

# Russia Drops Further in World Happiness Index – UN

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It's not all smiles for Russia as it slips down the global happiness rankings for a third consecutive year, according to an annual UN report published on Wednesday.

The World Happiness Report ranks 156 countries by variables that support well-being, including GDP per capita, social support, healthy life expectancy, social freedom, generosity and absence of corruption.

Russia is now the 68th-happiest place on Earth, wedged between Pakistan and the Philippines, the report published by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [said](#). It came in at 58th in 2018 and 49th the year before.

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The country ranked third-happiest among its post-Soviet cohorts, behind Uzbekistan and

Kazakhstan, which ranked 41st and 60th respectively.

Finland remained the world's happiest country for the second year in a row. South Sudan ranked last.

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