### Women's political participation

			Year first woman	Women in government at	MDG Seats in parliament held by women (% of total) °		
	Year women received right <sup>a</sup> To stand for		<ul> <li>elected (E) or</li> <li>appointed (A)</li> </ul>	ministerial level (% of total) <sup>b</sup>	Lower or single house		Upper house or senate
HDI rank	To vote	election	to parliament	2005	1990	2007	2007
HIGH HUMAN DEVELOPMENT							
1 Iceland	1915, 1920	1915, 1920	1922 E	27.3	20.6	31.7	_
2 Norway	1913	1907, 1913	1911 A	44.4	35.8	37.9	_
3 Australia	1902, 1962	1902, 1962	1943 E	20.0	6.1	24.7	35.5
4 Canada	1917, 1960	1920, 1960	1921 E	23.1	13.3	20.8	35.0
5 Ireland	1918, 1928	1918, 1928	1918 E	21.4	7.8	13.3	16.7
6 Sweden	1919, 1921	1919, 1921	1921 E	52.4	38.4	47.3	—
7 Switzerland	1971	1971	1971 E	14.3	14.0	25.0	23.9
8 Japan	1945, 1947	1945, 1947	1946 E	12.5	1.4	9.4	14.5
9 Netherlands	1919	1917	1918 E	36.0	21.3	36.7	34.7
10 France	1944	1944	1945 E	17.6	6.9	12.2	16.9
11 Finland	1906	1906	1907 E	47.1	31.5	42.0	_
12 United States	1920, 1965	1788 <sup>d</sup>	1917 E	14.3	6.6	16.3	16.0
13 Spain	1931	1931	1931 E	50.0	14.6	36.0	23.2
14 Denmark	1915	1915	1918 E	33.3	30.7	36.9	—
15 Austria	1918	1918	1919 E	35.3	11.5	32.2	27.4
16 United Kingdom	1918, 1928	1918, 1928	1918 E	28.6	6.3	19.7	18.9
17 Belgium	1919, 1948	1921	1921 A	21.4	8.5	34.7	38.0
18 Luxembourg	1919	1919	1919 E	14.3	13.3	23.3	—
19 New Zealand	1893	1919	1933 E	23.1	14.4	32.2	—
20 Italy	1945	1945	1946 E	8.3	12.9	17.3	13.7
21 Hong Kong, China (SAR)							
22 Germany	1918	1918	1919 E	46.2		31.6	21.7
23 Israel	1948	1948	1949 E	16.7	6.7	14.2	_
24 Greece	1952	1952	1952 E	5.6	6.7	13.0	_
25 Singapore	1947	1947	1963 E	0.0	4.9	24.5	_
26 Korea (Republic of)	1948	1948	1948 E	5.6	2.0	13.4	_
27 Slovenia	1946	1946	1992 E <sup>e</sup>	6.3		12.2	7.5
28 Cyprus	1960	1960	1963 E	0.0	1.8	14.3	_
29 Portugal	1931, 1976	1931, 1976	1934 E	16.7	7.6	21.3	—
30 Brunei Darussalam	—	—	_	9.1	f	f	<b>f</b>
31 Barbados	1950	1950	1966 A	29.4	3.7	13.3	23.8
32 Czech Republic	1920	1920	1992 E <sup>e</sup>	11.1		15.5	14.8
33 Kuwait	2005	2005	2005 A	0.0		3.1 <sup>g</sup>	—
34 Malta	1947	1947	1966 E	15.4	2.9	9.2	—
35 Qatar	2003 <sup>h</sup>			7.7		0.0	_
36 Hungary	1918, 1945	1918, 1945	1920 E	11.8	20.7	10.4	—
37 Poland	1918	1918	1919 E	5.9	13.5	20.4	13.0
38 Argentina	1947	1947	1951 E	8.3	6.3	35.0	43.1
39 United Arab Emirates	_	_	_	5.6	0.0	22.5	_
40 Chile	1949	1949	1951 E	16.7		15.0	5.3
41 Bahrain	1973, 2002	1973, 2002	2002 A	8.7		2.5	25.0
42 Slovakia	1920	1920	1992 E <sup>e</sup>	0.0		19.3	_
43 Lithuania	1919	1919	1920 A	15.4		24.8	_
44 Estonia	1918	1918	1919 E	15.4		21.8	—
45 Latvia	1918	1918		23.5		19.0	—
46 Uruguay	1932	1932	1942 E	0.0	6.1	11.1	9.7
47 Croatia	1945	1945	1992 E <sup>e</sup>	33.3		21.7	—
48 Costa Rica	1949	1949	1953 E	25.0	10.5	38.6	—
49 Bahamas	1961, 1964	1961, 1964	1977 A	26.7	4.1	12.2	53.8
50 Seychelles	1948	1948	1976 E+A	12.5	16.0	23.5	—
51 Cuba	1934	1934	1940 E	16.2	33.9	36.0	—
52 Mexico	1947	1953	1952 A	9.4	12.0	22.6	17.2
