

THE FUTURE IS NOW: UNICEF REPORT CARD 17



The environment and children's well-being in Canada



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In this UNICEF Report Card, “environment” means physical conditions of the natural and built environments that children and youth experience and that affect their well-being.



IT'S GETTING HOT

"Being from BC, my family is significantly impacted by the mudslides, flooding and forest fires that happened this year. It has ruined homes, lives and put a hold on our lives, as we need to figure out how to survive first."

Youth Focus Group Participant

Canada ranks 28th among 39 rich countries in the overall environmental well-being of children and youth.

Spain
RANKED 1ST




Canada
RANKED 28TH



Romania
RANKED 39TH



THE WEALTH PARADOX

Overall rank	Country	World of the child	World around the child	World at large
1	Spain	8	13	13
2	Ireland	6	4	20
3	Portugal	25	9	9
4	Cyprus	15	17	10
5	Finland	1	2	30
6	Italy	7	16	14
7	Iceland	3	1	32
8	Slovenia	19	14	16
9	Germany	13	6	22
10	Sweden	4	10	26
11	United Kingdom	11	12	23
12	Netherlands	12	8	27
13	Japan	2	21	25
14	Norway	5	5	35
15	New Zealand	24	15	17
16	France	14	27	18
17	Switzerland	21	3	33
18	Hungary	34	22	6
19	Austria	9	19	29
20	Czech Republic	26	23	21
21	Estonia	27	11	28
22	Lithuania	32	24	15
23	Croatia	29	33	5
24	Denmark	18	26	34
25	Slovakia	31	29	11
26	Greece	22	35	8
27	Poland	30	31	7
 28	Canada	17	7	38
29	Malta	33	18	24
30	Australia	10	20	37
31	Latvia	36	30	12
32	Republic of Korea	16	32	31
33	Chile	35	37	3
34	Israel	23	36	19
35	Bulgaria	37	34	4
36	Belgium	28	25	36
37	United States	20	28	39
38	Costa Rica	38	38	1
39	Romania	39	39	2

RANKING:

TOP THIRD

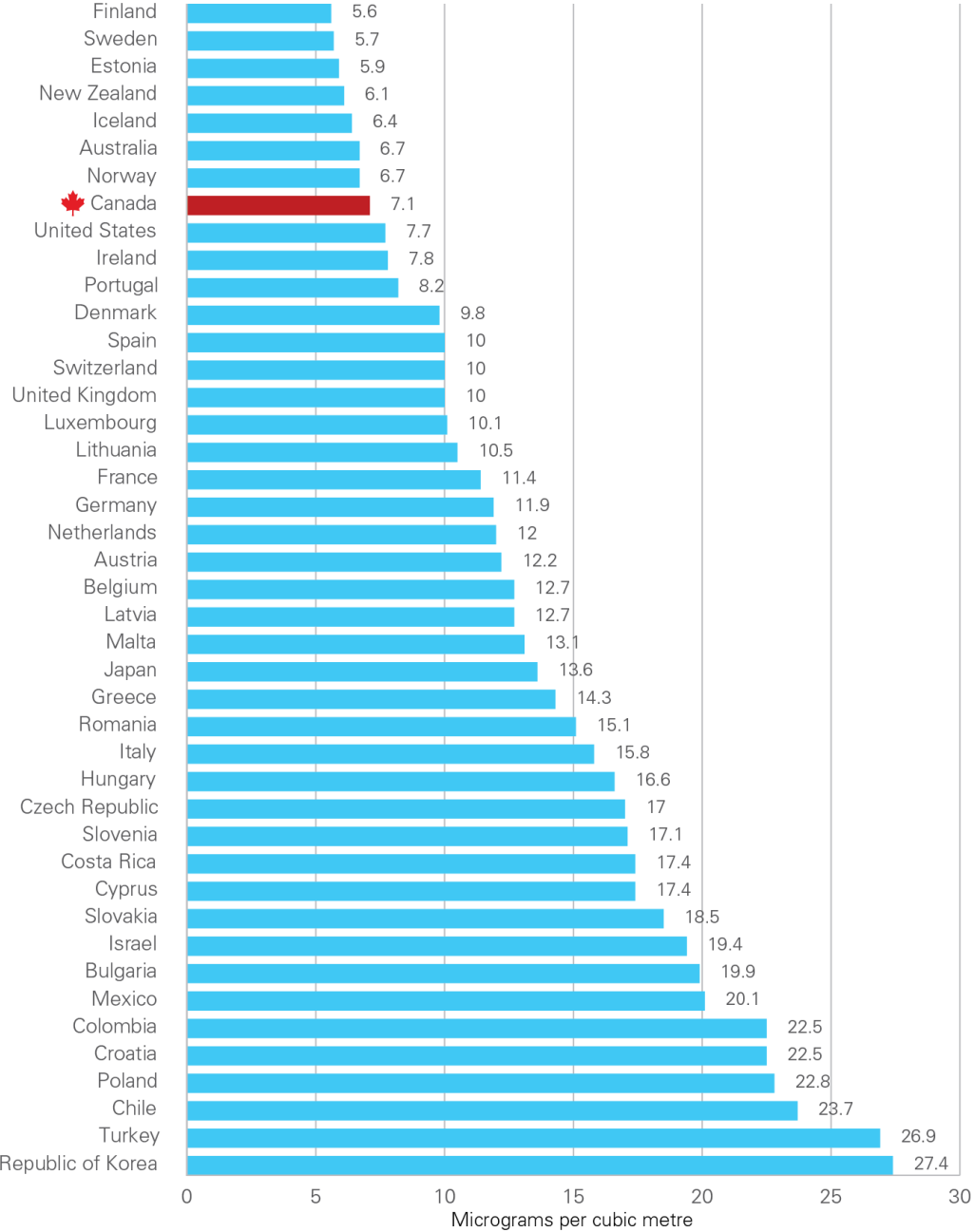
MIDDLE THIRD

BOTTOM THIRD

AIR
WATER
TOXICANTS
GREEN SPACE
TRAFFIC
CONSUMPTION
WASTE
