Women in Politics: 2023

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Situation on 1 January 2023

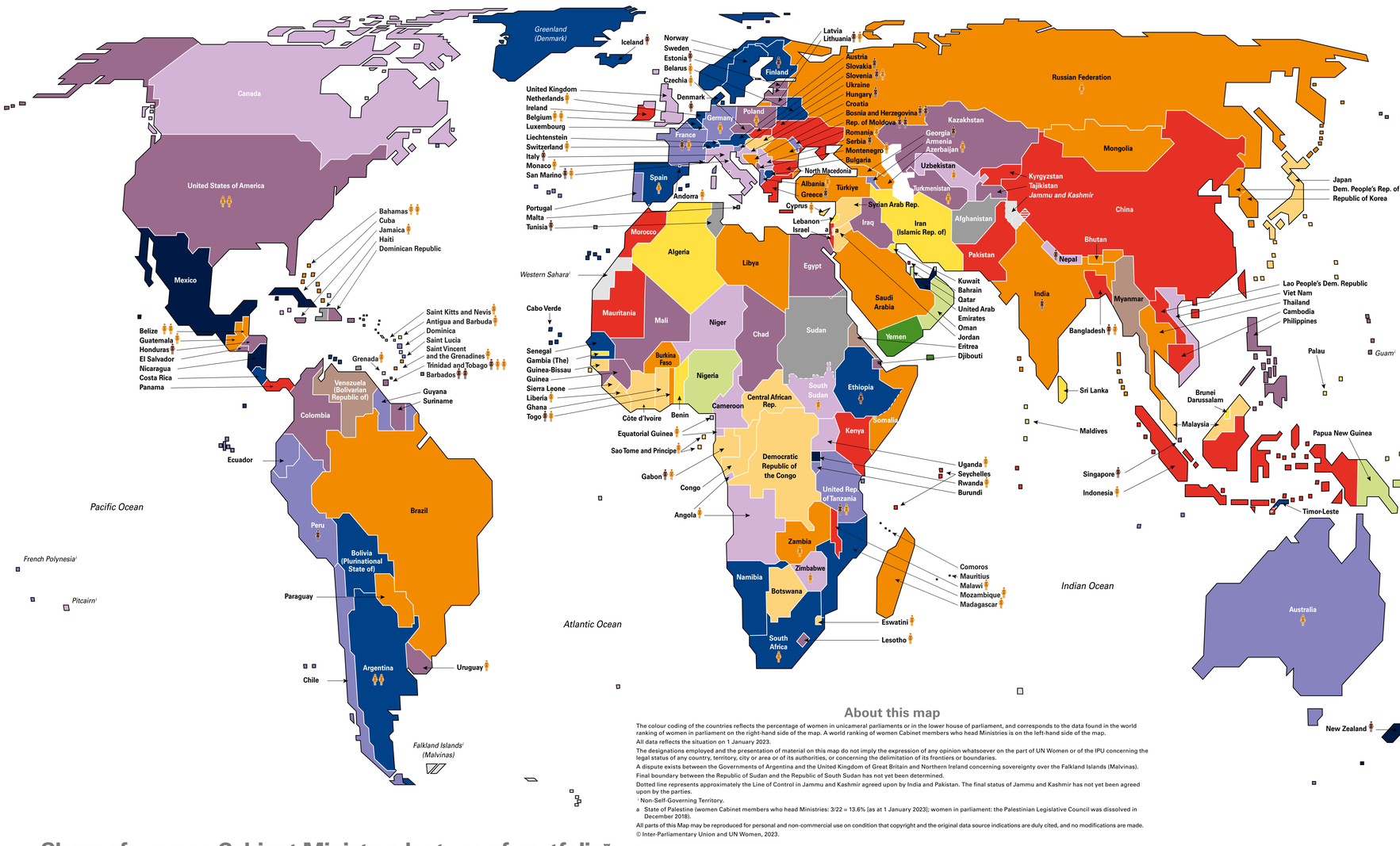
Women Cabinet Ministers

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

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total ministers [1]
	50 to 66.7%			
1	Albania	66.7	8	12
2	Finland	64.3	9	14
3	Spain	63.6	14	22
4	Nicaragua	62.5	10	16
5	Liechtenstein	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
"	Colombia	50.0	9	18
"	Germany	50.0	8	16
"	Netherlands	50.0	6	12
"	Norway	50.0	9	18
	40 to 49.9%			
14	Canada	48.6	17	35
15	South Africa	48.1	13	27
16	Sweden	47.8	11	23
17	Rwanda	47.6	10	21
18	Peru	47.4	9	19
19	Costa Rica	45.5	10	22
20	New Zealand	45.0	9	20
21	Australia	43.5	10	23
22	Estonia	42.9	6	14
"	Latvia	42.9	6	14
"	Lithuania	42.9	6	14
"	Switzerland	42.9	3	7
26	Mexico	42.1	8	19
27	Iceland	41.7	5	12
28	Portugal	41.2	7	17
29	Ethiopia	40.9	9	22
30	Monaco	40.0	2	5
	35 to 39.9%			
31	Dominica	38.5	5	13
"	Slovenia	38.5	5	13
33	Honduras	38.1	8	21
34	Angola	37.5	9	24
"	El Salvador	37.5	6	16
"	Luxembourg	37.5	6	16
37	Brazil*	36.7	11	30
38	Sao Tome and Principe*	36.4	4	11
39	Serbia	36.0	9	25
40	France	35.3	6	17
	30 to 34.9%			
41	Madagascar	34.6	9	26
42	Burundi	33.3	5	15
"	Eswatini	33.3	6	18
"	Guyana	33.3	6	18
"	Haiti*	33.3	6	18
"	Malawi*	33.3	7	21
"	Maldives	33.3	6	18
"	Seychelles	33.3	5	15
"	Tunisia	33.3	8	24
"	Uganda	33.3	7	21
"	United Kingdom	33.3	5	15
"	United States of America	33.3	5	15
53	Denmark	31.8	7	22
"	Kenya	31.8	7	22
"	Trinidad and Tobago	31.8	7	22
56	Namibia	31.6	6	19
57	Cabo Verde	31.3	5	16
"	Panama	31.3	5	16
59	Samoa*	30.8	4	13
60	United Republic of Tanzania	30.0	6	20
	25 to 29.9%			
61	Liberia	29.4	5	17
"	Suriname	29.4	5	17
63	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)*	28.1	9	32
64	Italy	26.7	4	15
65	Philippines	26.3	5	19
66	Guinea	25.9	7	27
67	Austria	25.0	3	12
"	Barbados	25.0	4	16
"	Croatia	25.0	4	16
"	Cuba	25.0	6	24
"	Ecuador	25.0	5	20
"	Eritrea	25.0	4	16
"	Jamaica	25.0	4	16
"	Micronesia (Federated States of)	25.0	2	8
"	Saint Kitts and Nevis	25.0	2	8
"	South Sudan*	25.0	8	32
	20 to 24.9%			
77	Zimbabwe	23.8	5	21
78	Central African Republic	23.3	7	30
"	Gabon	23.3	7	30
80	Ireland	23.1	3	13
"	Togo	23.1	6	26
82	Argentina	22.2	4	18
"	Congo	22.2	8	36
84	Côte d'Ivoire	21.9	7	32
85	Bahrain	21.7	5	23
86	Grenada	21.4	3	14
"	Lesotho	21.4	3	14
88	Ghana	21.1	4	19
"	Morocco	21.1	4	19
"	Ukraine	21.1	4	19
91	Democratic Republic of the Congo	20.9	9	43
92	Indonesia	20.7	6	29
93	Senegal	20.6	7	34
