

Women in Ministerial Positions

The countries are ranked according to the percentage of women in ministerial positions.

Reflecting appointments up to 1 January 2010.

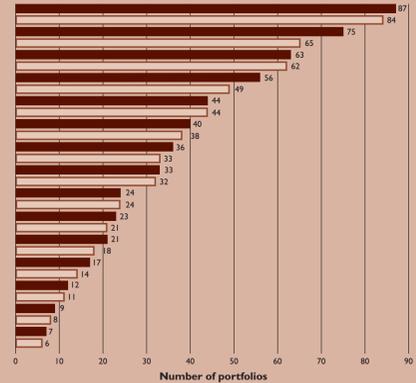
Rank	Country	Lower House	Upper House	Total
Over 60%				
1	Finland	63.2	72	67.6
50 to 59.9%				
2	Cape Verde	53.3	8	11.5
3	Spain	52.8	12	17
4	Norway	52.6	10	19
40 to 49.9%				
5	Chile	45.5	10	19
6	Iceland	45.5	5	11
7	Sweden	45.9	9	20
8	Switzerland	42.9	3	7
9	Denmark	42.1	3	19
10	Liechtenstein	40.0	2	5
35 to 39.9%				
11	Austria	38.5	5	13
12	Nicaragua*	38.5	5	13
13	Saint Tomé and Príncipe*	38.5	5	13
14	Honduras	35.7	5	14
15	Costa Rica	35.0	7	20
30 to 34.9%				
16	Trinidad and Tobago	34.3	10	29
17	South Africa	34.3	12	35
18	Andorra	33.3	2	6
19	Belgium	33.3	3	15
20	Germany	33.3	6	18
21	Rwanda	33.3	8	24
22	United States of America	33.3	7	21
23	Ecuador	33.3	13	40
24	Uganda	32.0	8	25
25	Iceland*	31.6	19	19
26	Gambia*	31.3	5	16
27	Greece	31.3	5	16
28	Guinea	31.3	5	16
29	Portugal	31.3	5	16
30	Liberia*	30.4	7	23
25 to 29.9%				
31	Canada	29.7	11	28
32	Burundi	28.6	8	28
33	New Zealand	28.6	10	36
34	Angola	27.8	10	36
35	Poland	27.8	10	36
36	Malawi*	27.3	6	22
37	United Republic of Tanzania	27.3	6	22
38	United Arab Emirates	26.7	4	15
39	Luxembourg	26.7	4	15
40	Panama	26.7	4	15
41	France	26.3	5	19
42	Swaziland	26.3	5	19
43	Mozambique*	25.9	7	27
44	Venezuela	25.9	7	27
45	Cuba	25.0	8	28
46	Eritrea	25.0	4	16
47	Malta	25.0	8	28
48	Palau*	25.0	2	8
20 to 24.9%				
49	Namibia	24.0	4	12
50	Guinea-Bissau*	23.5	4	17
51	Netherlands	23.5	4	17
52	Australia	23.3	7	20
53	Mauritania	23.3	7	20
54	Samoa*	23.1	3	13
55	Niger	22.8	7	21
56	United Kingdom	22.8	7	21
57	Haiti*	22.4	7	21
58	Peru	22.4	4	18
59	Slovenia	21.7	5	18
60	Italy	21.7	5	18
61	Paraguay	21.7	8	23
62	Ghana	21.6	8	23
63	Colombia*	21.4	3	14
64	Ireland	21.4	3	14
65	Latvia	21.4	3	14
66	Mal	21.4	3	14
67	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	21.4	3	14
68	Timor-Leste*	21.4	3	14
69	Uruguay	21.4	3	14
70	Gabon*	20.7	3	13
71	Argentina	20.0	3	15
72	Bolivia	20.0	3	15
73	Dominica	20.0	3	15
74	Monaco	20.0	2	10
75	Saint Martin	20.0	2	10
76	Seychelles*	20.0	1	10
15 to 19.9%				
77	Serbia	19.2	5	16
78	Grenada*	18.8	1	16
79	Zimbabwe	18.8	1	16
80	Burkina Faso	17.9	4	17
81	Bulgaria	17.8	3	17
82	Guinea	17.8	3	17
83	Czech Republic	17.8	3	17
84	Madagascar	17.2	5	29
85	Micronesia (Federated States of)	16.7	1	6
86	Mexico	16.7	3	18
87	United Arab Emirates*	16.7	4	24
88	Guinea	16.0	5	21
89	Guinea-Bissau	16.0	5	21
90	Croatia	15.8	3	19
91	El Salvador	15.4	3	19
92	Kenya	15.0	6	19
