

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

	0.0	0.0	0.0
Thailand	0.0	0.0	24
Uganda	0.0	0.0	12
Vanuatu	0.0	0.0	0
Viet Nam	0.0	0.0	23
Yemen	0.0	0.0	24

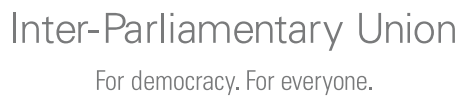
The table includes ministers and deputy heads of government. Prime ministers/heads of government were included when they held ministerial portfolios. Heads of government or public agencies have not been included in the total of participants of the study, due to the Government to be formed following the 2020 elections was not available. Figures correspond to the outgoing Government.

The Government was formed in January 2021 following elections held in 2020.

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Figures correspond to the outgoing Government in place at 1 January 2021. The new Government resulting from the 2020 elections will be formed due to the military takeover on 1 February 2021.

Source: PFI. Data obtained from national governments, parliamentaries, parliament/parliaments, inquiries to the United Nations and publicly available information.



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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 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

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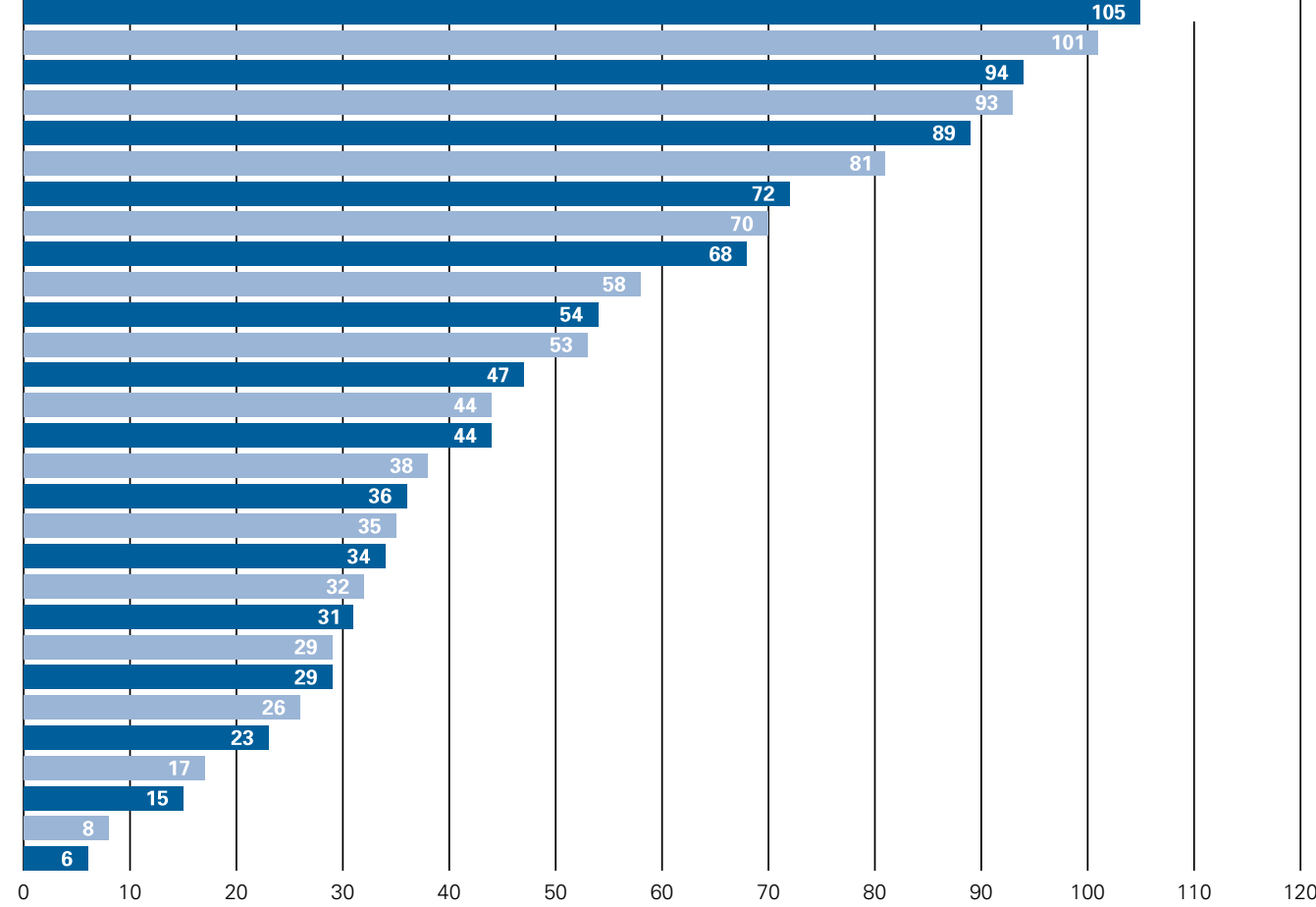
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(1 432 portfolios in 193 countries)



