

Women in ministerial positions

The countries are ranked according to the percentage of women in ministerial positions, reflecting appointments up to 1 January 2014.

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total ministers
1	Nicaragua	57.1	14	25
2	Sweden	56.5	13	23
3	Finland	50.0	9	18
4	France	49.6	11	22
5	Cabo Verde	47.1	8	17
6	Netherlands	46.7	7	15
7	Denmark	45.5	10	22
8	Peru	44.4	8	18
9	Switzerland	42.9	3	7
10	Belgium	41.7	5	12
11	Bulgaria	41.2	7	17
12	Liechtenstein	40.0	2	5
13	Rwanda	39.3	3	8
14	Chile	39.1	9	23
15	Iceland	37.5	1	3
16	South Africa	37.1	13	35
17	United Republic of Tanzania	36.7	11	30
18	Burundi	36.4	8	22
19	Haiti	35.0	0	7
20	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	33.3	7	21
21	Kenya	33.3	6	18
22	Uganda	33.1	5	15
23	Canada	32.0	8	25
24	United States of America	31.8	7	22
25	Panama	31.6	6	19
26	Colombia	31.3	10	32
27	Madagascar	30.8	4	13
28	Austria	30.8	4	13
29	Grenada	30.8	4	13
30	Spain	30.8	4	13
31	Albania	30.8	6	20
32	Italy	30.0	6	20
33	Paraguay	30.0	6	20
34	Malawi	30.0	6	20
35	New Zealand	29.6	8	27
36	Mozambique	29.6	8	27
37	Gambia	29.6	8	27
38	Guyana	27.8	5	18
39	Republic of Moldova	27.8	5	18
40	Guatemala	26.7	4	15
41	Swaziland	26.3	5	19
42	Senegal	26.3	5	19
43	Costa Rica	25.0	6	24
44	Micronesia (Fed. States of)	25.0	2	8