10 to 14.9%				
93	Indonesia	14.3	2	14
94	Lithuania	14.3	2	14
95	Togo	14.3	2	14
96	Philippines	13.6	3	22
97	Slovakia	13.5	3	22
98	Benin	13.3	4	20
99	Slovenia	13.3	4	20
100	Burkina Faso	12.9	4	20
101	Cote d'Ivoire	12.9	4	20
102	Democratic Rep. of the Congo	12.5	3	18
103	Jamaica	12.5	2	16
104	Republic of Korea	12.5	2	16
105	Thailand	12.5	2	16
106	Central African Republic	12.0	3	25
107	Botswana	11.8	2	17
108	Cameroon*	11.8	2	17
109	Japan	11.5	2	16
110	China	11.5	2	16
111	Antigua and Barbuda*	11.1	1	9
112	Armenia	11.1	1	9
113	Morocco	11.1	3	27
114	Armenia	10.7	2	28
115	Djibouti	10.5	2	19
116	Madagascar	10.5	2	19
117	Lao People's Democratic Rep.	10.3	3	29
118	Iraq	10.0	4	29
119	India	10.0	4	40
120	Kyrgyzstan*	10.0	2	20
121	Marshall Islands	10.0	1	10
5 to 9.9%				
122	Cambodia*	9.7	3	31
123	Nigeria	9.7	3	31
124	The F.Y.R. of Macedonia	9.5	3	28
125	Egypt	9.4	3	32
126	Oman	9.4	3	32
127	Cyprus	9.1	1	11
128	Fiji	9.1	1	11
129	Dominican Republic*	8.7	2	22
130	Estonia	8.3	1	12
131	Tonga	8.3	1	12
132	Sierra Leone*	8.0	2	25
133	Kiribati*	7.7	1	13
134	Nepal	7.7	1	13
135	Saint Lucia	7.7	1	13
136	Turkey	7.7	2	26
137	Palau*	7.5	2	26
138	Afghanistan	7.4	2	27
139	Ethiopia	7.4	2	27
140	Brazil	7.1	2	28
141	Mongolia	7.1	1	14
142	Chad*	7.1	2	28
143	Jordan	6.9	2	29
144	Lebanon	6.9	2	29
145	Albania	6.7	1	15
146	Iran*	6.7	2	30
147	Kuwait	6.7	1	15
148	Malaysia	6.7	2	30
149	Maldives	6.7	1	15
150	Romania	6.3	1	16
151	Sudan	6.3	2	32
152	Syrian Arab Republic	6.3	2	32
153	Turkmenistan*	6.3	2	32
154	Sri Lanka	5.9	3	31
155	Tajikistan	5.9	3	31
156	Democratic People's Rep. of Korea	5.7	2	35
157	Yemen	5.7	2	35
158	Barbados	5.6	1	18
159	Georgia*	5.4	1	18
160	Republic of Moldova	5.3	1	19
161	Kazakhstan	5.0	1	20
162	Montenegro	5.0	1	20
163	Singapore	5.0	1	20
2 to 4.9%				
164	Bahamas*	0.0	0	17
165	Bhutan	0.0	0	13
166	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.0	0	13
167	Brunei Darussalam*	0.0	0	14
168	Comoros*	0.0	0	14
169	Guatemala	0.0	0	14
170	Guinea-Bissau	0.0	0	14
171	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya*	0.0	0	14
172	Nauru*	0.0	0	14
173	Qatar	0.0	0	17
174	Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.0	0	17
175	Saudi Arabia	0.0	0	30
176	Solomon Islands	0.0	0	23
177	Tuvalu	0.0	0	8
178	Vanuatu	0.0	0	13
Information not available:				
179	Mauritius, Myanmar, Somalia, Suriname			

The achievement of democracy presupposes a genuine partnership between men and women in the conduct of the affairs of society in which they work in equality and complementarity, drawing mutual enrichment from their differences.

