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Young male MPs outnumber their female counterparts in every age group.

ENCOURAGING SIGN

The gender imbalance is less pronounced among younger MPs where the ratio is:

60:40

MALE

FEMALE

GENDER

2.2%

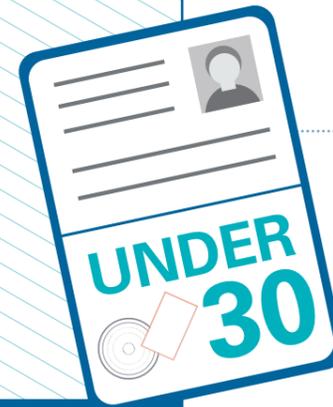
Young people under 30 make up only 2.2 per cent of the world's 45,000 MPs, up from 1.9% in 2016.

Just over 30 per cent of the world's single and lower chambers of parliament have no MPs aged under 30 as in 2016.

0%

76%

76 per cent of the world's upper chambers of parliament have no MPs aged under 30 down from 80% in 2016.



Youth participation in national parliaments 2018



UNDER 40

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QUOTAS

As in 2016, in countries where youth quotas exist, the proportion of parliamentarians under 30 is much smaller than of the under-40 age group.

UNDER 30



1.6% → 1.9% → **2.2%**

2.2 per cent of the world's MPs are aged under 30 - up from 1.6 per cent in 2014 and 1.9 per cent in 2016.

UNDER 40



12.9% → 14.2% → **15.5%**

15.5 per cent of the world's MPs are aged under 40 - up from 12.9 per cent in 2014 and 14.2 per cent in 2016.

UNDER 45



23.9% → 26% → **28.1%**

28.1 per cent of the world's MPs are aged under 45 - up from 23.9 per cent in 2014 and 26 per cent in 2016.

ELIGIBILITY

The age at which citizens are eligible to run for parliamentary office rarely coincides with the legal voting age.



65%

65 per cent of chambers impose a 'waiting time' between voting age and age of eligibility for office.

The waiting time is generally longer for upper than for single or lower chambers.



18

average: 27.9

45

The age requirements for upper chambers range from 18 to 45, with an average of 27.9.

The average waiting time is 9.7 years.



17

average: 21.4

40

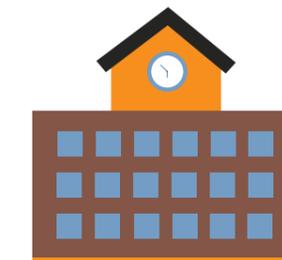
The age requirements for single and lower chambers range from 17 to 40 with an average of 21.4.

The average waiting time is 3.4 years.



40.7%

Less than half of the chambers analyzed have a **committee** or parliamentary body whose name explicitly refers to 'youth'.



72%

Youth parliaments exist in 72 per cent of the countries surveyed, some with formal ties to the national **parliament** but most coordinated by **non-governmental organizations, government ministries, schools** or **other local authorities**.