Women in Politics: 2019
Situation on 1 January 2019

About this map

This map visually portrays the percentage of women in ministerial positions and in parliament across the world. It reflects the situation on 1 January 2019 and is based on data provided by Inter-Parliamentary Union. The map includes all legislative bodies and executive branches, with flags denoting groups of states according to IPU regional groupings. Countries are ranked and colour-coded according to the percentage of women in ministerial positions.

Women in the highest positions of State

Women heads of state (16/752 = 2.1%) and women heads of government (16/752 = 2.1%)

Women in parliament

World and regional averages of women in parliament

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Women in parliament by region are calculated using the average of the percentage of women in parliamentary seats in each country. The regional averages are weighted by the total number of seats in each region. The countries are ranked and colour-coded according to the percentage of women in parliament.

Women in the full-time equivalent of ministerial positions

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