

CSR Risk Check



CANADA

4 country risk(s) have been identified

- **LABOUR RIGHTS (2)**

FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION (1 RISK)

Canada scores a 3 on the ITUC Global Rights Index (scale 1-5) for freedom of association and workers' rights, which stands for regular violations of rights. Governments and/or companies are regularly interfering in collective labour rights or are failing to fully guarantee important aspects of these rights. There are deficiencies in laws and/or certain practices which make frequent violations possible.

Sources: [ITUC-CSL, ITUC Global Rights Index, 2019](#)

DISCRIMINATION & GENDER (1 RISK)

In Canada, incidents have been reported where the rights of indigenous peoples were violated systematically. Especially women of indigenous origin are confronted with violence and murders. Over the past 30 years, 4,000 indigenous women have gone missing or were murdered. Read more about this in the [Human Rights Watch](#) report.

Sources: [Human Rights Watch, World Report 2020 - Events of 2019, 2020](#), [FIDH, 8 March 2018: International Women's Day, 2018](#)

- **ENVIRONMENT (2)**

CLIMATE & ENERGY (1 RISK)

The Global Footprint Network calculated that every person on earth can use 1.7 gha (global hectares) to provide for their needs **and** to remain within the carrying capacity of the earth. While some countries remain below this average, this is one of the 10 worst performing countries, with an average consumption of more than 7 gha per capita. The high CO₂ emissions related to the production and consumption in this country are the main reason for this.

Sources: [WWF, Living Planet Report 2016: Risk and resilience in a new era, 2016](#), [Global Footprint Network, Ecological Wealth of Nations, 2017](#)

WATER USE & WATER AVAILABILITY (1 RISK)

In parts of Canada there is significant freshwater scarcity from April to September.

Sources: [Science Advances, Four billion people facing severe water scarcity, 2016](#)
