

Women in ministerial positions

The countries are ranked according to the percentage of women in ministerial positions, reflecting appointments up to 1 January 2017.

Rank	Country	Women	Ministers	Total Ministers
1	Bolivia	52.9	9	17
2	France	52.9	9	17
3	Nicaragua	52.9	9	17
4	Sweden	52.2	12	23
5	Canada	51.7	15	29
6	Slovenia	50.0	6	12

Rank	Country	Women	Ministers	Total Ministers
7	Iceland	49.1	10	20
8	Denmark	47.9	9	21
9	South Africa	47.1	15	36
10	Albania	40.0	8	20
11	Liechtenstein	40.0	4	10
12	Norway	38.9	18	47
13	Finland	38.5	5	13
14	Spain	38.5	6	16
15	Netherlands	37.0	10	27
16	New Zealand	36.8	7	19
17	Uganda	36.7	11	30
18	Peru	35.7	14	39
19	Colombia	35.3	6	17

Rank	Country	Women	Ministers	Total Ministers
20	Chile	34.8	8	23
21	Germany	33.3	5	15
22	Zambia	33.3	10	30
23	Dominica	31.3	5	16
24	Dominican Republic	31.3	5	16
25	Mauritania	30.8	8	26
26	Senegal	30.8	8	26
27	United Kingdom	30.8	8	26
28	Costa Rica	30.8	8	26
29	Andorra	30.0	3	10

Rank	Country	Women	Ministers	Total Ministers
30	Panama	29.4	5	17
31	Estonia	28.6	4	14
32	Switzerland	28.6	2	7
33	Trinidad and Tobago	28.6	6	21
34	Ecuador	27.5	11	40
35	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	27.5	11	40
36	Honduras	27.5	6	22
37	Saint Lucia	27.3	3	11
38	Ireland	26.7	4	15
39	United Arab Emirates	26.7	8	30
40	Ireland	26.3	5	19
41	Swaziland	26.3	5	19
42	Kenya	25.7	9	35
43	Cuba	25.7	9	35
44	Indonesia	25.0	2	8
45	Cuba	25.0	2	8
46	Micronesia (Federated States of)	25.0	2	8
47	Philippines	25.0	2	8

Rank	Country	Women	Ministers	Total Ministers
48	Mali	24.2	8	33
49	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	24.2	8	33
50	Australia	24.1	7	29
51	Namibia	24.0	6	25
52	Romania	24.0	6	25
53	Cambodia	23.8	8	31
54	Bahamas*	23.5	4	17
55	Ghana	23.3	3	13
56	Guinea	23.1	3	13
57	Austria	23.1	3	13
58	Belgium	23.1	3	13
59	Lebanon	23.1	6	26
60	Tunisia	22.9	9	39
61	Burundi	22.7	5	22
62	Poland	22.7	5	22
63	Angola	22.2	2	9
64	Bosnia and Herzegovina	22.2	4	18
65	Malawi	22.2	4	18
66	Portugal	22.2	4	18
67	Republic of Moldova	22.2	4	18
68	Dominica	22.2	4	18
69	El Salvador	21.4	3	14
70	Greece	21.4	3	14
71	Nicaragua	21.4	3	14
72	Côte d'Ivoire	20.9	9	43
73	Dominican Republic	20.9	8	40
74	Croatia	20.9	8	40
75	Luxembourg	20.9	8	40
76	Costa Rica	20.0	1	5
77	Monaco	20.0	1	5
78	Montenegro	20.0	6	30
79	Senegal	20.0	6	30
80	South Sudan	20.0	6	30
81	Togo	20.0	4	20
82	United Republic of Tanzania	20.0	4	20

Rank	Country	Women	Ministers	Total Ministers
83	Israel†	19.0	4	21
84	Timor-Leste	18.8	3	16
85	Norway	18.8	3	16
86	Lesotho	18.2	4	22
87	Togo and Principe*	18.2	4	22
88	Gabon	17.9	5	28
89	Madagascar	17.9	5	28
90	Czechia	17.6	3	17
91	Maldives	17.4	4	23
92	Central African Republic	17.4	4	23
93	Cameroun	17.1	7	41
94	Algeria	16.7	3	18
95	Eritrea	16.7	3	18
96	Guinea	16.7	3	18
97	Yemen	16.7	3	18
98	Neu*	16.1	1	6
99	Zimbabwe	16.1	5	31
100	Sierra Leone	15.8	8	50
101	Japan	15.8	3	19
102	Mexico	15.8	3	19
103	Fiji†	15.4	2	13
104	Paraguay	15.4	2	13
105	Samoa	15.4	2	13

