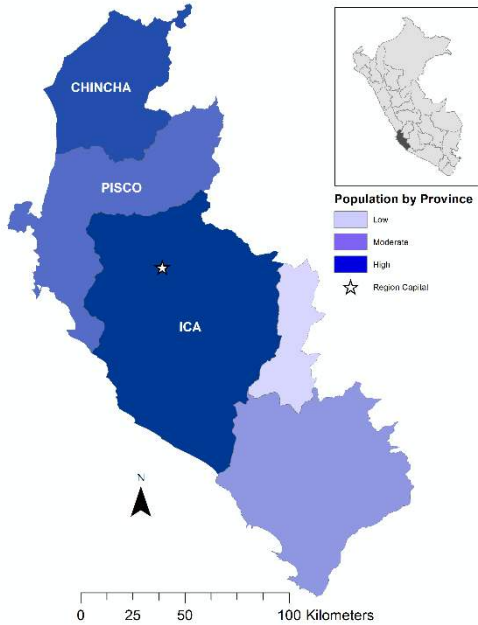# Region: Ica

Region Capital: Ica
Region Area: 22,588 km^2

Ica is one of twenty-five regions in Peru. Located in southern coastal Peru, Ica is a desert region home to well-known archaeological destinations such as the Nazca Lines. Other than tourism, predominate economic activities include manufacturing and mining of oil, gas and minerals. Ica is the region's capital. As of 2015, the region's population was estimated at 787,170; with the highest percentage residing in the provinces of Ica, Chincha and Pisco. Relative to the rest of Peru, the population of Ica has higher than average life expectancy (77.0 years) and access to improved water (90.9%), with lower than average poverty (4.7%) and illiteracy (2.7%).

787,170	77.0 yrs	4.7%	2.7%	90.9%
Population (2015)	Average life expectancy	Population in poverty	Illiterate population	Access to improved water

Multi-Hazard Risk (MHR) [1]

Score = 0.449, Rank = 17 of 25

Of the twenty-five regions of Peru, Ica ranks 17th in multi-hazard risk (MHR = 0.449). Table 1 outlines the individual components that contribute to risk. As shown in the bar chart of Figure 1, Ica's low multi-hazard risk is a function of its high multi-hazard exposure (MHE = 0.682), very low vulnerability (V = 0.347), and very high coping capacity (CC = 0.684). The ternary graph at right shows that Ica's exposure is significantly higher than the national average, while vulnerability and lack of coping capacity are significantly lower.
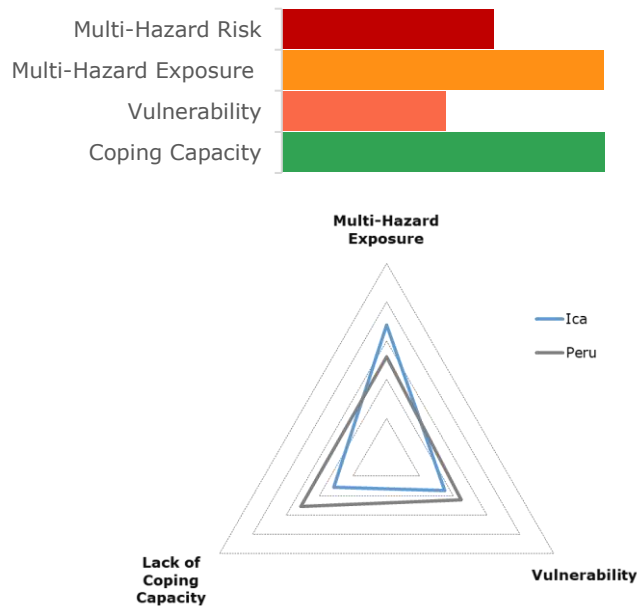

Figure 1. Components of the Multi-Hazard Risk Score compared to the national average.

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[1] **Multi-Hazard Risk (MHR)**: An index that measures the likelihood of losses or disruptions to a region's normal function due to interaction between multi-hazard exposure, socioeconomic vulnerability and coping capacity. **MHR** = (MHE + V + (1-CC))/3. Values range from 0-1.

Components of Multi-Hazard Risk (MHR) [2]

Table 1. Scores and ranks for each component of the Multi-Hazard Risk Score.

Multi-Hazard Exposure (MHE)		Vulnerability (V)		Coping Capacity (CC)	
High		Very Low		Very High	
Score	Rank (of 25)	Score	Rank (of 25)	Score	Rank (of 25)
0.682	9	0.347	21	0.684	3

Multi-Hazard Exposure (MHE) [3]

Score = 0.682, Rank = 9 of 25

Ica has very low multi-hazard exposure relative to other regions of Peru (MHE = 0.682). This score is a function of both Raw and Relative MHE, as shown in Figure 2. The Raw MHE Score is an index reflecting the absolute value of population exposed to multiple hazards. This score can aid in understanding the overall scale of hazard exposure. The Relative MHE Score is an index reflecting the proportion of the region's base population exposed. This score can assist in the determination of how important hazards are, and can help prioritize disaster management activities across regions. Estimates of exposure by hazard type are summarized in Table 2.

