

# **Global Ratings List** International Public Finance Entities

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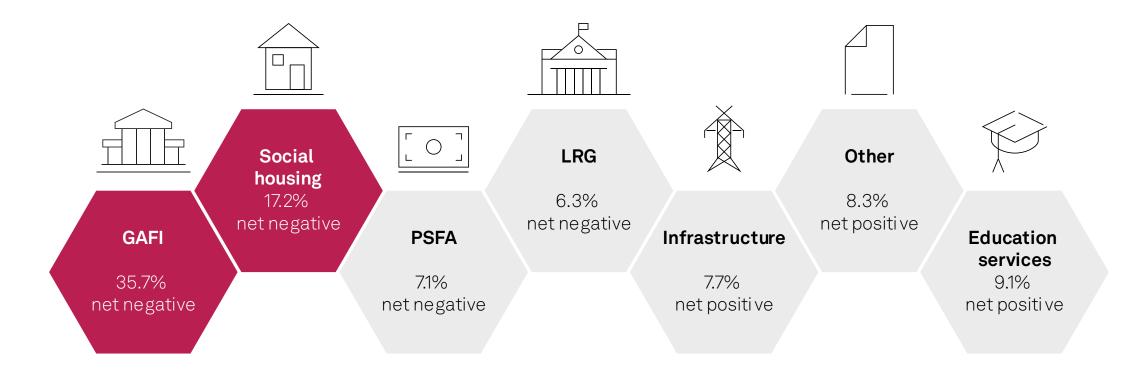
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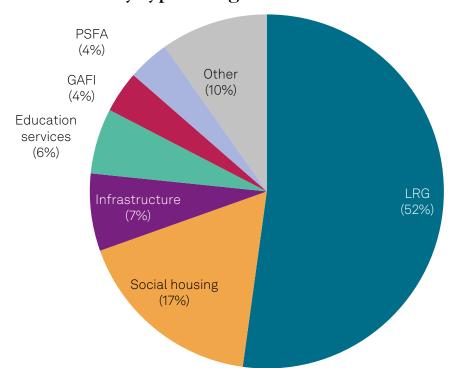


# Outlook Bias Of Public Finance Sectors Outside the U.S. (IPF)



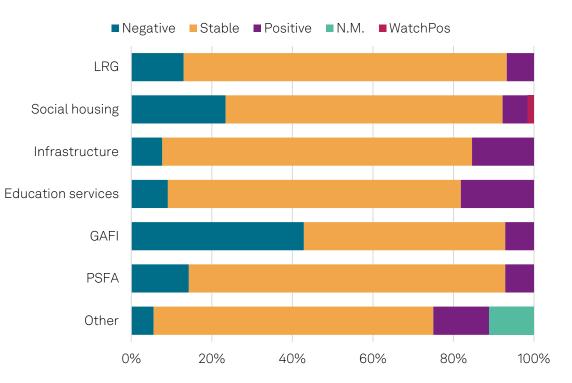
Note: Net bias calculates the difference between positive and negative outlooks as a percentage of total ratings. LRG- Local and regional government, PSFA- Public sector funding agency, GAFI--Government agency financial institution

# **Overview Of Rated International Public Finance Entities**



### Breakdown by type of organization

Outlook distribution



All ratings are foreign currency ratings as of Dec. 31, 2023. Other includes health care services, government agency corporates, financial vehicles, and pension funds and managers, among others. GAFI--Government agency financial institution. PSFA--Public sector funding agency. LRG--Local and regional government. N.M.--Not meaningful. Source: S&P Global Ratings.

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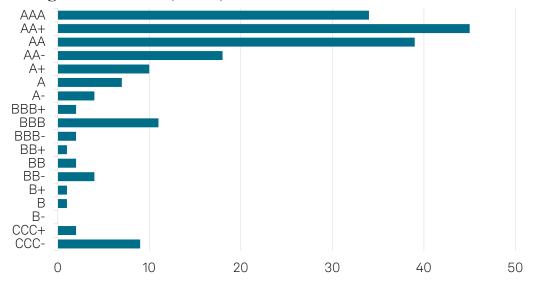
# IPF Sector Summary | Local And Regional Governments

### **Rating movements**

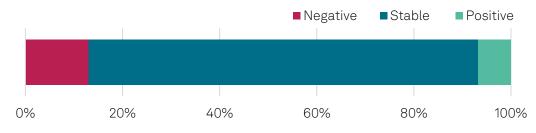
- Despite the cooling global economy and high prices, most LRGs should sustain their credit quality.
- That said, fewer stable outlooks could mean more rating actions ahead.

### Trends

- Rising geopolitical risk could impact economic stability and lead to demographic changes, such as an increase in migration.
- Rising demand for public services, combined with high debt levels at some LRGs, is likely to prompt structural changes to public finance systems. These could bolster or erode creditworthiness.
- Budgetary performance continues to tighten as wage bills and interest rates rise and real estate markets cool.
- Most LRGs are likely to see reduced investment until at least 2025.
- Climate, cyber, and other emerging risks are gaining in importance; the cost of addressing these is likely to increase.



### Outlook distribution



Source: S&P Global Ratings.