EMISSIONS
CAPITAL

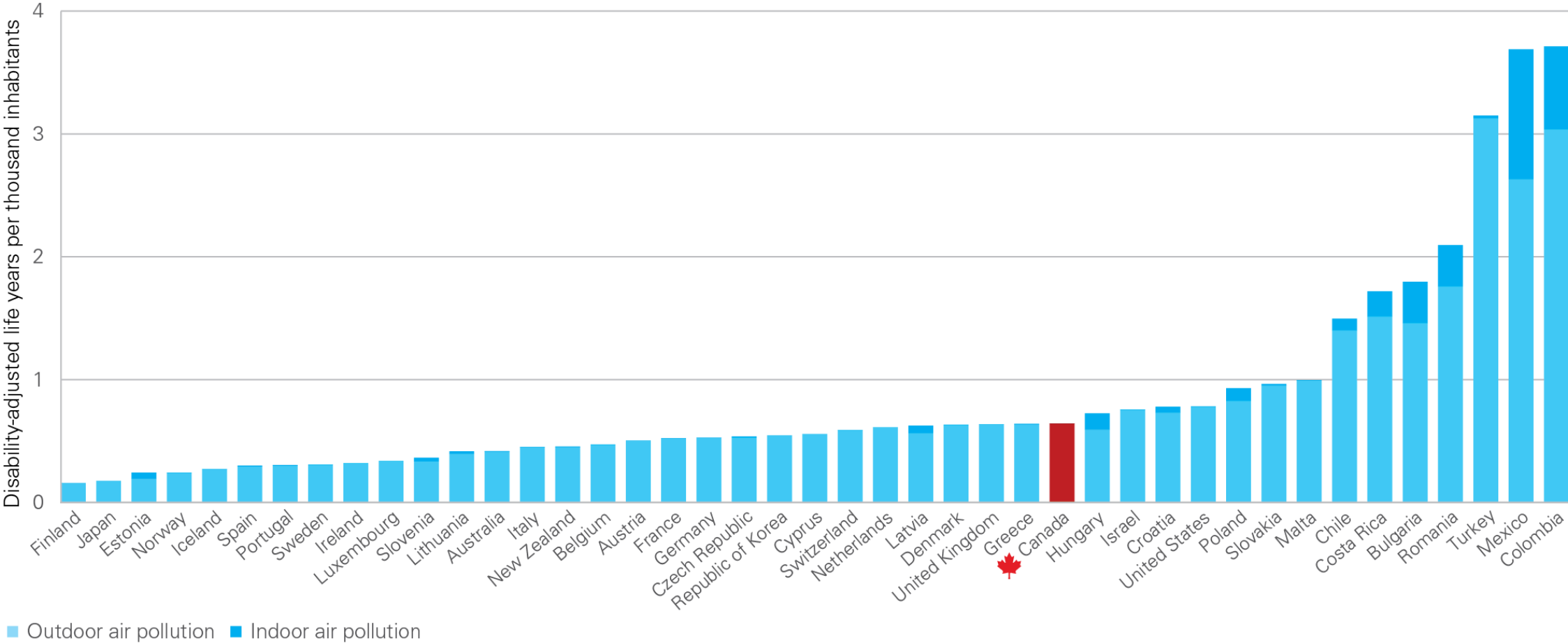


AMBIENT AIR POLLUTION EXPOSURE

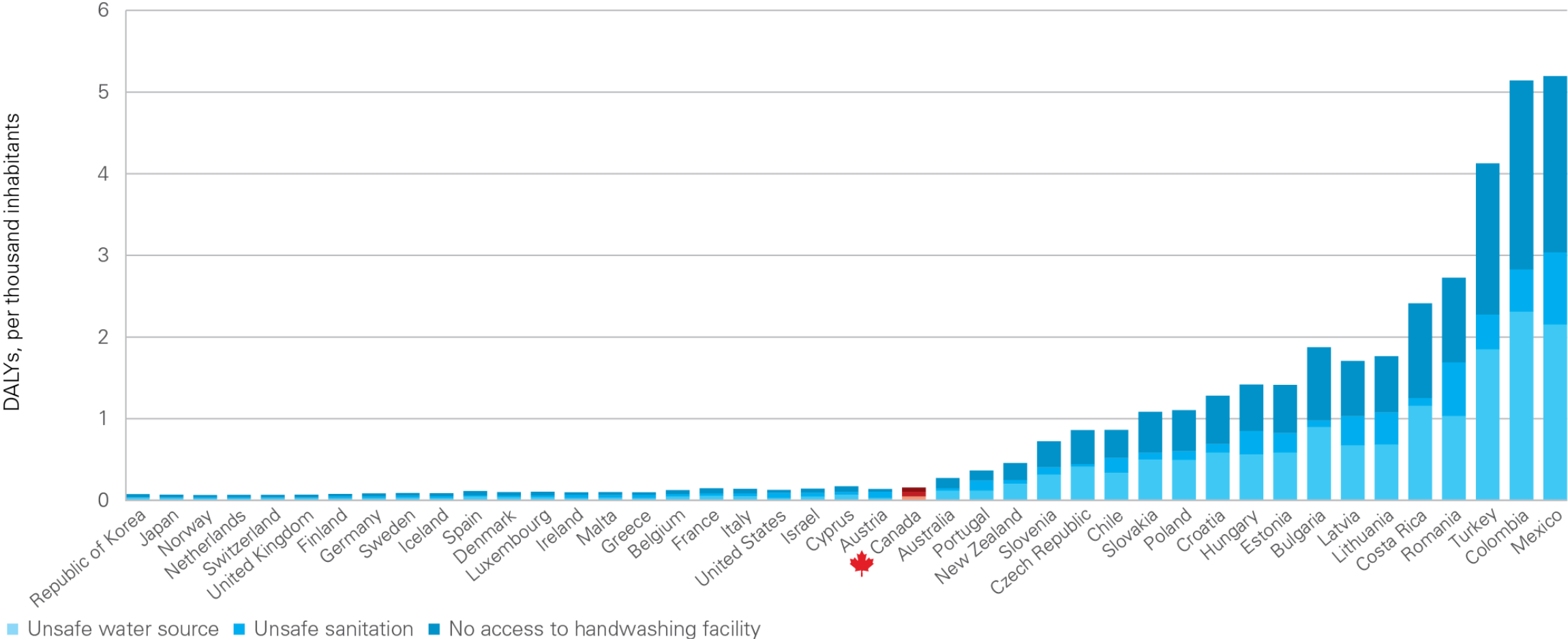


