

Women in ministerial positions

The countries are ranked according to the percentage of women in ministerial positions, reflecting appointments up to 1 January 2019.

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total ministers
1	Spain	61.7	50	81
2	Nicaragua	55.6	10	18
3	Sweden	54.5	22	40
4	Albania	53.3	9	15
5	Colombia	52.9	19	36
6	Costa Rica	51.9	14	27
7	Rwanda	51.9	6	11
8	Canada	50.0	17	34
9	France	50.0	10	20

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total ministers
10	South Africa	48.6	17	35
11	Ethiopia	47.6	10	21
12	Seychelles	45.5	5	11
13	Denmark	42.9	9	21
14	Switzerland	42.9	3	7
15	Mexico	42.9	3	7
16	Mexico	42.1	8	19
17	Norway	42.1	6	14
18	Greenland	41.7	5	12
19	Germany	40.0	6	15
20	Iceland	40.0	2	5
21	Liechtenstein	40.0	2	5

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total ministers
22	Austria	38.5	5	13
23	Finland	37.5	5	13
24	Uganda	36.7	11	30
25	Andorra	36.4	4	11
26	Republic of Moldova	36.4	4	11
27	Estonia	35.7	5	14
28	Slovakia	35.7	5	14
29	Netherlands	35.3	6	17

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total ministers
30	Chile	34.8	8	23
31	Madagascar	34.4	11	32
32	Mali	34.4	11	32
33	El Salvador	33.3	5	15
34	Sao Tome and Principe*	33.3	5	15
35	Trinidad and Tobago	33.3	7	21
36	Honduras	32.0	8	25
37	Mauritania	31.8	7	22
38	Guatemala	31.6	6	19
39	Eswatini	31.6	6	19
40	Kenya	30.8	8	26
41	New Zealand	30.8	8	26
42	Zambia	30.8	2	6

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total ministers
43	Dominica	29.4	5	17
44	Luxembourg	29.4	5	17
45	Portugal	29.4	5	17
46	Monaco	29.4	1	3
47	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	28.4	10	34
48	United Arab Emirates	28.4	4	14
49	Czechia	28.4	4	14
50	Mali	28.0	7	25
51	Romania	28.0	7	25
52	Haiti	27.8	5	18
53	Italy	27.8	5	18
54	Georgia	27.3	3	11
55	Madagascar	27.3	3	11
56	Poland	27.3	6	22
57	Maldives	27.3	6	22
58	France	26.7	4	15
59	France	26.7	4	15
60	Panama	26.7	4	15
61	Burundi	26.1	6	22
62	Chad	25.9	7	27
63	Argentina	25.0	12	48
64	Belgium	25.0	3	12
65	Belgium	25.0	3	12
66	Cuba	25.0	7	28
67	Chad	25.0	7	28
68	Greece	25.0	5	20
69	Kenya	25.0	6	24
70	Pelau	25.0	8	32
71	Slovenia	25.0	2	8

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total ministers
72	Egypt	24.2	8	33
73	Nicaragua	23.8	8	33
74	Congo	23.5	8	34
75	Congo	23.5	8	34
76	Jamaica	23.5	4	17
77	Costa Rica	23.5	4	17
78	Fiji	23.1	6	26
79	India*	23.1	6	26
80	Saint Lucia*	23.1	3	13
81	Senegal	22.9	9	39
82	United Republic of Tanzania	22.7	5	22
83	Romania	22.7	2	9
84	Ecuador	22.7	6	27
85	Guatemala	22.7	6	27
86	Guatemala	22.7	6	27
87	Guatemala	22.7	6	27
88	United States of America	22.7	2	9
89	United States of America	22.7	2	9
90	Australia	21.7	5	23
91	Cabo Verde	21.4	3	14
92	Paraguay	21.4	3	14
93	Samoa	21.4	3	14
94	Samoa	21.4	3	14
95	Jordan	21.4	3	14
96	Ukraine	21.0	5	24
97	Namibia	20.0	5	25
98	Namibia	20.0	5	25
99	Namibia	20.0	5	25