94	Burkina Faso	20.0	4	20
"	Republic of Moldova	20.0	3	15
	15 to 19.9%			
96	Mali	19.2	5	26
97	Djibouti	19.0	4	21
98	Bahamas	18.8	3	16
"	Cyprus	18.8	3	16
"	Egypt	18.8	6	32
"	Montenegro	18.8	3	16
"	Qatar	18.8	3	16
103	Saint Lucia	18.2	2	11
104	Lao People's Democratic Republic	17.6	3	17
"	North Macedonia	17.6	3	17
"	Paraguay	17.6	3	17
"	Poland	17.6	3	17
"	United Arab Emirates	17.6	3	17
109	Benin	17.4	4	23
110	Cameroon	17.1	6	35
111	Botswana	16.7	3	18
"	Georgia	16.7	2	12
"	Jordan	16.7	4	24
"	Malaysia	16.7	4	24
"	Republic of Korea	16.7	3	18
"	Sudan*	16.7	4	24
117	Niger	16.1	5	31
118	Libya	16.0	4	25
"	Zambia	16.0	4	25
120	Bulgaria	15.8	3	19
"	Guinea-Bissau*	15.8	3	19
"	Nepal	15.8	3	19
"	Timor-Leste	15.8	3	19
124	Antigua and Barbuda	15.4	2	13
"	Armenia	15.4	2	13
126	Gambia (The)	15.0	3	20
"	Oman	15.0	3	20
	10 to 14.9%			
128	Iraq	14.3	3	21
"	Mauritius	14.3	3	21
"	Sierra Leone	14.3	4	28
"	Slovakia	14.3	2	14
"	Tajikistan	14.3	2	14
"	Uruguay	14.3	2	14
134	Mauritania	13.6	3	22
135	Algeria	13.3	4	30
"	Kuwait	13.3	2	15
"	Singapore	13.3	2	15
138	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	12.5	2	16
"	Israel	12.5	3	24
"	Kyrgyzstan	12.5	2	16
"	Mongolia	12.5	2	16
"	Palau	12.5	1	8
143	Somalia*	12.0	3	25
144	Belize	11.8	2	17
145	Bosnia and Herzegovina*	11.1	1	9
"	Brunei Darussalam	11.1	1	9
"	Cambodia	11.1	3	27
"	Malta	11.1	2	18
"	Marshall Islands*	11.1	1	9
"	Viet Nam	11.1	2	18
151	Nigeria	10.7	3	28
152	Greece	10.5	2	19
"	Kazakhstan	10.5	2	19
154	Chad	10.3	3	29
155	Bangladesh	10.0	4	40
"	Bhutan	10.0	1	10
"	Romania	10.0	2	20
"	San Marino	10.0	1	10
"	Tonga	10.0	1	10
	5 to 9.9%			
160	Solomon Islands	9.5	2	21
161	Pakistan	9.4	3	32
162	Hungary	9.1	1	11
163	Equatorial Guinea**	8.7	2	23
164	Japan	8.3	1	12
"	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	8.3	1	12
166	Comoros*	7.7	1	13
"	Syrian Arab Republic	7.7	2	26
168	Czechia	7.1	1	14
"	Guatemala	7.1	1	14
"	Kiribati	7.1	1	14
171	Dominican Republic	6.7	1	15
"	India	6.7	2	30
173	Türkiye	5.9	1	17
"	Turkmenistan*	5.9	1	17
175	Fiji	5.3	1	19
"	Thailand	5.3	1	19
177	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	5.0	1	20
178	Russian Federation	4.8	1	21
"	Uzbekistan	4.8	1	21
180	Belarus	4.2	1	24
"	China*	4.2	1	24
	0%			
182	Azerbaijan	0.0	0	16
"	Lebanon	0.0	0	21
"	Nauru	0.0	0	7
"	Papua New Guinea	0.0	0	31
"	Saudi Arabia	0.0	0	23
"	Sri Lanka	0.0	0	20
"	Tuvalu	0.0	0	8
"	Vanuatu*	0.0	0	12
"	Yemen	0.0	0	24
	Information not available			
	Afghanistan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Myanmar			