CHILD HEALTH IMPACT OF AIR POLLUTION

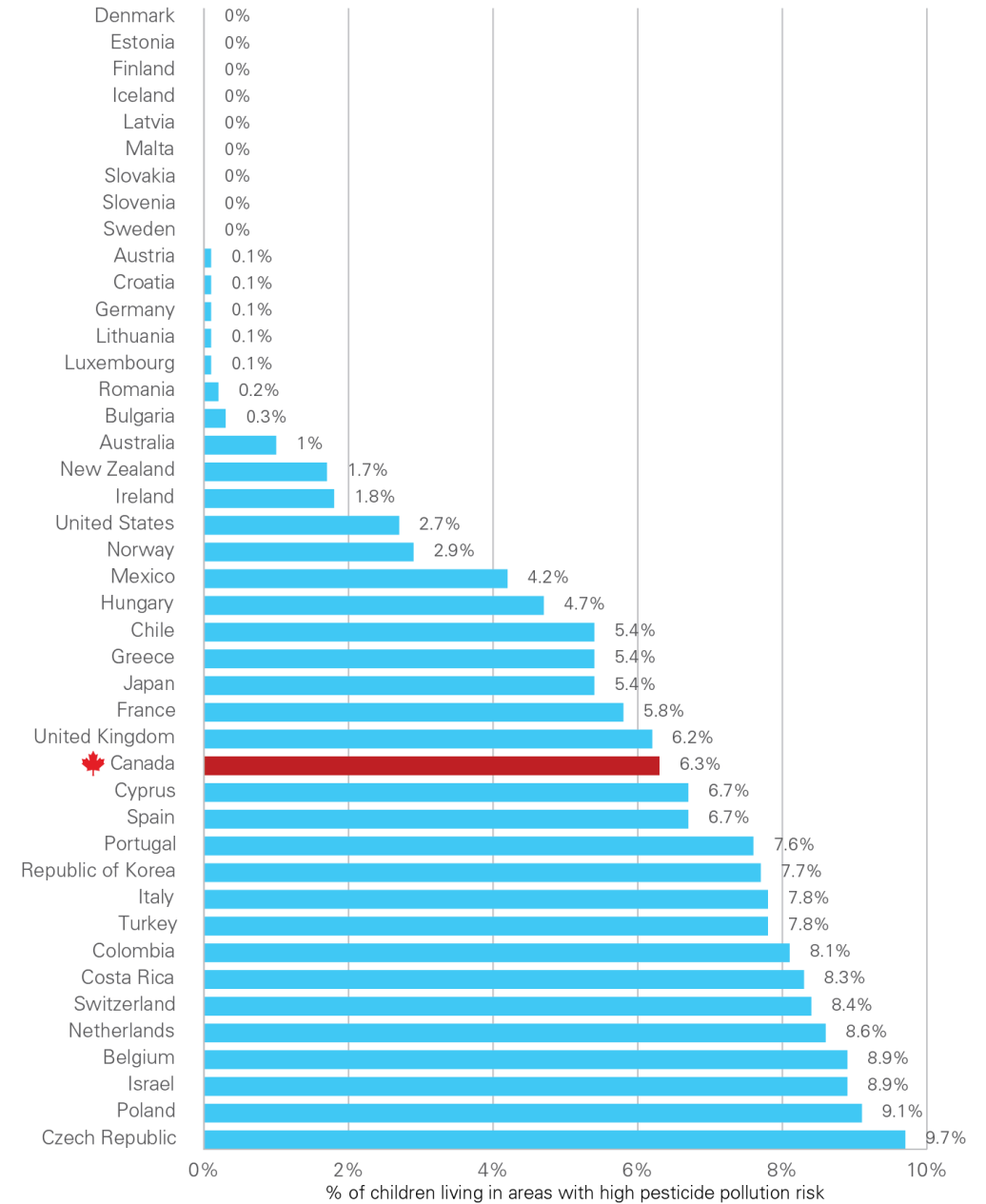
One DALY represents the loss of one year of full health.