Universal Declaration on Democracy, 1997, Principle N° 4

Portfolios held by Women Ministers

(1056 portfolios, for 188 countries)



Sector	Number of Portfolios
Social Affairs	84
Family/Children/Youth/Elderly/Disabled	75
Environment/Natural Resources/Energy	65
Women's Affairs/Gender Equality	63
Employment/Labour/Vocational Training	62
Trade/Industry	62
Education	56
Culture	49
Health	49
Home Affairs/Immigration	49
Foreign Affairs	49
Agriculture/Food/Forestry/Fishing	40
Justice	38
Research and Development/Science and Technology	38
Local Government	33
Tourism	32
Finance/Budget	24
Sports	24
Public Works/Territorial Planning	23
Housing/Urban Affairs	23
Communications/Telecommunications/Postal Affairs	21
Public Administration/Public Service	18
Economy/Development	18
Information/Media	18
Human Rights	18
Defence and Veteran Affairs	18
Ministers of State without portfolio	12
Population	11
Transport	11
Parliamentary Affairs	11

Head of State (HS)
9/151 = 6.0% 142/151 = 94.0%

Head of Government (HG)
11/192 = 5.7% 181/192 = 94.3%

- Argentina (HS/HG)
- Bangladesh (HG)
- Chile (HS/HG)
- Croatia (HG)
- Finland (HG)
- Germany (HG)
- Iceland (HG)
- India (HS)
- Ireland (HS)
- Liberia (HS/HG)
- Lithuania (HS)
- Mozambique (HG)
- Philippines (HS/HG)
- Switzerland (HS/HG)
- Ukraine (HS)

Presiding Officers of Parliament
187 Parliaments, of which 75 are bicameral = 262 Chambers of Parliament*

- Albania (Assembly)
- Antigua and Barbuda (House of Representatives and Senate)
- Bahamas (Senate)
- Belize (Senate)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (House of Peoples)
- Botswana (National Assembly)
- Bulgaria (National Assembly)
- Estonia (House of Assembly)
- Gambia (National Assembly)
- Ghana (Parliament)
- Grenada (Senate)
- Iceland (Parliament)
- India (House of the People)
- Lesotho (National Assembly)
- Lithuania (Parliament)
- Netherlands (House of Representatives)
- Pakistan (National Assembly)
- Romania (Chamber of Deputies)
- Rwanda (Chamber of Deputies)
- Saint Lucia (House of Assembly and Senate)
- Serbia (National Assembly)
- Swaziland (Senate)
- Switzerland (National Council and Council of States)
- Turkmenistan (Assembly)
- United Kingdom (House of Lords)
- United States of America (House of Representatives)
- Uzbekistan (Legislative Chamber)
- Venezuela (National Assembly)
- Zimbabwe (Senate)

