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| | | | | Women | Men | | | |
| Africa | | | | | | | | |
| Algeria | 8 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 11 | .. |
| Angola | 37 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 6 | .. |
| Benin | 11 | – | 10 | 5 | 7 | • | 22 | 5 ^b |
| Botswana | 11 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 28 | .. |
| Burkina Faso | 15 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 14 | 5 ^b |
| Burundi | 31 | 35 | 23 | 41 | 27 | ✓ | 30 | .. |
| Cameroon | 14 | – | 10 | 42 | 29 | ✓ | 12 | 6 ^b |
| Cape Verde | 18 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 36 | 6 ^b |
| Central African Republic | 11 | – | 9 | 14 | 11 | • | 13 | .. |
| Chad | 5 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 17 | .. |
| Comoros | 3 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | .. | .. |
| Congo | 7 | 13 | .. | .. | .. | • | 13 | .. |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 9 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 13 | .. |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 8 | 5 | 14 | 3 | 6 | • | 12 | .. |
| Djibouti | 14 | – | 11 | 50 | 50 | ✓ | 9 | .. |
| Egypt | 2 | 7 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 6 | .. |
| Equatorial Guinea | 6 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 14 | .. |
| Eritrea | 22 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 18 | .. |
| Ethiopia | 22 | 19 | 15 | 43 | 27 | • | 10 | .. |
| Gabon | 17 | 18 | .. | .. | .. | • | 17 | .. |
| Gambia | 9 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 28 | .. |
| Ghana | 8 | – | 7 | 26 | 20 | • | 16 | 11 |
| Guinea | – ^c | – ^c | .. | .. | .. | • | 16 | .. |
| Guinea-Bissau | 10 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 25 | .. |
| Kenya | 10 | – | 11 | 6 | 8 | ✓ | .. | .. |
| Lesotho | 25 | 29 | .. | .. | .. | • | 32 | .. |
| Liberia | 13 | 17 | .. | .. | .. | • | 20 | .. |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 8 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | — | .. |
| Madagascar | 8 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | • | 13 | 4 |
| Malawi | 13 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 24 | .. |
| Mali | 10 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 23 | .. |
| Mauritania | 22 | 16 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 12 | .. |
| Mauritius | 17 | – | 10 | 19 | 10 | • | 10 | 40 ^b |
| Mayotte | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | • | .. | — ^b |
| Morocco | 11 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 19 | .. |
| Mozambique | 35 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 26 | 3 |
| Namibia | 27 | 27 | .. | .. | .. | • | 25 | .. |
| Niger | 12 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 26 | .. |
| Nigeria | 7 | 8 | .. | .. | .. | • | 23 | .. |
| Rwanda | 56 | 35 | 53 | 20 | 23 | ✓ | 17 | .. |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 7 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | .. | .. |
| Senegal | 22 | 40 | .. | .. | .. | • | 18 | .. |
| Sierra Leone | 13 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 14 | .. |

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| | | | | Women | Men | | | |
| Africa (continued) | | | | | | | | |
| Somalia | 6 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | .. | .. |
| South Africa | 44 | 30 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 45 | 16 |
| Sudan | 18 | 6 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 6 | .. |
| Swaziland | 14 | 40 | .. | .. | .. | • | 19 | .. |
| Togo | 11 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 10 | .. |
| Tunisia | 23 | 15 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 7 | 2 |
| Uganda | 31 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 28 | 3 |
| United Republic of Tanzania | 30 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 21 | .. |
| Zambia | 15 | – | 14 | 22 | 21 | • | 17 | .. |
| Zimbabwe | 15 | 25 | 13 | 32 | 23 | ✓ | 16 | .. |
| Asia | | | | | | | | |
| Afghanistan | 28 | 22 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 4 | .. |
| Armenia | 8 | – | 21 | 4 | 11 | ✓ | 6 | .. |
| Azerbaijan | 11 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 7 | .. |
| Bahrain | 3 | 25 | 9 | 6 | 21 | • | 4 | .. |
| Bangladesh | 19 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 8 | — |
| Bhutan | 9 | 24 | .. | .. | .. | • | — | .. |
| Brunei Darussalam | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | • | 7 | .. |
| Cambodia | 16 | 15 | .. | .. | .. | • | 7 | .. |
| China | 21 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 9 | .. |
| Cyprus | 14 | – | 23 | 7 | 13 | ✓ | 18 | 3 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 16 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | — | .. |
| Georgia | 6 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 18 | .. |
| India | 9 | 10 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 10 | .. |
| Indonesia | 12 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 11 | .. |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 3 | – | 8 | 1 | 4 | • | 3 | .. |
| Iraq | 26 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 10 | .. |
| Israel | 18 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 12 | .. |
| Jordan | 6 | 13 | 23 | 4 | 15 | ✓ | 15 | 1 |
| Kazakhstan | 16 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | • | 6 | .. |
| Kuwait | 3 | – | 10 | — | 23 | • | 7 | .. |
| Kyrgyzstan | 26 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 19 | .. |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | 25 | – | 23 | 73 | 64 | • | 11 | .. |
| Lebanon | 5 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 5 | — |
| Malaysia | 11 | 29 | .. | .. | .. | • | 9 | 1 |
| Maldives | 12 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 14 | .. |
| Mongolia | 4 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 20 | .. |
| Myanmar | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | • | — | .. |
| Nepal | 33 | – | 9 | 54 | 10 | ✓ | 20 | .. |
| Occupied Palestinian Territory | 13 | .. | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | .. | .. |
| Oman | — | 20 | 3 | — | 14 | • | 9 | .. |
| Pakistan | 23 | 17 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 4 | 1 |
| Philippines | 21 | 17 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 9 | 15 ^b |