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

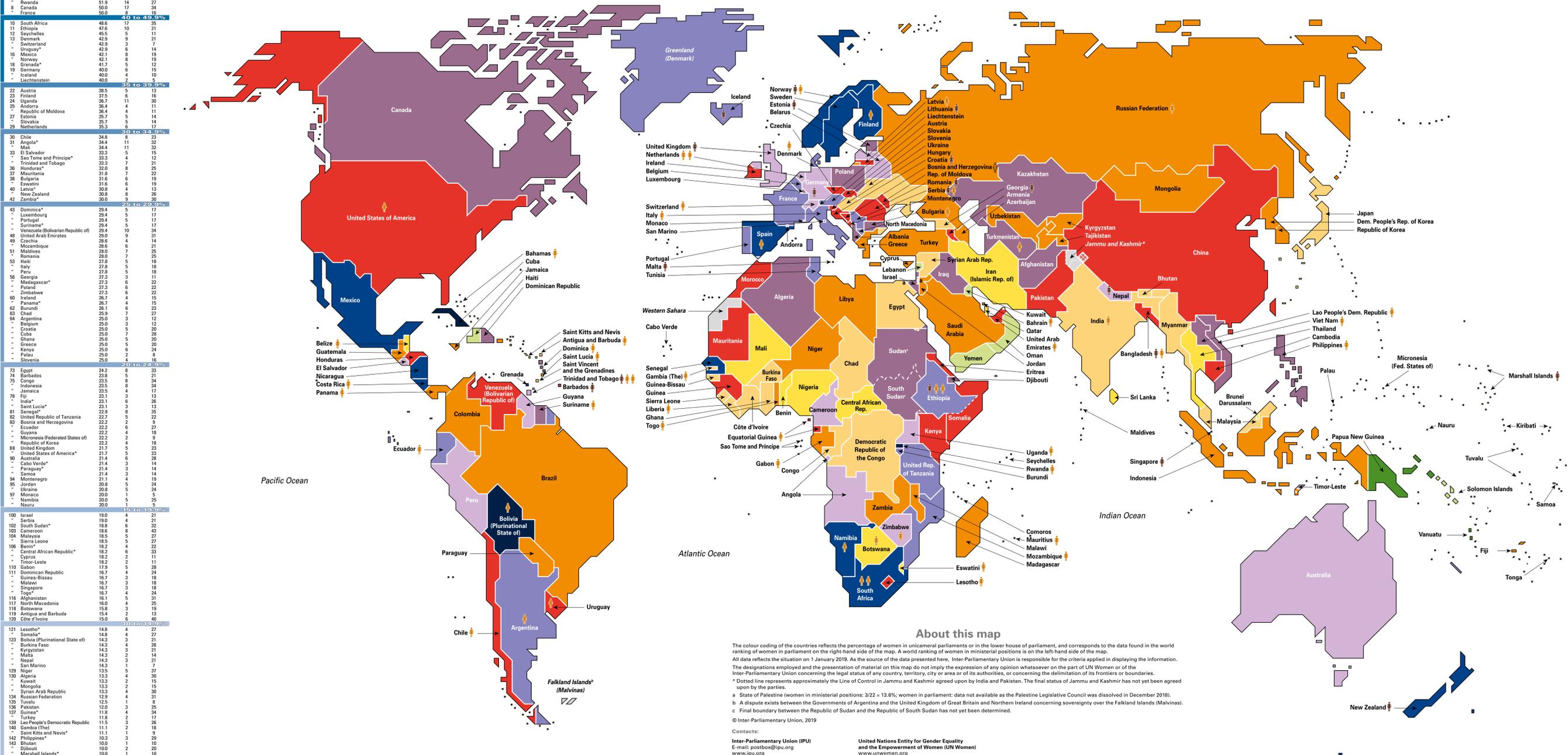


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Situation on 1 January 2019



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 is on the left-hand side of the map.

All data reflects the situation on 1 January 2019. As the source of the data presented here, Inter-Parliamentary Union 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: 3/22 = 13.6%; women in parliament: data not available as the Palestine Legislative Council was dissolved in December 2018).

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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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 2019.

