

Women Cabinet Ministers

The countries are ranked according to the share of women Cabinet members who head Ministries as at 1 January 2023.

Rank	Country	% Women	Ministers	Women/Ministers
1	Albania	66.7	8	12
2	Finland	62.9	14	14
3	Spain	63.6	14	22
4	Nicaragua	60.0	3	5
5	Lebanon	60.0	3	5
6	Chile	58.3	14	24
7	Belgium	57.1	8	14
8	Mozambique	55.0	11	20
9	Andorra	50.0	6	12
10	Germany	50.0	9	18
11	Netherlands	50.0	6	12
12	Norway	50.0	6	12
13	Canada	48.6	17	39
14	South Africa	48.1	13	27
15	Sweden	47.8	11	23
16	Rwanda	47.6	10	21
17	Peru	47.4	9	19
18	Costa Rica	45.5	6	13
19	New Zealand	45.0	9	20
20	Australia	43.5	10	23
21	Estonia	42.9	6	14
22	Latvia	42.9	6	14
23	Lithuania	42.9	6	14
24	Switzerland	42.1	11	26
25	Mexico	41.7	5	12
26	Iceland	41.7	5	12
27	Portugal	41.2	17	37
28	Ethiopia	40.9	9	22
29	Monaco	40.0	3	8
30	France	35.3	9	26
31	Dominica	38.5	5	13
32	Slovenia	38.5	5	13
33	Honduras	38.1	8	21
34	Burundi	37.5	6	16
35	El Salvador	37.5	6	16
36	Malawi	37.5	6	16
37	Brazil*	36.7	11	30
38	Togo and Príncipe*	36.4	4	11
39	Serbia	36.0	9	25
40	France	35.3	9	26
41	Madagascar	34.6	9	26
42	Madagascar	33.3	6	18
43	Eswatini	33.3	6	18
44	Guyana	33.3	6	18
45	Haiti**	33.3	6	18
46	Malawi*	33.3	7	21
47	Maldives	33.3	6	18
48	Seychelles	33.3	6	18
49	Tunisia	33.3	6	18
50	Uganda	33.3	6	18
51	United Kingdom	33.3	5	15
52	United States of America	33.3	5	15
53	Denmark	31.8	8	22
54	Kenya	31.8	7	22
55	Kenya and Tobago	31.8	7	22
56	Namibia	31.8	6	19
57	Cabo Verde	31.8	6	19
58	Panama	31.3	5	13
59	Samoa	30.9	2	6
60	United Republic of Tanzania	30.0	6	20
61	Liberia	29.4	5	13
62	Suriname	29.4	5	13
63	Bolivia (Bolivian Republic of)**	29.1	5	13
64	Italy	28.7	4	14
65	Philippines	28.7	3	9
66	Nicaragua	25.9	7	27
67	Austria	25.0	4	16
68	Barbados	25.0	4	16
69	Guinea-Bissau	25.0	4	16
70	Guinea	25.0	4	16
71	Ecuador	25.0	4	16
72	Eritrea	25.0	4	16
73	Jamaica	25.0	4	16
74	Monrovia	25.0	4	16
75	Sierra Leone	25.0	4	16
76	Sierra Leone and the Grenadines	25.0	4	16
77	South Sudan*	25.0	2	8
78	Zimbabwe	23.8	5	21
79	Central African Republic	23.3	3	13
80	Gabon	23.3	3	13
81	Central African Republic	23.1	11	32
82	Togo	22.2	6	18
83	Togo	22.2	6	18
84	Congo	22.2	6	18
85	Congo	22.2	6	18
86	Côte d'Ivoire	21.9	6	38
87	Bahrain	21.7	5	23
88	Grenada	21.4	3	14
89	Lesotho	21.1	4	19
90	Ghana	21.1	4	19
91	Ukraine	21.1	4	19
92	Democratic Republic of the Congo	20.9	9	43
93	Indonesia	20.7	6	34
94	Indonesia	20.6	7	34