‡ The total includes women and men Cabinet members who head Ministries. Heads of Government were also included where they held ministerial portfolios.
* Figures refer to Cabinets formed/reshuffled/reappointed in January 2023 following elections held in 2022.
** Figures correspond to the Cabinet appointed in February 2022 following elections held in 2022.

*Source: UN Women. Data compiled from Permanent Missions to the United Nations, official government websites and *publicly available information.*



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.

[1] 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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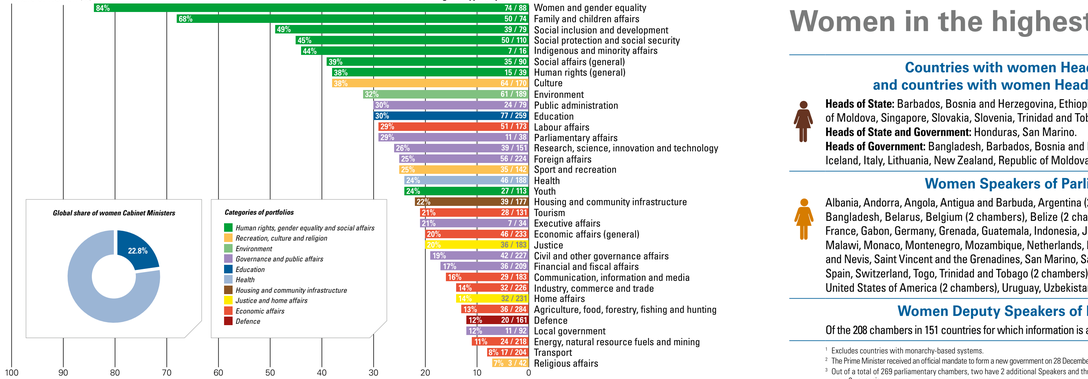
Share of women Cabinet Ministers by type of portfolio¤

