

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
1	Spain	61.7
2	Nicaragua	55.6
3	Sweden	54.5
4	Albania	53.3
5	Colombia	52.9
6	Costa Rica	51.9
7	Rwanda	51.9
8	Canada	50.0
9	France	50.0
10	South Africa	48.6
11	Ethiopia	47.6
12	Seychelles	45.5
13	Denmark	42.9
14	Switzerland	42.9
15	Mexico	42.1
16	Mexico	42.1
17	Norway	42.1
18	Greenland	41.7
19	Germany	40.0
20	Iceland	40.0
21	Liechtenstein	40.0
22	Austria	38.5
23	Finland	37.5
24	Uganda	36.7
25	Andorra	36.4
26	Republic of Moldova	36.4
27	Estonia	35.7
28	Slovakia	35.7
29	Netherlands	35.3
30	Chile	34.8
31	Timor-Leste	34.4
32	Mali	34.4
33	El Salvador	33.3
34	Sao Tome and Principe*	33.3
35	Trinidad and Tobago	33.3
36	Honduras	32.0
37	Mauritania	31.8
38	Guatemala	31.6
39	Eswatini	31.6
40	Senegal	31.6
41	New Zealand	30.8
42	Zambia	30.8
43	Dominica	29.4
44	Luxembourg	29.4
45	Portugal	29.4
46	Dominica	29.4
47	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	29.4
48	United Arab Emirates	28.6
49	Czechia	28.6
50	Mali	28.6
51	Mali	28.6
52	Romania	28.0
53	Haiti	27.8
54	Italy	27.8
55	Georgia	27.3
56	Georgia	27.3
57	Mexico	27.3
58	Mexico	27.3
59	Poland	27.3
60	Freeland	26.7
61	Panama	26.7
62	Burundi	26.1
63	Chad	25.9
64	Argentina	25.0
65	Belgium	25.0
66	Belgium	25.0
67	Cuba	25.0
68	Chad	25.0
69	Greece	25.0
70	Kenya	25.0
71	Pelau	25.0
72	Slovenia	25.0
73	Egypt	24.2
74	Nicaragua	23.8
75	Congo	23.5
76	Jamaica	23.5
77	Jamaica	23.5
78	Fiji	23.1
79	India	23.1
80	India	23.1
81	Saint Lucia	23.1
82	Senegal	22.9
83	United Republic of Tanzania	22.7
84	Bosnia and Herzegovina	22.7
85	Ecuador	22.7
86	Ecuador	22.7
87	Guatemala	22.7
88	Guatemala	22.7
89	Guatemala	22.7
90	Guatemala	22.7
91	Guatemala	22.7
92	Guatemala	22.7
93	Guatemala	22.7
94	Guatemala	22.7
95	Guatemala	22.7
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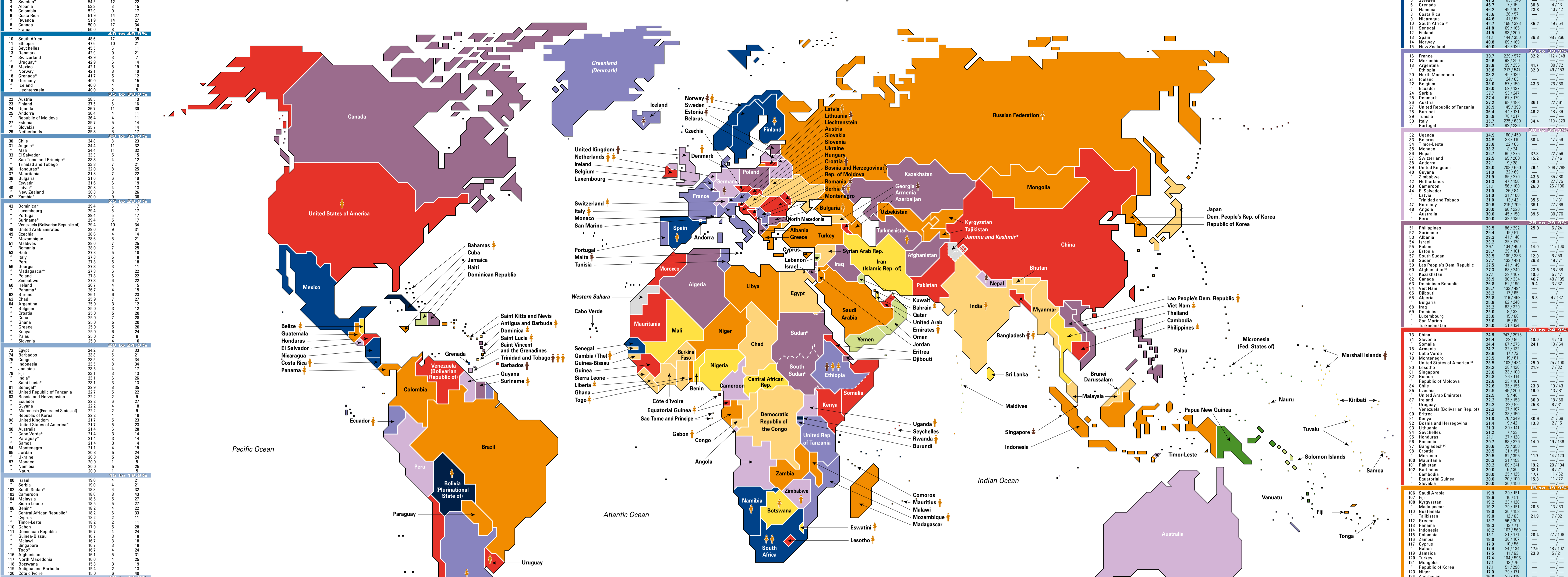