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| | | | | Women | Men | | | |
| Asia (continued) | | | | | | | | |
| Qatar | — | — | .. | .. | .. | • | 8 | .. |
| Republic of Korea | 14 | — | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 5 | .. |
| Saudi Arabia | — | — | .. | .. | .. | • | — | .. |
| Singapore | 25 | — | .. | .. | .. | • | — | .. |
| Sri Lanka | 6 | — | .. | .. | .. | • | 6 | .. |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 12 | — | 10 | 3 | 3 | • | 6 | .. |
| Tajikistan | 18 | 24 | 16 | 31 | 27 | • | 6 | 9 ^b |
| Thailand | 12 | 16 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 10 | 1 |
| Timor-Leste | 29 | — | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 25 | .. |
| Turkey | 9 | — | 18 | 2 | 3 | • | 4 | 1 |
| Turkmenistan | 17 | — | .. | .. | .. | • | 7 | .. |
| United Arab Emirates | 23 | — | 14 | 2 | 5 | • | 8 | .. |
| Uzbekistan | 18 | 15 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 5 | .. |
| Viet Nam | 26 | — | .. | .. | .. | • | 4 | .. |
| Yemen | — | 2 | 1 | 9 | 22 | • | 6 | .. |
| Latin America and the Caribbean | | | | | | | | |
| Argentina | 40 | 39 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 23 | 7 |
| Bahamas | 12 | 60 | .. | .. | .. | • | 8 | .. |
| Barbados | 10 | 19 | .. | .. | .. | • | 28 | .. |
| Belize | — | 39 | 3 | — | 33 | • | 18 | .. |
| Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 17 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 24 | 11 |
| Brazil | 9 | 12 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 11 | 5 |
| Chile | 15 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 41 | 13 |
| Colombia | 8 | 12 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 23 | 3 |
| Costa Rica | 37 | — | 51 | 4 | 6 | ✓ | 29 | 11 ^b |
| Cuba | 43 | — | .. | .. | .. | • | 19 | .. |
| Dominican Republic | 20 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 14 | 7 |
| Ecuador | 25 | — | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 35 | 3 |
| El Salvador | 19 | — | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 39 | 7 |
| Grenada | 13 | 31 | .. | .. | .. | • | 50 | .. |
| Guatemala | 12 | — | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 7 | 3 |
| Guyana | 30 | — | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 26 | .. |
| Haiti | 4 | — ^d | .. | .. | .. | • | 11 | .. |
| Honduras | 23 | — | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | .. | 10 |
| Jamaica | 13 | 14 | .. | .. | .. | • | 11 | 7 ^b |
| Mexico | 23 | 18 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 16 | 5 ^b |
| Nicaragua | 19 | — | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 33 | 10 |
| Panama | 17 | — | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 23 | 16 |
| Paraguay | 13 | 16 | 30 | 3 | 13 | ✓ | 19 | 5 |
| Peru | 28 | — | 35 | 4 | 5 | ✓ | 29 | 3 ^b |
| Puerto Rico | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | • | .. | .. |
| Saint Lucia | 11 | 27 | .. | .. | .. | • | .. | .. |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 18 | — | .. | .. | .. | • | 21 | .. |

