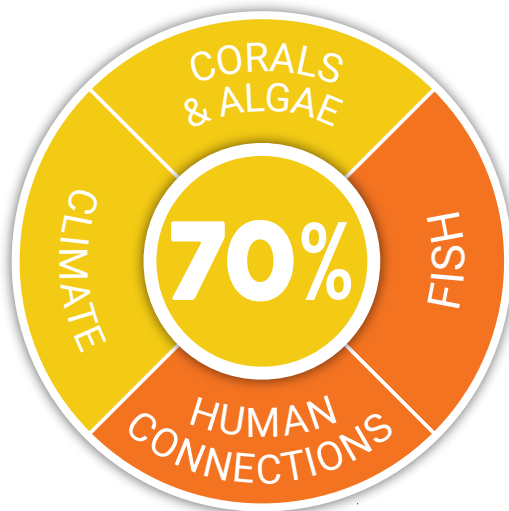
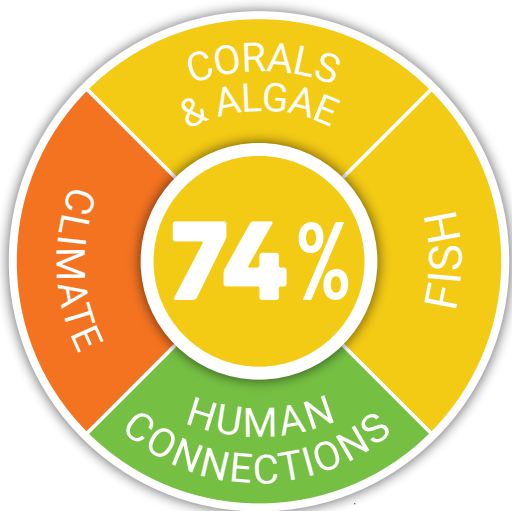


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What do the scores mean?

U.S. coral reefs were scored based on indicators within four major themes: Corals & Algae make up the base of the coral reef ecosystem, providing food and shelter for fish and other reef creatures; Fish are key to healthy reefs, coastal economies, and the livelihoods of local communities; Climate, especially temperature and ocean chemistry, indicate the level of environmental stress to the reef (changing climate conditions can vary on both regional and local levels); Human Connections to coral reefs helps gauge local support for reef management, conservation, and community engagement.

90–100% Very Good

All or almost all indicators meet reference values. Conditions in these locations are unimpacted, or minimally impacted or have not declined. Human connections are very high.

80–89% Good

Most indicators meet reference values. Conditions in these locations are lightly impacted or have lightly declined. Human connections are high.

70–79% Fair

Some indicators meet reference values. Conditions in these locations are moderately impacted or have declined moderately. Human connections are moderate.

60–69% Impaired

Few indicators meet reference values. Conditions in these locations are very impacted or have declined considerably. Human connections are lacking.

0–59% Critical

Very few or no indicators meet reference values. Conditions in these locations are severely impacted or have declined substantially. Human connections are severely lacking.