

Women in Ministerial positions

The countries are ranked according to the percentage of women in ministerial positions. (1 January 2005)

| Rank | Country | Lower or single House % | Upper House or Senate % | Total % |
|------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Sweden | 52.4 | 50.0 | 51.2 |
| 2 | Spain | 47.1 | 46.2 | 46.6 |
| 3 | Finland | 47.1 | 44.8 | 45.9 |
| 4 | Germany | 46.2 | 44.8 | 45.5 |
| 5 | Norway | 41.4 | 41.4 | 41.4 |
| 6 | South Africa | 40.8 | 40.8 | 40.8 |
| 7 | Grenada | 37.5 | 37.5 | 37.5 |
| 8 | Guinea-Bissau* | 37.5 | 37.5 | 37.5 |
| 9 | Netherlands | 37.5 | 37.5 | 37.5 |
| 10 | Colombia | 37.5 | 37.5 | 37.5 |
| 11 | Rwanda | 37.5 | 37.5 | 37.5 |
| 12 | Andorra | 33.3 | 33.3 | 33.3 |
| 13 | Croatia | 33.3 | 33.3 | 33.3 |
| 14 | Paraguay | 33.3 | 33.3 | 33.3 |
| 15 | Barbados | 29.4 | 29.4 | 29.4 |
| 16 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 28.8 | 28.8 | 28.8 |
| 17 | Lesotho | 27.8 | 27.8 | 27.8 |
| 18 | Iceland | 27.3 | 27.3 | 27.3 |
| 19 | Bahamas | 26.7 | 26.7 | 26.7 |
| 20 | Costa Rica | 26.7 | 26.7 | 26.7 |
| 21 | Guatemala | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| 22 | Haiti | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| 23 | Philippines | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| 24 | Zambia | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
| 25 | Bulgaria | 23.8 | 23.8 | 23.8 |
| 26 | Latvia | 23.8 | 23.8 | 23.8 |
| 27 | Uganda | 23.4 | 23.4 | 23.4 |
| 28 | New Zealand | 23.1 | 23.1 | 23.1 |
| 29 | Georgia | 22.2 | 22.2 | 22.2 |
| 30 | Timor-Leste | 22.2 | 22.2 | 22.2 |
| 31 | Tanzania | 22.2 | 22.2 | 22.2 |
| 32 | Ireland | 21.4 | 21.4 | 21.4 |
| 33 | Senegal | 21.4 | 21.4 | 21.4 |
| 34 | Australia | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| 35 | Gambia | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| 36 | Liechtenstein | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| 37 | Switzerland | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| 38 | Belarus | 19.0 | 19.0 | 19.0 |
| 39 | Norway | 18.2 | 18.2 | 18.2 |
| 40 | Iran | 18.2 | 18.2 | 18.2 |
| 41 | Trinidad and Tobago | 18.2 | 18.2 | 18.2 |
| 42 | Eritrea | 17.6 | 17.6 | 17.6 |
| 43 | France | 17.6 | 17.6 | 17.6 |
| 44 | Jamaica* | 17.6 | 17.6 | 17.6 |
| 45 | Kazakhstan | 17.6 | 17.6 | 17.6 |
| 46 | Côte d'Ivoire | 17.1 | 17.1 | 17.1 |
| 47 | Dominican Republic | 16.7 | 16.7 | 16.7 |
| 48 | Portugal | 16.7 | 16.7 | 16.7 |
| 49 | Israel | 16.7 | 16.7 | 16.7 |
| 50 | Portugal | 16.7 | 16.7 | 16.7 |
| 51 | The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia | 16.7 | 16.7 | 16.7 |
| 52 | Cuba | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.4 |
| 53 | Antigua and Barbuda | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.4 |
| 54 | Estonia | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.4 |
| 55 | Guinea | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.4 |
| 56 | Lithuania | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.4 |
| 57 | Malta | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.4 |
| 58 | United Republic of Tanzania | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.4 |
| 59 | Azerbaijan | 15.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 |
| 60 | Burkina Faso | 14.8 | 14.8 | 14.8 |
| 61 | Congo* | 14.8 | 14.8 | 14.8 |
| 62 | Zimbabwe | 14.8 | 14.8 | 14.8 |
| 63 | Guatemala | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| 64 | Honduras | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| 65 | Nicaragua | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| 66 | Malawi | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| 67 | Nicaragua | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| 68 | Panama | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| 69 | São Tomé and Príncipe | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| 70 | Guinea | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| 71 | Costa Rica | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| 72 | United States of America* | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| 73 | Liberia | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| 74 | Venezuela | 14.3 | 14.3 | 14.3 |
| 75 | Mozambique | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 76 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 77 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 78 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 79 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 80 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 81 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 82 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 83 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 84 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 85 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 86 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 87 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 88 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 89 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 90 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 91 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 92 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 93 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 94 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 95 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 96 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 97 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 98 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 99 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 100 | Sierra Leone | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |



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 No. 4

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 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
- Occupied Palestinian Territory

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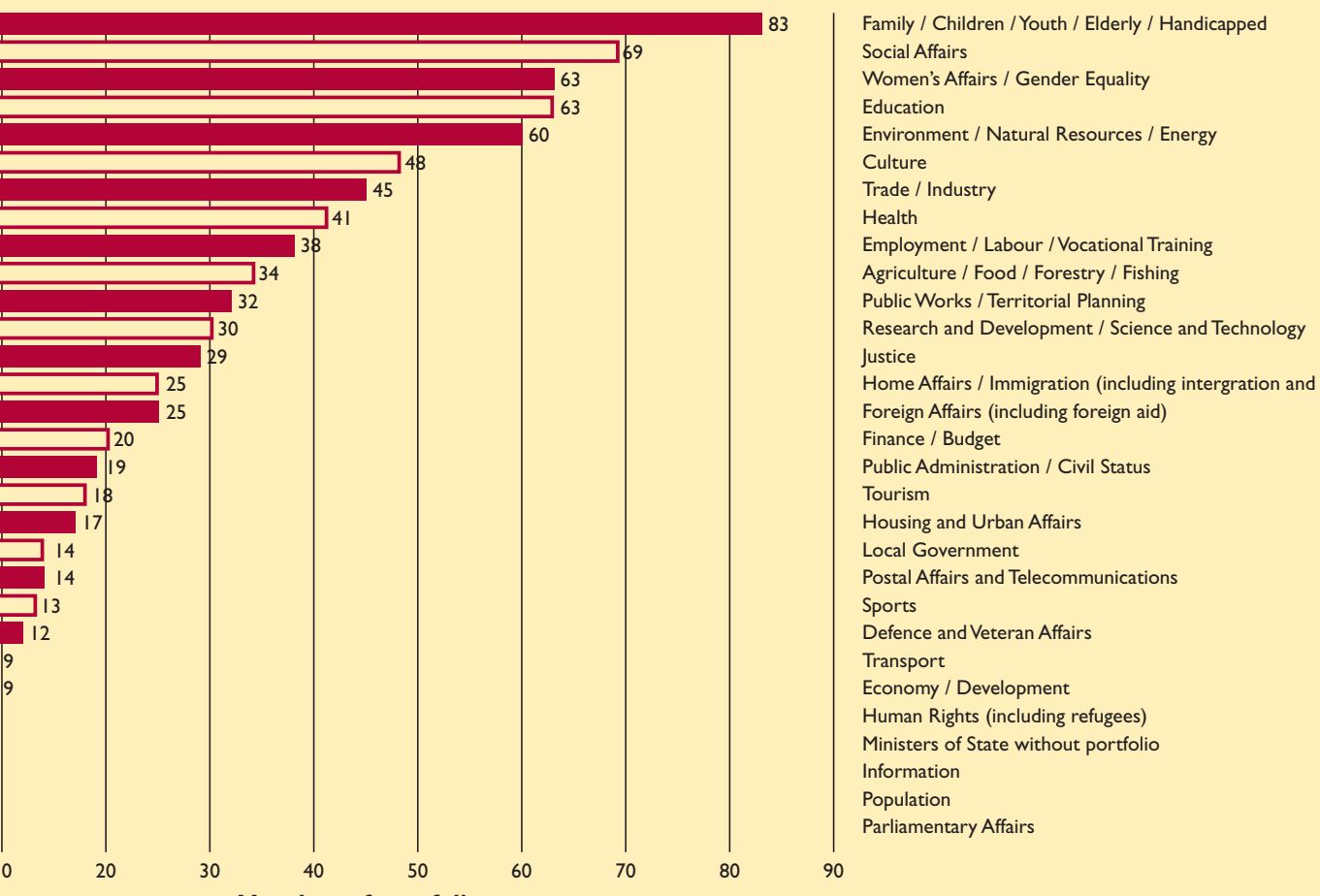
* Dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.