95	Burkina Faso	20.0	4	20
96	Republic of Moldova	20.0	4	20
97	Mali	19.2	5	26
98	Djibouti	19.0	4	21
99	Barbados	18.8	3	16
100	Cyprus	18.8	3	16
101	Egypt	18.8	3	16
102	Timor-Leste	18.8	3	16
103	Datar	18.8	3	16
104	Laos	18.8	3	16
105	Samoa	18.8	3	16
106	North Macedonia	17.6	3	17
107	Paraguay	17.6	3	17
108	United Arab Emirates	17.6	3	17
109	Benin	17.4	4	23
110	Cameroon	17.1	4	23
111	Botswana	16.7	3	18
112	Ukraine	16.7	3	18
113	Jordan	16.7	4	24
114	Malaysia	16.7	4	24
115	Republic of Korea	16.7	3	18
116	Sudan*	16.7	3	18
117	Niger	16.1	5	31
118	Niger	16.0	4	25
119	Libya	16.0	4	25
120	Bulgaria	15.8	3	19
121	Guinea-Bissau**	15.8	3	19
122	Nepal	15.8	3	19
123	Timor-Leste	15.8	3	19
124	Antigua and Barbuda	15.4	2	13
125	Armenia	15.4	2	13
126	Gambia (The)	15.0	2	10
127	Oman	15.0	2	10
128	Iraq	14.3	3	21
129	Mauritius	14.3	3	21
130	Sierra Leone	14.3	4	28
131	Slovenia	14.3	3	21
132	Tajikistan	14.3	2	14
133	Uruguay	14.3	2	14
134	Mauritania	13.6	3	22
135	Algeria	13.3	2	15
136	Kuwait	13.3	2	15
137	Singapore	13.3	2	15
138	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	12.5	3	24
139	Israel	12.5	3	24
140	Kyrgyzstan	12.5	3	24
141	Mongolia	12.5	2	18
142	Pala	12.5	2	18
143	Somalia*	12.0	3	25
144	Belize	11.8	3	17
145	Bosnia and Herzegovina*	11.1	1	9
146	Brunei Darussalam	11.1	1	9
147	Cambodia	11.1	3	27
148	Malta	11.1	2	18
149	Marshall Islands*	11.1	1	9
150	Vanuatu	11.1	2	18
151	Nigeria	10.7	3	28
152	Greece	10.5	2	19
153	Romania	10.5	2	19
154	Chad	10.0	3	29
155	Madagascar	10.0	1	10
156	Bhutan	10.0	1	10
157	Romania	10.0	1	10
158	San Marino	10.0	1	10
159	Tonga	10.0	1	10
160	Solomon Islands	9.5	2	21
161	Palau	9.5	2	21
162	Hungary	9.1	1	11
163	Equatorial Guinea**	8.3	1	11
164	Japan	8.3	1	11
165	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	8.3	1	11
166	Comoros	7.7	2	26
167	Syrian Arab Republic	7.7	2	26
168	Czechia	7.1	1	14
169	Guatemala	7.1	1	14
170	Guatemala	7.1	1	14
171	Dominican Republic	6.1	1	15
172	India	5.9	1	17
173	Turkmenistan*	5.9	1	17
174	Turkmenistan*	5.9	1	17
175	France	5.3	1	19
176	Thailand	5.3	1	19
177	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	4.6	1	20
178	Russian Federation	4.6	1	20
179	Uzbekistan	4.6	1	20
180	Belarus	4.2	1	24
181	China*	4.2	1	24
182	Azerbaijan	0.0	0	0
183	Lebanon	0.0	0	0
184	Nauru	0.0	0	0
185	Papua New Guinea	0.0	0	0
186	Saudi Arabia	0.0	0	0
187	Sri Lanka	0.0	0	0
188	Taiwan	0.0	0	0
189	Tirol	0.0	0	0
190	Yemen	0.0	0	0

