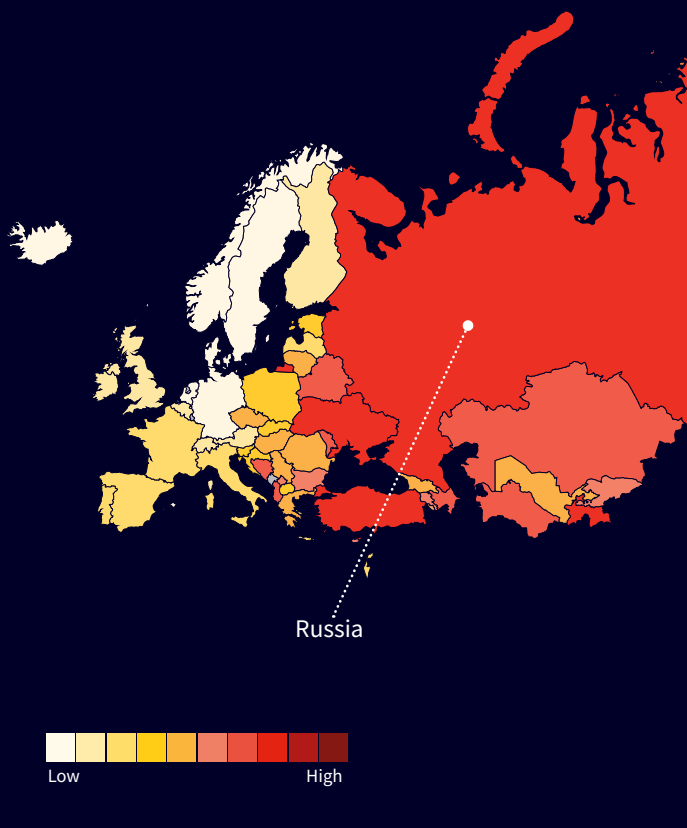


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**Figure 1.**  
Prevalence of modern slavery across Europe and Central Asia



### KEY STATS

Population (2021) 145,934,460

GDP per capita, PPP (Current Intl \$) \$29,916

**13.0**

PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY per 1,000 people

**1,899,000**

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

**60/100**

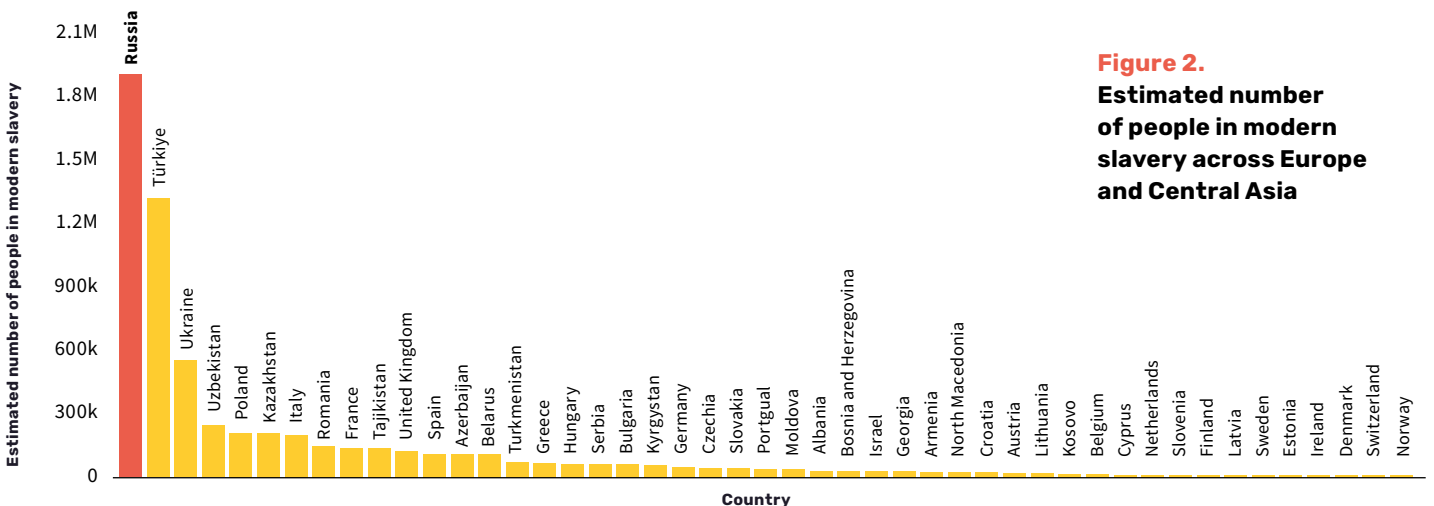
VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY

**24/100**

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY

### The scale of modern slavery

According to the Global Slavery Index 2023, an estimated 13 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Russia at any point in 2021. In other words, 1,899,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Russia in 2021. Russia ranks 8th globally and 3rd within Europe and Central Asia.



