

Nations At Risk

Mapping countries according to the Disaster Risk Index

The table below organizes a selection of countries according to the “disaster risk” system developed by the UN. Category 7 indicates countries with the greatest risk and Category 1 indicates countries with the lowest risk.

Select 3 countries from each category (for a total of 21) and shade them to create a choropleth map. Compare your map with that of two students who did not map the same countries as you to look for patterns, regions of risk, etc.

Risk Category 7		
Philippines	Mozambique	
Bangladesh	Ethiopia	
Congo	Malawi	
Risk Category 6		
Indonesia	Vietnam	Haiti
Mali	Pakistan	China
Madagascar	Cuba	India
Tajikistan	Iran	
Risk Category 5		
Kenya	Turkey	Ecuador
Yemen	Jamaica	Algeria
Nicaragua	Bolivia	Peru
Laos	Japan	
Risk Category 4		
Chad	Brazil	Argentina
Thailand	Colombia	USA
Paraguay	Venezuela	Egypt
Niger		
Risk Category 3		
Mongolia	Romania	Malaysia
Panama	South Africa	Italy
Ghana	Australia	Poland
Greece	New Zealand	Israel
Risk Category 2		
Morocco	Uruguay	Spain
Germany	France	Austria
Russia	Croatia	Canada
UK		
Risk Category 1		
Kuwait	Ireland	
Sweden	Iceland	
Switzerland	Slovenia	

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Questions:

What country has a HIGH RISK (Category 5-7) and surprised you? Why do you think its risk is higher than you thought?

What country has a LOW RISK (Category 1-2) and surprised you? Why do you think this is so?