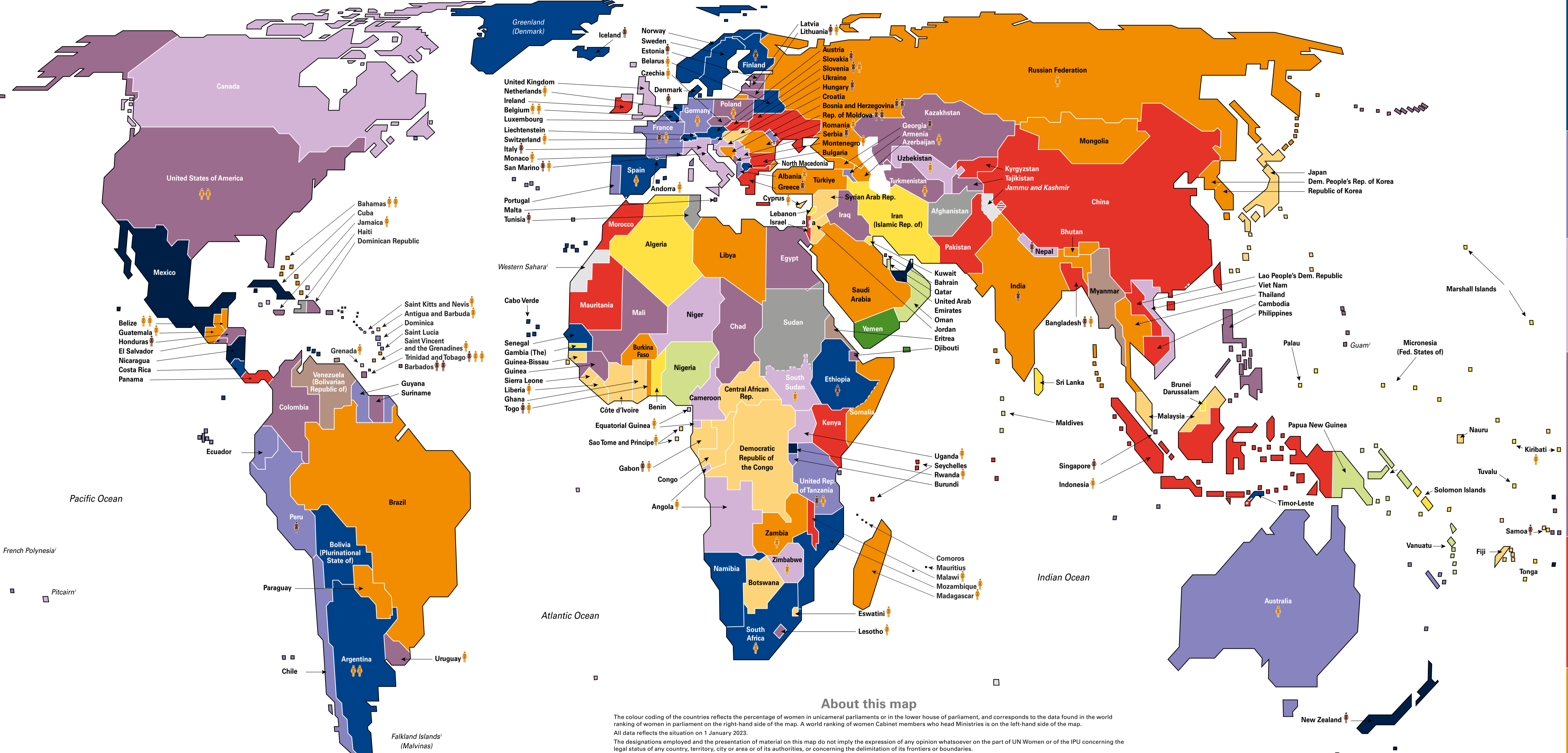


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Situation on 1 January 2023



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 Cabinet members who head Ministries is on the left-hand side of the map. All data reflects the situation on 1 January 2023.

