

Covid resilience ranking

The Covid Resilience Ranking scores economies of more than \$200 billion (€169 billion) on 10 key metrics: from growth in virus cases to the overall mortality rate, testing capabilities and the vaccine supply agreements in place. The capacity of the local health-care system, the impact of virus-related restrictions like lockdowns on the economy, and citizens' freedom of movement are also taken into account. The result is an overall score that's a snapshot of how the pandemic is playing out in these economies - 53 - right now.

With growing speculation that the world will need to learn to live with coronavirus – and with the possibility of other kinds of significant disruptions - some academics are calling for a resilience ranking for higher education.

This could be a re-framing of university ranking metrics around resilience - the capacity to prepare for and respond to crises. Key criteria for resilience could centre on diversification, flexibility and innovation, risk, values, value maintenance, and community outreach. Existing rankings schemes touch on some of these, but not through the resilience lens.

Ranking could indicate key strategic measures that rate the university's ability to adapt to external circumstances and threats. These might be quantitative - the extent of shift from face-to-face learning to online teaching, for example – or qualitative – such as improved organisational practices and growth options that an institution has implemented.