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total members
1	Rwanda	61.3	45	73
2	Cuba	53.2	222	805
3	Sri Lanka	53.1	59	109
4	Mexico (Plurinational State of)	49.2	241	500
5	Sweden	48.2	165	340
6	Grenada	46.7	7	15
7	Namibia	46.2	49	104
8	Costa Rica	45.6	26	57
9	Nicaragua	41.9	19	45
10	South Africa	42.7	189	393
11	Senegal	41.8	89	165
12	Finland	41.5	83	200
13	Spain	41.1	144	350
14	Norway	40.9	69	169
15	New Zealand	40.0	48	120

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total members
16	France	39.7	229	577
17	Mozambique	38.8	99	254
18	Argentina	38.8	99	254
19	Chad	38.4	24	63
20	North Macedonia	38.3	48	120
21	Belgium	38.0	57	150
22	Belgium	38.0	57	150
23	Ecuador	38.0	57	150
24	Serbia	37.7	21	56
25	Denmark	37.4	67	179
26	Austria	36.8	113	307
27	United Republic of Tanzania	36.8	145	393
28	Burundi	36.4	121	332
29	Tunisia	35.9	78	217
30	Italy	35.7	62	170
31	Portugal	35.7	62	170

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total members
32	Uganda	34.9	160	459
33	Belarus	34.5	38	110
34	Timor-Leste	33.8	8	24
35	Monaco	33.3	8	24
36	Nepal	32.7	27	83
37	Switzerland	32.5	65	200
38	Andorra	32.1	9	28
39	United Kingdom	32.0	208	650
40	Guyana	31.9	22	69
41	Zimbabwe	31.9	22	69
42	Netherlands	31.3	47	150
43	Cameroon	31.1	26	84
44	El Salvador	31.0	26	84
45	Latvia	31.0	13	42
46	Trinidad and Tobago	30.9	219	709
47	Germany	30.8	68	220
48	Angola	30.0	68	220
49	Australia	30.0	45	150
50	Paraguay	29.1	10	34

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total members
51	Philippines	29.5	86	292
52	Suriname	29.4	15	51
53	Albania	29.1	14	48
54	Israel	29.2	35	120
55	Poland	29.1	40	140
56	Estonia	28.7	29	101
57	South Sudan	28.5	109	383
58	Laos	28.4	109	383
59	Lao People's Dem. Republic	27.5	41	149
60	Algeria	27.3	69	253
61	Kazakhstan	27.1	29	107
62	Canada	26.9	134	497
63	Dominican Republic	26.8	51	190
64	Viet Nam	26.7	122	458
65	Djibouti	26.2	17	65
66	Algeria	25.8	119	462
67	Bulgaria	25.8	62	240
68	Iraq	25.2	83	329
69	Dominica	25.0	9	32
70	Luxembourg	25.0	15	60
71	San Marino	25.0	1	6
72	Turkmenistan	25.0	31	124

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total members
73	China	24.9	442	2375
74	Slovenia	24.4	27	110
75	Armenia	24.2	32	132
76	Cabo Verde	23.7	17	72
77	Montenegro	23.5	19	81
78	United States of America	23.3	28	120
79	Lesotho	23.3	28	120
80	Singapore	23.2	28	120
81	Guinea	22.8	26	114
82	Guinea	22.8	26	114
83	Republic of Moldova	22.8	10	44
84	Chad	22.6	35	155
85	Czechia	22.5	45	200
86	United Arab Emirates	22.2	35	158
87	Ireland	22.2	35	158
88	Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)	22.2	37	167
89	Burkina Faso	22.2	37	167
90	Kenya	21.8	76	349
91	Kenya	21.8	76	349
92	Bosnia and Herzegovina	21.8	27	126
93	Lithuania	21.3	30	141
94	Seychelles	21.2	7	33
95	Indonesia	20.8	102	490
96	Romania	20.7	89	429
97	Bangladesh	20.6	17	83
98	Croatia	20.5	31	151
99	Morocco	20.4	39	195
100	Mauritania	20.3	31	153
101	Pakistan	20.2	34	168
102	Barbados	20.0	6	30
103	Cambodia	20.0	25	125
104	Equatorial Guinea	20.0	20	100
105	Slovakia	20.0	30	150

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total members
106	Saudi Arabia	19.9	30	151
107	South Sudan	19.8	10	51
108	Kyrgyzstan	19.2	23	120
109	Madagascar	19.2		