45	Niger	25.0	7	28
46	Paraguay	25.0	7	28
47	Kenya	24.3	3	12
48	South Sudan	22.2	2	9
49	South Sudan	22.2	2	9
50	Andorra	22.2	2	9
51	Benin	22.2	2	9
52	Ecuador	22.2	2	9
53	Romania	22.2	2	9
54	Namibia	21.7	5	23
55	Portugal	21.4	4	19
56	Togo	21.4	4	19
57	Georgia	21.4	4	19
58	Liberia	21.1	4	19
59	Sierra Leone	21.1	4	19
60	Croatia	20.0	4	20
61	Jamaica	20.0	4	20
62	Kazakhstan	20.0	4	20
63	Monaco	20.0	4	20
64	Angola	19.4	7	36
65	Bahamas	18.8	3	16
66	Gabon	18.8	3	16
67	Israel	18.8	3	16
68	Nicaragua	18.2	2	11
69	Honduras	17.8	3	17
70	Madagascar	17.8	3	17
71	Sierra Leone	17.8	3	17
72	Australia	17.2	5	29
73	Estonia	16.7	3	18
74	Mongolia	16.7	3	18
75	Montenegro	16.7	3	18
76	Nauru	16.7	1	6
77	Nauru	16.7	1	6
78	Senegal	16.1	5	31
79	Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)	16.1	5	31
80	Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)	16.0	4	25
81	Philippines	16.0	4	25
82	Morocco	15.8	6	38
83	Côte d'Ivoire	15.6	5	32
84	United Kingdom	15.6	5	32
85	United Kingdom	15.4	2	13
86	United Kingdom	15.4	2	13
87	United Kingdom	15.4	2	13
88	United Kingdom	15.4	2	13
89	United Kingdom	15.4	2	13
90	United Kingdom	15.4	2	13
91	United Kingdom	15.4	2	13
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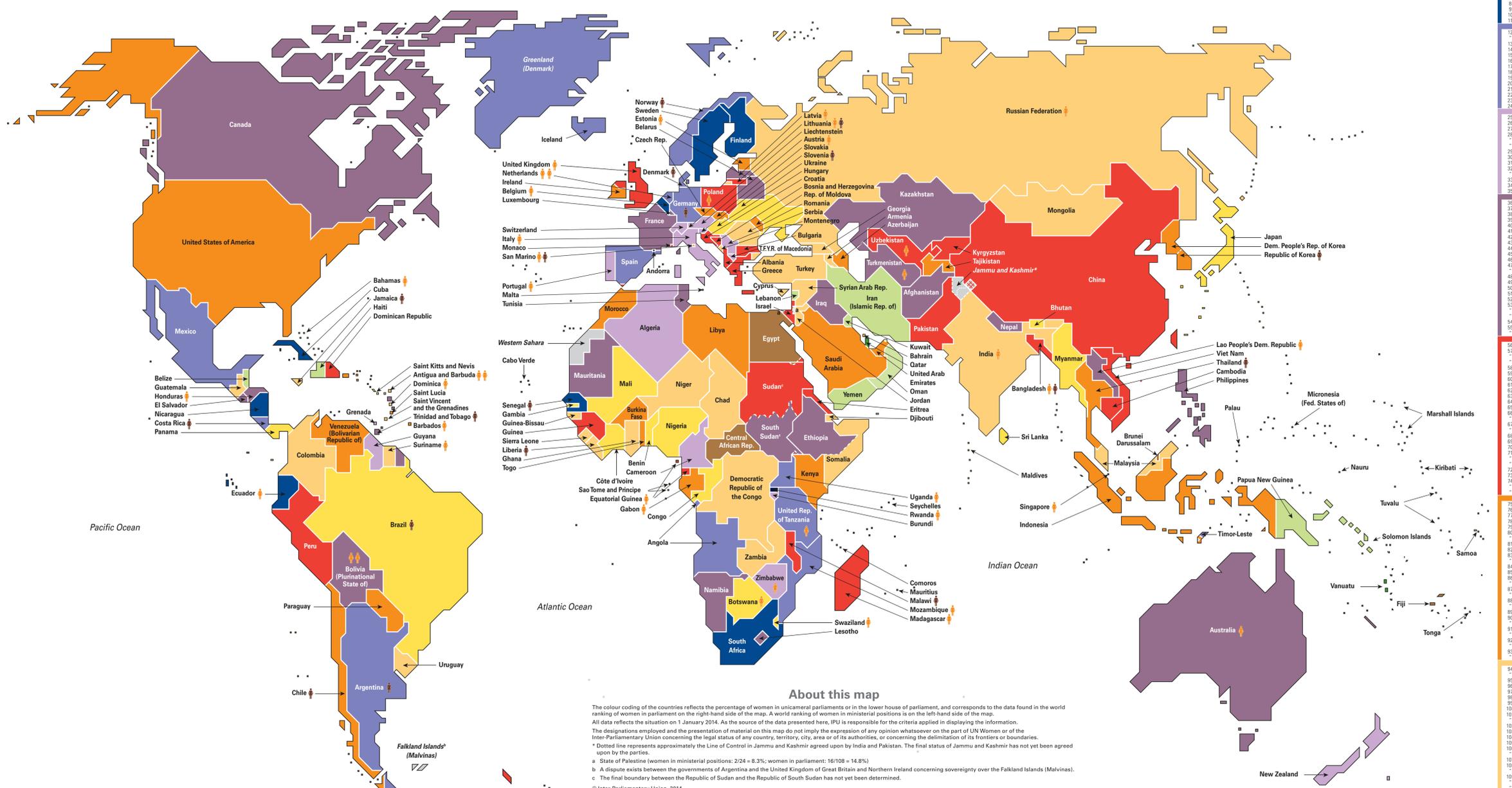