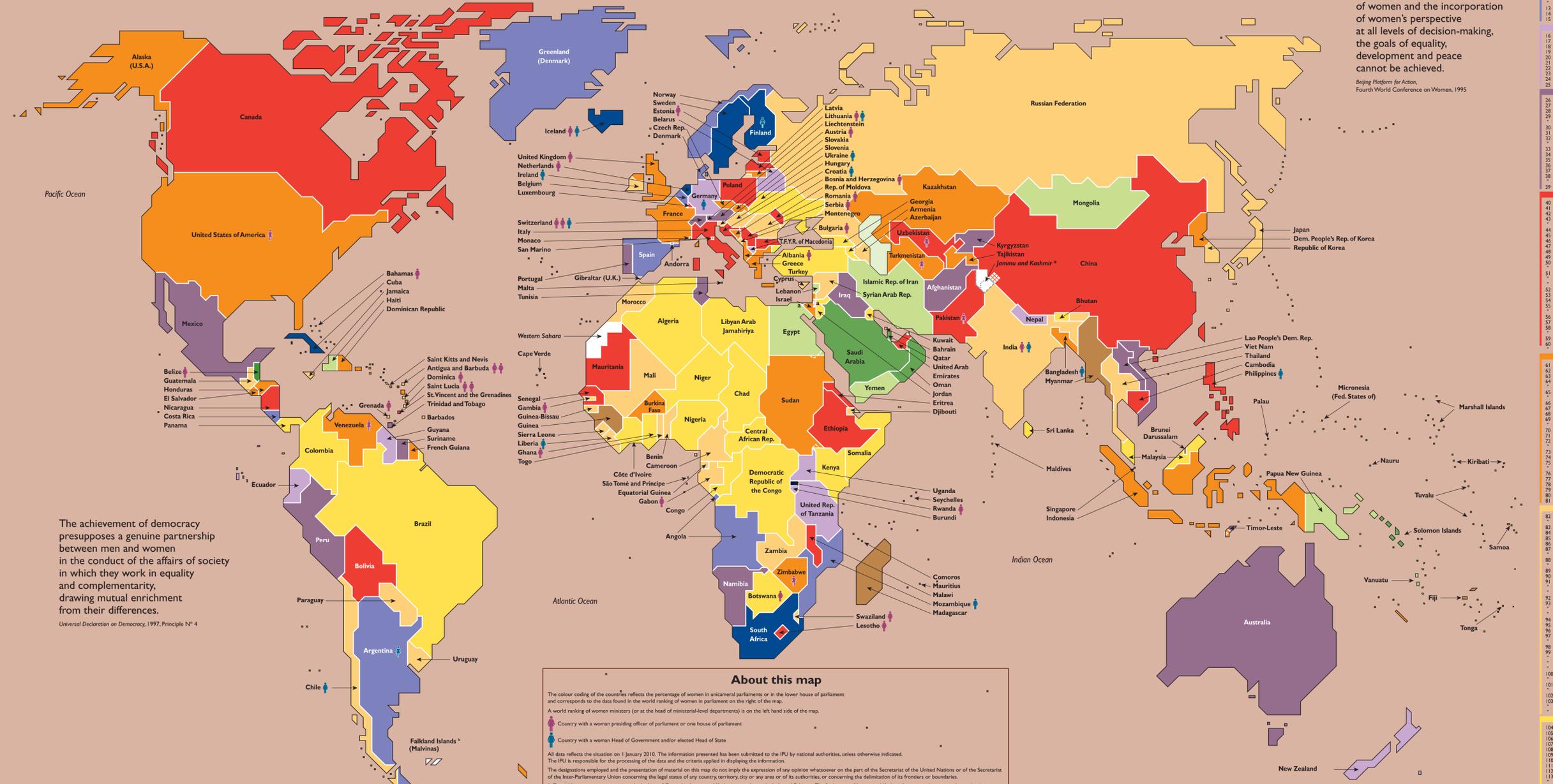
* Only elected Heads of State have been taken into account.

Note: (HS/HG) = The Head of State is also the Head of Government.

(1) One Chamber of Parliament does not have a presiding officer as at 1 January 2010.
(2) There are 342 Chambers of Parliament and 269 presiding officer posts, comprised of 157 parliamentary chambers with one presiding officer each, three chambers with two presiding officers each (San Marino's single chamber, the US Senate and the Liberian Senate); two chambers with three presiding officers each (Bosnia and Herzegovina's lower and upper chambers).

Women in Politics: 2010

Situation on 1 January 2010



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 of the map.

A world ranking of women ministers (or at the head of ministerial-level departments) is on the left hand side of the map.

- Country with a woman presiding officer of parliament or one house of parliament
- Country with a woman Head of Government and/or elected Head of State

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a 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.

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).

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World and Regional Averages of Women in Parliament

	Single or Lower House	Upper House or Senate	Both Houses combined
World average	19.0%	17.8%	18.8%
Regional averages			
Americas	22.1%	21.5%	22.0%
Europe OSCE (Nordic countries included)	21.8%	19.8%	21.4