

Women in ministerial positions

The countries are ranked according to the percentage of women in ministerial positions, reflecting appointments up to 1 January 2015.

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total Ministers
1	Finland	62.5	10	16
2	Cabo Verde	52.9	9	17
3	Sweden	52.2	12	23
4	France	50.0	8	16
5	Liechtenstein	50.0	0	0
6	Nicaragua*	47.1	8	17
7	Norway	47.1	8	17
8	Netherlands	46.7	13	28
9	Estonia	46.2	6	13
10	Grenada*	46.2	6	13
11	Iceland	44.4	4	9
12	Italy	43.8	7	16
13	Slovenia	43.8	7	16
14	Switzerland	42.9	3	7
15	South Africa**	41.7	15	36
16	Costa Rica	40.9	9	22
17	Rwanda	35.5	11	31
18	Albania	35.0	7	20
19	Bulgaria	35.0	7	20
20	Burundi	34.8	8	23
21	Chile	34.8	8	23
22	Germany	33.3	10	30
23	New Zealand	33.3	5	15
24	United Republic of Tanzania	33.3	5	15
25	Guinea-Bissau	33.3	5	15
26	Cuba	33.3	5	15
27	Austria	30.8	4	13
28	Canada	30.8	4	13
29	Spain	30.8	4	13
30	Kenya	30.0	6	20
31	Uganda*	29.6	8	27
32	Gambia	29.4	3	10
33	Guyana*	29.4	5	17
34	Ireland	28.6	4	14
35	Portugal	28.6	4	14
36	Poland	27.8	5	18
37	Republic of Moldova	27.8	5	18
38	Luxembourg	26.7	4	15
39	Denmark	26.3	4	15
40	Swaziland	26.3	5	19
41	United States of America	25.0	2	8
42	Dominica	25.0	2	8
43	Yemen	25.0	2	8
44	Seychelles	25.0	2	8
45	Central African Republic	24.1	7	29
46	Nigeria	24.1	7	29
47	Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)	23.7	9	38
48	Belgium	23.1	3	13
49	Ghana	23.1	3	13
50	Latvia	23.1	3	13
51	Indonesia	22.7	5	22
52	South Sudan*	22.7	5	22
53	United Kingdom	22.2	4	18
