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Figure 1. Prevalence of modern slavery across Europe and Central Asia

The scale of modern slavery
According to the Global Slavery Index 2023, an estimated 7.5 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Romania at any point in 2021. In other words, 145,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Romania in 2021. Romania ranks 46th globally and 20th within Europe and Central Asia.

Figure 2. Estimated number of people in modern slavery across Europe and Central Asia

KEY STATS
Population (2021) 19,237,682
GDP per capita, PPP (Current Intl $) $32,202

7.5
PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY per 1,000 people

145,000
NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

26/100
VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY

58/100
GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY
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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, the level of inequality, disenfranchised groups, and effects of conflict. On a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 being the highest vulnerability to modern slavery, Romania is rated as 26 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

**Figure 3.** Vulnerability of Romania to modern slavery by dimension of vulnerability, compared to the regional average

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**Government response to modern slavery**
The government of Romania scored 58 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 national and regional coordination of the response to modern slavery and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

**Figure 4.** Response of the government of Romania to modern slavery by government response milestone, compared with the regional average

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