

Women in ministerial positions

The countries are ranked according to the percentage of women in ministerial positions, reflecting appointments up to 1 January 2021.

Rank	Country	Women in ministerial positions (%)
1	Nicaragua	58.8
2	Austria	57.1
3	Belgium	57.1
4	Albania	56.3
5	Rwanda	54.8
6	Costa Rica	52.0
7	Canada	51.8
8	Andorra	50.0
9	Finland	50.0
10	France	50.0
11	Guinea-Bissau**	50.0
12	Spain	50.0

Rank	Country	Women in ministerial positions (%)
13	South Africa	48.3
14	Netherlands	47.1
15	United States of America**	46.2
16	Mozambique	45.5
17	El Salvador**	45.0
18	Senegal	43.5
19	Lithuania	42.9
20	Switzerland	42.9
21	Mexico	42.1
22	Portugal	42.1
23	Germany	40.0
24	Liechtenstein	40.0
25	New Zealand	40.0
26	Republic of Moldova	40.0

Rank	Country	Women in ministerial positions (%)
27	Madagascar	34.5
28	Uganda	34.0
29	Grenada	33.3
30	Sao Tome and Principe**	33.3
31	Seychelles	33.3
32	South Sudan**	33.3
33	Suriname	33.3
34	Trinidad and Tobago	33.3
35	Zambia	33.3
36	Equatorial Guinea	33.3
37	Angola	31.8
38	Barbados	31.8
39	Denmark	31.8
40	Lebanon	31.8
41	Dominica	31.3
42	Panama	31.3
43	Togo	31.0
44	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)**	31.0
45	Czechia	30.9
46	Montenegro	30.8
47	Paraguay	30.8
48	Chile	30.4
49	Kenya	30.0
50	Mali	30.0

Rank	Country	Women in ministerial positions (%)
51	Luxembourg	29.4
52	Tunisia	29.2
53	Ireland	28.6
54	Saint Lucia*	28.6
55	Norway	28.6
56	Guinea**	27.8
57	Republic of Korea	27.8
58	Cyprus	27.3
59	United Arab Emirates	27.3
60	Gambia	26.7
61	Australia	25.0
62	Israel	25.0
63	Haiti**	25.0

Rank	Country	Women in ministerial positions (%)
64	Egypt	24.2
65	United Kingdom	23.8
66	Croatia	23.8
67	Fiji	23.1
68	Gabon**	23.1
69	Lebanon	22.9
70	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	22.9
71	Lesotho	22.2
72	Palau	22.2
73	Mauritania	21.3
74	Guatemala	21.3
75	Congo**	21.2
76	North Macedonia	21.2
77	Benin	20.8
78	Zimbabwe	20.8
79	Central African Republic*	20.8
80	Chad	20.0
81	Sierra Leone	20.0
82	Slovakia	20.0
83	Slovenia	20.0

Rank	Country	Women in ministerial positions (%)
84	Bosnia and Herzegovina*	18.9
85	Mongolia	18.9
86	Argentina	18.5
87	Senegal	18.2
88	Sierra Leone	18.2
89	United States of America**	18.2
90	Democratic Republic of the Congo	17.8
91	United Kingdom	17.8
92	Indonesia	17.4
93	Dominican Republic*	17.4
94	Benin	17.4
95	Malaysia	16.7
96	Nauru*	16.7
97	Maldives	16.0
98	Botswana	15.8
99	Monaco	15.8
100	Niger	15.8
101	Sierra Leone	15.4
102	Antigua and Barbuda*	15.4
103	Barbados	15.4
104	Malta	15.0
105	Timor-Leste	15.0

Rank	Country	Women in ministerial positions (%)
106	Cameroon*	14.9
107	Algeria	14.7
108	Cabo Verde	14.3
109	Estonia	14.3
110	Uruguay	14.3
111	Sierra Leone	13.8
112	Nepal	13.6
113	Ukraine	13.6
114	Guatemala	13.2
115	Dominican Republic*	13.0
116	Mauritius	13.0
117	Cote d'Ivoire	12.8
118	Guinea	12.8
119	Uganda	12.0
120	Turkey	11.8
121	Equatorial Guinea	10.7
122	Pakistan	10.7
123	Brazil	10.5
124	Greece	10.5
125	Myanmar**	10.5
126	Sierra Leone	10.5
127	Sierra Leone	10.5
128	Laos	10.3
129	Syrian Arab Republic	10.3
130	Bhutan	10.0
131	Comoros	10.0
132	Marshall Islands	10.0
133	San Marino	10.0