(based on 190 countries)



¤UN Women classification of ministerial portfolios, based on ministerial titles of Cabinet members who head Ministries. One person may hold one or more ministerial portfolios.

Women in the highest positions of State

Countries with women Heads of State[1] (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[2], Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Iceland, Italy, Lithuania, New Zealand, Republic of Moldova, Samoa, Serbia, Togo, Tunisia.

Women Speakers of Parliament[3] (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.

[1] Excludes countries with monarchy-based systems.
[2] 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.
[3] Out of a total of 269 parliamentary chambers, 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.

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	
		%Women	Women/Seats	%Women	Women/Seats
	50 to 65%				
1	Rwanda	61.3	49 / 80	34.6	9 / 26
2	Cuba	53.4	313 / 586	—	— / —
3	Nicaragua	51.7	47 / 91	—	— / —
4	Mexico	50.0	250 / 500	50.4	64 / 127
"	New Zealand	50.0	60 / 120	—	— / —
"	United Arab Emirates	50.0	20 / 40	—	— / —
	40 to 49.9%				
7	Iceland	47.6	30 / 63	—	— / —
8	Costa Rica	47.4	27 / 57	—	— / —
9	Andorra	46.4	13 / 28	—	— / —
"	Sweden	46.4	162 / 349	—	— / —
11	South Africa	46.3	185 / 400	44.4	24 / 54
12	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	46.2	60 / 130	55.6	20 / 36
"	Norway	46.2	78 / 169	—	— / —
14	Senegal	46.1	76 / 165	—	— / —
15	Finland	45.5	91 / 200	—	— / —
16	Argentina	44.8	115 / 257	43.1	31 / 72
17	Namibia	44.2	46 / 104	14.3	6 / 42
18	Denmark	43.6	78 / 179	—	— / —
19	Mozambique	43.2	108 / 250	—	— / —
20	Belgium	42.7	64 / 150	45.0	27 / 60
21	Spain	42.4	140 / 349	39.3	104 / 265
22	Cabo Verde	41.7	30 / 72	—	— / —
"	North Macedonia	41.7	50 / 120	—	— / —
"	Switzerland	41.7	83 / 200	28.9	13 / 45
25	Ethiopia	41.3	195 / 472	30.6	44 / 144
26	Netherlands	40.7	61 / 150	32.0	24 / 75
27	Austria	40.4	74 / 183	41.0	25 / 61
28	Belarus	40.0	44 / 110	25.0	15 / 60
"	Timor-Leste	40.0	26 / 65	—	— / —
	35 to 39.9%				
30	Peru	38.8	50 / 129	—	— / —
31	Ecuador	38.7	53 / 137	—	— / —
32	Republic of Moldova	38.6	39 / 101	—	— / —
33	Australia	38.4	58 / 151	56.6	43 / 76
34	Burundi	38.2	47 / 123	41.0	16 / 39
35	France	37.8	218 / 577	35.1	122 / 348
"	Slovenia	37.8	34 / 90	17.5	7 / 40
37	Dominica	37.5	12 / 32	—	— / —
38	United Republic of Tanzania	37.4	147 / 393	—	— / —
39	Guyana	36.6	26 / 71	—	— / —
40	Monaco	36.4	8 / 22	—	— / —
41	Portugal	36.1	83 / 230	—	— / —
42	Albania	35.7	50 / 140	—	— / —
43	Armenia	35.5	38 / 107	—	— / —
"	Chile	35.5	43 / 155	24.0	12 / 50
45	Germany	35.1	258 / 736	40.6	28 / 69
46	Luxembourg	35.0	21 / 60	—	— / —