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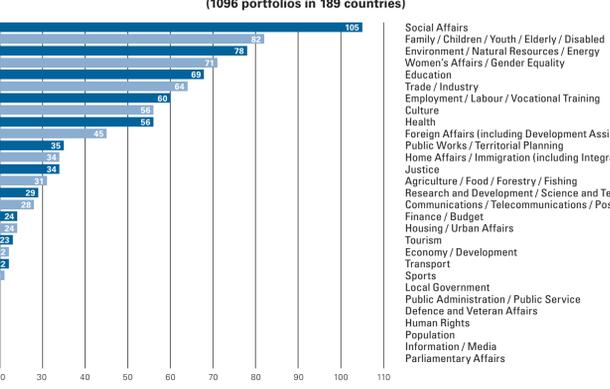
Situation on 1 January 2014



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 2014. As the source of the data presented here, IPU is responsible for any omission or inaccuracy in displaying the information.
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* 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: 2/24 = 8.3%; women in parliament: 16/108 = 14.8%).
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. The 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



Women in the highest positions of State

Position	Count	Percentage
Women heads of state ¹ and women heads of government ²	9/152 = 5.9%	15/193 = 7.8%
Women speakers of parliament ³	40/271 = 14.8%	
Women deputy speakers of parliament	159/601 = 26.5%	

88 parliaments out of 188 have women deputy speakers.

World and regional averages of women in parliament

Category	Single or lower house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses combined
World average	22.2%	19.5%	21.8%
Regional averages			
Nordic countries	42.1%	—	—
Americas	25.2%	25.3%	25.2%
Europe (Nordic countries included)	25.1%	22.8%	24.6%
Europe (Nordic countries not included)	23.5%	22.8%	23.3%
Sub-Saharan Africa	22.9%	18.9%	22.5%
Asia	18.9%	13.9%	18.4%
Arab States	17.8%	7.7%	16.0%
Pacific	13.4%	38.6%	16.2%

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 2014.