Rank	Country	Women in ministerial positions (%)
134	Russian Federation**	9.7
135	Kazakhstan	9.5
136	Cambodia*	9.4
137	Jordan	9.4
138	India*	9.1
139	Togo	9.1
140	Samoa	9.1
141	Bangladesh	8.7
142	Kiribati	7.1
143	Oman	7.1
144	Dominican Republic (f)	7.1
145	Bahamas	6.7
146	Antigua and Barbuda	6.7
147	Myanmar**	6.7
148	Tajikistan	5.9
149	Tonga*	5.9
150	Libya*	5.9
151	Romania	5.0

Rank	Country	Women in ministerial positions (%)
152	Poland	4.8
153	Bahrain	4.5
154	Myanmar**	4.5
155	Sri Lanka	3.7
156	Turkmenistan	3.7
157	Uzbekistan	3.4
158	Uzbekistan	3.4
159	China**	3.2
160	Armenia	0.0
161	Azerbaijan	0.0
162	Brunei Darussalam	0.0
163	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea*	0.0
164	Papua New Guinea	0.0
165	Sierra Leone and the Grenadines**	0.0
166	Saudi Arabia	0.0
167	Thailand	0.0
168	Tuvalu	0.0
169	Viet Nam	0.0
170	Yemen	0.0

Rank	Country	Women in ministerial positions (%)
171	South Africa	0.0
172	Viet Nam	0.0
173	Zimbabwe	0.0
174	Yemen	0.0
175	Yemen	0.0
176	Yemen	0.0
177	Yemen	0.0
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193	Yemen	0.0

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1	58.8
2	57.1
3	57.1
4	56.3
5	54.8
6	52.0
7	51.8
8	50.0
9	50.0
10	50.0
11	50.0
12	50.0
13	48.3
14	47.1
15	46.2
16	45.5
17	45.0
18	43.5
19	42.9
20	42.9
21	42.1
22	42.1
23	40.0
24	40.0
25	40.0
26	40.0
27	34.5
28	34.0
29	33.3
30	33.3
