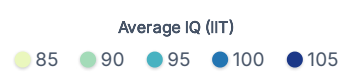
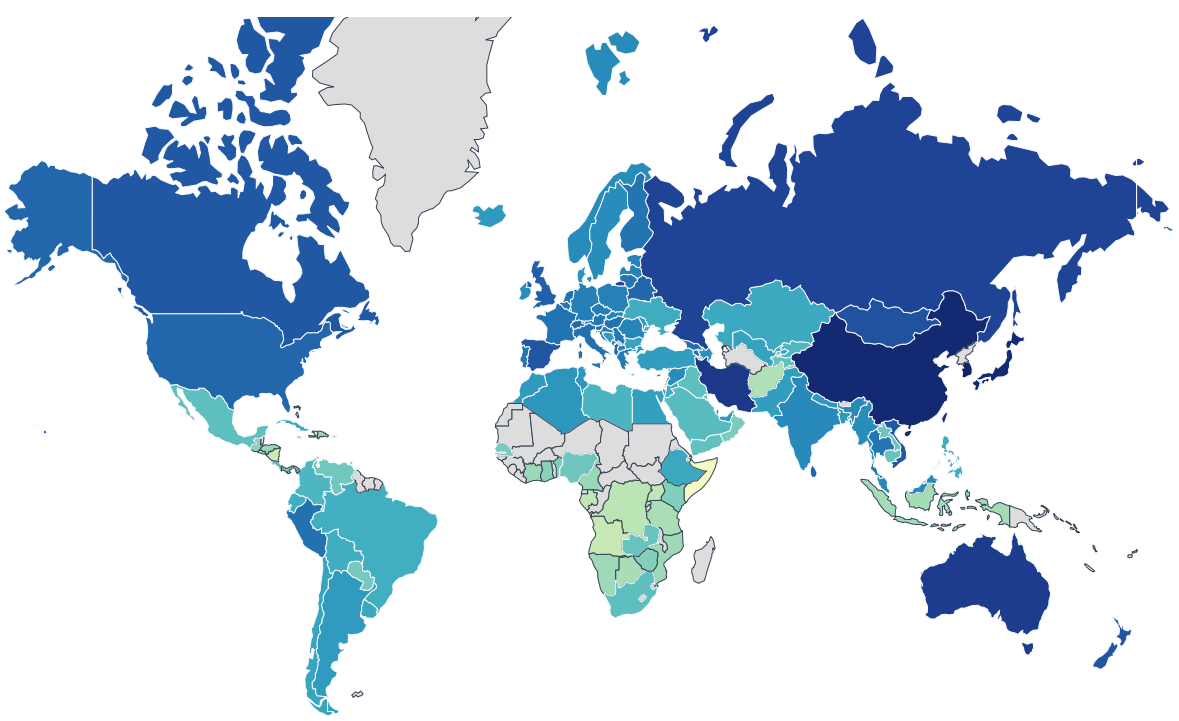


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Average IQ (IIT)   Overall Score   Average IQ (Lynn/Becker)



**Hong Kong**  
107.73

**South Korea**  
106.97

**China**  
106.48

**Macau**  
106.32

**Japan**  
106.30

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COUNTRY	AVERAGE IQ (IIT) 2025 ↓	ICI GRADE 2017	ICI SCORE 2017
Hong Kong	107.73	B+	51.2
South Korea	106.97	A-	56.4
China	106.48	B	47.3



	Japan	106.30	A-	58.9
	Taiwan	105.80	B	45.7
	Iran	104.80	C-	25.5
	Australia	104.45	A	64.0
	Russia	103.78	B	46.6
	Singapore	103.56	A	63.6
	Mongolia	102.61	C-	27.4
	New Zealand	102.35	A-	57.3
	Vietnam	102.26	C-	25.1
	Spain	102.24	B	49.8
	Cyprus	102.12	C+	38.5
	Canada	102.09	A	61.2
	United Kingdom	101.57	A	64.2
	Sri Lanka	101.22	D+	23.2
	Slovenia	101.15	B+	51.5
	Belarus	101.05		
	United States	101.04	A+	74.9
	Albania	101.00	D+	23.4
	Switzerland	100.84	A	61.6
	Georgia	100.35	C	31.5
	Italy	100.33	B	48.0
	Netherlands	100.27	A-	58.7
	Peru	100.20	C-	28.0
	Hungary	100.15	B	50.0

- Data from International IQ Test (IIT) are based on data from 1,352,763 participants worldwide who took the same IQ test on the website in 2024.
- The Intelligence Capital Index (ICI) was created by economist Kai L. Chan and most recently updated in 2017.
- The OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) is a triennial survey of 15-year-old students around the world that measures students' ability to recall learned knowledge and apply it in new settings both in and out of school. PISA results were most recently released in 2022.
- Substantial research on the subject of national IQs was conducted by psychologist Richard Lynn (1930-2023), working alongside Tatu Vanhanen (1929-2015) or, for 2019's The Intelligence of Nations, with David Becker.
- Becker's estimates are categorized by source. T = value is based upon actual test results from said country. E = value is a best-guess estimate based upon measured values of nearby countries.
- Becker's contributions were highly controversial. He promoted the theory that specific races and genders are genetically predisposed to be more intelligent than others, and both his methodology and his objectivity were often called into question. However, his work brought attention to the field and he is frequently (if often grudgingly) considered a pioneer in the field of national intelligence.

#### Snapshot

- IQ scores, indicative of educational quality and resources in regions, are based on standard tests adjusted by national academic assessments and data quality considerations.
- While IQ is a common measure of intelligence, other metrics include academic test scores, the Intelligence Capital Index, and the number of Nobel Prizes won.
- Only Singapore and Finland appear consistently across all three ranking lists presented in the article, validating these countries' rankings but also indicating the diversity of factors considered in measuring average IQ globally.

Intelligence quotient (IQ) is a measure of human intelligence. People who want to have their IQ measured take standardized tests and receive a score that ranks their intelligence level. The higher one's IQ score, the more intelligent that person is considered to be.

## IQ and Education: Two Sides of the Same Coin

[IQ scores](#) typically reflect the quality of education and resources available to people in their local geographic regions. Areas of the world with lower IQ scores are typically poorer and less developed, particularly in the area of education, compared to countries with higher IQ scores. Many researchers also use IQ to determine the [smartest countries](#) in the world. The IQ map above shades each country depending on how high the average IQ score in it is.

## Which Country Has the Highest Average IQ?

According to a [2019 study](#) by researchers Richard Lynn and David Becker at the Ulster Institute, the highest average IQ scores in the world belong to the Japanese, with the citizens of Taiwan and Singapore close behind. The top 10 list appears below, and the full rankings appear in the table further down this page.



It bears mentioning that Lynn’s studies, while comprehensive, tend to spark considerable debate.

As the data demonstrates, average IQ scores vary widely across the globe. Some researchers divide the world’s countries into [ranked categories](#) based on their average IQ scores. These averages were obtained by starting with the country’s average score in standard IQ tests (a common starting point), then fine-tuning those scores with additional measurements, such as national math, reading, and science assessments, while also factoring in the overall quality of the data.

## Other Methods of Measuring Intelligence

However, it’s important to remember that IQ isn’t the only way to measure intelligence. There are many different ways to seek out the [smartest countries in the world](#), and many of them have nothing to do with average IQ. For instance, it is possible to evaluate a country’s [academic test scores](#), likelihood of “expanding the frontier of knowledge” and [introducing new data technologies](#), or even the number of [Nobel Prizes won](#).

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### Other Categories

