

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	10	18
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	Grenada*	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	Maldives	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	Senegal	30.8	8	26
42	Zambia*	30.8	3	10

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	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	29.4	10	34
47	United Arab Emirates	28.6	4	14
48	Czechia	28.6	4	14
49	Maldives	28.0	7	25
50	Romania	28.0	7	25
51	Haiti	27.8	5	18
52	Italy	27.8	5	18
53	Georgia	27.3	3	11
54	Madagascar*	27.3	3	11
55	Poland	27.3	6	22
56	Freiburg	26.7	4	15
57	Panama*	26.7	4	15
58	Burundi	26.1	6	23
59	Chad	25.9	7	27
60	Argentina	25.0	12	48
61	Belgium	25.0	3	12
62	Belgium	25.0	3	12
63	Cuba	25.0	7	28
64	Ukraine	25.0	7	28
65	Greece	25.0	5	20
66	Kenya	25.0	6	24
67	Pelau	25.0	8	32
68	Slovenia	25.0	2	8

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total ministers
69	Israel	19.0	4	21
70	Saudi Arabia*	19.0	4	21
71	South Sudan*	18.8	8	42
72	Cameroon	18.6	8	43
73	Sierra Leone	18.5	5	27
74	Benin*	18.2	4	22
75	Central African Republic*	18.2	2	11
76	Cyprus	18.2	2	11
77	Timor-Leste	18.2	2	11
78	Gabon	17.9	5	28
79	Dominican Republic	16.7	3	18
80	Guinea-Bissau	16.7	3	18
81	Togo*	16.7	3	18
82	Uganda	16.7	3	18
83	Sierra Leone	16.7	3	18
84	Togo*	16.7	3	18
85	Uganda	16.7	3	18
86	Uganda	16.7	3	18
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97	Uganda	16.7	3	18
98	Uganda	16.7	3	18
99	Uganda	16.7	3	18
100	Uganda	16.7	3	18

1 The total includes deputy prime ministers and ministers. Prime ministers, deputy prime ministers and government ministers are also included when they hold ministerial portfolios. Vice-presidents and heads of government are not included in the total. * The Government was formed in January 2018 following elections held in 2018. Source: IPU. Data obtained from national governments, parliament websites or the United Nations Women's e-Participation database. ** Elected Speaker as a result of the November 2018 elections. Her formal election was held on 3 January 2019, when the newly elected Congress first convened. *** Elected Speaker as a result of the November 2018 elections. Her formal election was held on 3 January 2019, when the newly elected Congress first convened.



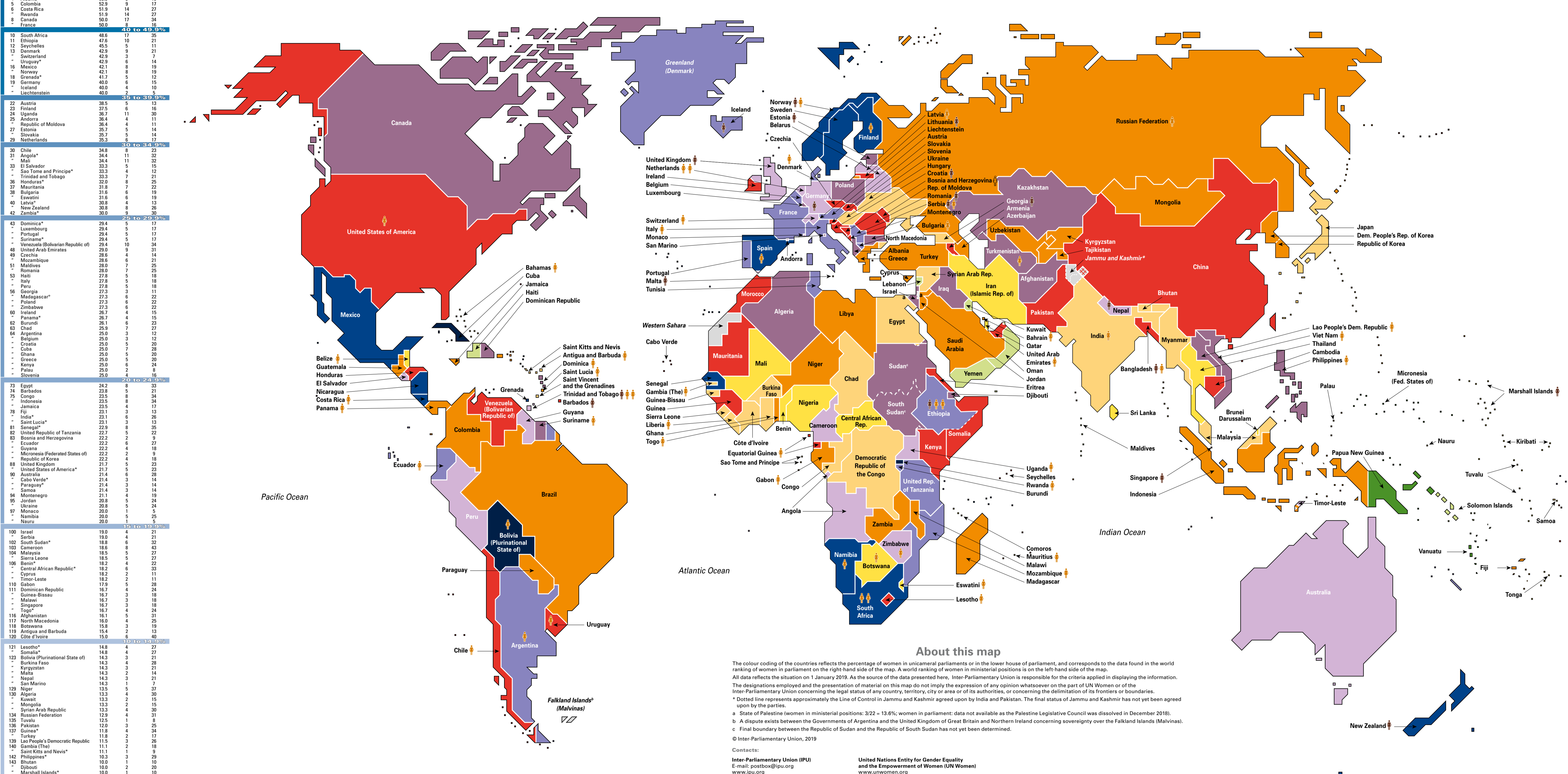
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Situation on 1 January 2019



