	8.7
50	20	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	2		71	10.0
51	34	Bhutan	Asia	South Asia	2		67	1.7
52		NN			1			
53	39	Jordan	Asia	Western Asia	1		66	3.0
54	50	Malaysia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1		63	3.3
55	59	Kyrgyzstan	Asia	Central Asia	1		58	1.5
56	62	Russian Federation	Europe	Eastern Europe	1		56	2.2

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6.3	<p>How many Christians have been detained without trial for faith-related reasons?</p> <p>TOTAL: 4,765</p>
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From high to low:

Rank 6.3	Rank WWL 2022	Country	Region	Subregion	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Score	Block Score
1	10	India	Asia	South Asia	1310		82	15.6
2		NN			1000	TRUE		
3	8	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	1000	TRUE	87	16.7
4	17	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	1000	TRUE	76	11.1
5	6	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	55		88	11.1
6	9	Iran	Asia	South Asia	49		85	10.4
7	30	Colombia	Latin America	South America	45		68	13.3
8	37	Cuba	Latin America	Caribbean	44		66	5.9
9	28	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	25		68	13.5
10	26	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	19		69	5.9
11	7	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	17		87	16.7
12	43	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	17		65	12.6
13	12	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	16		79	14.8
14	20	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	11		71	10.0
15	27	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	11		69	3.9
16		NN			10	TRUE		
17		NN			10	TRUE		
18	19	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	10		71	8.7
19	29	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	10	TRUE	68	11.3
20	39	Jordan	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	66	3.0
21	64	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	52	8.1
22	66	Angola	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	51	7.8
23	67	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10		50	9.3
24	47	Kazakhstan	Asia	Central Asia	8		64	1.7
25	48	Nepal	Asia	South Asia	7		64	5.2
26	15	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	6		78	9.3
27	65	Venezuela	Latin America	South America	6		51	9.6
28	69	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	6		48	11.7
29	21	Uzbekistan	Asia	Central Asia	5		71	1.7
30	33	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	3		68	14.8
31	52	Sri Lanka	Asia	South Asia	3		63	7.8
32		NN			2			
33	22	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	2		71	4.1
34	35	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	2		66	6.5
35	42	Turkey	Asia	Western Asia	2		65	4.6
36	53	Comoros	Africa	Eastern Africa	2		63	0.9
37	62	Russian Federation	Europe	Eastern Europe	2		56	2.2

38	4	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	1		91	11.5
39	11	Saudi Arabia	Asia	Western Asia	1		81	3.1
40	13	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	1		79	8.5
41	14	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	1		78	6.9
42		NN			1			
43	18	Qatar	Asia	Western Asia	1		74	7.2
44	23	Mauritania	Africa	Western Africa	1		70	0.9
45	34	Bhutan	Asia	South Asia	1		67	1.7
46	38	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	1		66	9.8
47	61	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	1		56	7.6

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6.4 How many Christians have been sentenced to jail, labor camp, sent to psychiatric hospital as punishment, or similar things for faith-related reasons?
TOTAL: 1,410

From high to low:

Rank 6.4	Rank WWL 2022	Country	Region	Subregion	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Score	Block Score
1		NN			1000	TRUE		
2	6	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	88	11.1
3	17	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	100	TRUE	76	11.1
4	29	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	81		68	11.3
5	8	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	50		87	16.7
6	9	Iran	Asia	South Asia	16		85	10.4
7	43	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	12		65	12.6
8	7	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	87	16.7
9	10	India	Asia	South Asia	5		82	15.6
10	26	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	5		69	5.9
11	4	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	4		91	11.5
12	22	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	4		71	4.1
13	35	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	4		66	6.5
14	37	Cuba	Latin America	Caribbean	4		66	5.9
15	47	Kazakhstan	Asia	Central Asia	3		64	1.7
16		NN			2			
17	11	Saudi Arabia	Asia	Western Asia	2		81	3.1
18	30	Colombia	Latin America	South America	2		68	13.3
19	19	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1		71	8.7
20	20	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	1		71	10.0
21	28	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1		68	13.5

22	42	Turkey	Asia	Western Asia	1		65	4.6
23	50	Malaysia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1		63	3.3
24	61	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	1		56	7.6

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6.5	How many Christians have been abducted for faith-related reasons (including Christians missing in a persecution context)? TOTAL: 3,829
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From high to low:

Rank 6.5	Rank WWL 2022	Country	Region	Subregion	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Score	Block Score
1	7	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	2510		87	16.7
2	8	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	1000	TRUE	87	16.7
3	40	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	134		66	15.6
4	14	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	31		78	6.9
5	29	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	11		68	11.3
6	4	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	91	11.5
7		NN			10	TRUE		
8	6	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	88	11.1
9	17	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	10	TRUE	76	11.1
10	24	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	70	15.0
11	31	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	68	15.6
12	41	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	65	15.6
13	74	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	43	15.0
14	32	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	8		68	14.8
15	27	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	7		69	3.9
16	20	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	5		71	10.0
17	70	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	5		45	7.2
18	26	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	4		69	5.9
19	30	Colombia	Latin America	South America	4		68	13.3
20	43	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	4		65	12.6
21	44	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	4		65	15.4
22	50	Malaysia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	3		63	3.3
23	51	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	3		63	11.1
24	10	India	Asia	South Asia	2		82	15.6
25	12	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	2		79	14.8
26	33	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	2		68	14.8
27	35	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	2		66	6.5
28	55	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	2		61	13.7
29	65	Venezuela	Latin America	South America	2		51	9.6

30	36	Oman	Asia	Western Asia	1		66	1.5
31	38	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	1		66	9.8
32	61	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	1		56	7.6
33	68	Honduras	Latin America	Central America	1		48	8.7

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6.6	<p>How many Christians have been raped or otherwise sexually harassed for faith-related reasons?</p> <p>TOTAL: 3,147</p>
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From high to low:

Rank 6.6	Rank WWL 2022	Country	Region	Subregion	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Score	Block Score
1	7	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	1000	TRUE	87	16.7
2	8	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	1000	TRUE	87	16.7
3		NN			100	TRUE		
4	11	Saudi Arabia	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	81	3.1
5	12	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	100	TRUE	79	14.8
6	32	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	68	14.8
7	39	Jordan	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	66	3.0
8	40	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	66	15.6
9	41	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	65	15.6
10	44	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	65	15.4
11	10	India	Asia	South Asia	38		82	15.6
12	27	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	12		69	3.9
13		NN			10	TRUE		
14		NN			10	TRUE		
15	4	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	91	11.5
16		NN			10	TRUE		
17	6	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	88	11.1
18	13	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	79	8.5
19	14	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	78	6.9
20	15	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	78	9.3
21	17	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	10	TRUE	76	11.1
22	18	Qatar	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	74	7.2
23	20	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	71	10.0
24	22	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	71	4.1
25	24	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	70	15.0
26	31	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	68	15.6
27	35	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	66	6.5
28	36	Oman	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	66	1.5
29	38	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	66	9.8
30	42	Turkey	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	65	4.6
31	49	Kuwait	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	64	1.1
32	51	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	63	11.1

33	54	United Arab Emirates	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	62	1.3
34	60	Bahrain	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	57	0.9
35	63	Chad	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	55	5.6
36	67	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10		50	9.3
37	69	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	48	11.7
38	74	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	43	15.0
39	70	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	9		45	7.2
40	30	Colombia	Latin America	South America	7		68	13.3
41	68	Honduras	Latin America	Central America	7		48	8.7
42	29	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	5		68	11.3
43	9	Iran	Asia	South Asia	3		85	10.4
44	52	Sri Lanka	Asia	South Asia	2		63	7.8
45	26	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1		69	5.9
46	33	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	1		68	14.8
47	58	Djibouti	Africa	Eastern Africa	1		59	0.7
48	64	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	1		52	8.1

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6.7	<p>How many cases have there been of forced marriages of Christians to non-Christians?</p> <p>TOTAL: 1,588</p>
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From high to low:

Rank 6.7	Rank WWL 2022	Country	Region	Subregion	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Score	Block Score
1	8	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	1000	TRUE	87	16.7
2	7	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	87	16.7
3	40	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	66	15.6
4	50	Malaysia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	100	TRUE	63	3.3
5	9	Iran	Asia	South Asia	30		85	10.4
6	10	India	Asia	South Asia	20		82	15.6
7		NN			10	TRUE		
8		NN			10	TRUE		
9	6	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	88	11.1
10	13	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	79	8.5
11	14	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	78	6.9
12	17	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	10	TRUE	76	11.1
13	20	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	71	10.0
14	24	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	70	15.0
15	31	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	68	15.6
16	32	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	68	14.8
17	38	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	66	9.8
18	41	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	65	15.6
19	44	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	10		65	15.4

