

New Zealand rankings

New Zealand has gained top rankings in recent international business surveys, including a number one ranking for investor protection in the World Bank's Doing Business 2011 report.

Here is a snapshot of how New Zealand compares.

| | New Zealand | Australia | Singapore | United States | United Kingdom |
|--|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| Ease of doing business | 3 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Protecting investors (Doing Business 2011) | 1 | 59 | 2 | 5 | 10 |
| Freedom from corruption (Corruption Perceptions Index 2010, Transparency International) | 1 (equal) | 8 | 1 (equal) | 22 | 20 |
| Environmental performance (Environmental Performance Index 2010, Yale and Columbia universities) | 15 | 51 | 28 | 61 | 14 |

Perspectives

“New Zealand, despite its geographical isolation, has turned itself into an entrepreneurial powerhouse leading the world in the creation of small and medium-sized enterprises, thanks in part to enlightened government policies” – The Economist magazine, 2009.

“New Zealand has been able to ride out the global financial crisis better than many other advanced countries.” – The International Monetary Fund, 2010.

“After one-on-one sessions with 75 Kiwi entrepreneurs, I am not able to differentiate between Kiwi and American entrepreneurs or their ventures. Similar to their American counterparts, Kiwi entrepreneurs are passionate about their products and technology.” - Bill Payne, US Angel Investor, 2010.