	30 to 34.9%				
47	Serbia	34.8	87 / 250	—	— / —
48	United Kingdom	34.5	224 / 649	29.0	227 / 784
49	Cameroon	33.9	61 / 180	26.0	26 / 100
50	Uganda	33.8	188 / 556	—	— / —
51	Angola	33.6	74 / 220	—	— / —
"	Uzbekistan	33.6	47 / 140	24.4	22 / 90
53	San Marino	33.3	20 / 60	—	— / —
54	Nepal	33.1	91 / 275	37.9	22 / 58
55	South Sudan	32.4	178 / 550	32.1	27 / 84
56	Italy	32.3	129 / 400	34.5	71 / 206
57	Croatia	31.8	48 / 151	—	— / —
58	Grenada	31.3	5 / 16	30.8	4 / 13
"	Saint Kitts and Nevis	31.3	5 / 16	—	— / —
60	Equatorial Guinea	31.0	31 / 100	21.6	16 / 74
61	Canada	30.7	103 / 336	51.6	46 / 89
"	Niger	30.7	51 / 166	—	— / —
63	Zimbabwe	30.6	91 / 285	44.2	34 / 77
64	Viet Nam	30.3	151 / 499	—	— / —
	25 to 29.9%				
65	Guinea	29.6	24 / 81	—	— / —
66	Suriname	29.4	15 / 51	—	— / —
"	United States of America	29.4	129 / 435	25.0	25 / 100
68	Singapore	29.1	30 / 103	—	— / —
69	Latvia	29.0	29 / 100	—	— / —
70	Colombia	28.9	54 / 187	30.2	32 / 106
"	Iraq	28.9	95 / 329	—	— / —
72	Jamaica	28.6	18 / 63	38.1	8 / 21
"	Mali	28.6	42 / 147	—	— / —
"	Trinidad and Tobago	28.6	12 / 42	38.7	12 / 31
75	Lithuania	28.4	40 / 141	—	— / —
"	Montenegro	28.4	23 / 81	—	— / —
77	Poland	28.3	130 / 460	24.0	24 / 100
78	Liechtenstein	28.0	7 / 25	—	— / —
79	Dominican Republic	27.9	31 / 190	12.5	4 / 32
"	Malta	27.9	22 / 79	—	— / —
81	Estonia	27.7	28 / 101	—	— / —
82	Egypt	27.5	163 / 592	13.7	41 / 300
83	El Salvador	27.4	23 / 84	—	— / —
"	Kazakhstan	27.4	29 / 106	18.8	9 / 48
85	Honduras	27.3	35 / 128	—	— / —
"	Philippines	27.3	85 / 311	29.2	7 / 24
87	Tajikistan	27.0	17 / 63	25.8	8 / 31
88	Barbados	26.7	8 / 30	42.1	8 / 19
89	Lesotho	26.5	32 / 121	24.2	8 / 33
90	Uruguay	26.3	28 / 99	29.0	9 / 31
91	Djibouti	26.2	17 / 65	—	— / —
92	Czechia	26.0	52 / 200	18.5	15 / 81
93	Chad	25.9	51 / 197	—	— / —
"	Turkmenistan [2]	25.9	30 / 116	25.5	14 / 55
	20 to 24.9%				
95	China	24.9	742 / 2975	—	— / —
96	Morocco	24.3	96 / 395	11.7	14 / 120
97	Bulgaria	24.2	58 / 240	—	— / —
"	Israel	24.2	29 / 120	—	— / —
99	Kenya	23.9	81 / 348	31.8	21 / 66
100	Ireland	23.1	37 / 160	39.0	23 / 59
101	Seychelles	22.9	8 / 35	—	— / —
102	Panama	22.5	18 / 71	—	— / —
103	Lao People's Dem. Republic	22.0	36 / 164	—	— / —
"	Slovakia	22.0	33 / 150	—	— / —
105	Indonesia	21.6	124 / 575	—	— / —
106	Greece	21.0	63 / 300	—	— / —
107	Bangladesh	20.9	73 / 350	—	— / —
108	Cambodia	20.8	26 / 125	16.1	10 / 62
109	Malawi	20.7	40 / 193	—	— / —
110	Pakistan	20.5	70 / 342	19.0	19 / 100
111	Ukraine	20.4	85 / 416	—	— / —
112	Mauritania	20.3	31 / 153	—	— / —
113	Bahrain	20.0	8 / 40	25.0	10 / 40
"	Kyrgyzstan	20.0	18 / 90	—	— / —
"	Mauritius	20.0	14 / 70	—	— / —
	15 to 19.9%				
116	Saudi Arabia	19.9	30 / 151	—	— / —
