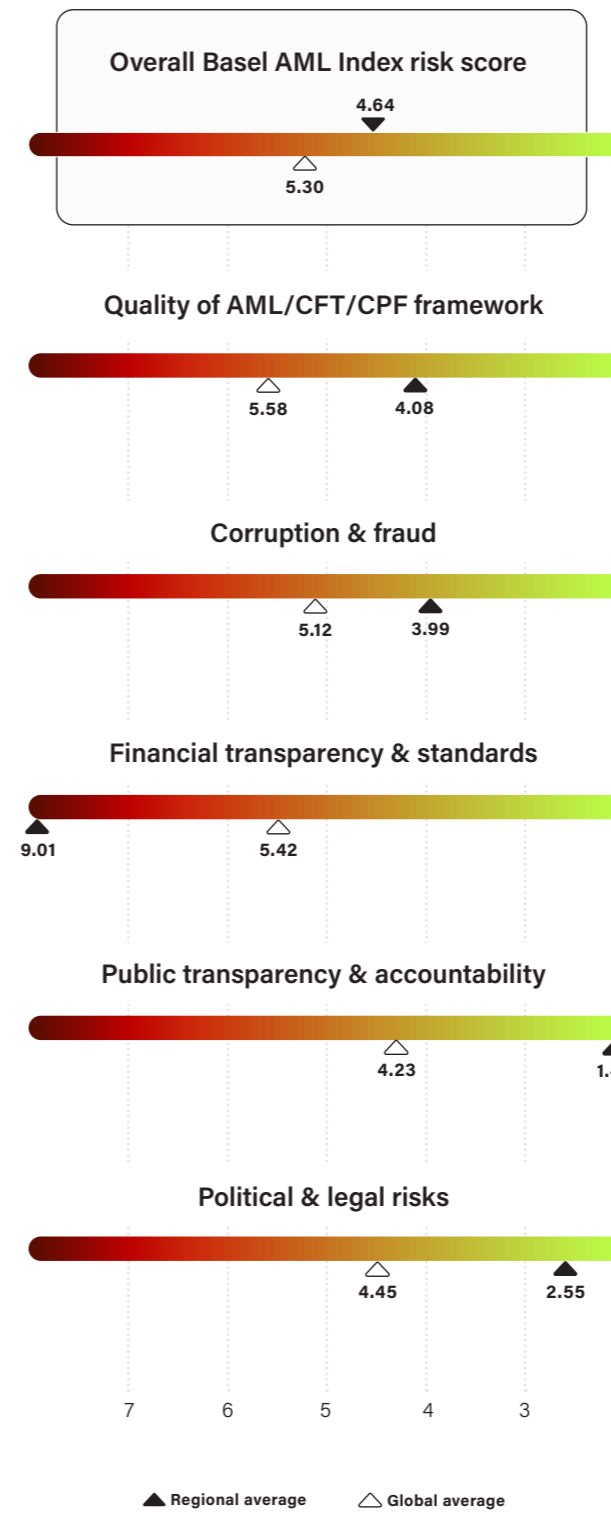
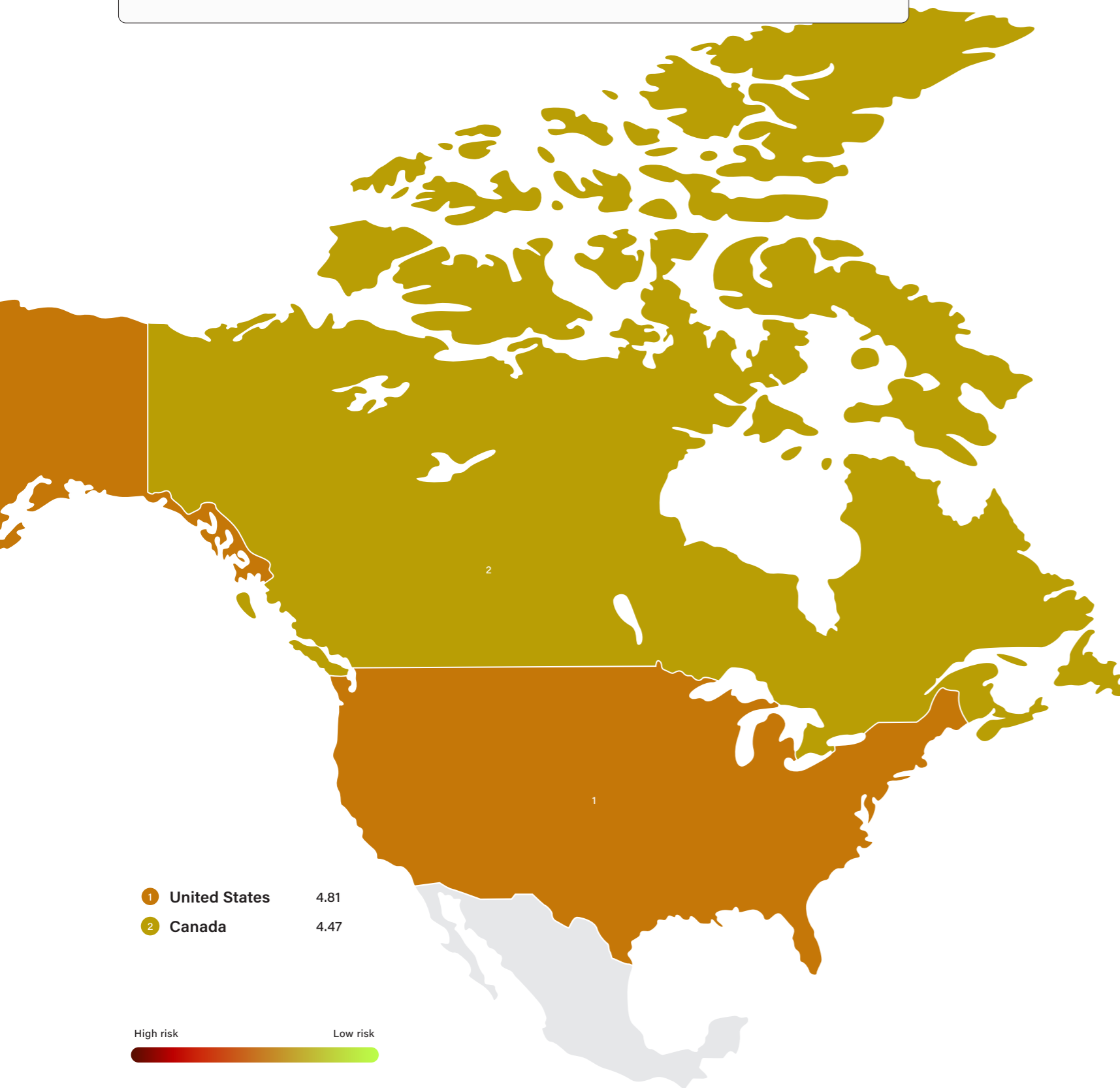


North America

The overall Basel AML Index risk score for the U.S. and Canada increased slightly this year due to the methodological changes and addition of two new indicators measuring financial and cyber-related fraud. Financial transparency is the biggest issue, considering not only the countries' vulnerabilities but also their large financial centres and oversized impact on global financial flows.



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Financial transparency & standards

Effectiveness of measures for beneficial ownership transparency remains a critical concern.

Risk levels are significant for fraud and financial crimes (medium) and cyber-related crimes (high).