139 Equatorial Guinea* 9.7 3 31
140 Iran (Islamic Republic of)* 9.7 3 31
141 Russian Federation 9.7 3 31
142 Cambodia 9.1 1 11
143 Cyprus 9.1 1 11
144 Republic of Korea 9.1 2 22
145 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines* 9.1 1 11
146 Malaysia 8.3 3 36
147 Antigua and Barbuda* 8.3 1 11
148 Lao People's Democratic Republic 7.4 2 27
149 Jordan 7.1 1 15
150 Kuwait 6.7 1 15
151 Somalia 6.7 2 32
152 Bangladesh 6.3 2 32
153 Malta 6.3 1 16
154 Oman 6.3 1 16
155 Qatar 6.3 1 16
156 Syrian Arab Republic* 5.9 1 17
157 Tajikistan 5.9 1 17
158 Kazakhstan 5.8 1 17
159 Yemen 5.3 1 19
160 Singapore 5.0 1 20
161 Myanmar* 5.0 1 20

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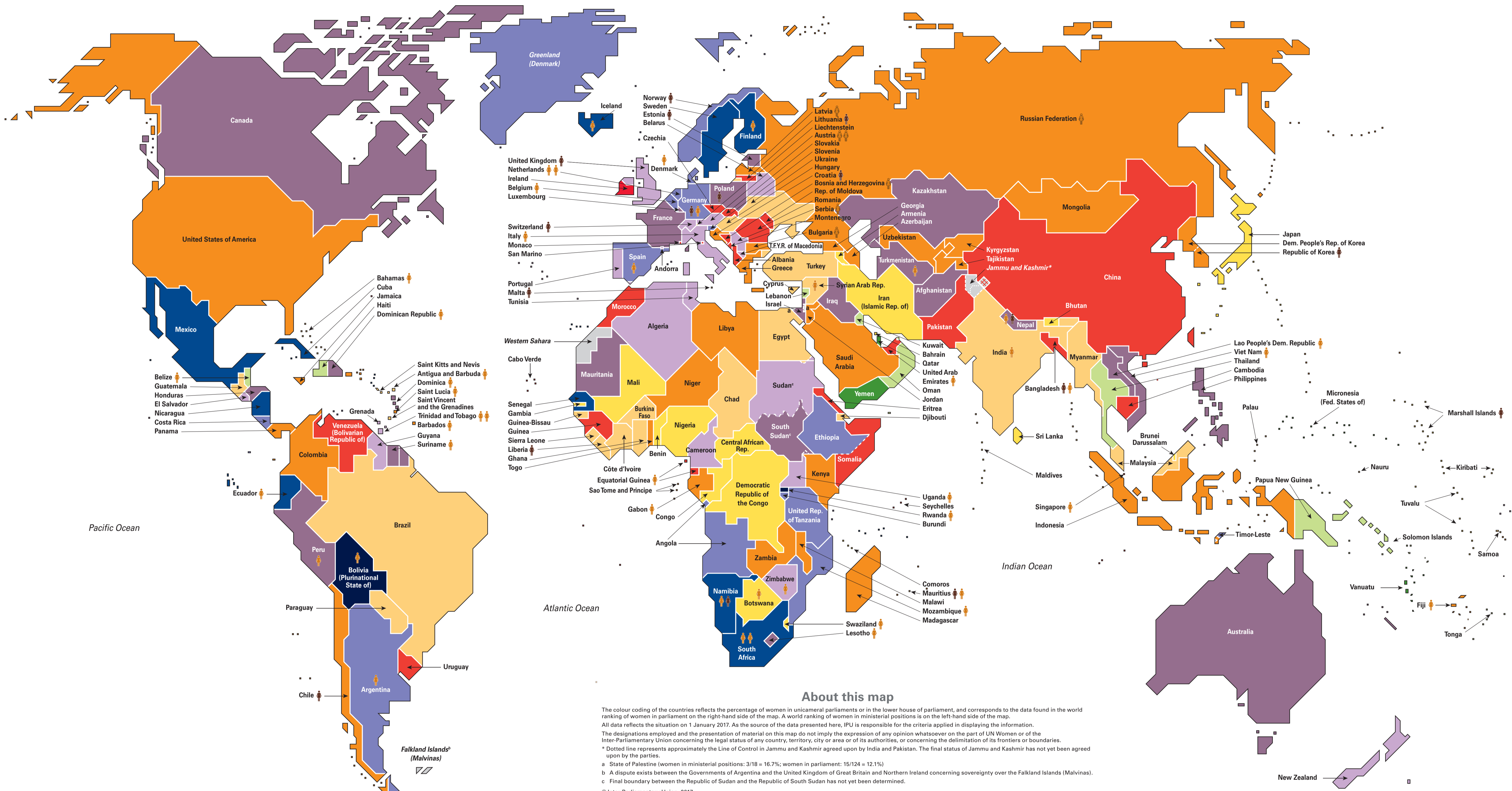