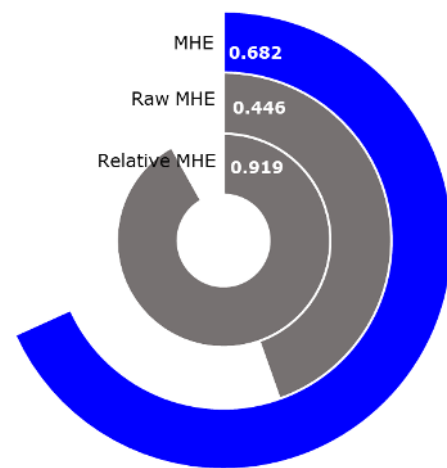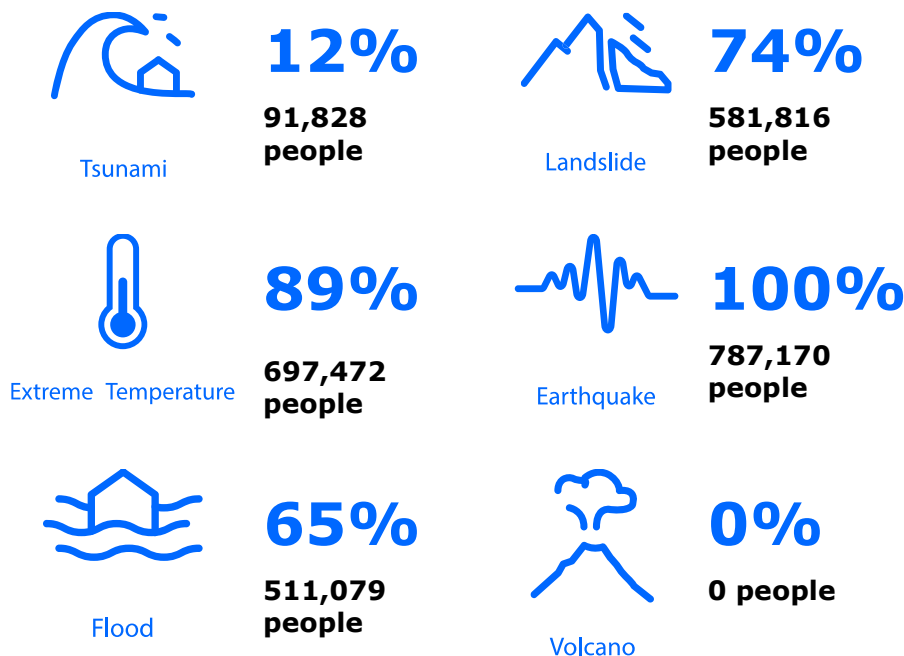*Table 2. Estimated ambient population[4] exposed to each hazard type.*

Tsunami **12%** 91,828 people

Landslide **74%** 581,816 people

Extreme Temperature **89%** 697,472 people

Earthquake **100%** 787,170 people

Flood **65%** 511,079 people

Volcano **0%** 0 people

MHE 0.682
Raw MHE 0.446
Relative MHE 0.919

Figure 2. Average, raw and relative Multi-Hazard Exposure Scores.

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[2] **MHR** = (MHE + V + (1-CC))/3.
[3] **Multi Hazard Exposure (MHE)**: An index based on the estimated average exposure of the population to six hazard types: tsunamis, landslides, extreme temperature, earthquakes (MMI VII and above), floods and volcanos. Average exposure considers both raw average exposure and relative average exposure as a proportion of total population. Values range from 0-1.
[4] **Ambient Population**: 24-hour average estimate of the population; typically differs from census population.

Vulnerability (V) [5]

Score = 0.347, Rank = 21 of 25

Ica has very low vulnerability relative to other Peruvian regions (V = 0.347). The bar chart on the right displays the composition of its overall Vulnerability Score. As shown, vulnerability in Ica is driven primarily by environmental stress, population pressures, and gender inequality. The table below summarizes the individual indicators within each socio-economic theme.
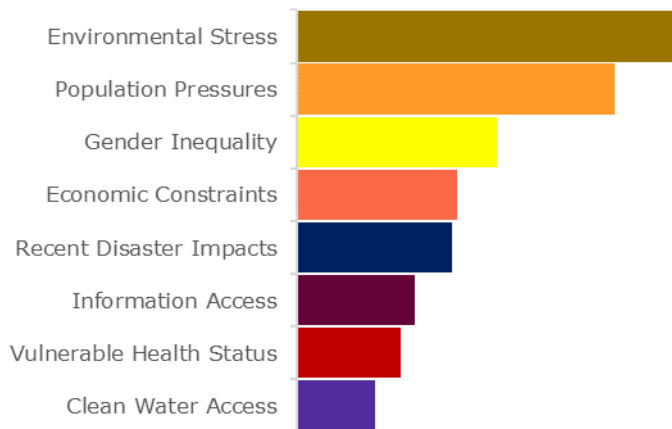

Figure 3. Components of the Vulnerability Score by relative contribution.