20	51	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	63	11.1
21	63	Chad	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	55	5.6
22	64	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	52	8.1
23	69	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	48	11.7
24	71	Togo	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	44	2.4
25	72	Gambia	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	44	1.7
26	74	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	43	15.0
27	75	Ivory Coast	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	42	2.0
28	35	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	5		66	6.5
29	67	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	5		50	9.3
30	27	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	4		69	3.9
31	29	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	4		68	11.3
32		NN			3			
33	4	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	2		91	11.5
34	30	Colombia	Latin America	South America	2		68	13.3
35	11	Saudi Arabia	Asia	Western Asia	1		81	3.1
36	18	Qatar	Asia	Western Asia	1		74	7.2
37	33	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	1		68	14.8

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6.8 How many Christians have been otherwise physically or mentally abused for faith-related reasons (including beatings and death threats)? (Under mental abuse we only include death threats.)
TOTAL: 24,678

From high to low:

Rank 6.8	Rank WWL 2022	Country	Region	Subregion	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Score	Block Score
1	7	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	10,000	TRUE	87	16.7
2	10	India	Asia	South Asia	1779		82	15.6
3		NN			1000	TRUE		
4		NN			1000	TRUE		
5	6	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	1000	TRUE	88	11.1
6	8	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	1000	TRUE	87	16.7
7	12	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1000	TRUE	79	14.8
8	17	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	1000	TRUE	76	11.1
9	31	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	1000	TRUE	68	15.6
10	41	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	1000	TRUE	65	15.6
11	50	Malaysia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1000	TRUE	63	3.3
12	30	Colombia	Latin America	South America	683		68	13.3
13	29	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	400		68	11.3
14	38	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	215		66	9.8
15	69	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	194		48	11.7
16	9	Iran	Asia	South Asia	114		85	10.4
17	59	Kyrgyzstan	Asia	Central Asia	109		58	1.5

18	4	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	100	TRUE	91	11.5
19	11	Saudi Arabia	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	81	3.1
20	13	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	100	TRUE	79	8.5
21	32	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	68	14.8
22	40	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	66	15.6
23	44	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	65	15.4
24	51	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	63	11.1
25	55	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	61	13.7
26	64	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	52	8.1
27	66	Angola	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	51	7.8
28	68	Honduras	Latin America	Central America	100	TRUE	48	8.7
29	70	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	100	TRUE	45	7.2
30	74	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	43	15.0
31	21	Uzbekistan	Asia	Central Asia	64		71	1.7
32	35	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	53		66	6.5
33	56	Azerbaijan	Asia	Western Asia	52		60	3.3
34	20	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	51		71	10.0
35	33	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	43		68	14.8
36	43	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	40		65	12.6
37	52	Sri Lanka	Asia	South Asia	40		63	7.8
38	45	Tajikistan	Asia	Central Asia	37		65	0.7
39	27	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	34		69	3.9
40	48	Nepal	Asia	South Asia	33		64	5.2
41	47	Kazakhstan	Asia	Central Asia	31		64	1.7
42	26	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	30		69	5.9
43	14	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	29		78	6.9
44	25	Turkmenistan	Asia	Central Asia	27		69	0.6
45	28	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	24		68	13.5
46	61	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	22		56	7.6
47	62	Russian Federation	Europe	Eastern Europe	21		56	2.2
48		NN			19			
49	37	Cuba	Latin America	Caribbean	18		66	5.9
50	53	Comoros	Africa	Eastern Africa	18		63	0.9
51	19	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	15		71	8.7
52	73	Guinea	Africa	Western Africa	15		43	2.0
53	22	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	11		71	4.1
54		NN			10	TRUE		
55	15	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	78	9.3
56	18	Qatar	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	74	7.2
57	23	Mauritania	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	70	0.9
58	39	Jordan	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	66	3.0
59	42	Turkey	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	65	4.6
60	49	Kuwait	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	64	1.1
61	54	United Arab Emirates	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	62	1.3
62	58	Djibouti	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	59	0.7
63	63	Chad	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	55	5.6
64	67	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	50	9.3
65	71	Togo	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	44	2.4

66	72	Gambia	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	44	1.7
67	65	Venezuela	Latin America	South America	9		51	9.6
68	60	Bahrain	Asia	Western Asia	5		57	0.9
69	75	Ivory Coast	Africa	Western Africa	4		42	2.0
70	34	Bhutan	Asia	South Asia	3		67	1.7
71	24	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	2		70	15.0
72	57	Palestinian Territories	Asia	Western Asia	2		59	0.9
73	36	Oman	Asia	Western Asia	1		66	1.5
74	76	Israel	Asia	Western Asia	1		41	4.3

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6.9 How many houses of Christians or other property (excluding shops) have been attacked, damaged, bombed, looted, destroyed, burned down or confiscated for faith-related reasons?
TOTAL: 4,543