31	33.3
32	33.3
33	33.3
34	33.3
35	33.3
36	33.3
37	33.3
38	31.8
39	31.8
40	31.8
41	31.3
42	31.3
43	31.0
44	31.0
45	30.9
46	30.8
47	30.8
48	30.8
49	30.4
50	30.0
51	30.0
52	29.4
53	29.2
54	28.6
55	28.6
56	28.6
57	27.8
58	27.8
59	27.3
60	27.3
61	26.7
62	25.0
63	25.0
64	25.0
65	24.2
66	23.8
67	23.8
68	23.1
69	23.1
70	22.9
71	22.9
72	22.2
73	22.2
74	21.3
75	21.3
76	21.2
77	21.2
78	20.8
79	20.8
80	20.8
81	20.0
82	20.0
83	20.0
84	20.0
85	18.9
86	18.9
87	18.5
88	18.2
89	18.2
90	18.2
91	17.8
92	17.8
93	17.4
94	17.4
95	17.4
96	16.7
97	16.7
98	16.0
99	15.8
100	15.8
101	15.8
102	15.4
103	15.4
104	15.4
105	15.0
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107	14.9
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118	12.8
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134	9.7
135	9.5
136	9.4
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140	9.1
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142	7.1
143	7.1
144	7.1
145	6.7
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147	6.7
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151	6.7
152	5.9
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155	5.9
156	5.0
157	4.8
158	4.5
159	4.5
160	4.5
161	3.7
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164	3.7
165	3.7
166	3.2
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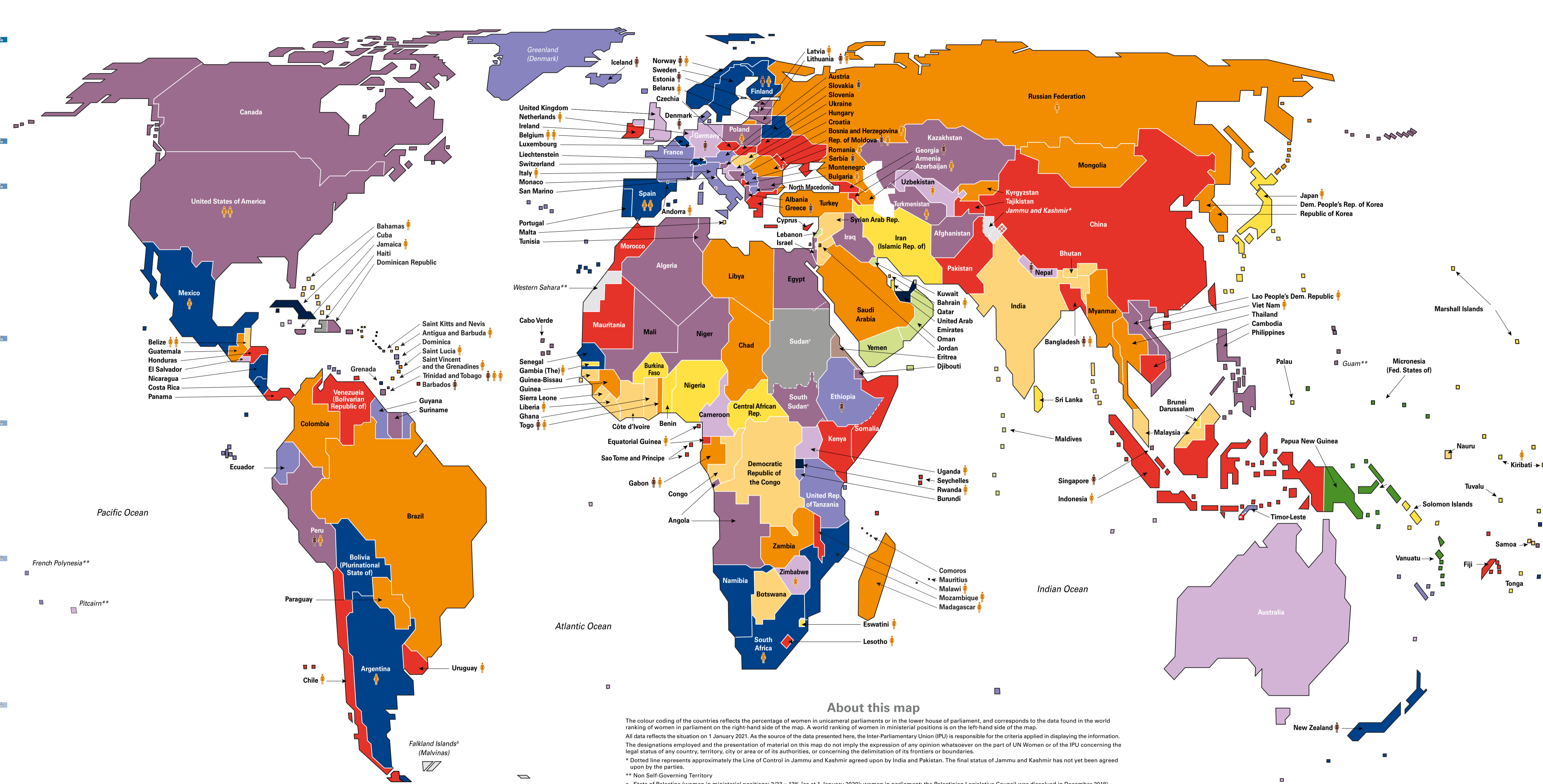


