Peru

Overview



Transparency:

61/100

(Open Budget Index score)



Public Participation:

31/100



Budget Oversight:

78 /100

About the survey

Government budget decisions – what taxes to levy, what services to provide, and how much debt to take on – have important consequences for all people in society. When governments provide information and meaningful channels for the public to engage in these decisions, we can better ensure public money is spent on public interests.

The Open Budget Survey (OBS) is the world's only independent, comparative and fact-based research instrument that uses internationally accepted criteria to assess public access to central government budget information; formal opportunities for the public to participate in the national budget process; and the role of budget oversight institutions, such as legislatures and national audit offices, in the budget process.

The survey helps local civil society assess and confer with their government on the reporting and use of public funds. This 8th edition of the OBS covers 120 countries.

Visit <u>www.internationalbudget.org/open-budget-survey</u> for more information, including the full OBS methodology, the 2021 Global and Regional Reports, findings for all surveyed countries, and the Data Explorer.

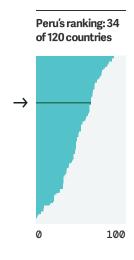


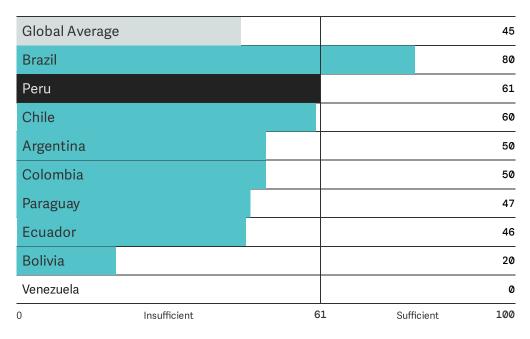
Transparency

This part of the OBS measures public access to information on how the central government raises and spends public resources. It assesses the **online** availability, timeliness, and comprehensiveness of eight key budget documents using 109 equally weighted indicators and scores each country on a scale of 0 to 100. A transparency score of 61 or above indicates a country is likely publishing enough material to support informed public debate on the budget.

Peru has a transparency score of 61 (out of 100).

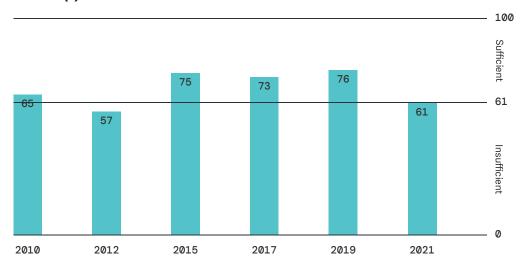
Transparency in Peru compared to others







How has the transparency score for Peru changed over time?



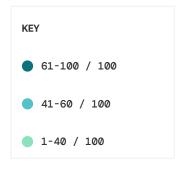
Public availability of budget documents in Peru

KEY					
•	Available to the Public				
	Published Late, or Not Published Online, or Produced for Internal Use Only				
0	Not Produced				

Document	2010	2012	2015	2017	2019	2021
Pre-Budget Statement				•	•	0
Executive's Budget Proposal	•	•	•	•	•	
Enacted Budget	•	•	•	•	•	•
Citizens Budget	0	0	•	•	•	•
In-Year Reports	•	•	•	•	•	•
Mid-Year Review	•	•	•	•	•	•
Year-End Report	•	•	•	•	•	
Audit Report	•	•	•	•	•	•



How comprehensive is the content of the key budget documents that Peru makes available to the public?



Key budget document	Document purpose and contents	Fiscal year assessed	Document content score
Pre- Budget Statement	Discloses the broad parameters of fiscal policies in advance of the Executive's Budget Proposal; outlines the government's economic forecast, anticipated revenue, expenditures, and debt.	2021	Not Produced
Executive's Budget Proposal	Submitted by the executive to the legislature for approval; details the sources of revenue, the allocations to ministries, proposed policy changes, and other information important for understanding the country's fiscal situation.	2021	75
Enacted Budget	The budget that has been approved by the legislature.	2021	78
Citizens Budget	A simpler and less technical version of the government's Executive's Budget Proposal or the Enacted Budget, designed to convey key information to the public.	2021	75
In-Year Reports	Include information on actual revenues collected, actual expenditures made, and debt incurred at different intervals; issued quarterly or monthly.	2020	96
Mid-Year Review	A comprehensive update on the implementation of the budget as of the middle of the fiscal year; includes a review of economic assumptions and an updated forecast of budget outcomes.	2020	48
Year-End Report	Describes the situation of the government's accounts at the end of the fiscal year and, ideally, an evaluation of the progress made toward achieving the budget's policy goals.	2019	Internal Use
Audit Report	Issued by the supreme audit institution, this document examines the soundness and completeness of the government's year-end accounts.	2019	76

Peru's transparency score of **61** in the OBS 2021 is substantially lower than its score in 2019.