From high to low:

Rank 6.9	Rank WWL 2022	Country	Region	Subregion	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Score	Block Score
1	7	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	1000	TRUE	87	16.7
2	8	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	1000	TRUE	87	16.7
3	41	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	1000	TRUE	65	15.6
4	44	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	270		65	15.4
5	29	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	135		68	11.3
6	14	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	78	6.9
7	15	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	78	9.3
8	17	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	100	TRUE	76	11.1
9	32	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	68	14.8
10	40	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	66	15.6
11	10	India	Asia	South Asia	91		82	15.6
12	43	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	80		65	12.6
13	31	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	71		68	15.6
14	38	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	62		66	9.8
15	12	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	43		79	14.8
16	26	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	39		69	5.9
17	20	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	31		71	10.0
18	28	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	27		68	13.5
19	51	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	16		63	11.1
20	9	Iran	Asia	South Asia	14		85	10.4
21	35	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	11		66	6.5
22		NN			10	TRUE		
23	6	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	88	11.1
24	13	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	79	8.5
25	24	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	70	15.0

26	55	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	61	13.7
27	67	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	50	9.3
28	73	Guinea	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	43	2.0
29	74	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	43	15.0
30	19	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	9		71	8.7
31		NN			8			
32	33	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	8		68	14.8
33	69	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	7		48	11.7
34	27	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	6		69	3.9
35	30	Colombia	Latin America	South America	6		68	13.3
36	62	Russian Federation	Europe	Eastern Europe	5		56	2.2
37	70	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	5		45	7.2
38	4	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	3		91	11.5
39	65	Venezuela	Latin America	South America	3		51	9.6
40	21	Uzbekistan	Asia	Central Asia	2		71	1.7
41	37	Cuba	Latin America	Caribbean	2		66	5.9
42	52	Sri Lanka	Asia	South Asia	2		63	7.8
43	11	Saudi Arabia	Asia	Western Asia	1		81	3.1
44	39	Jordan	Asia	Western Asia	1		66	3.0
45	42	Turkey	Asia	Western Asia	1		65	4.6
46	47	Kazakhstan	Asia	Central Asia	1		64	1.7
47	50	Malaysia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1		63	3.3
48	54	United Arab Emirates	Asia	Western Asia	1		62	1.3
49	71	Togo	Africa	Western Africa	1		44	2.4

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6.10 How many shops or businesses of Christians have been attacked, damaged, bombed, looted, destroyed, burned down, closed or confiscated for faith-related reasons?

TOTAL: 1,906

From high to low:

Rank 6.10	Rank WWL 2022	Country	Region	Subregion	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Score	Block Score
1	7	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	1000	TRUE	87	16.7
2	8	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	100	TRUE	87	16.7
3	14	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	78	6.9
4	15	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	78	9.3
5	31	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	68	15.6
6	32	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	68	14.8
7	40	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	66	15.6

8	41	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	65	15.6
9	38	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	34		66	9.8
10	9	Iran	Asia	South Asia	15		85	10.4
11	20	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	15		71	10.0
12	33	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	12		68	14.8
13	6	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	88	11.1
14	17	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	10	TRUE	76	11.1
15	24	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	70	15.0
16	29	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	10	TRUE	68	11.3
17	44	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	65	15.4
18	51	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	63	11.1
19	55	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	61	13.7
20	69	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	48	11.7
21	71	Togo	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	44	2.4
22	74	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	43	15.0
23	19	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	5		71	8.7
24	48	Nepal	Asia	South Asia	4		64	5.2
25	70	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	4		45	7.2
26	26	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	3		69	5.9
27	73	Guinea	Africa	Western Africa	3		43	2.0
28		NN			2			
29	10	India	Asia	South Asia	2		82	15.6
30	4	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	1		91	11.5
31		NN			1			
32	27	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	1		69	3.9
33	30	Colombia	Latin America	South America	1		68	13.3
34	35	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	1		66	6.5
35	47	Kazakhstan	Asia	Central Asia	1		64	1.7
36	64	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	1		52	8.1

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6.11 How many Christians have been forced to leave their homes or go into hiding in-country for faith-related reasons?
TOTAL: 218,709

From high to low:

Rank 6.11	Rank WWL 2022	Country	Region	Subregion	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Score	Block Score
1	12	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	200,000		79	14.8
2	7	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	10,000	TRUE	87	16.7
3		NN			1000	TRUE		
4	8	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	1000	TRUE	87	16.7
5	33	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	1000	TRUE	68	14.8
6	40	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	1000	TRUE	66	15.6
7	41	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	1000	TRUE	65	15.6