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

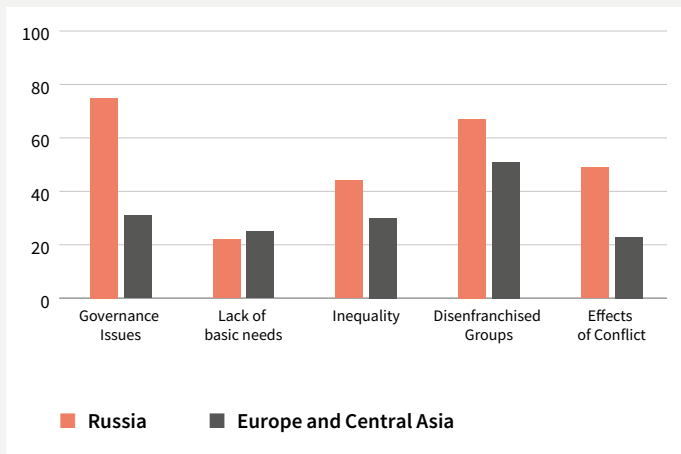
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## Vulnerability to modern slavery

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 the highest vulnerability to modern slavery, Russia is rated as 60 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of governance issues.

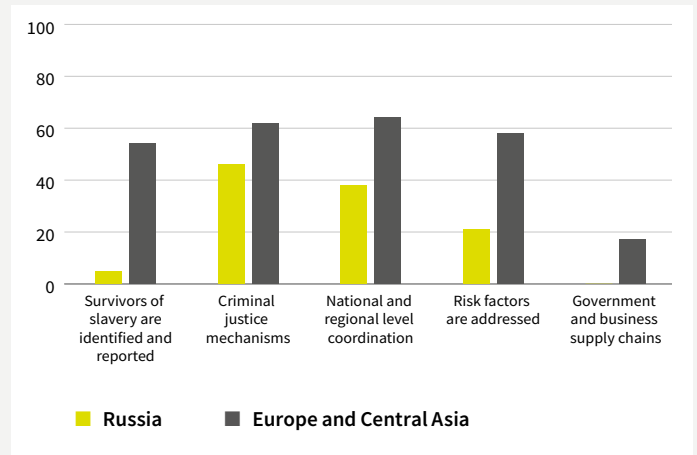
**Figure 3.** Vulnerability of Russia to modern slavery by dimension of vulnerability, compared to the regional average



## Government response to modern slavery

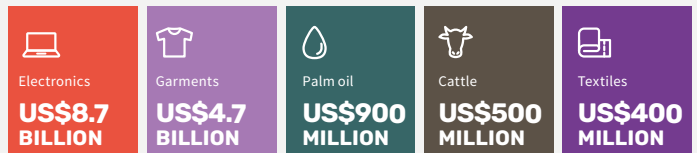
The government of Russia scored 24 out of 100 in their response to modern slavery. This places the government's response below the average regional response. Of the five areas of response assessed (milestones), the government has taken most action on effective criminal justice mechanisms and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

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



## Importing risk of modern slavery

Russia imported US \$15.2 billion worth of goods at-risk of modern slavery. This includes:



## Priority Recommendations for the government of Russia:

- 1** Immediately end state-imposed forced labour by ceasing the use of compulsory prison labour and compulsory labour as a punishment for holding views opposed to the established political, social, or economic system. Amend or repeal sections of legislation that allow these practices to occur, including the Penal Code, Law of 24 July 2007, the Code on Administrative Offences, Federal Law No. 141 of 28 July 2012, the Criminal Code, Law No. 136-FZ, the Code on the Execution of Penal Sentences, and Act No. 5473-I (21 July 1993).
- 2** Criminalise commercial sexual exploitation of children in line with international conventions.
- 3** Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.

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