CHILD HEALTH IMPACT OF UNSAFE WATER

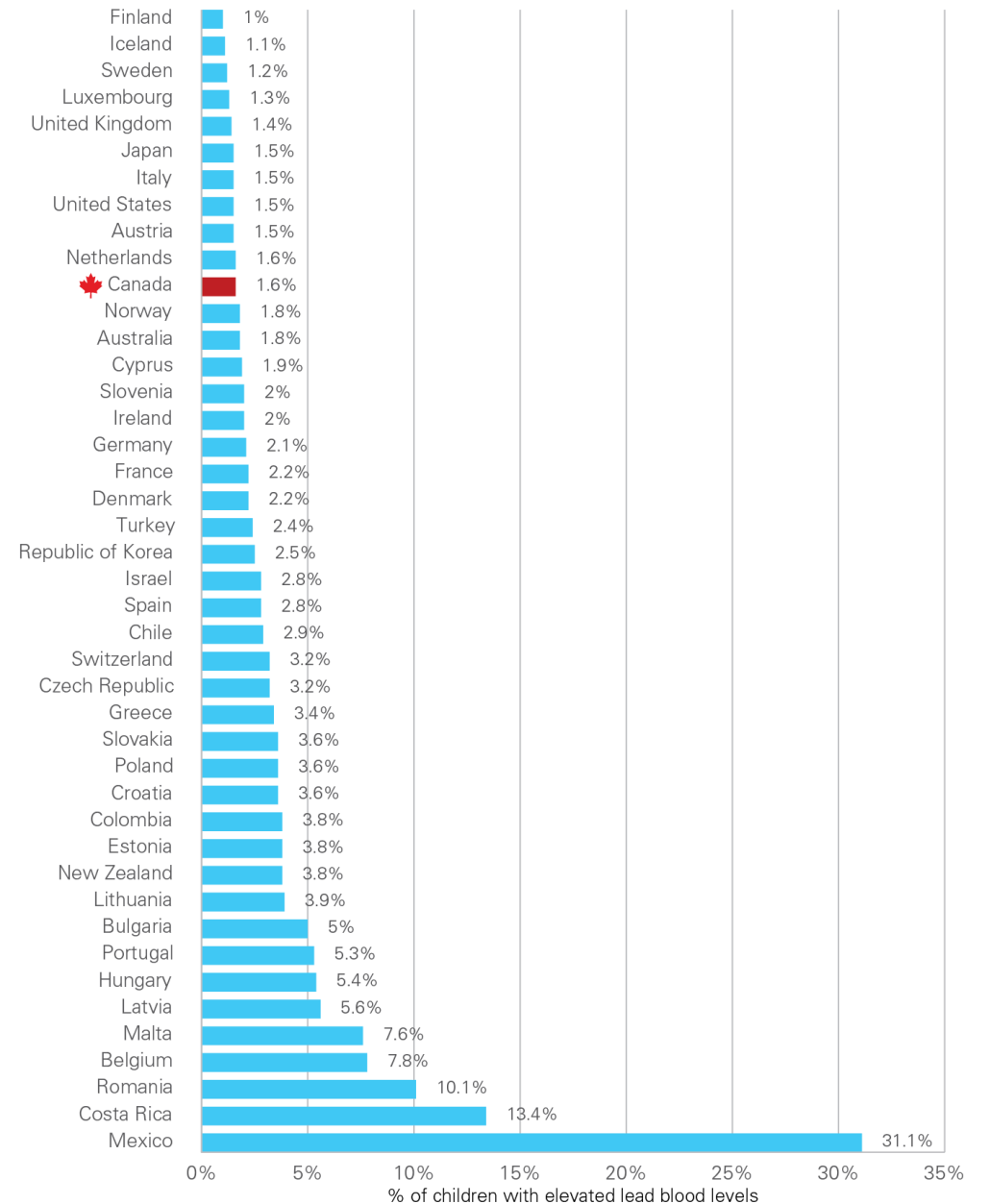


CHILD PESTICIDE POLLUTION EXPOSURE



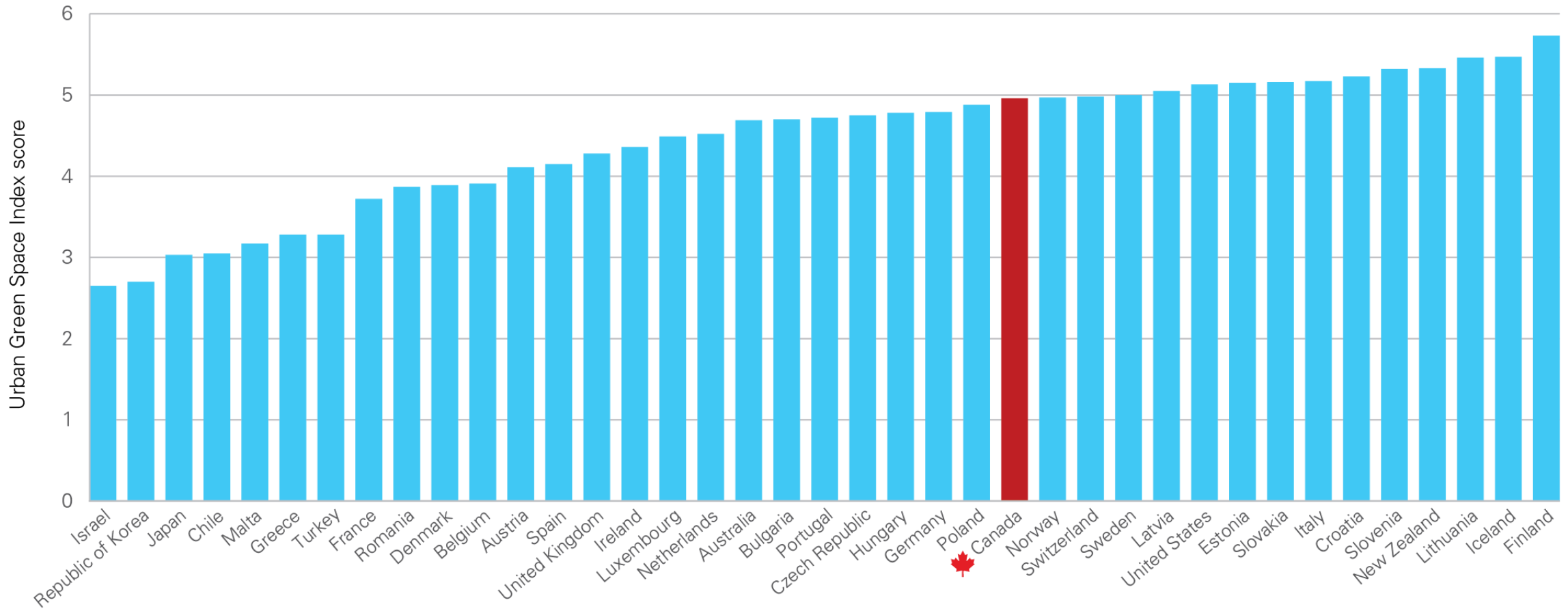
CHILD LEAD POISONING

In all Report Card countries, at least one in 100 children has a poisonous lead blood level.