8	30	Colombia	Latin America	South America	598		68	13.3
9	38	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	534		66	9.8
10	43	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	405		65	12.6
11	10	India	Asia	South Asia	380		82	15.6
12	29	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	200		68	11.3
13	20	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	117		71	10.0
14		NN			100	TRUE		
15	14	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	78	6.9
16	19	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	100	TRUE	71	8.7
17	24	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	70	15.0
18	31	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	68	15.6
19	32	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	68	14.8
20	44	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	65	15.4
21	51	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	63	11.1
22	74	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	43	15.0
23	9	Iran	Asia	South Asia	90		85	10.4
24	26	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	83		69	5.9
25	28	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	55		68	13.5
26	67	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	50		50	9.3
27	69	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	30		48	11.7
28	15	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	23		78	9.3
29	27	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	20		69	3.9
30	35	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	17		66	6.5
31	4	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	12		91	11.5
32		NN			10	TRUE		
33	6	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	88	11.1
34	11	Saudi Arabia	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	81	3.1
35	13	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	79	8.5
36	17	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	10	TRUE	76	11.1
37	48	Nepal	Asia	South Asia	10	TRUE	64	5.2
38	55	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	61	13.7
39	63	Chad	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	55	5.6
40	64	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	52	8.1
41	66	Angola	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	51	7.8
42	71	Togo	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	44	2.4
43	72	Gambia	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	44	1.7
44	73	Guinea	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	43	2.0
45	75	Ivory Coast	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	42	2.0
46	68	Honduras	Latin America	Central America	9		48	8.7
47	70	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	9		45	7.2
48	21	Uzbekistan	Asia	Central Asia	8		71	1.7
49	50	Malaysia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	6		63	3.3
50	59	Kyrgyzstan	Asia	Central Asia	5		58	1.5
51	62	Russian Federation	Europe	Eastern Europe	5		56	2.2
52	39	Jordan	Asia	Western Asia	4		66	3.0
53	61	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	4		56	7.6
54	23	Mauritania	Africa	Western Africa	1		70	0.9

55	45	Tajikistan	Asia	Central Asia	1		65	0.7
56	52	Sri Lanka	Asia	South Asia	1		63	7.8
57	57	Palestinian Territories	Asia	Western Asia	1		59	0.9
58	76	Israel	Asia	Western Asia	1		41	4.3

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6.12	<p>How many Christians have been forced to leave the country for faith-related reasons?</p> <p>TOTAL: 25,038</p>
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From high to low:

Rank 6.12	Rank WWL 2022	Country	Region	Subregion	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Score	Block Score
1	12	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	20,000		79	14.8
2		NN			1000	TRUE		
3	6	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	1000	TRUE	88	11.1
4	7	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	1000	TRUE	87	16.7
5	9	Iran	Asia	South Asia	1000	TRUE	85	10.4
6		NN			100	TRUE		
7	4	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	100	TRUE	91	11.5
8	8	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	100	TRUE	87	16.7
9	17	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	100	TRUE	76	11.1
10	31	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	68	15.6
11	41	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	65	15.6
12	44	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	65	15.4
13	66	Angola	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	51	7.8
14	42	Turkey	Asia	Western Asia	40		65	4.6
15	33	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	35		68	14.8
16	15	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	11		78	9.3
17	61	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	11		56	7.6
18		NN			10	TRUE		
19		NN			10	TRUE		
20	11	Saudi Arabia	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	81	3.1
21	14	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	78	6.9
22	36	Oman	Asia	Western Asia	10		66	1.5
23	40	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	66	15.6
24	46	Brunei	Asia	South-eastern Asia	10	TRUE	64	0.6
25	48	Nepal	Asia	South Asia	10		64	5.2
26	50	Malaysia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	10	TRUE	63	3.3
27	67	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	50	9.3
28	69	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	9		48	11.7
29	27	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	7		69	3.9

30	65	Venezuela	Latin America	South America	6		51	9.6
31	35	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	4		66	6.5
32	70	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	4		45	7.2
33	52	Sri Lanka	Asia	South Asia	2		63	7.8
34	57	Palestinian Territories	Asia	Western Asia	2		59	0.9
35	18	Qatar	Asia	Western Asia	1		74	7.2
36	24	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	1		70	15.0
37	26	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1		69	5.9
38	30	Colombia	Latin America	South America	1		68	13.3
39	37	Cuba	Latin America	Caribbean	1		66	5.9
40	39	Jordan	Asia	Western Asia	1		66	3.0
41	51	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	1		63	11.1

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