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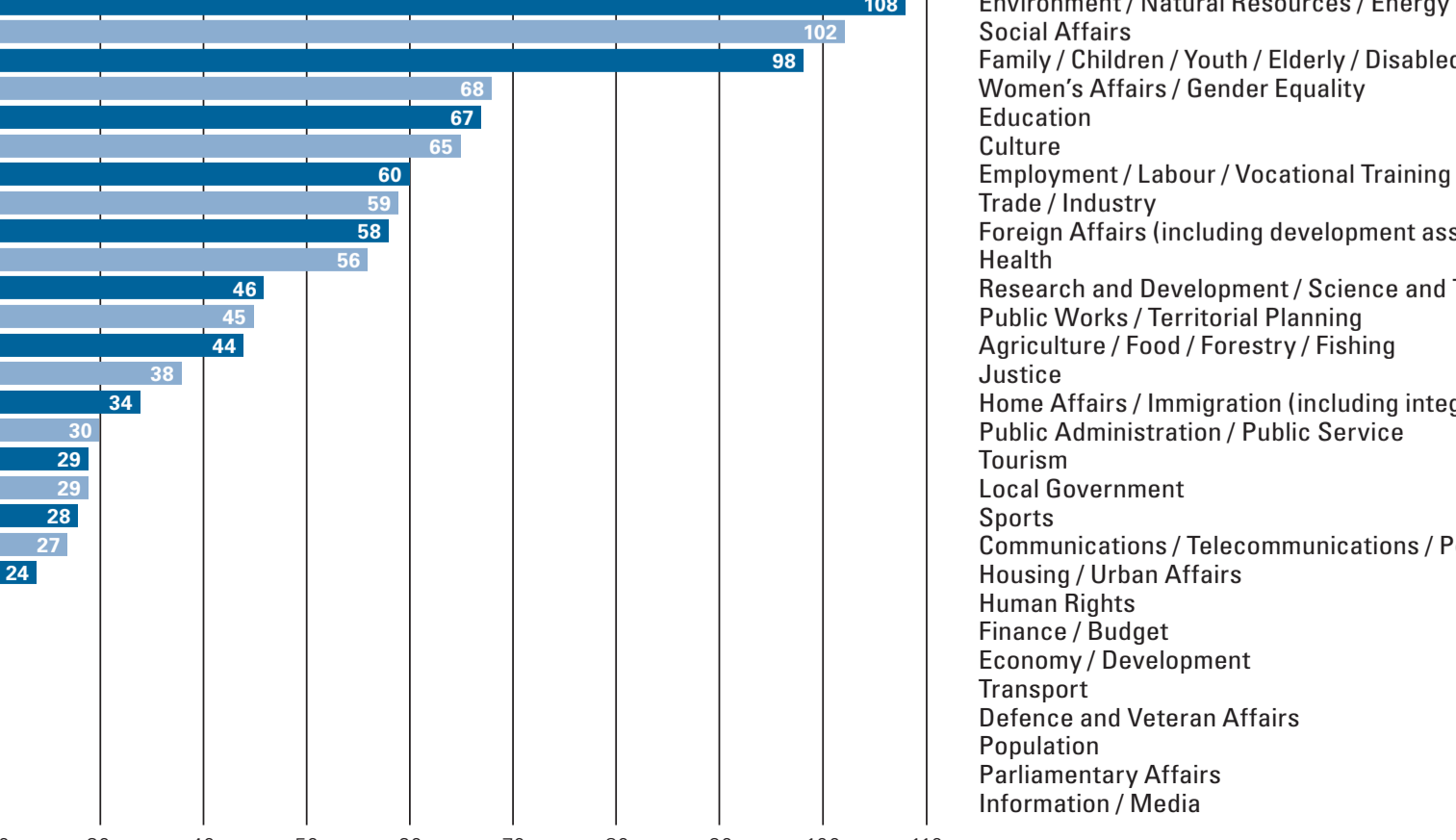
Situation on 1 January 2017