Women in parliament

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
1	Sweden	49.0
2	Cuba	48.0
3	Sweden	47.2
4	Mexico	46.2
5	Sweden	45.2
6	Grenada	46.7
7	Namibia	46.8
8	Costa Rica	45.6
9	Nicaragua	45.1
10	South Africa	42.7
11	Senegal	41.8
12	Finland	41.5
13	Spain	41.1
14	Norway	40.9
15	New Zealand	40.0

Situation on 1 January 2019

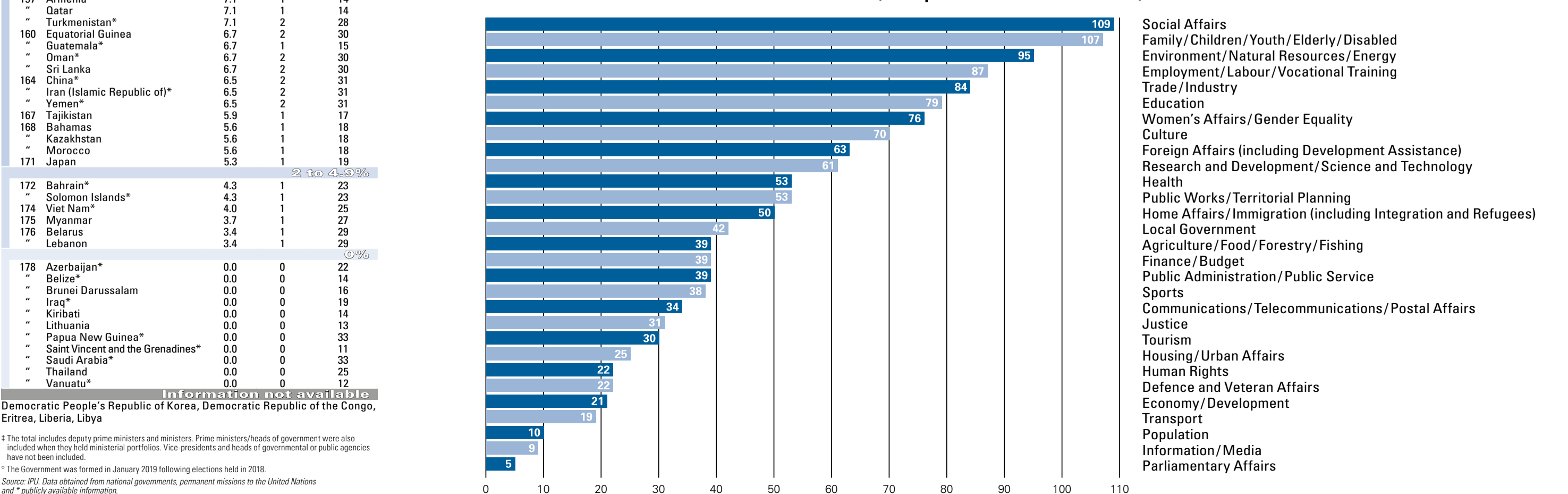


About this map

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: 32.2 - 13.6%; women in parliament: data not available as the Palestine 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. © Inter-Parliamentary Union, 2019. Contacts: Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPIU) E-mail: ipiu@ipu.org United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) www.unwomen.org