- Environment/Natural Resources/ Energy
- Social Affairs
- Family/Children/Youth/Elderly/Disabled
- Education/Labour/Vocational Training
- Education
- Culture
- Home Affairs/Immigration (including Integration and Women's Affairs/ Gender Equality
- Trade/Industry
- Foreign Affairs (including Development Assistance)
- Research and Development/Science and Technology
- Agriculture/Food/Forestry/Fishing
- Public Works/Territorial Planning
- Health
- Justice
- Tourism
- Public Administration/Public Service
- Sports
- Housing and Urban Affairs
- Communications/Telecommunications/Postal Affairs
- Local Government
- Defence and Veteran Affairs
- Economy/Development
- Human Rights
- Finance/Budget
- Information/Media
- Transport
- Parliamentary Affairs
- Population

**Women heads of state¹ (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), Nepal (HS), New Zealand (HG), Norway (HG), Peru (HG), Republic of Moldova (HS), Serbia (HG), Singapore (HS), Slovakia (HS), Togo (HG), Trinidad and Tobago (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, 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.

¹ Only elected heads of state have been taken into account.

² Out 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.

	Single house or lower house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses combined
World average	25.6%	24.8%	25.5%
Regional averages			
Regions* are classified by descending order of the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or the lower house of parliament.			
Nordic countries	44.5%	—	—
Americas	32.2%	33.0%	32.4%
Europe (Nordic countries included)	30.5%	30.2%	30.4%
Europe (Nordic countries not included)	29.1%	30.2%	29.3%
Sub-Saharan Africa	25.0%	23.9%	24.9%
Asia	20.8%	17.6%	20.4%
Middle East and North Africa	19.3%	11.2%	17.8%
Pacific	18.0%	44.9%	20.9%

* The composition of IPU regional groupings may be consulted at <https://data.ipu.org/content/regional-groupings>.

The countries are ranked and colour-coded according to the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or the lower house of parliament.

				50 to 65%	
1	Rwanda	61.3	49 / 80	38.5	10 / 26
2	Cuba	53.4	313 / 586	—	— / —
3	United Arab Emirates	50.0	20 / 40	—	— / —
				40 to 49.9%	
4	Nicaragua	48.4	44 / 91	—	— / —
5	New Zealand	48.3	58 / 120	—	— / —
6	Mexico	48.2	241 / 500	49.2	63 / 128
7	Sweden	47.0	164 / 349	—	— / —

10	Bolivia	46.4	17.26	15.4	2.13
11	Bosnia (Bosnian State of)	46.4	18.20	55.6	20.49
12	South Africa	46.4	20.75	51.5	22.53
13	North Macedonia	46.4	19.2	39.7	15.1
14	Norway	44.4	7.5	16.9	6.8
15	Costa Rica	44.4	20.3	14.3	6.8
16	Spain	44.0	154.3	30.8	108.265
17	Chad	43.0	1.195	42.0	16.1
18	Argentina	42.4	108.257	40.3	29.72
19	Paraguay	42.4	71.05	40.3	29.72
20	Belgium	42.0	63.150	45.0	27.69
21	Switzerland	42.0	84.200	45.0	26.1
22	Belarus	40.0	44.110	25.0	16.0
23	Portugal	40.0	82.230	36.0	26.91
30 to 39					
24	Denmark	39.9	21.183	42.6	28.35
25	Iceland	39.9	71.179	42.6	28.35
26	France	39.9	26.65	42.6	28.35
27	Croatia	39.9	229.57	34.8	121.348
28	Ecuador	39.4	54.137	—	—
29	North Macedonia	39.4	54.137	—	—
30	Serbia	39.4	90.250	—	—
31	Maldives	39.4	217.547	32.0	49.185
32	Timor-Leste	38.9	25.95	—	—
33	Chad	38.9	25.95	—	—
34	Guinea	38.9	47.123	41.0	16.1
35	United Republic of Tanzania	38.7	141.394	—	—
36	South Africa	38.7	141.394	—	—
37	Italy	35.7	225.639	34.4	110.320
40 to 49					
37	Denmark	34.9	109.238	46.0	28.35
38	Dominica	34.4	11.32	—	—
39	Cameroon	34.4	110.320	26.0	28.35
40	United Kingdom	33.9	220.850	27.9	22.172
41	Salvador	33.9	70.59	—	—
42	Morocco	33.3	6.24	—	—
43	Guinea	33.3	6.24	—	—
44	San Marino	33.3	20.90	—	—
45	Uzbekistan	32.9	86.275	27.9	22.58
46	Uzbekistan	32.9	46.147	23.0	23.0
47	Uzbekistan	32.9	86.275	27.9	22.58
48	Luxembourg	31.7	19.50	—	—
49	Australia	31.7	223.708	36.2	29.69
50	Australia	31.7	41.151	31.3	39.76
51	Croatia	31.7	41.151	31.3	39.76
50 to 59					
52	Angola	28.6	65.220	—	—
53	Canada	28.6	109.238	49.5	46.93
54	Albania	29.5	36.172	—	—
55	Singapore	29.5	36.172	—	—
56	Suriname	29.4	15.51	—	—
57	Latvia	29.4	25.100	2.0	5.52
58	Japan	28.6	18.653	38.1	8.1
59	Poland	28.6	18.653	12.0	2.0
60	Pakistan	28.6	139.459	24.0	24.0
61	Guatemala	28.6	85.234	—	—
62	Dominican Republic	27.9	53.190	12.5	4.32
63	Guatemala	27.9	53.190	12.5	4.32
64	Lithuania	27.9	39.141	—	—
65	Laos People's Dem. Republic	27.9	39.141	—	—
66	Malta	27.4	162.591	13.3	40.00
67	United States of America	27.4	162.591	25.0	25.0
68	Bulgaria	27.4	65.240	—	—
69	Czechistan	27.4	65.240	—	—
70	Algeria	27.0	67.248	17.9	19.68
71	Afghanistan	27.0	67.248	17.9	19.68
72	Slovenia	26.5	24.90	—	—
73	Vanuatu	26.5	15.524	10.0	4.40
74	Costa Verde	26.4	19.72	—	—
75	Costa Verde	26.4	19.72	—	—
76	Tajikistan	26.3	57.217	—	—
77	Tajikistan and Herzegovina	26.3	57.217	—	—
78	Dominica	26.2	17.85	—	—
79	Peru	26.2	34.130	—	—
80	Togo and Togo	26.2	34.130	—	—