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total seats		
1	Rwanda	63.8	51/80	38.5	10/26	
2	Andorra	50.0	14/28	40	40/9.9%	
3	Cuba	48.9	298/612	—	—	
4	Sweden	48.0	157/328	—	—	
5	South Africa ¹	44.8	178/400	34.0	18/53	
6	Seychelles	43.8	14/32	—	—	
7	Senegal	43.3	65/150	—	—	
8	Finland	42.5	65/200	—	—	
9	Ecuador	41.6	57/137	—	—	
10	Bulgaria	41.3	62/150	39.4	28/71	
11	Nicaragua	40.2	27/67	—	—	
12	Iceland	39.7	29/63	—	31.0	31.0%
13	Spain	39.7	138/350	33.5	89/266	
14	Norway	39.6	67/169	—	—	
15	Mozambique	39.2	98/250	—	—	
16	Netherlands	38.7	58/150	38.0	27/75	
17	Costa Rica	38.6	22/57	—	—	
18	Timor-Leste	38.5	81/200	—	—	
19	Mexico	37.4	167/500	34.4	44/128	
20	Angola	36.8	67/200	—	—	
21	Argentina	36.6	94/257	38.9	28/72	
22	Germany	36.5	220/611	27.5	19/69	
23	United Republic of Tanzania	36.0	128/350	—	—	
24	Uganda	35.0	135/386	—	—	
25	The F.Y.R. of Macedonia	34.1	42/123	—	—	
26	New Zealand	33.9	61/181	—	—	
27	Serbia	33.6	84/250	—	—	
28	Austria	33.3	61/183	29.0	19/62	
29	Grenada	33.3	5/15	15.4	2/13	
30	Slovenia	33.3	3/9	—	3/40	
31	Algeria	31.8	146/462	6.9	9/134	
32	Zimbabwe	31.5	65/210	17.5	39/80	
33	Italy	31.4	198/630	29.0	92/317	
34	Guyana	31.3	21/67	—	—	
35	Portugal	31.3	72/230	—	—	
36	Cameroon	31.1	58/180	20.0	20/100	
37	Switzerland	31.0	62/200	31.0	9/46	
38	Burundi	30.5	32/105	46.3	19/41	
39	Nepal	29.9	172/575	19.4	8/31	
40	Trinidad and Tobago	29.8	15/50	—	—	
41	Luxembourg	29.3	17/59	—	—	
42	Tunisia	28.1	61/217	—	—	
43	Chad	27.8	102/367	16.3	22/135	
44	Algeria	27.7	69/248	27.5	28/102	
45	Philippines	27.3	283	—	8/24	
46	Lesotho	26.7	32/120	27.3	9/33	
47	Madagascar	26.3	28/107	—	—	
48	South Sudan	26.3	68/258	10.0	5/50	
49	Turkmenistan	25.4	37/146	—	—	
50	El Salvador	25.2	22/84	—	—	
51	Kenya	24.6	153/621	24.6	79/340	
52	Australia	24.6	99/400	41.3	31/75	
53	Honduras	24.6	33/134	26.9	7/26	
54	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	24.6	33/134	47.2	17/36	
55	Singapore	24.6	24/97	—	—	
56	Iraq	25.2	62/245	—	—	
57	Kazakhstan	25.1	77/307	6.4	3/47	
58	Mauritania	25.2	37/147	14.3	8/56	
59	Laos	25.0	35/132	—	—	
60	Latvia	25.0	25/100	—	—	
61	Bulgaria	24.6	59/240	13.0	13/100	
62	Palau	24.3	66/274	17.2	5/29	
63	Viet Nam	24.3	11/46	—	—	
64	Lithuania	24.1	34/141	—	—	
65	Equatorial Guinea	24.0	24/100	10.7	8/75	
66	Madagascar	23.3	28/120	—	—	
67	China	23.4	69/298	—	—	
68	Kyrgyzstan	23.1	34/147	—	—	
69	United Kingdom	22.9	45/193	23.4	160/778	
70	Israel	22.5	27/120	—	—	
71	Peru	22.3	29/130	—	—	
72	Eritrea	22.0	33/150	—	—	
73	Uzbekistan	22.0	35/150	15.0	10/100	
74	Guinea	21.9	25/114	—	—	
75	Bosnia and Herzegovina	21.4	9/42	13.3	2/15	
76	Greece	21.0	63/300	—	—	
77	Cabo Verde	20.8	18/72	—	—	
78	Dominican Republic	20.8	38/183	9.4	3/32	
79	Monaco	20.8	3/15	—	—	
80	Pakistan	20.7	67/323	16.8	17/104	
81	Cambodia	20.3	23/113	14.8	9/61	
82	Albania	20.0	28/140	—	—	
83	Bangladesh	20.0	70/350	—	—	
84	Leichtenstein	20.0	2/10	—	—	
85	Saudi Arabia	19.9	39/191	—	—	
86	Czech Republic	19.5	39/200	17.3	14/81	
87	Kenya	19.5	67/350	25.5	10/68	
88	Estonia	19.0	19/100	—	—	
89	Burkina Faso	18.8	22/117	—	—	
90	Mauritius	18.8	13/69	—	—	
91	Republic of Moldova	18.8	19/101	—	—	
92	Slovakia	18.7	16/86	—	—	
93	Indonesia	18.6	104/560	—	—	
94	San Marino	18.3	11/60	—	—	
95	United States of America ¹	18.3	79/432	20.0	20/100	
96	Sao Tome and Principe	18.0	67/375	—	—	
97	United Arab Emirates	17.5	7/40	—	—	
98	Morocco	17.0	67/395	—	—	
99	Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)	17.0	28/165	—	—	
100	Barbados	16.8	57/339	28.6	6/21	
101	Saint Lucia	16.7	3/18	28.6	2/11	
102	Libya	16.5	33/200	—	—	
103	Chile	16.5	57/345	—	—	
104	Tajikistan	15.9	10/63	11.8	4/34	
105	Thailand	15.8	79/500	15.4	23/149	
106	Chile	15.7	28/188	31.7	18/60	
107	Republic of Korea	15.7	47/300	—	—	
108	Azerbaijan	15.6	19/122	—	—	
109	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	15.6	107/687	—	—	
110	Gabon	15.0	18/120	16.7	10/102	
111	Paraguay	15.0	12/80</			