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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). Final boundary between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not yet been determined.

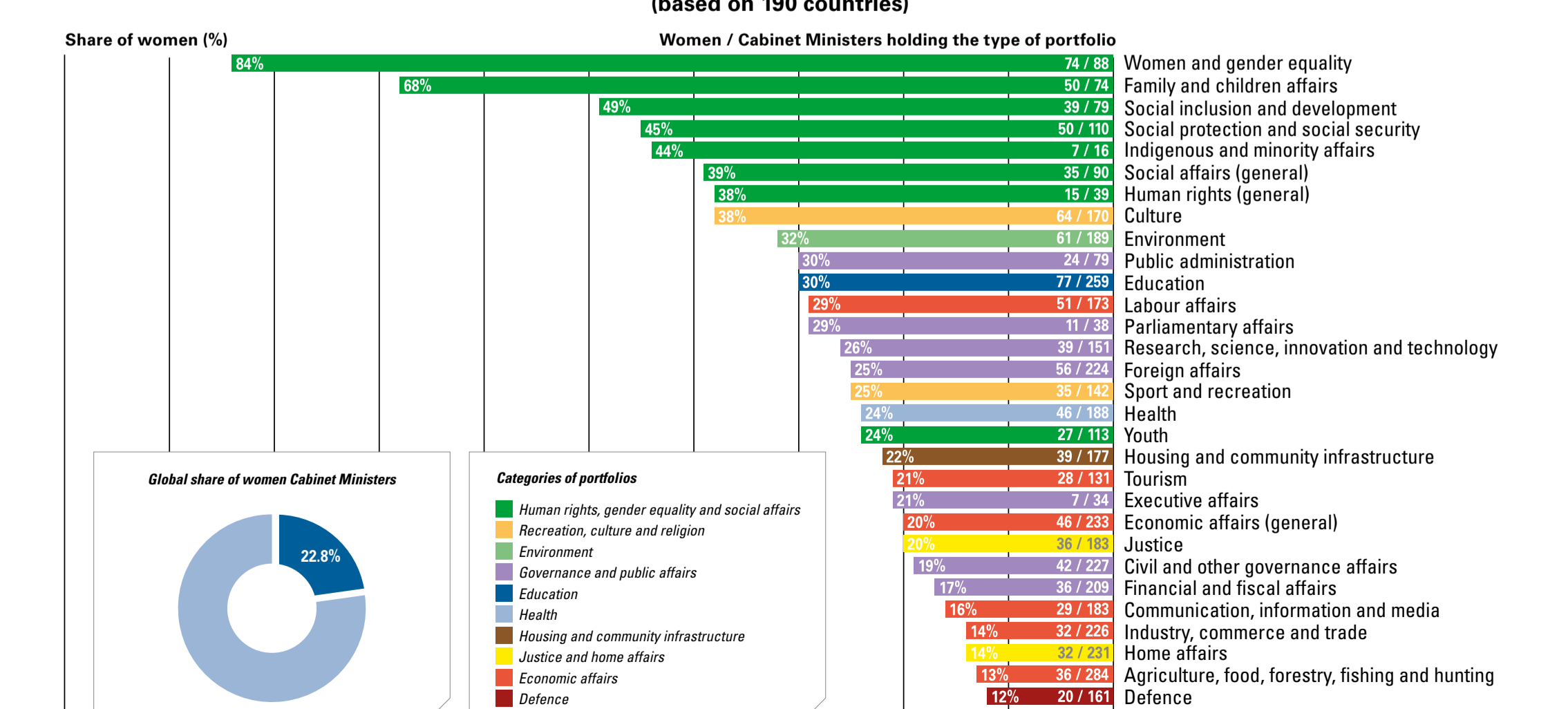
Dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.