117	Togo	19.8	18 / 91	—	— / —
118	Somalia	19.7	54 / 274	25.9	14 / 54
119	Guatemala	19.4	31 / 160	—	— / —
120	Bosnia and Herzegovina	19.1	8 / 42	20.0	3 / 15
"	Republic of Korea	19.1	57 / 299	—	— / —
"	Romania	19.1	63 / 330	18.4	25 / 136
123	Paraguay	18.8	15 / 80	13.3	6 / 45
124	Azerbaijan	18.6	22 / 118	—	— / —
125	Madagascar	18.5	28 / 151	11.1	2 / 18
126	Georgia	18.4	26 / 141	—	— / —
127	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	18.2	4 / 22	—	— / —
128	Bahamas	18.0	7 / 39	25.0	4 / 16
129	Brazil	17.7	91 / 513	12.4	10 / 81
130	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	17.6	131 / 687	—	— / —
131	Bhutan	17.4	8 / 46	16.0	4 / 25
"	Türkiye	17.4	101 / 580	—	— / —
133	Mongolia	17.1	13 / 76	—	— / —
134	Burkina Faso	16.9	12 / 71	—	— / —
135	Comoros	16.7	4 / 24	—	— / —
136	Thailand	16.6	74 / 445	10.4	26 / 249
137	Libya	16.5	29 / 170	—	— / —
138	Russian Federation	16.4	74 / 450	21.3	30 / 169
139	Belize	15.6	5 / 32	42.9	6 / 14
140	India	15.1	82 / 542	13.8	33 / 239
141	Zambia	15.0	25 / 167	—	— / —
	10 to 14.9%				
142	Eswatini	14.9	11 / 74	40.0	12 / 30
143	Gabon	14.7	21 / 143	23.9	16 / 67
144	Congo	14.6	22 / 151	18.8	13 / 69
"	Ghana	14.6	40 / 275	—	— / —
"	Sao Tome and Principe	14.6	8 / 55	—	— / —
147	Cyprus	14.3	8 / 56	—	— / —
148	Côte d'Ivoire	13.7	35 / 255	21.4	21 / 98
"	Guinea-Bissau	13.7	14 / 102	—	— / —
150	Malaysia	13.5	30 / 222	19.6	10 / 51
151	Hungary	13.1	13 / 99	—	— / —
152	Samoa	13.0	7 / 54	—	— / —
"	Sierra Leone	13.0	19 / 146	—	— / —
154	Central African Republic	12.9	18 / 140	—	— / —
155	Dem. Republic of the Congo	12.8	64 / 500	23.9	28 / 109
156	Jordan	12.3	16 / 130	15.4	10 / 65
157	Antigua and Barbuda	11.1	2 / 18	52.9	9 / 17
"	Botswana	11.1	7 / 63	—	— / —
"	Saint Lucia	11.1	2 / 18	45.5	5 / 11
160	Liberia	11.0	8 / 73	6.7	2 / 30
161	Fiji	10.9	6 / 55	—	— / —
162	Syrian Arab Republic	10.8	27 / 250	—	— / —
163	Nauru	10.5	2 / 19	—	— / —
164	Japan	10.0	46 / 462	25.8	64 / 248
	5 to 9.9%				
165	Brunei Darussalam	9.1	3 / 33	—	— / —
166	Gambia (The)	8.6	5 / 58	—	— / —
167	Solomon Islands	8.0	4 / 50	—	— / —
168	Algeria	7.9	32 / 407	4.1	7 / 170
169	Benin	7.4	6 / 81	—	— / —
170	Micronesia (Federated States of)	7.1	1 / 14	—	— / —
"	Tonga	7.1	2 / 28	—	— / —
172	Kiribati	6.7	3 / 45	—	— / —
173	Kuwait	6.3	4 / 64	—	— / —
"	Lebanon	6.3	8 / 128	—	— / —
"	Palau	6.3	1 / 16	7.7	1 / 13
"	Tuvalu	6.3	1 / 16	—	— / —
177	Marshall Islands	6.1	2 / 33	—	— / —
178	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	5.6	16 / 286	—	— / —
179	Sri Lanka	5.3	12 / 225	—	— / —
	0 to 4.9%				
180	Maldives	4.6	4 / 87	—	— / —
181	Qatar	4.4	2 / 45	—	— / —
182	Nigeria	3.6	13 / 360	7.3	8 / 109
183	Oman	2.3	2 / 86