54	Angola*	22.2	4	18
55	Argentina	22.2	4	18
56	India	22.2	4	18
57	Japan	22.2	4	18
58	Qatar	22.2	4	18
59	Serbia	22.2	4	18
60	Czechia	22.2	4	18
61	El Salvador	21.4	3	14
62	Lithuania	21.4	3	14
63	Gambia	21.1	3	14
64	Togo	20.7	6	29
65	Algeria	20.7	6	29
66	Bahamas	20.0	4	20
67	Nicaragua*	20.0	4	20
68	Croatia	20.0	4	20
69	Guatemala	20.0	4	20
70	Haiti	20.0	4	20
71	Jamaica	20.0	4	20
72	Liberia	20.0	4	20
73	Madagascar	20.0	4	20
74	Malawi	20.0	4	20
75	Philippines	20.0	4	20
76	Zambia	20.0	4	20
77	Dominican Republic*	19.2	5	26
78	Czech Republic	18.8	8	42
79	Israel*	18.2	4	22
80	Mexico	17.6	3	17
81	Honduras	17.4	4	23
82	Australia	17.2	5	29
83	Côte d'Ivoire	16.7	3	18
84	Eritrea	16.7	3	18
85	Montenegro	16.7	3	18
86	Nauru	16.7	1	8
87	United Arab Emirates	16.7	1	8
88	Mali	16.1	5	31
89	Morocco*	15.8	6	38
90	Brazil	15.4	6	39
91	Peru	15.4	6	39
92	Sierra Leone	15.4	6	39
93	Sudan	15.0	5	33
94	Kyrgyzstan*	15.0	2	13
95	Benin*	14.9	5	34
96	Guinea	14.9	5	34
97	Romania	14.3	1	7
98	Tuvalu*	14.3	1	7
99	Drugay	14.0	7	50
100	Chad	13.6	3	22
101	Nepal	13.6	3	22
102	Belize*	13.3	2	15
103	Kazakhstan	13.3	2	15
104	Niger	13.3	2	15
105	Botswana	13.3	2	15
106	Nigeria	13.3	2	15
107	Ethiopia	12.5	3	24
108	Gabon*	12.5	2	16
109	Maldives	12.5	2	16
110	Palau*	12.5	1	8
111	Saint Kitts and Nevis*	12.5	1	8
112	Timor-Leste	12.5	2	16
113	Mauritius	12.5	2	16
114	Barbados	11.8	2	17
115	China*	11.8	2	17
116	Chad	11.8	2	17
117	China*	11.8	2	17
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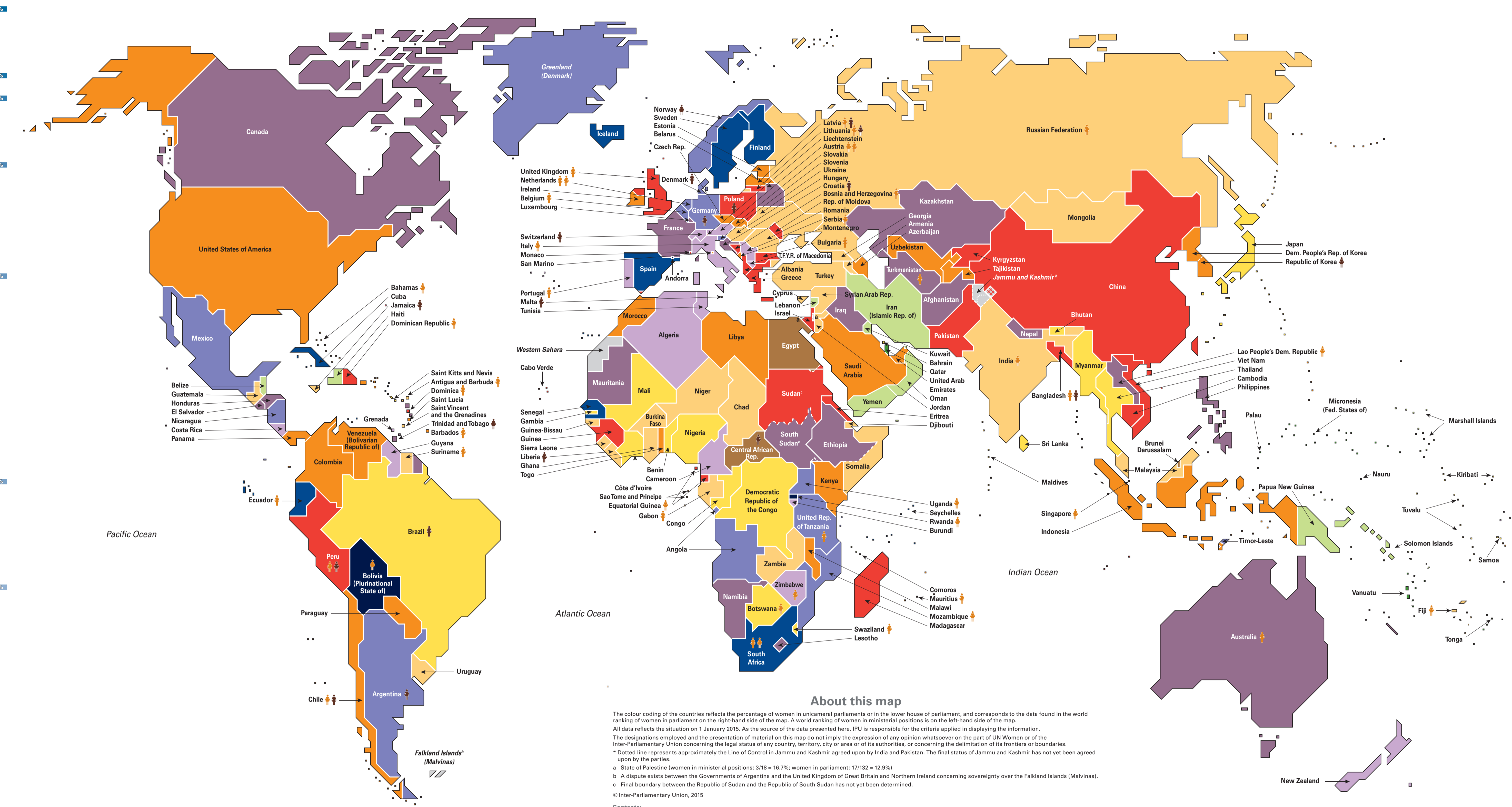