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Portfolios held by Women Ministers (858 portfolios, for 183 countries)



Women in the highest positions of State (1 January 2005)

8/191 = 4.2% 183/191 = 95.8% 19/254 = 7.5% 235/254 = 92.5%

Head of State¹ (HS) or of Government (HG)

185 Parliaments, of which 69 are bicameral = 254 Chambers of Parliament

Presiding Officers of Parliament

| Country | Parliament |
|-------------|------------|
| Bahamas | Senate |
| Belgium | Sénat |
| Ireland | (HS) |
| Latvia | (HS) |
| New Zealand | (HG) |
| Mozambique | (HG) |
| Philippines | (HS) |
| Sri Lanka | (HS) |
| Bahamas | Senate |
| Belgium | Sénat |
| Ireland | (HS) |
| Latvia | (HS) |
| New Zealand | (HG) |
| Mozambique | (HG) |
| Philippines | (HS) |
| Sri Lanka | (HS) |
| Bahamas | Senate |
| Belgium | Sénat |
| Ireland | (HS) |
| Latvia | (HS) |
| New Zealand | (HG) |
| Mozambique | (HG) |
| Philippines | (HS) |
| Sri Lanka | (HS) |
| Bahamas | Senate |
| Belgium | Sénat |
| Ireland | (HS) |
| Latvia | (HS) |
| New Zealand | (HG) |
| Mozambique | (HG) |
| Philippines | (HS) |
| Sri Lanka | (HS) |

¹ Only elected Heads of States have been taken into account.

World and regional averages of women in Parliament

| Category | Single or Lower House | Upper House or Senate | Both Houses combined |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| World average | 15.9% | 14.7% | 15.7% |
| Regional averages | | | |
| Nordic countries (Nordic countries included) | 40.1% | — | 40.1% |
| Europe OSCE (Nordic countries not included) | 18.9% | 16.6% | 18.4% |
| Americas | 18.6% | 18.5% | 18.6% |
| Asia | 15.1% | 13.5% | 15.0% |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | 14.9% | 14.0% | 14.8% |
| Pacific | 11.2% | 26.5% | 13.2% |
| Arab States | 6.7% | 5.6% | 6.5% |

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. Situation resulting from elections/appointments up to 1 January 2005.

