

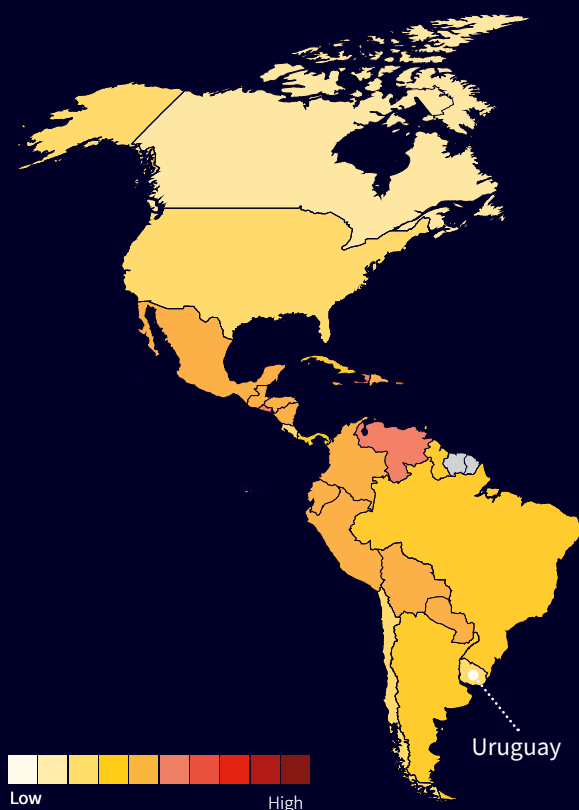
Modern slavery in Uruguay

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Figure 1.
Prevalence of modern slavery across the Americas



KEY STATS

Population (2021) 3,473,727

GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl \$) \$22,728

1.9

PREVALENCE OF
MODERN SLAVERY
per 1,000 people

7,000

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING
IN MODERN SLAVERY

27/100

VULNERABILITY TO
MODERN SLAVERY

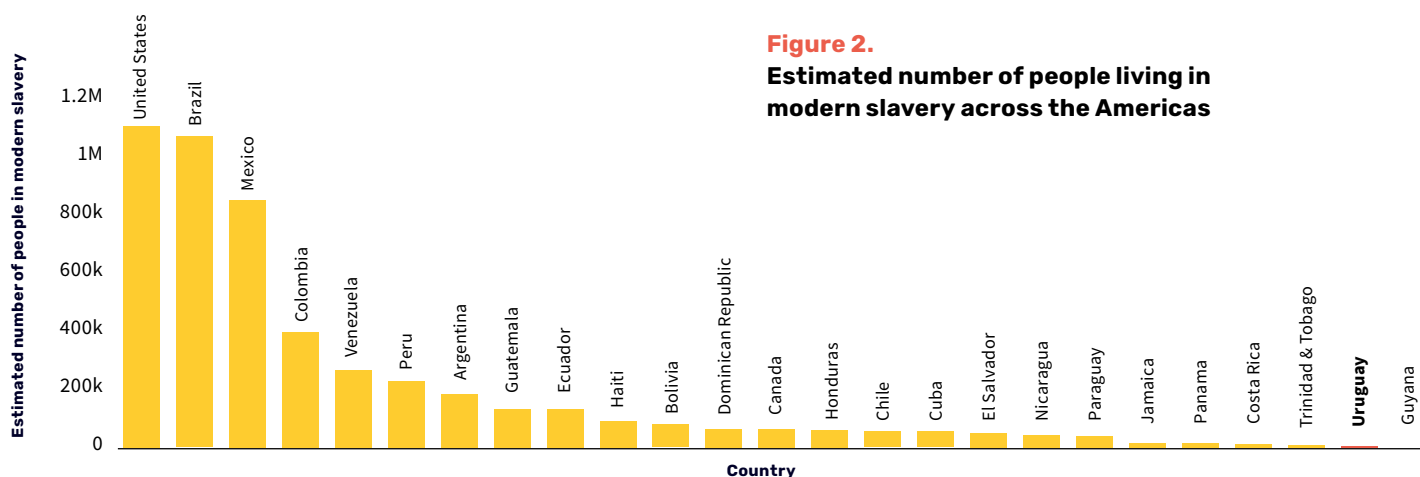
56/100

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
TO MODERN SLAVERY

The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 1.9 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Uruguay at any point in 2021. In other words, 7,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Uruguay in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Uruguay ranks 141th globally and 24th within the Americas.

Figure 2.
Estimated number of people living in modern slavery across the Americas



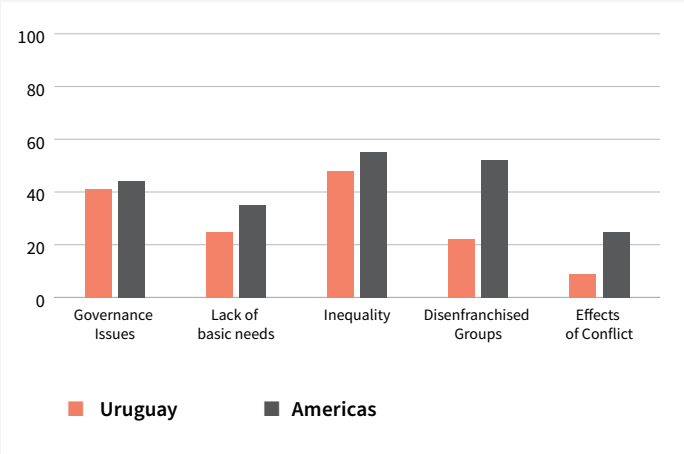
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Vulnerability to modern slavery

How vulnerable a country's people are to modern slavery is dependent on a range of factors which reflect the strength of governance, access to basic needs, inequality, disenfranchised groups, and effects of conflict. On a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 being the highest vulnerability to modern slavery, Uruguay is rated as 27 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of inequality.

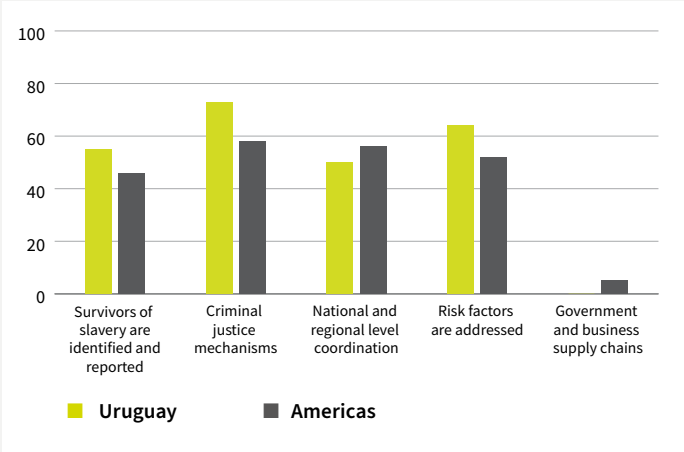
Figure 3.
Vulnerability of Uruguay to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average



Government response to modern slavery

The government of Uruguay scored 56 out of 100 in their response to modern slavery. This places the government's response above the average regional response. Of the five areas of response assessed (milestones), the government has taken most action on effective criminal justice mechanisms and least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Figure 4.
Government of Uruguay's responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average



Priority Recommendations for the government of Uruguay

1

Criminalise forced labour in line with international conventions.

2

Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.

3

Ensure support services are available for all victims of modern slavery, regardless of gender, age, nationality, or sexuality.