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Situation on 1 January 2015



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 2015. As the source of the data presented here, IPU is responsible for the criteria applied 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: 31.6 / 16.7%; women in parliament: 17/12 = 12.9%)

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

(1 116 portfolios in 191 countries)

Portfolio	Number of Ministers
Social Affairs	103
Environment / Natural Resources / Energy	71
Women's Affairs / Gender Equality	71
Family / Children / Youth / Elderly / Disabled	69
Education	69
Culture	69
Trade / Industry	69
Employment / Labour / Vocational Training	69
Health	69
Foreign Affairs (including Development Assistance)	69
Public Works / Territorial Planning	69
Agriculture / Food / Forestry / Fishing	69
Justice	69
Home Affairs / Immigration (including Integration and Refugees)	69
Research and Development / Science and Technology	69
Communications / Telecommunications / Postal Affairs	69
Tourism	69
Economy / Development	69
Local Government	69
Housing / Urban Affairs	69
Finance / Budget	69
Transport	69
Public Administration / Public Service	69
Defence and Veteran Affairs	69
Human Rights	69
Information / Media	69
Parliamentary Affairs	69

Information not available:
Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Libya

Women in the highest positions of State

Women heads of state¹ (10/152=6.6%) and women heads of government (14/193=7.3%)

Argentina (HS/HG), Bangladesh (HG), Brazil (HS/HG), Central African Republic (HS), Chile (HS/HG), Croatia (HS), Denmark (HG), Germany (HG), Jamaica (HG), Latvia (HG), Liberia (HS/HG), Lithuania (HS), Malta (HS), Norway (HG), Peru (HG), Poland (HG), Republic of Korea (HS), Switzerland (HS/HG), and Trinidad and Tobago (HG)

Women speakers of parliament² (43/273=15.8%)

Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, Austria (2 chambers), Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia⁴, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Chile, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Gabon, India, Italy, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Netherlands (2 chambers), Peru, Portugal, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa (2 chambers), Suriname, Swaziland, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe

Women deputy speakers of parliament (169/634=26.7%)

Of the 249 chambers in 177 countries for which information is available, 106 have at least one woman deputy speaker.

Note: (HS/HG) = the head of state is also the head of government.
¹ Only elected heads of state have been taken into account.
² President-elect.
³ Out of a total 286 parliamentary chambers, two have an additional 2 speakers and three have 1 additional speaker, for a total of 273 speakers.
⁴ President-elect.

World and regional averages of women in parliament

Category	Single house or lower house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses combined
World average	22.3%	20.5%	22.0%
Regional averages			
Nordic countries	41.5%	—	—
Americas	26.5%	25.5%	26.4%
Europe (Nordic countries included)	25.2%	24.4%	25.0%
Europe (Nordic countries not included)	23.6%	24.4%	23.8%
Sub-Saharan Africa	22.4%	20.3%	22.2%
Asia	19.0%	14.2%	18.5%
Arab States	18.1%	7.3%	16.1%
Pacific	13.1%	36.0%	15.7%

Women in parliament

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Rank	Country	Lower or single house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses combined
1	Rwanda	53.8	51/180	38.5
2	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	53.1	69/130	47.2
3	Andorra	50.0	14/28	40.0
4	Cuba	48.9	289/612	—
5	Seychelles	48.8	14/32	—
6	Sweden	43.6	152/349	—
7	Senegal	42.7	64/150	—
8	Finland	42.5	85/200	—
9	Ecuador	41.6	57/137	—
10	South Africa ¹	41.5	182/400	35.2
11	Iceland	41.3	29/83	—
12	Spain	41.4	144/350	33.8
13	Mozambique	39.8	92/250	—
14	Norway	39.6	67/169	—
15	Nicaragua	39.3	59/150	50.0
16	Timor-Leste	38.5	25/85	—
17	Denmark	38.5	69/179	—
18	Mexico	38.0	190/500	33.6
19	Netherlands	37.3	69/185	36.0
20	Angola	36.8	81/220	—
21	Slovenia	36.7	33/90	7.5
22	Germany	36.5	230/631	40.6
23	United Republic of Tanzania	36.2	53/257	38.9
24	Uganda	35.0	135/386	—
25	Serbia	34.0	85/250	—
26	Costa Rica	33.3	19/57	—
27	Grenada	33.3	5/15	15.4
28	The F.R. of Macedonia	33.3	1/3	—
29	Algeria	31.6	146/462	6.9
30	Zimbabwe	31.5	89/270	47.5
31	New Zealand	31.4	121	—
32	Guyana	31.3	21/67	—
33	Portugal	31.3	22/70	—</