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. The designations employed and the presentation of material on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of UN Women or of the Inter-Parliamentary Union concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. * 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 Palestinian 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	45/80	75
2	Cuba	53.2	322/605	827
3	Solvia (Plurinational State of)	53.1	59/109	168
4	Mexico	48.2	241/500	741
5	Sweden	48.2	159/349	508
6	Grenada	46.7	7/15	30.8
7	Namibia	46.2	49/104	153
8	Costa Rica	45.6	26/57	57
9	Nicaragua	45.6	41/92	98
10	South Africa	42.7	189/393	452
11	Senegal	41.8	59/143	199
12	Finland	41.5	83/200	283
13	Spain	41.1	144/350	494
14	Norway	40.9	69/169	238
15	New Zealand	40.0	48/120	168

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total members
16	France	39.7	229/577	577
17	Mozambique	39.6	212/547	539
18	Argentina	38.8	99/255	255
19	Chad	38.4	24/63	63
20	North Macedonia	38.3	48/120	120
21	Belgium	38.0	57/150	150
22	Ecuador	38.0	57/150	150
23	Serbia	37.7	24/63	63
24	Burkina Faso	37.7	11/29	29
25	Denmark	37.4	67/179	179
26	Austria	36.8	133/361	361
27	United Republic of Tanzania	36.8	145/393	393
28	Burundi	36.4	22/61	61
29	Tunisia	35.9	78/217	217
30	Italy	35.7	222/620	620
31	Portugal	35.7	62/200	200

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total members
32	Uganda	34.9	160/459	459
33	Belarus	34.5	38/110	110
34	Timor-Leste	33.8	10/29	29
35	Monaco	33.3	8/24	24
36	Nepal	32.7	22/67	67
37	Switzerland	32.5	65/200	200
38	Andorra	32.1	9/28	28
39	United Kingdom	32.0	208/650	650
40	Guyana	31.9	22/69	69
41	Zimbabwe	31.9	22/69	69
42	Netherlands	31.3	47/150	150
43	Cameroon	31.1	26/84	84
44	El Salvador	31.0	26/84	84
45	Laos	31.0	13/42	42
46	Trinidad and Tobago	30.9	21/68	68
47	Germany	30.9	219/708	708
48	Angola	30.8	68/220	220
49	Australia	30.0	45/150	150
50	Paraguay	29.9	18/60	60

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total members
51	Philippines	29.5	68/232	232
52	Suriname	29.4	15/51	51
53	Albania	29.3	11/38	38
54	Israel	29.2	35/120	120
55	Poland	29.2	14/48	48
56	Estonia	28.9	29/101	101
57	South Sudan	28.5	109/383	383
58	Laos	28.5	41/144	144
59	Lao People's Dem. Republic	27.5	41/149	149
60	Algeria	27.3	69/254	254
61	Kazakhstan	27.1	29/107	107
62	Canada	26.9	46/171	171
63	Dominican Republic	26.8	51/190	190
64	Viet Nam	26.7	122/458	458
65	Djibouti	26.2	17/65	65
66	Algeria	25.8	119/462	462
67	Bulgaria	25.8	62/240	240
68	Iraq	25.2	63/250	250
69	Dominica	25.0	9/36	36
70	Luxembourg	25.0	15/60	60
71	San Marino	25.0	1/4	4
72	Turkmenistan	25.0	31/124	124

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73	China	24.9	442/2375	2375
74	Slovenia	24.4	22/90	90
75	Armenia	24.2	32/132	132
76	Cuba	24.2	17/72	72
77	Cabo Verde	23.5	19/81	81
78	Montenegro	23.5	19/81	81
79	United States of America	23.3	28/120	120
80	Lesotho	23.3	28/120	120
81	Singapore	23.2	28/121	121
82	Guinea	22.8	26/114	114
83	Guinea	22.8	26/114	114
84	Republic of Moldova	22.8	26/114	114
85	Chile	22.6	25/115	115
86	Czechia	22.5	45/200	200
87	Ireland	22.2	35/158	158
88	United Arab Emirates	22.2	35/158	158
89	Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)	22.2	37/167	167
90	Burkina Faso	22.2	37/167	167
91	Kenya	21.8	76/349	349
92	Bosnia and Herzegovina	21.8	27/124	124
93	Lithuania	21.3	30/141	141
94	Seychelles	21.2	7/33	33
95	Indonesia	21.2	27/128	128
96	Romania	20.7	68/329	329
97	Bangladesh	20.6	17/82	82
98	Croatia	20.5	31/151	151
99	Morocco			