Table 3. Indicators of vulnerability grouped by theme.

	Environmental Stress	**10.3** % of total regional area with irrigation-fed agriculture	**16.4** % of total regional area with severe erosion			
	Vulnerable Health Status	**10.0** Infant mortality rate per 1k births	**32.4** Maternal deaths per 100k births	**77.0** Average life expectancy (years) at birth	**7.7** % of children under 5 years of age that are malnourished	**5.5** % of population with 1 or more disability
	Clean Water Vulnerability	**90.9** % households with access to improved water	**80.9** % households with access to flush toilets			
	Information Access Vulnerability	**2.7** % of population 15yrs and older that are illiterate	**10.7** Average years of schooling	**80.0** % primary school enrollment	**25.2** % households with internet	**93.3** % households with television	**81.6** % households with radio
	Economic Constraints	**0.52** Ratio of dependents to working age population (15-64 years)	**58.21** Ratio of average monthly household expenses to income	**4.7** % of population monetarily impoverished			
	Gender Inequality	**0.50** Proportion of female representatives in local government	**0.86** Ratio of female to male secondary enrollment	**0.78** Ratio of female to male labor participation			

[5] **Vulnerability (V)**: An index that measures the socioeconomic conditions associated with susceptibility to disruptions in a region's normal functions. Values range from 0-1.

	Population Pressures	1.0 % Average annual population change (2010-2015)			
	Recent Disaster Impacts	275.5 Average annual hazard-related deaths per 10k persons (2010-2014)	0.8 Average annual number of homes destroyed by recent hazards per 10k persons (2010-2014)		

Coping Capacity (CC) [6]

Score = 0.684, Rank = 3 of 25

Ica has a very high coping capacity relative to other regions (CC = 0.684). The bar chart on the right displays the composition of its overall Coping Capacity Score. As shown, coping capacity in Ica is hindered primarily by its environmental and infrastructure (especially transportation) capacities. The table below summarizes the individual indicators within each socio-economic theme.
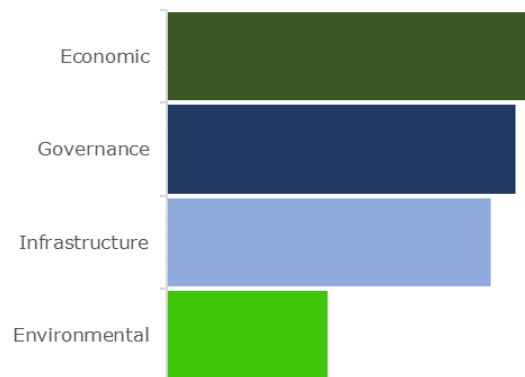

Figure 4. Components of the Coping Capacity Score by relative contribution.

Table 4. Indicators of coping capacity grouped by theme.

	Economic Capacity	$1,187 Average monthly income ($)	$24,059 Gross domestic product per capita		
	Governance	1.87 Registered cases of sexual violence per 10k persons	0.49 Registered cases of missing persons per 10k persons	0.005 Average annual number of social conflicts per 10k persons (active and resolved)	7,224 # of voters per 10k persons (2014 election)
	Environmental Capacity	11.0 % protected or reforested land			

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[6] **Coping Capacity (CC)**: An index that measures the systems, means and abilities of a region to absorb and respond to events that could potentially disrupt normal function. Values range from 0-1.

**Infrastructure
Capacity**

Healthcare Capacity	**18.8** # of hospital beds per 10k persons	**32.1** # of nurses per 10k persons	**24.3** # of physicians per 10k persons
Communications Capacity	**25.5** % households with fixed phone line	**88.7** % households with mobile phone	
Transportation Capacity	**2.7** Port/airport density per 10,000 sq km	**1,546.5** Road/rail density per 10,000 sq km	

Resilience (R) [7]

Score = 0.668, Rank = 4 of 25

Resilience is a function of both vulnerability and coping capacity. Ica is significantly more resilient than the national average, and its very high Resilience Score (R = 0.668) is due to its very low vulnerability and very high coping capacity. The region's baseline indicators suggest a focus for resilience-building efforts. In Ica, the thematic areas with the weakest relative scores are summarized in the table below. Readers can additionally consult Appendix 1 for a comprehensive assessment of its need for specific program types relative to other regions.

Table 5. The top 3 thematic areas with the weakest relative scores.

**Environmental
Stress**

**Population
Pressures**

**Transportation
Capacity**

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[7] **Resilience (R):** An index that offers a hazard-independent measure of current socio-economic conditions affecting the short-term ability to absorb, respond to, and recover from disruptions to a region's normal function. Values range from 0-1.