

# Women in ministerial positions

The countries are ranked according to the percentage of women in ministerial positions, reflecting appointments up to 1 January 2021.

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1. The list includes ministers and deputy heads of government. Ministers/heads of government were also included when they had ministerial portfolios. The list is based on the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) data.



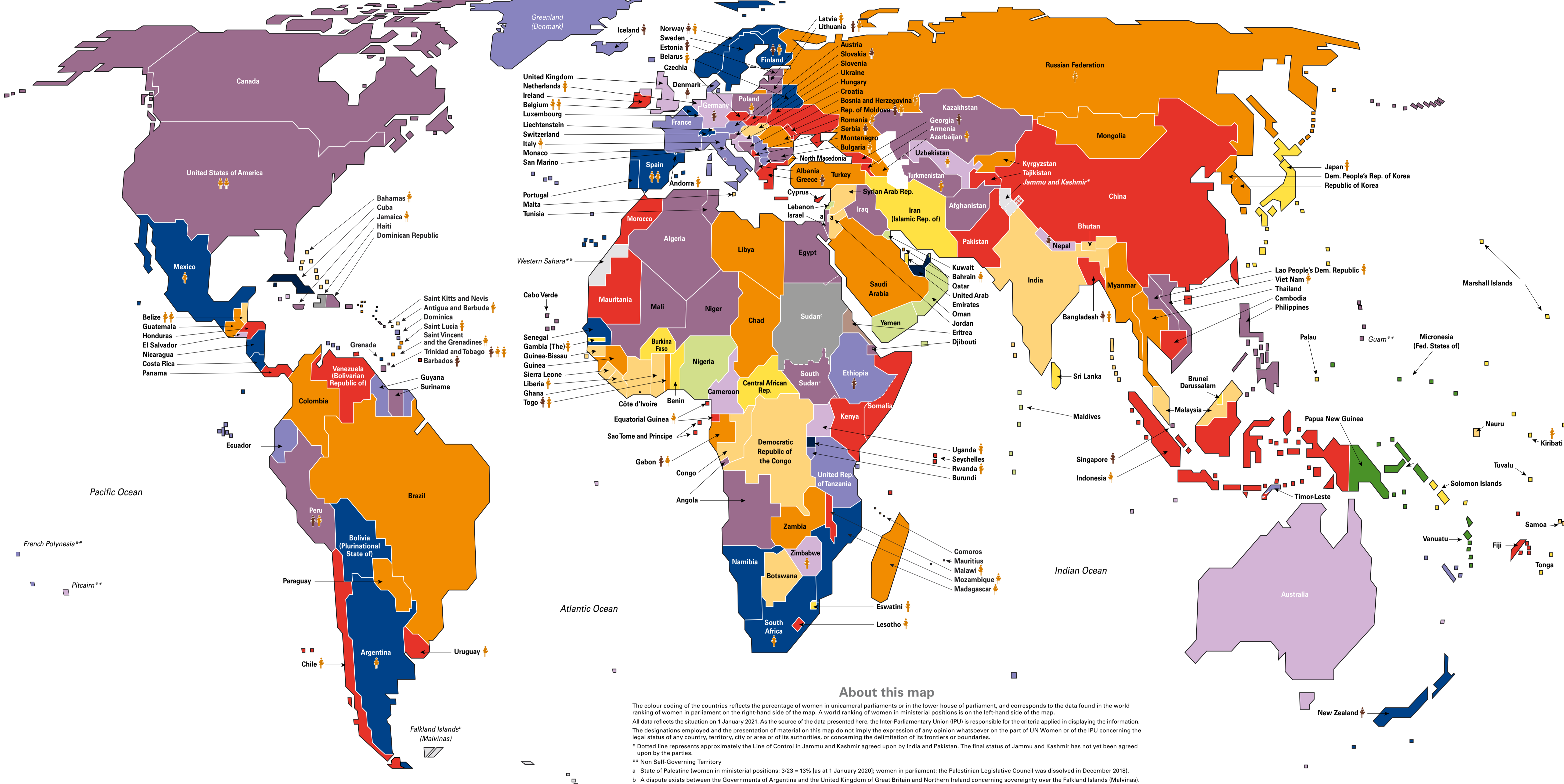
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# Women in Politics: 2021