#### Ratings distribution (count)

# IPF Sector Summary | Social Housing

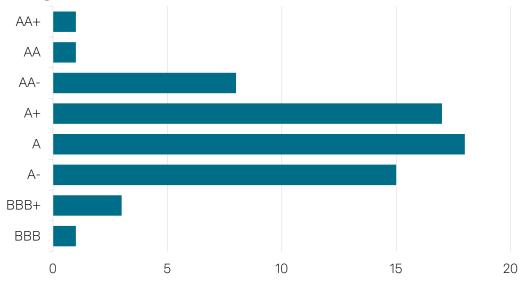
#### **Rating movements**

- We expect most non-U.S. social housing providers to retain a rating in the 'A' category through 2024 .
- Although our outlooks still show a negative bias, financial indicators are expected to improve, suggesting a potential turning point.

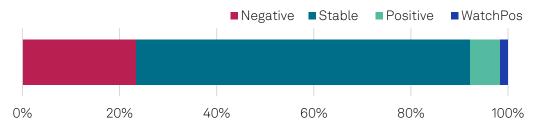
### Trends

- Management and governance practices will remain key to successfully managing the difficult external economic and regulatory conditions.
- We expect rental revenue to rise while pressure on the cost base eases, enabling providers to achieve a modest recovery in financial performance.
- Balancing the need to invest in existing homes against aspirations to develop new properties is needed to generate solid cash flows and cover interest expenses.
- The development of new homes, funded by debt, is likely to be scaled back in 2024 because of high construction costs, elevated interest rates, and increased focus on improvements to existing homes.

Ratings distribution (count)



### Outlook distribution



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# **IPF Sector Summary | Infrastructure**

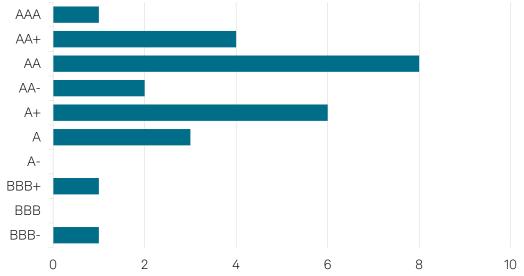
#### **Rating movements**

- Two of our ratings have a negative outlook; five have a positive outlook.
- Mass transit: Tighter cost controls support the positive outlook on Transport for London, while Metropolitano de Lisboa and Zagrebacki Holding mirror the positive outlooks on their owners. The negative outlook on British Columbia Ferry Services indicates that its plan to replace vessels could increase financial stress.
- Airports: Canadian airport ratings stabilized during 2023.

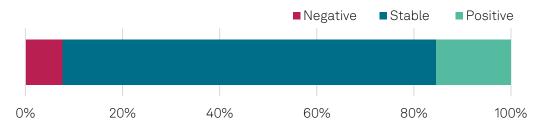
### Trends

- Assuming that an airport's role and link is unchanged, its passenger traffic and ownership structure are the factors most likely to affect our rating.
- Airport passenger traffic typically recovered to 85%-90% of the 2019 level in 2023 and this ratio is forecast to be at least 95% in 2024. Recovery in the international and business segments still lags that in domestic travel.
- For mass transit, the behavioral changes prompted by pandemic restrictions are likely to linger. Although ridership is gradually recovering, we do not expect a return to the historical peak for at least two years.

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### Outlook distribution



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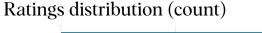
# **IPF Sector Summary | Education Services**

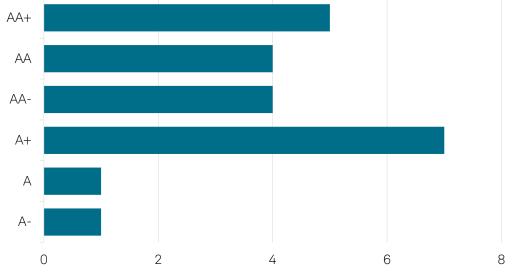
#### **Rating movements**

- Most ratings outside Mexico are concentrated in the 'AA' category and outlooks are predominantly stable; just two universities have a positive outlook and two have a negative outlook.
- Despite continued pressure on the sector, robust demand will support the generally stable creditworthiness of non-U.S. public universities in 2024.

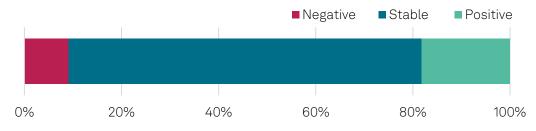
#### Trends

- Operating costs are expected to rise because of labor actions. Higher interest rates will also weigh on university finances.
- For U.K. universities, maintaining stable ratings will depend on effectively managing high inflationary pressures.
- Stable demand and solid liquidity will help mitigate revenue pressure at Canadian universities.
- The return of international students will help Australian universities maintain more-balanced margins.
- Transfers will remain largely flat, forcing Mexican universities to manage expenditure carefully if they are to maintain balanced operating results.





### Outlook distribution



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# S&P Global Ratings Overview Of Rated International Public Finance Entities

## **Ratings distribution**

				Education				
Rating level	LRG	Social housing	Infrastructure	services	PSFA	GAFI	Other	Total
A	34	0	1	0	4	3	7	49
	45	1	4	5	3	2	12	72
	39	1	8	4	0	8	7	67
	18	8	2	4	1	0	1	34
	10	17	6	7	2	0	1	43
	7	18	3	1	1	0	1	31
	4	15	0	1	2	0	2	24
	2	3	1	0	1	0	1	8
	11	1	0	0	0	0	3	15
	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
l	192	64	26	22	14	14	36	368

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