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Situation on 1 January 2021



About this map

The colour coding of the countries reflects the percentage of women in ministerial positions or in the lower house of parliament, and corresponds to the data found in the world ranking of women in parliament on the right-hand side of the map. A world ranking of women in ministerial positions is on the left-hand side of the map.

All data reflects the situation on 1 January 2021. As the source of the data presented here, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is responsible for the criteria applied in displaying the information. The designations employed and the presentation of material on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of UN Women or of the IPU concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

* Dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.

** Non Self-Governing Territory

a. State of Palestine (women in ministerial positions: 3/23 = 13% as at 1 January 2020); women in parliament: the Palestinian Legislative Council was dissolved in December 2018.

b. A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

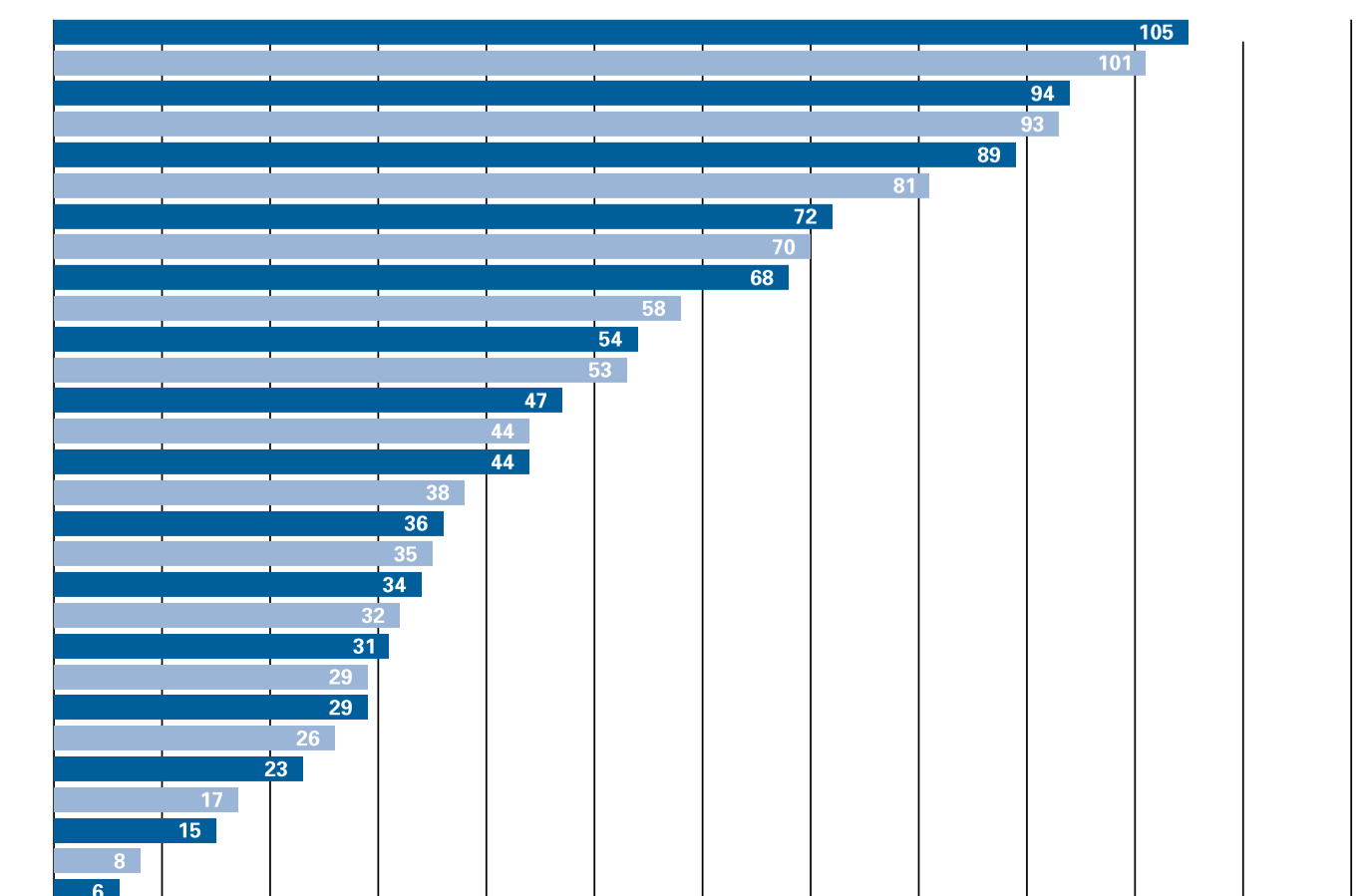
c. Final boundary between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not yet been determined.

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Portfolios held by Women Ministers (1432 portfolios in 193 countries)



Women in the highest positions of State

Women heads of state* (9/152 = 5.9%) and women heads of government (13/193 = 6.7%)

Bangladesh (HG), Barbados (HG), Denmark (HG), Estonia (HS), Ethiopia (HS), Finland (HG), Gabon (HG), Georgia (HS), Germany (HG), Greece (HS), Iceland (HG), Lithuania (HG), New Zealand (HG), Norway (HG), Peru (HG), Republic of Moldova (HS), Serbia (HG), Singapore (HS), Slovakia (HS), Togo (HG), United States of America (HS)

Women speakers of parliament* (58/277 = 20.9%)

Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium (2 chambers), Belize (2 chambers), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Chile, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Finland, Gabon, Gambia (The), Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Spain (2 chambers), Togo, Trinidad and Tobago (2 chambers), Turkmenistan, Uganda, United States of America (2 chambers),** Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

Women deputy speakers of parliament (165/582 = 28.3%)

Of the 224 chambers in 163 countries for which information is available, 117 have at least one woman deputy speaker.

* Only elected heads of state have been taken into account.

** Of a total of 272 Parliamentary chambers, two have 2 additional Speakers and three have 1 additional Speaker, for a total of 279 Speakers. At 1 January 2021, there were 2 vacancies.

** The woman Vice President became President of the Senate upon her taking office on 20 January 2021, as a result of the November 2020 elections.

World and regional averages of women in parliament

Region	Single house or lower house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses combined
World average	25.6%	24.8%	25.5%
Regional averages			