What changed in OBS 2021?

Peru has decreased the availability of budget information by:



- Producing the Year-End Report for internal use only.
- Failing to produce the Pre-Budget Statement.

Recommendations

Peru should prioritize the following actions to improve budget transparency:

- Publish the Year-End Report online in a timely manner.
- Produce and publish the Pre-Budget Statement online in a timely manner.
- Improve the comprehensiveness of the Mid-Year Review. This could be
 achieved by presenting expenditure estimates by program, including an
 administrative and functional classification, and presenting updated
 expenditure estimates for the budget year underway.

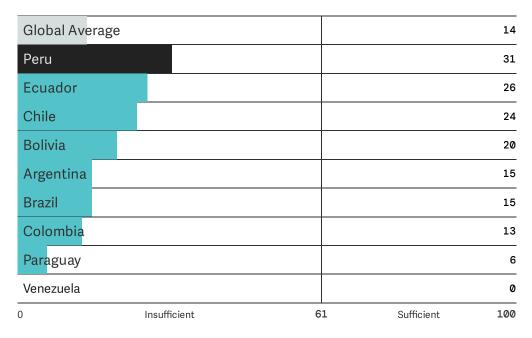


Public Participation

The OBS assesses the formal opportunities offered to the public for meaningful participation in the different stages of the budget process. It examines the practices of the central government's executive, the legislature, and the supreme audit institution (SAI) using 18 equally weighted indicators, aligned with the Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency's <u>Principles of Public Participation in Fiscal Policies</u>, and scores each country on a scale from 0 to 100.

Peru has a public participation score of 31 (out of 100).

Public participation in Peru compared to others



For more information, see <u>here</u> for innovative public participation practices around the world.



Extent of opportunities for public participation in the budget process



Recommendations

Peru's Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas has established a council during budget formulation but, to further strengthen public participation in the budget process, should also prioritize the following actions:

- Pilot mechanisms to monitor budget implementation.
- Expand mechanisms during budget formulation to engage any civil society organization or member of the public who wishes to participate.
- Actively engage with vulnerable and underrepresented communities, directly or through civil society organizations representing them.

Peru's Congreso de la República has established submissions related to the approval of the annual budget and submissions related to the review of the Audit Report, but should also prioritize the following actions:

 Allow any member of the public or any civil society organization to testify during its hearings on the budget proposal prior to its approval.

Peru's Contraloría General de la República has established mechanisms to contribute to relevant audit investigations. It should prioritize the following actions to improve public participation in the budget process:

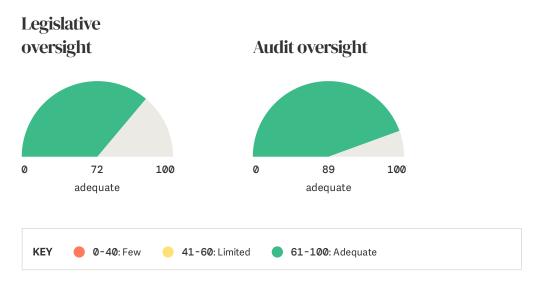
 Establish formal mechanisms for the public to assist in developing its audit program.



Budget Oversight

The OBS examines the role that legislatures and supreme audit institutions (SAIs) play in the budget process and the extent to which they provide oversight; each country is scored on a scale from 0 to 100 based on 18 equally weighted indicators. In addition, the survey collects supplementary information on independent fiscal institutions (see Box).

The legislature and supreme audit institution in Peru, together, provide adequate oversight during the budget process, with a composite oversight score of **78** (out of 100). Taken individually, the extent of each institution's oversight is shown below:



Recommendations

Peru's Congreso de la República provides adequate oversight during the planning stage of the budget cycle and adequate oversight during the implementation stage. To further improve oversight, the following actions should be prioritized:

- The legislature should debate budget policy before the Executive's Budget Proposal is tabled and approve recommendations for the upcoming budget.
- A legislative committee should examine in-year budget implementation and publish reports with their findings online.



The emerging practice of establishing independent fiscal institutions

Peru's independent fiscal institution (IFI) is the Consejo Fiscal. Its independence is set in law, and it reports to the executive. It publishes an assessment of the official macroeconomic and fiscal forecasts produced by the executive.

The indicators on IFIs are not scored in the Open Budget Survey.



Methodology

- Only documents published and events, activities, or developments that took place through 31 December 2020 were assessed in the OBS 2021.
- The survey is based on a questionnaire completed in each country by an independent budget expert:
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- To further strengthen the research, each country's draft questionnaire is also reviewed by an anonymous independent expert.

