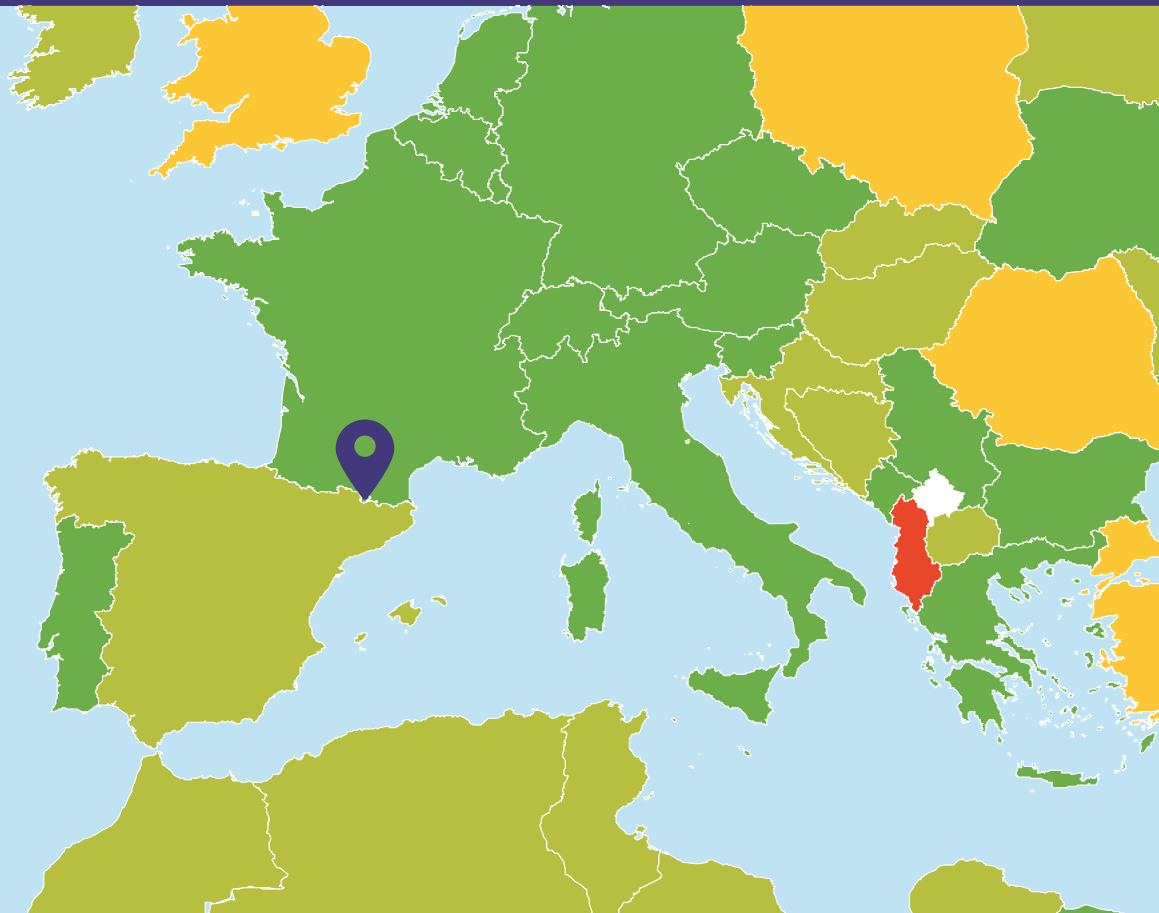




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# The KidsRights Index 2024

Andorra scores 24<sup>th</sup>  
on global ranking for Children's Rights.