| Rank | Country | Lower or single House % | Upper House or Senate % | Total % |
|------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Rwanda | 48.8 | 39 / 80 | 34.6 |
| 2 | Sweden | 45.3 | 158 / 349 | — |
| 3 | Norway | 38.2 | 63 / 165 | — |
| 4 | Denmark | 38.0 | 68 / 179 | — |
| 5 | Finland | 37.5 | 75 / 200 | — |
| 6 | Netherlands | 36.7 | 55 / 150 | 29.3 |
| 7 | Cuba | 36.0 | 219 / 609 | 29.3 |
| 8 | Spain | 36.0 | 126 / 350 | 23.2 |
| 9 | Costa Rica | 35.1 | 20 / 57 | — |
| 10 | Mozambique | 34.8 | 87 / 250 | — |
| 11 | Austria | 33.9 | 62 / 183 | 27.4 |
| 12 | Argentina | 33.7 | 86 / 255 | 23.3 |
| 13 | Germany | 32.8 | 197 / 601 | 18.8 |
| 14 | South Africa* | 32.8 | 131 / 400 | 23.3 |
| 15 | Iceland | 30.2 | 19 / 63 | — |
| 16 | Belarus | 29.4 | 32 / 109 | 31.6 |
| 17 | Seychelles | 29.4 | 10 / 34 | — |
| 18 | New Zealand | 28.3 | 24 / 120 | — |
| 19 | Viet Nam | 27.3 | 136 / 498 | — |
| 20 | Bulgaria | 26.3 | 63 / 240 | — |
| 21 | Timor-Leste | 25.3 | 27 / 87 | — |
| 22 | Namibia** | 25.0 | 18 / 72 | 26.9 |
| 23 | Australia** | 24.7 | 37 / 150 | 35.5 |
| 24 | Uganda | 24.7 | 37 / 150 | 35.5 |
| 25 | Luxembourg | 23.3 | 14 / 60 | — |
| 26 | Laos People's Democratic Republic | 23.1 | 41 / 176 | — |
| 27 | Tunisia | 22.8 | 43 / 189 | — |
| 28 | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 22.6 | 113 / 500 | 15.6 |
| 29 | Mexico | 22.6 | 113 / 500 | 15.6 |
| 30 | Eritrea | 22.0 | 33 / 150 | — |
| 31 | Lithuania | 22.0 | 31 / 141 | — |
| 32 | Croatia | 21.7 | 33 / 152 | — |
| 33 | United Rep. of Tanzania | 21.4 | 63 / 295 | — |
| 34 | Pakistan | 21.3 | 73 / 342 | 18.0 |
| 35 | Canada | 21.1 | 63 / 295 | 26.7 |
| 36 | Latvia | 21.0 | 21 / 100 | — |
| 37 | Nicaragua | 20.7 | 19 / 92 | — |
| 38 | China | 20.7 | 19 / 92 | — |
| 39 | Poland | 20.2 | 93 / 460 | 23.0 |
| 40 | Democratic People's Rep. of Korea | 20.0 | 138 / 687 | 23.9 |
| 41 | Bahamas | 20.0 | 8 / 40 | 43.8 |
| 42 | Suriname | 19.4 | 10 / 51 | — |
| 43 | Dominica | 19.4 | 6 / 31 | — |
| 44 | Trinidad and Tobago | 19.4 | 22 / 114 | 32.3 |
| 45 | Bolivia | 19.2 | 25 / 130 | 11.1 |
| 46 | Portugal | 19.1 | 44 / 230 | — |
| 47 | The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia | 19.2 | 23 / 120 | — |
| 48 | Estonia | 18.8 | 19 / 101 | — |
| 49 | Peru | 18.4 | 33 / 179 | 18.9 |
| 50 | Equatorial Guinea | 18.3 | 22 / 120 | — |
| 51 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 18.1 | 119 / 659 | 17.8 |
| 52 | Uzbekistan*** | 17.5 | 21 / 130 | — |
| 53 | Dominican Republic | 17.3 | 26 / 150 | — |
| 54 | Czech Republic | 17.0 | 34 / 200 | 12.3 |
| 55 | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 16.7 | 42 / 250 | 0.0 |
| 56 | San Marino | 16.7 | 13 / 78 | — |
| 57 | Cyprus | 16.1 | 9 / 56 | — |
| 58 | Ecuador | 16.0 | 16 / 100 | — |
| 59 | Singapore | 16.0 | 15 / 94 | — |
| 60 | Democratic People's Rep. of Korea | 15.3 | 36 / 236 | 16.7 |
| 61 | Angola | 15.0 | 33 / 220 | — |
| 62 | United States of America | 14.9 | 65 / 435 | 14.0 |
| 63 | Sierra Leone | 14.5 | 18 / 124 | — |
| 64 | Guinea | 14.3 | 62 / 435 | — |
| 65 | Guinea-Bissau | 14.0 | 42 / 300 | — |
| 66 | Malawi | 14.0 | 27 / 193 | — |
| 67 | Barbados | 13.3 | 4 / 30 | 23.8 |
| 68 | Republic of Korea | 13.2 | 22 / 166 | 10.7 |
| 69 | Chile | 13.0 | 39 / 299 | 6.3 |
| 70 | Tajikistan | 12.7 | 8 / 63 | 11.8 |
| 71 | Niger | 12.4 | 14 / 113 | 4.2 |
| 72 | Ungary | 12.2 | 11 / 90 | 6.7 |
| 73 | Colombia | 12.0 | 20 / 166 | 8.8 |
| 74 | Burkina Faso | 11.7 | 13 / 111 | 19.0 |
| 75 | Lesotho | 11.7 | 14 / 120 | 36.4 |
| 76 | Indonesia | 11.7 | 16 / 136 | 8.1 |
| 77 | Romania | 11.4 | 38 / 332 | 9.5 |
| 78 | Botswana | 11.1 | 7 / 63 | — |
| 79 | Switzerland | 11.1 | 7 / 63 | — |
| 80 | Malta | 10.8 | 7 / 65 | — |
| 81 | Antigua and Barbuda | 10.8 | 35 / 325 | — |
| 82 | Azerbaijan | 10.5 | 13 / 124 | — |
| 83 | Kazakhstan | 10.4 | 8 / 77 | 7.7 |
| 84 | Mali | 10.2 | 15 / 147 | 7.2 |
| 85 | Kyrgyzstan | 10.0 | 8 / 80 | 8.9 |
| 86 | Paraguay | 10.0 | 8 / 80 | 8.9 |
| 87 | Zimbabwe | 10.0 | 15 / 150 | — |
| 88 | Cambodia | 9.8 | 12 / 123 | 13.1 |
| 89 | Russian Federation | 9.8 | 44 / 447 | 3.4 |
| 90 | Sudan | 9.7 | 35 / 360 | — |
| 91 | Venezuela | 9.6 | 16 / 166 | — |
| 92 | Georgia | 9.4 | 22 / 235 | — |
| 93 | Bhutan | 9.1 | 35 / 380 | — |
| 94 | Gabon | 9.2 | 11 / 119 | 15.4 |
| 95 | Malta | 9.2 | 6 / 65 | — |
| 96 | Hungary | 9.1 | 35 / 380 | — |
| 97 | Malaysia | 9.1 | | |