

Women Members of Parliament Across the World

The list below shows all the countries which are ahead of the UK in the world league table, and compares their current (January 2010) position with that of 10 years ago (January 2000).

Figures are taken from the International Parliamentary Union website (www.ipu.org). This list can be downloaded from the Centre for Women & Democracy's website (www.cfdw.org.uk)

Country	Women MPs Jan 2010	Rank Jan 2010	Women MPs Jan 2000	Rank Jan 2000
Rwanda	56.3%	1	17.1%	39
Sweden	46.4%	2	42.7%	1
South Africa	44.5%	3	30.0%	8
Cuba	43.2%	4	27.6%	13
Iceland	42.9%	5	34.9%	6
Netherlands	42.0%	6	36.0%	5
Finland	40.0%	7	37.0%	3
Norway	39.6%	8	36.4%	4
Mozambique	39.2%	9	30.0%	9
Angola	38.6%	10	15.5%	47
Argentina	38.5%	11	28.0%	12
Belgium	38.0%	12	23.3%	20
Denmark	38.0%	13	37.4%	2
Costa Rica	36.8%	14	19.3%	30
Spain	36.6%	15	21.6%	25
Andorra	35.7%	16	7.1%	113
New Zealand	33.6%	17	29.2%	10
Nepal	33.2%	18	5.9%	122
Germany	32.8%	19	30.9%	7
FYR Macedonia	32.5%	20	7.5%	108
Ecuador	32.3%	21	17.4%	38
Belarus	31.8%	22	4.5%	136
Uganda	31.5%	23	17.9%	35
Burundi	31.4%	24	6.0%	120
Tanzania	30.7%	25	16.4%	44
Guyana	30.0%	26	18.5%	32
Timor-Leste	29.2%	27	n/a	n/a
Switzerland	29.0%	28	23.0%	21
Austria	27.9%	29	26.8%	14
Mexico	27.7%	30	18.2%	34
Tunisia	27.6%	31	11.5%	69
Peru	27.5%	32	10.8%	76

Portugal	27.4%	33	18.7%	31
Afghanistan	27.3%	34	n/a	n/a
Australia	27.2%	35	22.4%	22
Namibia	26.9%	36	25.0%	18
Trinidad & Tobago	26.8%	37	11.1%	74
Monaco	26.1%	38	22.2%	23
VietNam	25.8%	39	26.0%	17
Kyrgyzstan	25.6%	40	1.4%	158
Iraq	25.5%	41	6.4%	117
Suriname	23.4%	42	15.7%	46
Lao PDR	25.2%	43	21.2%	26
Lesotho	24.2%	44	3.8%	140
Liechtenstein	24.0%	45	4.0%	139
Moldova	23.8%	46	8.9%	91
Croatia	23.6%	47	20.5%	27
Seychelles	23.5%	48	23.5%	19
Singapore	23.4%	49	4.3%	137
Estonia	22.8%	50	17.8%	36
Senegal	22.7%	51	12.1%	60
United Arab Emirates	22.5%	52	0.0%	n/a
Bolivia	22.3%	53	11.5%	68
Pakistan	22.2%	54	n/a	n/a
Canada	22.1%	55	19.9%	29
Mauritania	22.1%	56	3.8%	141
Eritrea	22.0%	57	14.7%	50
Latvia	22.0%	58	17.0%	41
Uzbekistan	22.0%	59	6.8%	116
Ethiopia	21.9%	60	2.0%	154
St Vincent & Grenadines	21.7%	61	4.8%	134
Serbia	21.6%	62	n/a	n/a
China	21.3%	63	21.8%	24
Italy	21.3%	64	11.1%	72
Cambodia	21.1%	65	8.2%	97
Philippines	21/0%	66	12.4%	58
Bulgaria	20.8%	67	10.8%	76
Malawi	20.8%	68	8.3%	96
Nicaragua	20.7%	69	9.7%	83
Luxembourg	20.0%	70	16.7%	43

Poland	20.0%	71	13.0%	56
Dominican Republic	19.7%	72	16.1%	45
United Kingdom	19.5%	73	18.4%	33
France	18.9%	78	10.9%	75
Bangladesh	18.6%	80	9.1%	87
USA	16.8%	91	13.3%	55
Russia	14.0%	104	7.7%	106
Ireland	13.9%	107	12.0%	65
Japan	11.3%	122	4.6%	135
India	10.8%	128	9.0%	90