## ANDORRA

OVERALL SCORE  
RANK: **24**  
SCORE: **0,809**

LIFE  
RANK: **33**  
SCORE: **0,912**

HEALTH  
RANK: **5**  
SCORE: **0,997**

EDUCATION  
RANK: **NA**  
SCORE:

PROTECTION  
RANK: **NA**  
SCORE:

CHILD RIGHTS ENVIRONMENT  
RANK: **32**  
SCORE: **0,583**

THE KIDSRIGHTS INDEX AND INFORMATION ABOUT ITS DOMAINS, INDICATORS AND METHODOLOGY  
ARE ACCESSIBLE ON [WWW.KIDSRIGHTSINDEX.ORG](http://WWW.KIDSRIGHTSINDEX.ORG)

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## THE KIDSRIGHTS INDEX

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The KidsRights Index is the only annual global ranking on how countries worldwide are adhering to children’s rights. Based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the Index synthesizes the performance records of states on the most crucial aspects of children’s lives for which comparable data is available. In addition, the Index charts how states are faring in mobilizing the enabling environment for children’s rights that the CRC requires them to have. The five domains that jointly make up the Index are:

- 1. Right to Life**
- 2. Right to Health**
- 3. Right to Education**
- 4. Right to Protection**
- 5. Enabling Environment for Child Rights**

The KidsRights Index ranks countries on each of these five domains which in turn generate a comprehensive overall ranking. The content of the Index is a sound basis for making concrete recommendations on how the children’s rights record of specific countries could be improved.

### SOURCES OF THE KIDSRIGHTS INDEX

The KidsRights Index pools data from three reputable sources: quantitative data published and regularly updated by **UNICEF** (<https://data.unicef.org>) and **UNDP** ([www.hdr.undp.org/data](http://www.hdr.undp.org/data))<sup>1</sup>, and qualitative data published by the **UN Committee on the Rights of the Child** ([www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/crc/pages/crcindex.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/crc/pages/crcindex.aspx)) in the detailed individual country reports (the so-called Concluding Observations) that it adopts for all states that are parties to the CRC. The KidsRights Index aims to make the data more accessible to a broader audience, in an effort to stimulate dialogue about children’s rights. Since the United States of America is the only state in the world that is not yet a party to the CRC, there is no material for scoring the country on domain 5 and thus it cannot be included in the KidsRights Index.

### DOMAIN 5: ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILD RIGHTS

Domain 5, the ‘Enabling Environment for Child Rights’, is an important and unique domain of the KidsRights Index. It reveals the extent to which countries have operationalized the general principles of the CRC (*non-discrimination; best interests of the child; respect for the views of the child/participation*) and the extent to which there is a basic ‘infrastructure’ for making and implementing child rights policy (in the form of *enabling national legislation; mobilization of the ‘best available’ budget; collection and analysis of disaggregated data; and state-civil society cooperation for child rights*). The scores on domain 5 are derived from the Concluding Observations adopted by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. These Concluding Observations (COs) finish off the state reporting procedure under the CRC and represent the Committee’s views on the level of realization of children’s rights in a particular country.

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<sup>1</sup> The data for the KidsRights Index 2023 was downloaded from the listed UNICEF and UNDP sources in January 2023. In addition, the latest available Concluding Observations for each country were used.

Domain 5 - 'Child Rights Environment' - is based on the Concluding Observations adopted by the CRC Committee. The Committee's assessment of the country performance on the earlier mentioned 7 indicators that make up domain 5 is used to generate scores on a scale between 1 and 3. The actual score assigned to each sub-indicator is exclusively based on the language used by the Committee in the document. The resulting final scores are standardized.

#### KidsRights Index Scoring System:

<b>Score 1 'bad'</b>	= <b>only negative remarks</b>
<b>Score 2 'average'</b>	= <b>negative and positive remarks</b>
<b>Score 3 'good'</b>	= <b>only positive remarks</b>
<b>NA</b>	= <b>not addressed</b>

Color	Meaning
Red	Negative change
Orange	Stayed the same
Green	Positive change

## DOMAIN 5: ANDORRA

	Non-discrimination	Best interests of the child	Respect for the views of the child	Enabling legislation	Best available budget / Resources	Collection and analysis of disaggregated data	State-civil society cooperation for child rights
<b>Andorra 2012</b>	2	2	NA	1	2	2	NA
<b>Andorra 2023</b>	2	2	3	1	2	1	NA

Andorra has experienced a significant improvement in the enabling environment domain, as it increased by 29 ranks and its currently at 32<sup>nd</sup> place with a score of 0,583. Most of the indicators stayed the same, while the respect for the views of the child showed improvement. The indicator score for the collection and analysis of disaggregated data declined in comparison to the previous years.

## COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS 2023 - ALBANIA

### ON NON-DISCRIMINATION (SCORE 2):

KidsRights commends Andorra for its efforts in implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), including the enactment of the Act on Equal Treatment and Non-Discrimination in 2019. To improve non-discrimination of youth in Andorra, KidsRights makes the following recommendations:

#### Recommendations

- Strengthen the implementation and enforcement mechanisms of the Act on Equal Treatment and Non-Discrimination to ensure its effectiveness.
- Enhance awareness-raising campaigns and educational programs to promote tolerance, respect, and understanding among all members of society.
- Ensure adequate support and protection mechanisms specifically tailored to address the needs of marginalized groups such as girls, CWDs, and LGBTI children.
- Regularly monitor and evaluate the progress made in combating discrimination, with a focus on identifying and addressing persistent challenges and gaps in existing policies and practices.

### ON BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD (SCORE 2):

KidsRights acknowledges Andorra's requirement for guaranteeing the best interests (BIs) of children in the Qualified Act on the Rights of Children and Adolescents.

#### Recommendations

- Strengthen efforts to ensure that the right of children to have their BIs taken as a primary consideration is appropriately integrated and consistently interpreted and applied in all programs and legislative, administrative, and judicial proceedings involving children.
- Provide guidance or tools to all relevant persons in authority for assessing and determining the best interests in every area as a primary consideration.

### ON RESPECT FOR THE VIEWS OF THE CHILD (SCORE 2):

KidsRights commends Andorra for its efforts in promoting a culture of child participation, particularly through initiatives like the Child-friendly Parishes project implemented across all parishes and the incorporation of various actions on child participation into the National Plan for Children and Adolescents.

#### Recommendations

- Ensure that the outcomes of the youth parliament and children's councils are systematically integrated into public decision-making processes.
- Maintain and uphold all children's right to express their views and ensure that these views are considered in all decisions that affect them, including within courts and relevant administrative and judicial proceedings.

### ON ENABLING LEGISLATION (SCORE 1):

#### Recommendations

- Ensure the effective implementation of the Qualified Act on the Rights of Children and Adolescents by allocating sufficient resources and conducting capacity-building for professionals working with children.
- Develop a child-rights impact assessment procedure for all legislation and policies relevant to children.

This would ensure that the potential effects of proposed laws and policies on children are thoroughly evaluated and taken into consideration during the decision-making process.

### **ON BEST AVAILABLE BUDGET (SCORE 2):**

KidsRights notes that Article 10 of the Qualified Act on the Rights of Children and Adolescents mandates public authorities to prioritize budgetary allocations for activities aimed at safeguarding children's rights.

#### **Recommendations:**

- Implement a tracking system to monitor the allocation, utilization, and effectiveness of resources dedicated to children across all areas of their rights.
- Continuously increase and prioritize budgetary allocations to ensure the comprehensive implementation of children's rights, particularly focusing on child protection and mental health services.
- Ensure transparent and participatory budgeting processes that involve civil society and children, allowing their meaningful participation in decision-making regarding resource allocation for children's rights.

### **ON COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF DISAGGREGATED DATA (SCORE 1):**

#### **Recommendations:**

- Ensure that the Andorran Observatory for Children's Affairs is adequately equipped with human, technical, and financial resources to gather comprehensive data covering all areas of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and its Optional Protocols (OPs). This data should include information on various aspects such as nutrition, breastfeeding, mental health, abortion, substance abuse, school absenteeism, and dropout rates, disaggregated by age, sex, disability, geographical location, ethnic origin, nationality, and socioeconomic background.
- Ensure that statistical data are shared among relevant ministries, professional groups, and civil society, and utilized for evaluating policies and programs concerning children's rights. These measures aim to enhance the quality and utilization of data for effective policy formulation and implementation in Andorra.



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