

Debt is not the risk.
Debt servicing is.

Sovereign balance sheets, stress-tested. 13 indicators · 4 pillars · official sources only · every figure reproducible.

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METHODOLOGY v1.3 · UNIVERSE G20 + CHE·SGP·NOR
SCALE 0 = CRITICAL FRAGILITY · 100 = MAXIMUM RESILIENCE

SOVEREIGN		LOAD TEST — SCORE VS. BAND THRESHOLDS				TSRI-C	Δ 5Y	FISCAL	MONET.	STRUCT.	GOLD	BAND
01	NO Norway					69	-1	97	74	55	8	LOW
02	CH Switzerland					67	-2	74	89	54	16	LOW
03	DE Germany					58	-13	61	80	35	68	MODERATE
04	SA Saudi Arabia					58	+7	71	69	46	13	MODERATE
05	KR South Korea					57	-8	69	75	41	10	MODERATE
06	AU Australia					54±	-4	62	53	55	18	ELEVATED
07	CA Canada					54±	-0	62	66	48	8	ELEVATED
08	FR France					51	-8	47	87	29	68	ELEVATED
09	ID Indonesia					49	-5	45	85	38	12	ELEVATED
10	JP Japan					46±	-0	52	57	37	16	HIGH
11	CN China					46±	-10	46	73	31	17	HIGH
12	IT Italy					44	-8	36	78	28	68	HIGH
13	GB United Kingdom					43	-9	47	46	40	21	HIGH
14	US United States					43	-10	31	63	41	68	HIGH
15	TR Türkiye					40	-11	53	27	40	52	HIGH
16	BR Brazil					38±	+3	31	70	26	34	HIGH
17	ZA South Africa					36±	-8	27	66	32	22	CRITICAL
18	RU Russia					36	-2	66	49	9	36	CRITICAL
19	IN India					33	-5	15	70	50	28	CRITICAL
20	MX Mexico					32	-8	26	68	23	12	CRITICAL
21	AR Argentina					26	—	55	10	26	26	CRITICAL
—	SG Singapore	Insufficient data — fiscal source coverage 66% (floor 75%)									withheld	

RISK BANDS — DERIVED, NOT CHOSEN

- Low

62–100
- Moderate

54–62
- Elevated

47–54
- High

38–46
- Critical

0–37

TSRI-C omits external-balance strength (deferred to TSRI Extended): sovereigns with exceptional external assets — Norway, Switzerland, Singapore — are understated relative to the full framework.

Cut points from Jenks natural-breaks clustering of 413 scored country-years, 2005–2024 (exact cuts 37.7 / 46.5 / 54.1 / 62.3 in the methodology paper). ± marks scores within 2.0 pts of a boundary.

WHY THESE NUMBERS HOLD

PCA weight comparison	p 0.956 · PASS
±5pp weight perturbation	p ≥ 0.984 · PASS
Entropy weights (diagnostic)	p 0.808 · disclosed
Equal pillars (diagnostic)	p 0.688 · disclosed

Publication is blocked unless the ranking survives statistical re-weighting. Every datum ships with source, series code, vintage and confidence tier in a public audit file.

PILLAR WEIGHTS

FISCAL 40	MONETARY 30	STRUCTURAL 25	5
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Gold is held deliberately at 5% — a buffer, not a thesis. Debt/GDP contributes only 6% of the index because refinancing capacity — not debt size — has historically explained sovereign stress more effectively; the interest bill against revenues carries 16%.

THE INDEX READS HISTORY



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