

2026 IIAG Scorecard - Eswatini

OVERALL GOVERNANCE

2025 SCORE/100	2025 RANK/54	CHANGE 2016-2025
46.9	32 nd	-0.4

TREND

Increasing Improvement	Bouncing Back	No Change
Slowing Improvement	Slowing Deterioration	Not Classified
Warning Signs	Increasing Deterioration	

SECURITY & RULE OF LAW

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
SECURITY & RULE OF LAW	43.5	33	-3.1
SECURITY & SAFETY	71.2	31	-3.5
Absence of Armed Conflict	100.0	1	0.0
Absence of Violence against Civilians	86.2	17	-4.1
Absence of Forced Migration	93.7	16	+1.3
Absence of Human Trafficking & Forced Labour	42.1	38	+3.5
Absence of Crime	60.4	36	-4.4
Public Perception of Security & Safety	44.8	22	-17.5
RULE OF LAW & JUSTICE	35.4	40	-3.2
Executive Compliance with the Rule of Law	48.6	24	-8.5
Impartiality of the Judicial System	33.9	37	+8.4
Judicial Processes	50.4	21	+4.1
Equality before the Law	33.3	35	0.0
Law Enforcement	36.7	24	-7.2
Property Rights	20.2	50	+6.6
Public Perception of the Rule of Law	24.7	33	-25.8
ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY	25.4	40	-1.2
Institutional Checks & Balances	22.0	43	+7.2
Absence of Undue Influence	8.3	35	-8.4
Civic Checks & Balances	38.1	40	+2.0
Disclosure of Public Records	37.5	22	0.0
Accessibility of Public Records	12.8	44	+2.3
Public Perception of Accountability	33.9	29	-10.1
ANTI-CORRUPTION	42.0	24	-4.3
Anti-Corruption Mechanisms	25.9	34	-12.5
Absence of Corruption in State Institutions	57.6	16	-3.6
Absence of Corruption in the Public Sector	28.2	39	-5.5
Public Procurement Procedures	37.5	21	+12.5
Absence of Corruption in the Private Sector	52.7	17	-8.4
Public Perception of Anti-Corruption	49.9	18	-8.5

FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY	54.1	23	+2.2
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	50.1	32	+5.2
Civil Registration	50.0	35	0.0
Capacity of the Statistical System	39.5	39	+14.6
Effective Administration	40.6	36	-0.2
Tax & Revenue Mobilisation	67.6	11	-9.5
Budgetary & Financial Management	44.4	47	+8.3
Public Perception of Easiness to Obtain an Identity Document	58.6	16	+17.9
BUSINESS & LABOUR ENVIRONMENT	50.4	21	-1.5
Regional Integration	63.6	9	+1.0
Economic Diversification	77.4	12	+5.1
Business & Competition Regulations	45.5	37	0.0
Access to Banking Services	47.0	7	+1.4
Labour Relations	36.0	38	+6.9
Secure Employment Opportunities	69.6	15	+5.8
Public Perception of Economic Opportunities	13.4	34	-30.6
INFRASTRUCTURE	51.2	16	+8.4
Transport Network	37.4	11	+2.9
Access to Energy	68.1	12	+13.7
Mobile Communications	88.3	7	+37.8
Internet	39.6	16	+12.2
Shipping & Postal Network	23.8	37	-5.9
Public Perception of Infrastructure	49.9	17	-10.4
RURAL ECONOMY	64.6	25	-3.3
Rural Land & Water Access	53.8	38	-16.8
Rural Market Access	51.4	23	-1.9
Rural Economy Support	76.5	15	+4.3
Rural Representation & Participation	76.8	20	+1.2

PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION	34.3	42	+0.2
PARTICIPATION	19.6	48	+0.6
Freedom of Association & Assembly	0.0	42	0.0
Political Pluralism	0.3	53	+0.2
Civil Society Space	15.5	46	-3.9
Democratic Elections	20.7	41	+5.4
Deliberative & Participatory Governance	25.9	47	-5.2
Public Perception of Political Participation	54.9	21	+6.6
RIGHTS	31.5	40	-5.0
Personal Liberties	39.3	29	+11.7
Freedom of Expression & Belief	35.7	40	-18.5
Media Freedom	40.3	41	+3.2
Digital Freedom	50.0	28	-2.9
Protection against Discrimination	0.0	41	0.0
Public Perception of Freedom of Speech	23.7	36	-23.7
INCLUSION & EQUALITY	38.8	34	-1.9
Equal Political Power	34.2	35	-1.1
Equal Political Representation	29.8	41	+1.5
Equal Civil Liberties	31.0	50	-7.5
Equal Socioeconomic Opportunities	65.4	17	-0.3
Equal Access to Public Services	57.0	11	+5.1
Public Perception of Inclusion & Equality	15.3	36	-8.9
WOMEN'S EQUALITY	47.2	46	+7.2
Political Power & Representation of Women	42.8	39	+15.5
Rights & Civil Liberties for Women	40.2	48	+0.6
Socioeconomic Opportunity for Women	41.8	35	0.0
Access to Public Services for Women	37.9	32	-4.7
Laws on Violence against Women	40.0	48	+20.0
Public Perception of Female Leadership	80.2	7	+11.3

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	55.8	23	-0.9
HEALTH	68.0	11	-1.7
Access to Healthcare	57.5	15	-5.3
Access to Water & Sanitation	63.5	13	+10.4
Control of Communicable Diseases	89.7	9	+1.9
Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)	79.8	10	-2.8
Child & Maternal Health	84.6	9	+4.3
Health Quality	47.5	19	+20.8
Public Perception of Health Provision	53.6	17	-41.0
EDUCATION	54.2	26	-5.4
Equality in Education	34.7	42	+0.1
Education Enrolment	52.7	9	-7.4
Education Completion	.	.	.
Human Resources in Education	72.6	30	-1.5
Education Quality	55.1	17	+2.2
Public Perception of Education Provision	56.0	21	-20.3
SOCIAL PROTECTION & WELFARE	48.1	35	-2.2
Social Safety	26.8	33	+4.2
Poverty Reduction Policies	45.4	31	+4.5
Socioeconomic Inequality Mitigation	43.7	48	+1.8
Decent Housing	82.3	7	0.0
Food Security	62.2	24	+6.2
Public Perception of Social Protection & Lived Poverty	28.4	31	-29.5
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT	52.7	25	+5.3
Promotion of Environmental Sustainability	42.1	42	+5.6
Enforcement of Environmental Policies	.	.	.
Air Quality	67.0	15	+9.0
Sustainable Use of Land & Forests	45.5	46	+4.4
Land & Water Biodiversity Protection	56.2	12	+2.3