Portfolios held by Women Ministers

(1412 portfolios in 188 countries)



Women in the highest positions of State

Women heads of state¹ (10/152 = 6.6%) and women heads of government (10/193 = 5.2%)

Bangladesh (HG), Barbados (HG), Croatia (HS), Estonia (HS), Ethiopia (HS), Georgia (HS), Germany (HG), Iceland (HG), Lithuania (HS), Malta (HS), Marshall Islands (HS/HG), Nepal (HS), New Zealand (HG), Norway (HG), Romania (HG), Serbia (HG), Singapore (HS), Trinidad and Tobago (HS) and United Kingdom (HG)

Women speakers of parliament² (55/279 = 19.7%)

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominica, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Ethiopia (2 chambers), Finland, Gabon, Gambia (The), India, Italy, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands (2 chambers), Norway, Panama, Philippines, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Serbia, South Africa (2 chambers), Spain, Suriname, Switzerland, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago (2 chambers), Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States of America³, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

Women deputy speakers of parliament (180/638 = 28.2%)

Of the 217 chambers in 166 countries for which information is available, 113 chambers had at least one woman deputy speaker. Note: (HS/HG) = The head of state is also the head of government. ¹ Only elected heads of state have been taken into account. ² Out of a total of 272 parliamentary chambers, two have 2 additional speakers and three have 1 additional speaker, for a total of 279 speakers. ³ Elected Speaker as a result of the December 2018 elections. She was formally elected on 23 January 2019 by the newly elected Parliament. ⁴ Elected Speaker as result of the November 2018 elections. Her formal election was held on 3 January 2019, when the newly elected Congress first convened.

World and regional averages of women in parliament

	Single house or lower house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses combined
World average	24.3%	24.1%	24.3%
Regional averages			
Regions ¹ are classified by descending order of the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or the lower house of parliament.			
Nordic countries	42.5%	—	—
Americas	30.6%	31.3%	30.7%
Europe (Nordic countries included)	28.6%	28.0%	28.5%
Europe (Nordic countries not included)	27.2%	28.0%	27.4%
Sub-Saharan Africa	23.9%	22.2%	23.7%
Asia	19.9%	17.4%	19.6%
Middle East and North Africa	19.0%	12.5%	18.1%
Pacific	16.3%	36.0%	18.4%

Continuation of the world ranking of women in ministerial positions and unicameral parliaments/lower houses of parliament, reflecting appointments up to 1 January 2019.