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| | | | | Women | Men | | | |
| Latin America and the Caribbean (continued) | | | | | | | | |
| Suriname | 26 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 17 | .. |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 27 | 42 | 25 | 34 | 31 | • | 36 | — ^b |
| Uruguay | 12 | 13 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 29 | .. |
| Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) | 19 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 21 | 18 ^b |
| Oceania | | | | | | | | |
| Fiji | – ^e | – ^e | .. | .. | .. | • | 8 | .. |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | — | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 14 | .. |
| Papua New Guinea | 1 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 4 | .. |
| Samoa | 8 | – | 8 | 16 | 22 | • | 23 | 2 ^b |
| Solomon Islands | — | – | 6 | — | 12 | • | — | .. |
| Tonga | 3 | – | 11 | — | 45 | • | .. | .. |
| Vanuatu | 4 | – | 3 | 22 | 15 | • | 8 | .. |
| More developed regions | | | | | | | | |
| Albania | 7 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 7 | .. |
| Australia | 27 | 36 | 26 | 15 | 14 | ✓ | 24 | 15 |
| Austria | 28 | 25 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 38 | .. |
| Belarus | 32 | 34 | 21 | 65 | 29 | • | 6 | .. |
| Belgium | 35 | 38 | 49 | 15 | 23 | ✓ | 23 | 7 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 12 | 13 | 39 | 2 | 9 | ✓ | — | 3 ^b |
| Bulgaria | 22 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 24 | 10 |
| Canada | 22 | 34 | 23 | 17 | 20 | ✓ | 16 | .. |
| Croatia | 21 | – | 25 | 2 | 3 | ✓ | 24 | 5 ^b |
| Czech Republic | 16 | 17 | 28 | 2 | 5 | ✓ | 13 | .. |
| Denmark | 38 | – | 32 | 22 | 17 | • | 37 | 9 |
| Estonia | 21 | – | 27 | 9 | 11 | • | 23 | 10 |
| Finland | 42 | – | 40 | 11 | 10 | • | 58 | 10 |
| France | 18 | 22 | 42 | 3 | 11 | ✓ | 47 | 11 |
| Germany | 32 | 22 | 28 | 19 | 16 | ✓ | 33 | 5 |
| Greece | 15 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 12 | 2 ^b |
| Hungary | 11 | – | 17 | 9 | 15 | ✓ | 21 | 12 |
| Iceland | 43 | – | 47 | 6 | 11 | ✓ | 36 | 17 |
| Ireland | 13 | 22 | 17 | 27 | 37 | • | 21 | .. |
| Italy | 21 | 18 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 24 | 7 |
| Japan | 9 | 18 | 12 | 21 | 28 | • | 12 | — |
| Latvia | 20 | – | 26 | 7 | 11 | • | 22 | 25 |
| Lithuania | 18 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 23 | 3 |
| Luxembourg | 23 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 14 | 11 |
| Malta | 9 | – | 12 | 27 | 37 | ✓ | 15 | 8 |
| Montenegro | 6 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 6 | .. |
| Netherlands | 41 | 35 | 35 | 71 | 67 | ✓ | 33 | 16 |
| New Zealand | 34 | – | 28 | 22 | 17 | • | 32 | 26 |
| Norway | 36 | – | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 56 | 14 |
| Poland | 20 | 8 | 23 | 7 | 8 | ✓ | 26 | 5 |

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| | | | | Women | Men | | | |
| More developed regions (continued) | | | | | | | | |
| Portugal | 28 | – | 32 | 5 | 9 | ✓ | 13 | 6 |
| Republic of Moldova | 22 | – | .. | .. | .. | • | 11 | 15 ^b |
| Romania | 11 | 6 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | — | 4 ^b |
| Russian Federation | 14 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | • | 10 | .. |
| Serbia | 22 | – | 31 | 6 | 6 | ✓ | 17 | 26 ^b |
| Slovakia | 19 | – | 23 | 5 | 7 | ✓ | 13 | 14 |
| Slovenia | 13 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 18 | 5 |
| Spain | 36 | 30 | .. | .. | .. | ✓ | 44 | 11 |
| Sweden | 47 | – | 43 | 7 | 6 | ✓ | 48 | 17 |
| Switzerland | 29 | 22 | 35 | 5 | 8 | ✓ | 43 | 5 |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 28 | – | 35 | 7 | 6 | ✓ | 14 | 2 |
| Ukraine | 8 | – | 19 | 3 | 7 | • | 4 | .. |
| United Kingdom | 20 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 18 | ✓ | 23 | 8 ^b |
| United States of America | 17 | 15 | .. | .. | .. | • | 24 | 17 ^b |

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Definitions

Share of women in the lower or single house of the parliament: Proportion of seats held by women in the lower house of a bicameral national parliament or in the unicameral national parliament. The parliament is the legislative or deliberative assembly. Seats are usually won by members in general parliamentary elections, but may also be filled by indirect election, rotation of members, nomination, or appointment.

Share of women in the upper house of the parliament: Proportion of seats held by women in the upper house of a bicameral national parliament. This indicator is not applicable to countries with unicameral parliaments.

Share of women among candidates: Proportion of women among candidates in elections for the lower or single house of parliament.

Proportion of candidates elected: Proportion of women (or men) candidates in parliamentary elections who were successfully elected.

Gender quota for lower or single house of parliament: Any type of electoral quota for women adopted in a country either through legislation or on a voluntary basis. Three types of quota are covered by the indicator: 1) reserved seats for women in a legislative assembly; 2) legislated quotas on female candidates on electoral lists; 3) quotas for women as election candidates voluntarily adopted by political parties.

Ministers: Ministers include Deputy Prime Ministers and Ministers. Prime Ministers are also included when they hold ministerial portfolios. Vice-Presidents and heads of governmental or public agencies are not included.

Mayors: Heads of government of a city, town, borough, or municipality.

Notes

.. Data not available.

– Not applicable.

— Magnitude nil or less than 0.5 per cent.

✓ Yes

• No

^a Latest available data in the given interval.

^b Data collected from national sources.

^c The parliament was dissolved following the December 2008 coup.

^d No winners had emerged from Senate elections in April 2009.

^e Parliament has been dissolved or suspended for an indefinite period.