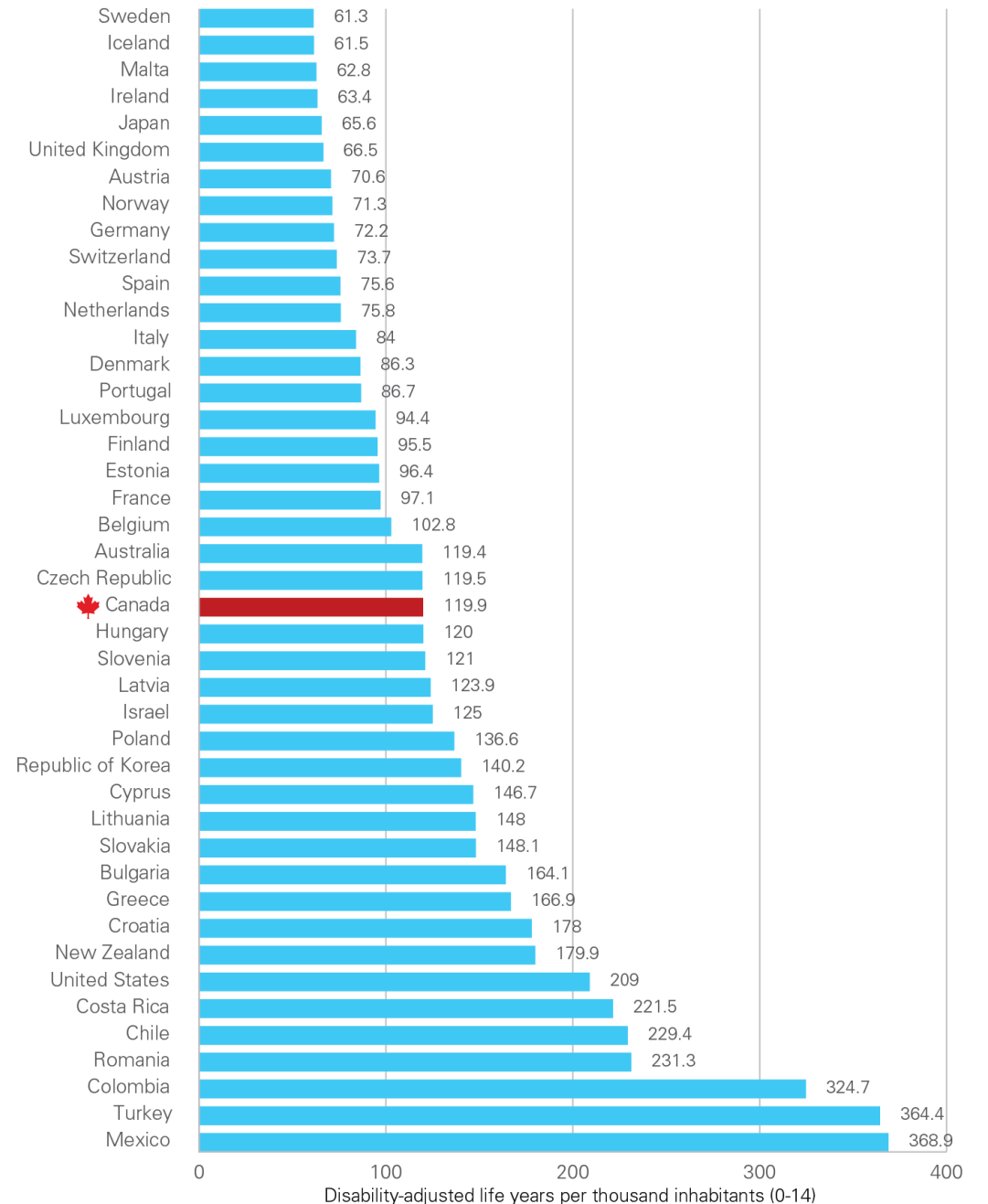
URBAN GREEN SPACE

“The places, spaces, people, and landforms you see when you look out your window, or see every day, influence who you are.”