Rank	Country	% Women
16	France	39.7
17	Mozambique	38.8
18	Argentina	38.8
19	Cinopua	38.1
20	North Macedonia	38.3
21	Belgium	38.0
22	Belgium	38.0
23	Belgium	38.0
24	Serbia	37.7
25	Denmark	37.4
26	Austria	36.8
27	United Republic of Tanzania	36.8
28	Suriname	36.4
29	Tunisia	35.9
30	Italy	35.7
31	Portugal	35.7
32	Uganda	34.9
33	Belarus	34.5
34	Timor-Leste	33.8
35	Monaco	33.3
36	Nepal	32.7
37	Switzerland	32.5
38	Andorra	32.1
39	United Kingdom	32.0
40	Guyana	31.9
41	Zimbabwe	31.9
42	Netherlands	31.8
43	Cameroon	31.6
44	El Salvador	31.6
45	Trinidad and Tobago	31.6
46	Germany	31.6
47	Germany	31.6
48	Angola	30.8
49	Australia	30.8
50	Paraguay	30.8
51	Philippines	29.5
52	Suriname	29.4
53	Albania	29.4
54	Israel	29.2
55	Poland	28.6
56	Estonia	28.0
57	South Sudan	28.0
58	Zimbabwe	27.8
59	Lao People's Dem. Republic	27.5
60	Algeria	27.3
61	Kazakhstan	27.1
62	Canada	26.9
63	Dominican Republic	26.8
64	Viet Nam	26.7
65	Djibouti	26.2
66	Algeria	25.8
67	Bulgaria	25.8
68	Iraq	25.2
69	Dominica	25.0
70	Luxembourg	25.0
71	San Marino	25.0
72	Turkmenistan	25.0
73	China	24.9
74	Slovenia	24.4
75	Armenia	24.2
76	Cape Verde	23.7
77	Montenegro	23.5
78	United States of America ⁴	23.5
79	Lesotho	23.3
80	Singapore	23.2
81	Guinea	22.8
82	Guinea	22.8
83	Republic of Moldova	22.8
84	Chad	22.6
85	Czechia	22.5
86	United Arab Emirates	22.5
87	Ireland	22.2
88	Bosnia and Herzegovina	22.2
89	Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)	22.2
90	Guatemala	22.2
91	Kenya	21.8
92	Bosnia and Herzegovina	21.8
93	Lithuania	21.3
94	Seychelles	21.2
95	Indonesia	21.2
96	Romania	20.8
97	Bangladesh ⁵	20.7
98	Croatia	20.5
99	Morocco	20.4
100	Mauritania	20.3
101	Pakistan	20.2
102	Barbados	20.0
103	Cambodia	20.0
104	Equatorial Guinea	20.0
105	Slovakia	20.0
106	Saudi Arabia	19.9
107	Kyrgyzstan	19.2
108	Kyrgyzstan	19.2
109	Madagascar	18.2
110	Guatemala	18.0
111	Greece	18.0
112	Greece	18.0
113	Panama	18.3
114	Indonesia	18.2
115	Colombia	18.1
116	Gambia	18.0
117	Cyprus	17.9
118	Gabon	17.8
119	Jamaica	17.5
120	Turkey	17.4
121	Mongolia	17.1
122	Republic of Korea	17.1
123	Niger	16.9
124	Azerbaijan	16.8
125	Malawi	16.7
126	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	16.5
127	Togo	16.5
128	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	16.3
129	Libya	16.0
130	Libya	16.0
131	Russian Federation	15.8
132	Jordan	15.4
133	Bahrain	15.0
134	Equatorial Guinea	14.8
135	Paraguay	15.0
136	Bhutan	14.9
137	Egypt	14.8
138	Georgia	14.8
139	Georgia	14.8
140	Sao Tome and Principe	14.5
141	Malaysia	14.4
142	Guinea-Bissau	14.2
143	Burkina Faso	13.4
144	Saint Kitts and Nevis	13.2
145	Syrian Arab Republic	13.2
146	Chad	13.1
147	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	13.0
148	Bahamas	12.8
149	Hungary	12.6
150	India	12.6
151	Palau	12.5
152	Liberia	12.3
153	Sierra Leone	12.3
154	Liechtenstein	12.0
155	Malta	11.9
156	Mauritius	11.6
157	Ukraine	11.6
158	Congo	11.7
159	Myanmar	11.3
160	Antigua and Barbuda	11.1
161	Cote d'Ivoire	11.0
162	Maru	10.9
163	Dem. Republic of the Congo	10.3
164	Gambia (The)	10.3
165	Japan	10.2
166	Samoa	10.0
167	Bahrain	9.8
168	Botswana	9.6
169	Belize	9.4
170	Brunei Darussalam	9.1
171	Marshall Islands	9.1
172	Mali	8.8
173	Central African Republic	8.8
174	Tonga	7.4
175	Benin	7.2
176	Eswatini	7.2
177	Kiribati	6.5
178	Comoros	6.1
179	Kenya	5.9
180	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	5.6
181	Nigeria	5.6
182	Thailand	5.4
183	Sri Lanka	5.3
184	Lebanon	4.7
185	Maldives	4.7
186	Kuwait	3.6
187	Maldives	3.6
188	Solomon Islands	1.2
189	Oman	1.2
190	Yemen	0.3
191	Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.0
192	Papua New Guinea	0.0