About this map
The colour coding of the countries reflects the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or in the lower house of parliament, and corresponds to the data found in the world ranking of women in ministerial positions on the right-hand side of the map. A world ranking of women in ministerial positions on the left-hand side of the map. All data reflects the situation on 1 January 2017. As the source of the data presented here, 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 Inter-Parliamentary Union 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.
a. State of Palestine (women in ministerial positions: 31/8 = 16.7%; women in parliament: 15/124 = 12.1%)
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

(1237 portfolios in 186 countries)



Women in the highest positions of State

Women heads of state (11/152=7.2%) and women heads of government (11/193=5.7%)

- Bangladesh (HG), Chile (HS/HG), Croatia (HS), Estonia (HS), Germany (HG), Liberia (HS/HG), Lithuania (HS), Malta (HS), Marshall Islands (HS/HG), Mauritius (HS), Namibia (HG), Nepal (HS), Norway (HG), Poland (HG), Republic of Korea (HS/HG), Switzerland (HS/HG), United Kingdom (HG)

Women Speakers of parliament (53/278=19.1%)

- Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria (2 chambers), Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize,* Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Germany, Iceland,** India, Italy, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands (2 chambers), Peru, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa (2 chambers), Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago (2 chambers), Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe

Women deputy speakers of parliament (158/595=26.6%)

Of the 230 chambers in 172 countries for which information is available, 102 have at least one woman deputy speaker.

Note: (HS/HG) = The head of state is also the head of government.
* Only elected heads of state have been taken into account.
** Out of a total of 271 parliamentary chambers, two have 2 additional speakers and three have 1 additional speaker, for a total of 278 speakers.
* Formally elected on 13 January 2017 to replace the former Speaker, whose mandate ended on 1 January 2017.
** Elected Speaker as result of the October 2016 general elections. Her formal election was held on 24 January 2017, when the Athingi reconvened after the Christmas break.

World and regional averages of women in parliament

Category	Single house or lower house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses combined
World average	23.4%	22.9%	23.3%

Regional averages

Region	Single house or lower house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses combined
Nordic countries	41.7%	—	—
Americas	28.3%	27.5%	28.1%
Europe (Nordic countries included)	26.4%	26.0%	26.3%
Europe (Nordic countries not included)	25.0%	26.0%	25.2%
Sub-Saharan Africa	23.8%	22.1%	23.6%
Asia	19.6%	16.3%	19.3%
Arab States	18.9%	12.6%	18.0%
Pacific	15.0%	37.1%	17.4%

Women in parliament

The countries are ranked and colour-coded according to the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or the lower house of parliament, reflecting elections/appointments up to 1 January 2017.

Rank	Country	Lower or single house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses combined
1	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	53.1	45/80	50.0
2	Cuba	48.9	299/672	49.3
3	Iceland	47.6	30/63	47.6
4	Nicaragua	47.2	42/82	47.2
5	Sweden	43.6	152/349	43.6
6	Senegal	42.7	84/150	42.7
7	Mexico	42.6	213/500	36.7
8	Finland	42.0	84/200	42.0
9	South Africa†	42.0	167/398	35.2
10	Ecuador	41.8	57/137	41.8
11	Namibia	41.3	43/104	23.8
12	Mozambique	39.6	99/250	39.6
13	Norway	38.6	67/169	38.0
14	Spain	38.1	137/359	38.0
15	Argentina	38.0	100/257	41.7
16	Ethiopia	37.5	147/391	32.0
17	Timor-Leste	36.5	25/65	—
18	Angola	36.2	84/230	—
19	Belgium	36.0	57/150	50.0
20	Netherlands	36.0	57/150	34.7
21	Denmark	35.4	67/179	—
22	Germany	35.0	233/630	39.1
23	Slovenia	34.7	31/80	—
24	Burundi	34.4	121/353	41.9
25	United Republic of Tanzania	34.4	143/393	—
26	Costa Rica	35.1	20/57	—
27	Portugal	34.8	80/230	—
28	Belarus	34.5	38/110	30.4
29	Serbia	34.4	86/250	—
30	Uganda	34.3	104/445	—
31	New Zealand	34.1	120	—
32	Grenada	33.3	5/15	15.4
33	Zimbabwe	32.8	69/203	—
34	Switzerland	32.5	65/200	15.2
35	Andorra	32.1	9/28	—
36	Guyana	31.9	22/68	—
37	The F.Y.R. of Macedonia	31.7	39/120	—
38	Algeria	31.6	146/462	7.0
39	Tunisia	31.0	91/293	—
40	Cameroon	31.1	58/180	20.0
41	Italy	31.1	13/42	29.0
42	Kenya	31.1	59/183	