* Non-Self-Governing Territory.
 a State of Palestine (women Cabinet members who head Ministries: 3/22 = 13.6% [as at 1 January 2023]); women in parliament: the Palestinian Legislative Council was dissolved in December 2018).

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Share of women Cabinet Ministers by type of portfolio*



Women in the highest positions of State

Countries with women Heads of State¹ (17/151 = 11.3%) and countries with women Heads of Government (19/193 = 9.8%)

Heads of State: Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ethiopia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, India, Nepal, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania.

Heads of State and Government: Honduras, San Marino.

Heads of Government: Bangladesh, Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina*, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Iceland, Italy, Lithuania, New Zealand, Republic of Moldova, Samoa, Serbia, Togo, Tunisia.

Women Speakers of Parliament³ (62/273 = 22.7%)

Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina (2 chambers), Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas (2 chambers), Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium (2 chambers), Belize (2 chambers), Cyprus, Czechia, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, France, Gabon, Germany, Grenada, Guatemala, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Monaco, Montenegro, Mozambique, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Slovenia, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Switzerland, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago (2 chambers), Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America (2 chambers), Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Women Deputy Speakers of Parliament (153/529 = 28.9%)

Of the 208 chambers in 151 countries for which information is available, 106 have at least one woman Deputy Speaker.

* Excludes countries with monarchy-based systems.
 ** The Prime Minister received an official mandate to form a new government on 28 December 2022 following the 2022 general elections and took over the position on 25 January 2023.
 *** Out of a total of 269 parliamentarians, two have 2 additional Speakers and three have 1 additional Speaker, for a total of 276 Speakers. At 1 January 2023, there were 3 vacancies.

World and regional averages of women in parliament

	Single house or lower house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses combined
World average	26.5%	26.1%	26.5%
Regional averages			
Nordic countries	45.7%	—	—
Americas	34.9%	34.6%	34.9%
Europe (Nordic countries included)	31.1%	30.7%	31.0%
Europe (Nordic countries not included)	29.5%	30.7%	29.8%
Sub-Saharan Africa	26.6%	26.1%	26.5%
Asia	21.2%	19.4%	21.0%
Pacific	19.5%	49.4%	22.6%
Middle East and North Africa	17.7%	11.3%	16.3%

* The composition of IPU regional groupings may be consulted at <https://data.ipu.org/content/regional-groupings>.

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 2023.

Rank	Country	Lower or single house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses combined
1	Rwanda	61.3	49.0	54.9
2	Cuba	53.4	31.5	42.4
3	Nicaragua	51.7	47.9	49.8
4	Mexico	50.0	25.0	37.5
5	New Zealand	50.0	60.0	55.0
6	United Arab Emirates	50.0	—	50.0
7	Iceland	47.6	30.6	39.1
8	Costa Rica	47.4	27.7	37.5
9	Andorra	46.4	13.2	29.8
10	Sweden	46.3	162.0	249.0
11	South Africa	46.3	185.0	44.4
12	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	46.2	60.0	53.1
13	Norway	46.2	78.0	61.9
14	Singapore	46.1	16.6	31.3
15	Finland	45.5	91.0	20.0
16	Argentina	44.8	115.0	42.1
17	Namibia	44.2	46.0	45.1
18	Denmark	43.8	78.0	61.9
19	Mozambique	43.2	100.0	72.0
20	Belgium	42.7	64.0	53.0
21	Spain	42.6	149.0	99.3
22	Cabo Verde	41.7	30.7	36.2
23	North Macedonia	41.7	30.7	36.2
24	Switzerland	41.7	83.0	28.9
25	Chad	41.6	185.0	41.6
26	Netherlands	40.7	61.0	51.0
27	Austria	40.7	61.0	51.0
28	Belarus	40.0	14.0	25.0
29	Timor-Leste	40.0	26.6	33.3
30	Peru	38.8	50.0	44.4
31	Ecuador	38.8	50.0	44.4
32	Republic of Moldova	38.8	39.	