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## Situation on 1 January 2021



# 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 2021.

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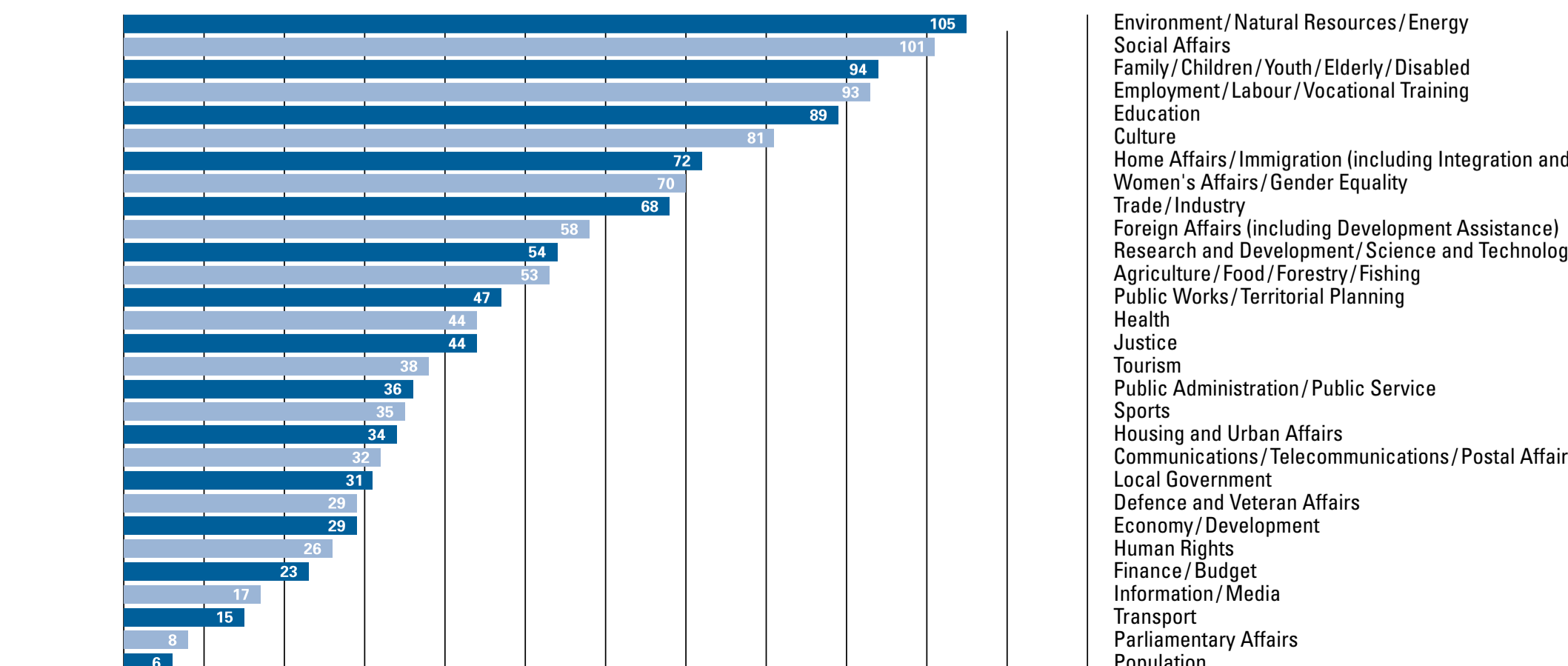
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About this map  
The colour coding of the countries reflects the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or in the lower house of parliament, and corresponds to the data found in the world ranking of women in parliament on the right-hand side of the map. A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

## Portfolios held by Women Ministers (1432 portfolios in 193 countries)



## Women in the highest positions of State

- Women heads of state\* (9/152 = 5.9%) and women heads of government (13/193 = 6.7%)
- Women speakers of parliament\* (58/277 = 20.9%)
- Women deputy speakers of parliament (165/582 = 28.3%)

## World and regional averages of women in parliament

Table comparing regional averages of women in parliament: World average (25.6%), Americas (32.2%), Europe (30.5%), Sub-Saharan Africa (25.0%), Asia (20.8%), Middle East and North Africa (19.3%), Pacific (18.0%).