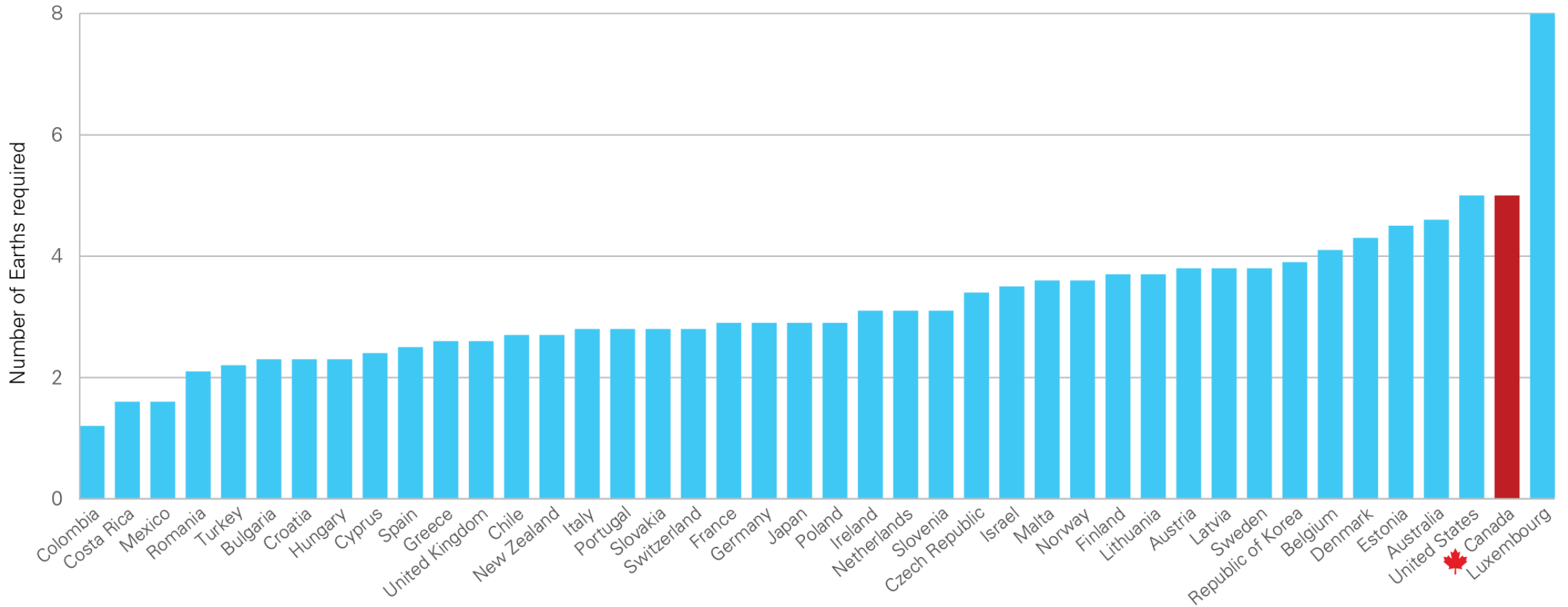


CHILD ROAD TRAFFIC CASUALTIES

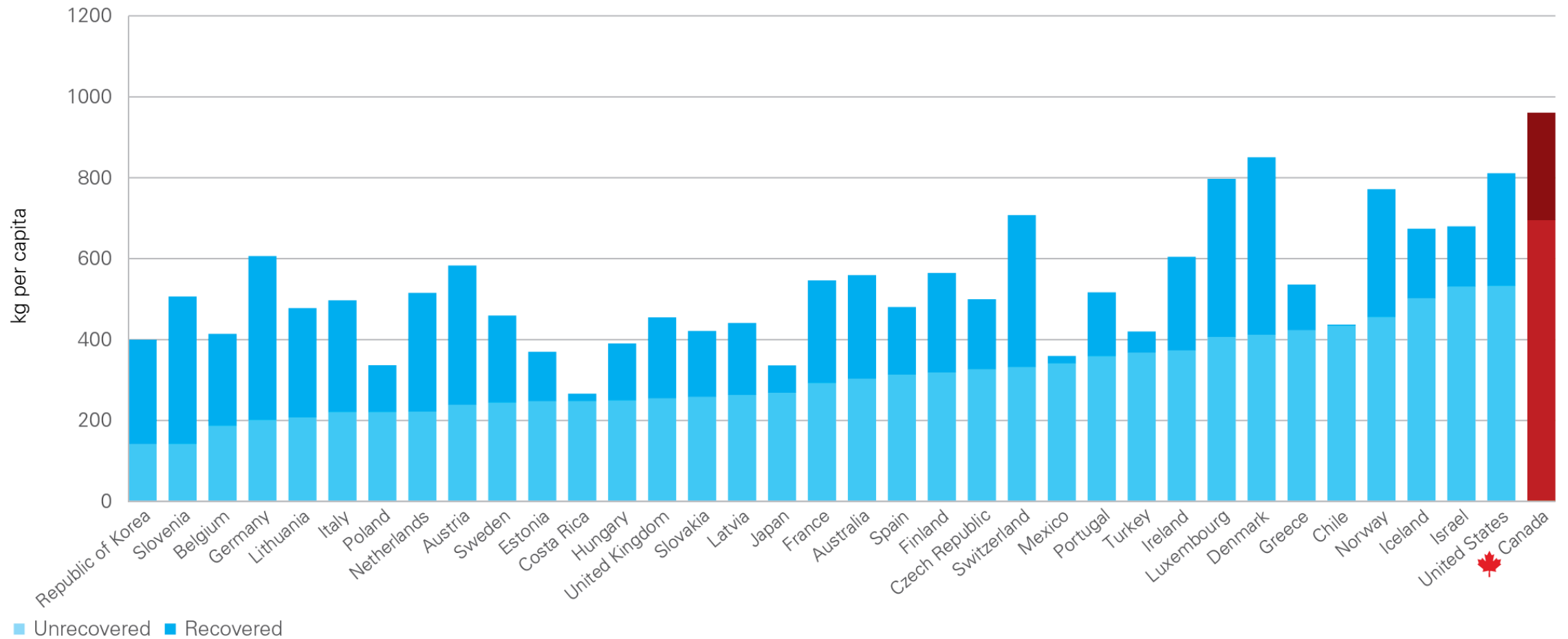
Children in neighbourhoods composed mostly of low-income, immigrant and racialized populations typically have higher exposure to traffic injury and death, yet they tend to have fewer traffic safety measures.



