

Western Europe (2nd)

Education has improved in the **United Kingdom (13th)**, with a 10% increase in people completing tertiary education (90%).

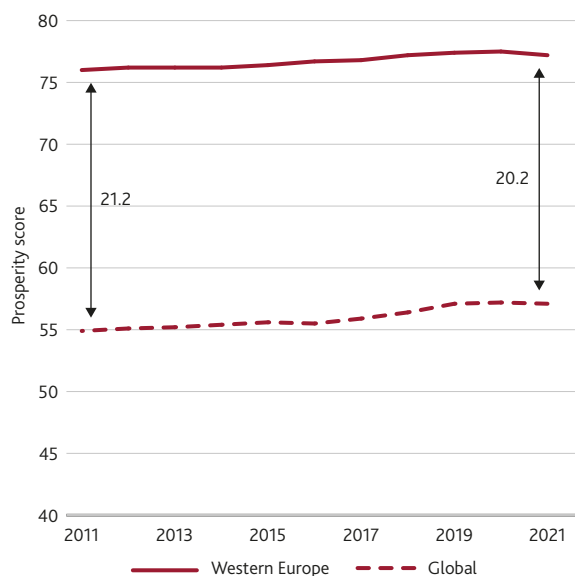
Sweden (3rd) is the Western European country whose prosperity has deteriorated the most over the last ten years. Since 2011, it has experienced a deterioration in six of the Index's 12 pillars, with the greatest deteriorations seen in Governance, Social Capital, and Investment Environment.

Country	Global rank
Denmark	1
Norway	2
Sweden	3
Finland	4
Switzerland	5
Netherlands	6
Luxembourg	7
Germany	9
Iceland	10
Austria	11
Ireland	12
United Kingdom	13
France	22
Belgium	23
Spain	24
Malta	25
Portugal	28
Italy	31
Cyprus	34
Greece	43

Spain (24th) is the Western European country whose prosperity has improved most in the past decade, driven by a notable improvement in Safety and Security. There has been a sharp decline in property crime, while the percentage of people who have reported stolen property in the last year has fallen from 14% to 8%.

Greece (43rd) is the least prosperous country in Western Europe. It ranks 131st for Social Capital, with only 8.4% of the population agreeing that people can be trusted, down from 21% just ten years ago.

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