145	Bhutan	14.9	7 / 47	16.0	4 / 25
-	Malaysia	14.9	33 / 222	13.6	9 / 66
147	Ghana	14.6	40 / 275	—	— / —
148	India	14.4	78 / 540	11.2	27 / 241
149	Guinea-Bissau	13.7	14 / 102	—	— / —
150	Malta	13.1	0 / 87	—	— / —

150	Malta	13.4	3 / 67	—	— / —
151	Bahamas	12.8	5 / 39	43.8	7 / 16
—	Dem. Republic of the Congo	12.8	64 / 500	21.1	23 / 109
153	Hungary	12.6	25 / 199	—	— / —
154	Belize	12.5	4 / 32	35.7	5 / 14

155	Sierra Leone	12.3	18 / 146	—	— / —
156	Liechtenstein	12.0	3 / 25	—	— / —
157	Jordan	11.5	15 / 130	12.3	8 / 65
158	Côte d'Ivoire	11.4	29 / 255	19.2	19 / 99
159	Congo	11.2	17 / 161	19.9	12 / 69

159	Congo	11.5	21 / 131	18.6	13 / 63
160	Syrian Arab Republic	11.2	28 / 250	—	— / —
161	Antigua and Barbuda	11.1	2 / 18	52.9	9 / 17
162	Liberia	11.0	8 / 73	3.3	1 / 30
163	Botswana	10.8	7 / 65	—	— / —

164	Nauru	10.5	2 / 19	—	— / —
165	Samoa	10.0	5 / 50	—	— / —
166	Japan	9.9	46 / 464	23.0	56 / 244
167	Qatar	9.8	4 / 41	—	— / —

168	Eswatini	9.6	7 / 73	40.0	12 / 30
169	Brunei Darussalam	9.1	3 / 33	—	— / —
170	Central African Republic ^(*)	8.6	12 / 140	—	— / —
"	Gambia (The)	8.6	5 / 58	—	— / —
172	Ghana	9.4	3 / 68	—	— / —

172	Bhiti	8.4	1/83	—	—/—
173	Solomon Islands	8.0	4/50	—	—/—
174	Tonga	7.4	2/27	—	—/—
175	Kiribati	6.7	3/45	—	—/—
176	Burkina Faso	6.3	8/127	—	—/—

177	Palau	6.3	1/16	7.7	1/13
178	Tuvalu	6.3	1/16	—	—/—
179	Marshall Islands	6.1	2/33	—	—/—
180	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	5.6	16/286	—	—/—
181	Sri Lanka	5.4	12/273	—	—/—

182	Lebanon	4.7	6 / 128	—	— / —
183	Maldives	4.6	4 / 87	—	— / —
184	Nigeria	3.6	13 / 360	7.3	8 / 109
195	Oman	2.2	2 / 66	17.4	15 / 66

186	Yemen ⁽⁷⁾	0.3	1 / 301	2.7	3 / 111
188	Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.0	0 / 14	—	— / —

Papua New Guinea	0.0	0/111	—	—/—
Vanuatu	0.0	0/52	—	—/—
Information not available				
Eritrea	Exceptional circumstance			

Haiti (No functioning lower house on 1 January 2021. The upper house has 0 women out of 10 members.)
Sudan (No functioning parliament on 1 January 2021.)

Source: Author's calculations based on data from the National Election Commission (NEC) of the respective countries. Data for the 2020 elections may not be confirmed by the time of publication of the map.

Central African Republic: Elections that started in December 2020 were still underway at the time of publication of the report. The figures correspond to the outgoing legislature.

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