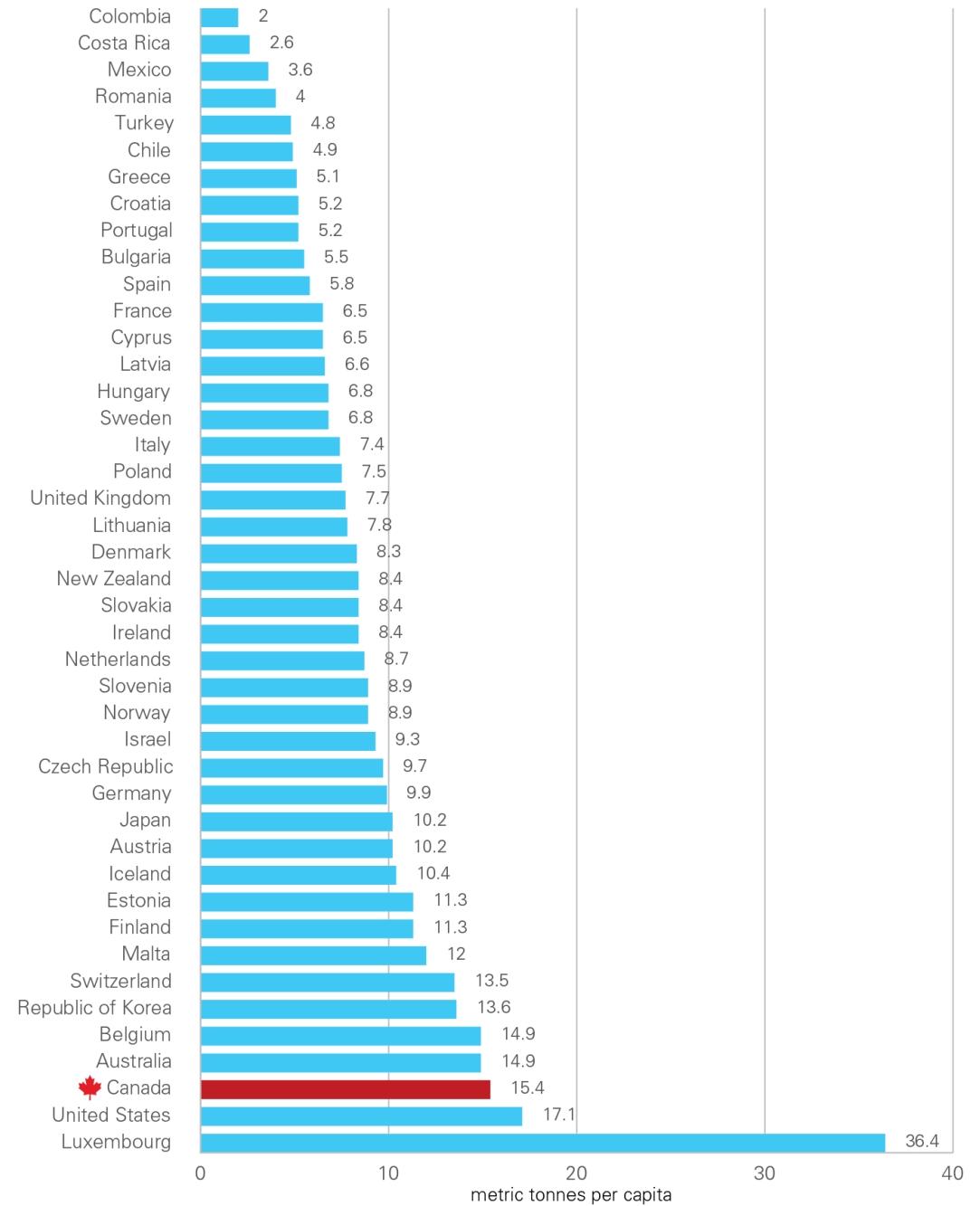
RESOURCE CONSUMPTION



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FOR EVERY CHILD, A LIVING PLANET



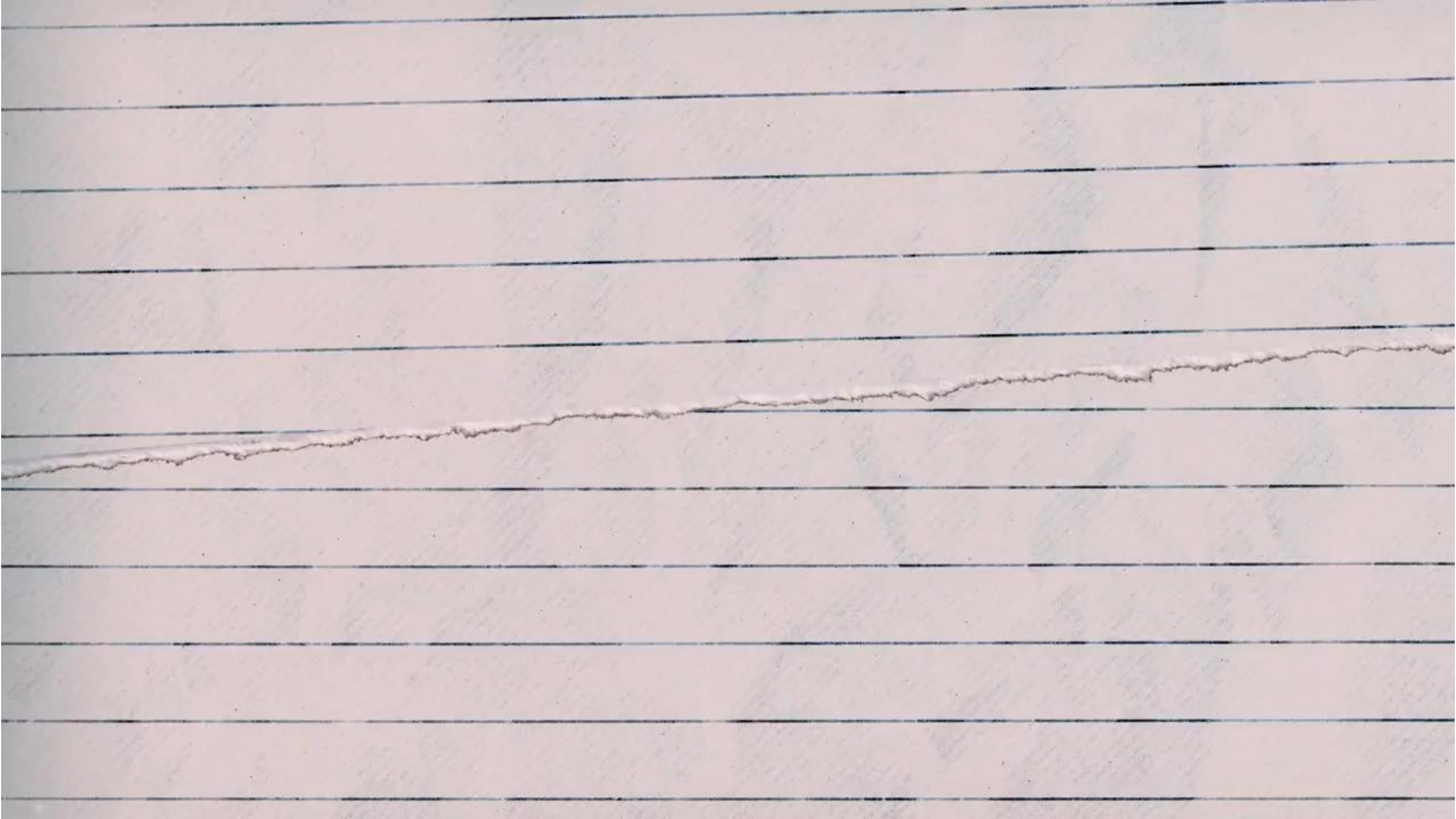
Apply a distinct child and youth impact lens to environmental policies, giving them priority consideration and child-specific targets and accountability.



Reform CEPA to affirm the unqualified right to a healthy environment and require impacts on diverse young people to be considered in every risk assessment.



Review every disaster risk reduction and emergency management strategy from a child impact and equity perspective.



THANK YOU

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“We know we will never achieve a perfect world, but as young people, we will never stop fighting for a better future. To the adult allies and decision-makers, we ask, are you with us?”

Ella Bradford, Karel Nelson, Katie Yu

