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PRESS RELEASE: New data reveal widespread human rights shortfalls across Kyrgyzstan

New data released today by independent NGO, the Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI), show that Kyrgyzstan’s government still has a long way to go in achieving its human rights commitments for its people.

Kyrgyzstan’s overall Empowerment score of **3.8 out of 10** indicates that many people are not enjoying their civil liberties and political freedoms (**freedom of speech, assembly and association, democratic rights, and religion and belief**). With a very low score of **3.3 out of 10**, the right to assembly and association is Kyrgyzstan’s lowest Empowerment score and falls within HRMI’s ‘very bad’ range.

Over time

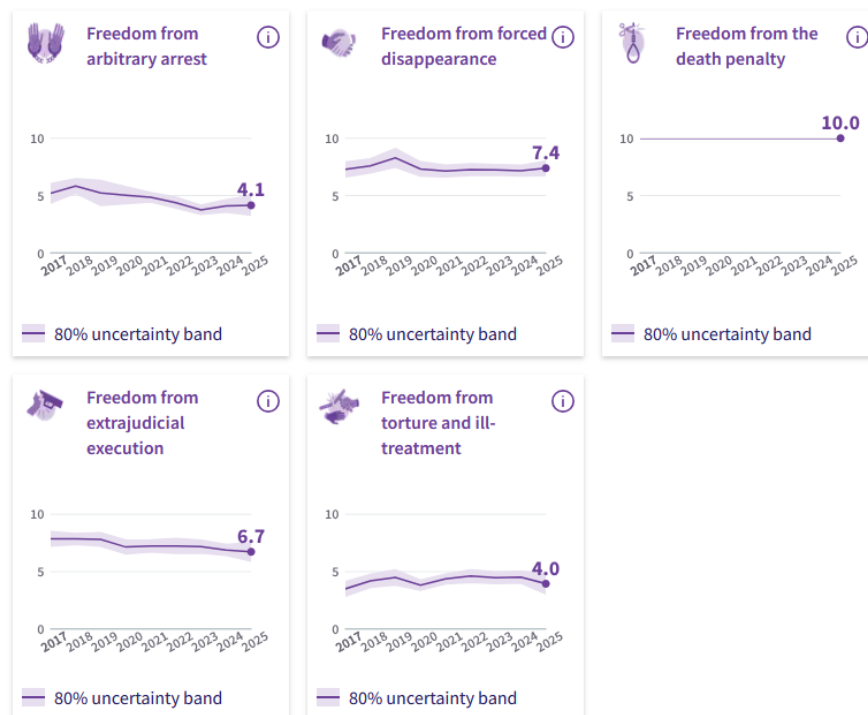


Source: HRMI 2026 rightstracker.org

Figure 1: Kyrgyzstan's 2025 Empowerment scores

Furthermore, Kyrgyzstan's Safety from the State score of **6.6 out of 10** suggests that a significant number of people are not safe from one or more of the following: **arbitrary arrest, torture and ill-treatment, forced disappearance, or extrajudicial killing**. Both the right to freedom from arbitrary arrest (4.1) and the right to freedom from torture and ill-treatment (4.0) fall within HRMI's 'bad' range.

Over time



Source: HRMI 2026 rightstracker.org

Figure 2: Kyrgyzstan's 2025 Safety from the State scores

The trends over time graphs for both Empowerment and Safety from the State rights show that there has been little to no progress, and in some cases a steady decline in the scores across civil and political rights performance.

Human rights expert respondents as part of HRMI's research indicated that **human rights advocates, people who protest or engage in non-political activity, people who oppose the government, journalists, LGBTQIA+ people, and sex workers** are particularly at risk of having their Empowerment and Safety from the State rights violated by the state.

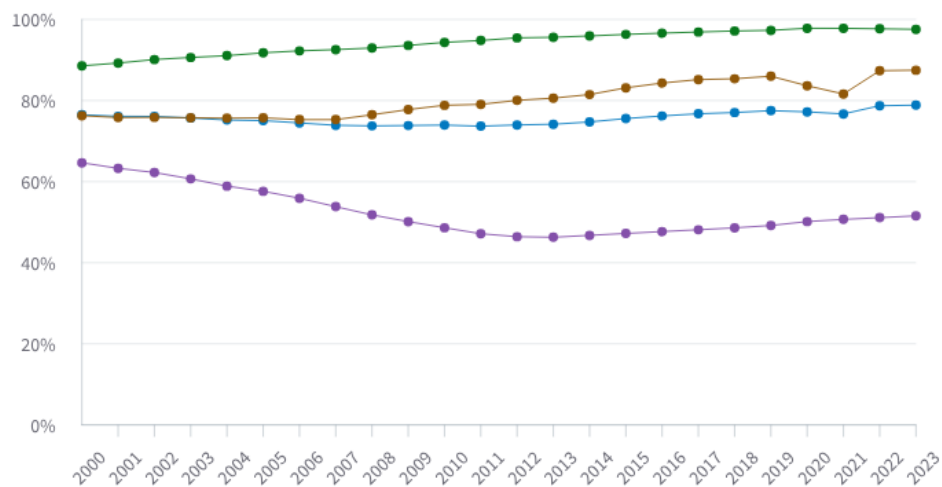
Meanwhile, Kyrgyzstan’s Quality of Life score, which covers the rights to **education, health, housing, food, and work** scores 88.2%, which means that the government is only doing 88.2% of what should be possible right now with the resources it has. As anything less than 100% indicates that a country is not meeting its current duty under international human rights law, Kyrgyzstan has some way to go to meet its immediate economic and social rights duty.

Kyrgyzstan’s performance on the right to health (78.9%) continues to be its lowest headline score, with the over time trends graph showing there has been no progress since 2000. Similarly to previous years, the data shows that **the right to reproductive health is especially low**, achieving only 51.6% and falling firmly within HRMI’s ‘very bad’ range.

Over time

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How does Kyrgyzstan perform over time for [Right to health](#) using the 'Income adjusted' benchmark and 'Low and middle income' assessment standard?



Score based on data from specified year ● Score based on data from earlier year ○

Source: HRMI 2026 rightstracker.org

Figure 3: Kyrgyzstan’s right to health scores from 2000 - 2023

'The right to health is fundamental to ensuring dignity and well-being for all,' said HRMI Co-Executive Director Thalia Kehoe Rowden. 'Kyrgyzstan's government must significantly increase investment in healthcare systems and services to improve health outcomes and ensure that every person can access the care they need to live a healthy life.'

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About the Rights Tracker: The Rights Tracker is a global project to measure the human rights performance of countries systematically. The 2026 dataset launched today gives scores on 14 civil and political rights for more than 50 countries from the years 2017 to 2025, and annual data on five economic and social rights for 200 countries from 2000 to 2023, based on the award-winning SERF Index methodology. Please visit rightstracker.org for the freely available dataset. HRMI's data are used by a wide range of people and organisations, including Amnesty International, the World Bank, and the United Nations.

About HRMI: The Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI) is an independent non-profit organisation part of a global movement building a world where all people can flourish. Since 2017, we have used a range of award-winning, peer-reviewed, robust methodologies to produce human rights data that are used by a wide range of people and organisations. All our data is available for free on the Rights Tracker, which is a certified Digital Public Good. We believe that what gets measured gets improved. www.humanrightsmeasurement.org

HRMI's 2026 data release will go live on 25 June 2026, 1AM KGT and is available for media and civil society use under embargo before then via this link: <https://embargoed-rightstracker2026.rightstracker.org/>

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