53 Bulgaria	1937, 1945	1945	1945 E	23.8	21.0	22.1	_

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	Year women received right <sup>a</sup>			ministerial level			Upper house
		To stand for	appointed (A)	(% of total) <sup>b</sup>		ingle house	or senate
1DI rank	To vote	election	to parliament	2005	1990	2007	2007
54 Saint Kitts and Nevis	1951	1951	1984 E	0.0	6.7	0.0	—
55 Tonga	1960	1960	1993 E		0.0	3.3	_
56 Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1964	1964				7.7	—
57 Antigua and Barbuda	1951	1951	1984 A	15.4	0.0	10.5	17.6
58 Oman	1994, 2003	1994, 2003		10.0		2.4	15.5
59 Trinidad and Tobago	1946	1946	1962 E+A	18.2	16.7	19.4	32.3
60 Romania	1929, 1946	1929, 1946	1946 E	12.5	34.4	11.2	9.5
61 Saudi Arabia	_	—	_	0.0		0.0	_
62 Panama	1941, 1946	1941, 1946	1946 E	14.3	7.5	16.7	_
63 Malaysia	1957	1957	1959 E	9.1	5.1	9.1	25.7
64 Belarus	1918	1919	1990 E <sup>e</sup>	10.0		29.1	31.0
65 Mauritius	1956	1956	1976 E	8.0	7.1	17.1	_
66 Bosnia and Herzegovina	1946	1946	1990 E <sup>e</sup>	11.1		14.3	13.3
67 Russian Federation	1918	1918	1993 E <sup>e</sup>	0.0		9.8	3.4
68 Albania	1920	1920	1945 E	5.3	28.8	7.1	
69 Macedonia (TFYR)	1946	1946	1990 E °	16.7		28.3	
70 Brazil	1940	1940	1933 E	11.4	 5.3	8.8	12.3
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71 Dominica	1951	1951	1980 E	0.0	10.0	12.9	
72 Saint Lucia	1951	1951	1979 A	8.3	0.0	5.6 i	18.2
73 Kazakhstan	1924, 1993	1924, 1993	1990 E e	17.6		10.4	5.1
74 Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	1946	1946	1948 E	13.6	10.0	18.6	—
75 Colombia	1954	1954	1954 A	35.7	4.5	8.4	11.8
76 Ukraine	1919	1919	1990 E <sup>e</sup>	5.6		8.7	—
77 Samoa	1948, 1990	1948, 1990	1976 A	7.7	0.0	6.1	_
78 Thailand	1932	1932	1948 A	7.7	2.8	8.7	—
79 Dominican Republic	1942	1942	1942 E	14.3	7.5	19.7	3.1
80 Belize	1954	1954	1984 E+A	6.3	0.0	6.7	25.0
81 China	1949	1949	1954 E	6.3	21.3	20.3	_
82 Grenada	1951	1951	1976 E+A	40.0		26.7	30.8
83 Armenia	1918	1918	1990 E <sup>e</sup>	0.0	35.6	9.2	_
84 Turkey	1930, 1934	1930, 1934	1935 A	4.3	1.3	4.4	_
85 Suriname	1948	1948	1975 E	11.8	7.8	25.5	_
86 Jordan	1974	1974	1989 A	10.7	0.0	5.5	12.7
87 Peru	1955	1955	1956 E	11.8	5.6	29.2	_
88 Lebanon	1952	1952	1991 A	6.9	0.0	4.7	
89 Ecuador	1929	1929	1956 E	14.3	4.5	25.0	_
90 Philippines	1937	1923	1941 E	25.0	9.1	22.5	18.2
91 Tunisia	1959	1959	1959 E	7.1	4.3	22.8	13.4
92 Fiji	1963	1963	1939 L 1970 A	9.1	4.3 j	j	j
93 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines							*
	1951	1951	1979 E	20.0	9.5	18.2	_
94 Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1963	1963	1963 E+A	6.7	1.5	4.1	
95 Paraguay	1961	1961	1963 E	30.8	5.6	10.0	8.9
96 Georgia	1918, 1921	1918, 1921	1992 E <sup>e</sup>	22.2		9.4	—
97 Guyana	1953	1945	1968 E	22.2	36.9	29.0	
98 Azerbaijan	1918	1918	1990 E <sup>e</sup>	15.0		11.3	—
99 Sri Lanka	1931	1931	1947 E	10.3	4.9	4.9	_
00 Maldives	1932	1932	1979 E	11.8	6.3	12.0	—
101 Jamaica	1944	1944	1944 E	17.6	5.0	11.7	19.0
02 Cape Verde	1975	1975	1975 E	18.8	12.0	15.3	—
103 El Salvador	1939	1961	1961 E	35.3	11.7	16.7	—
104 Algeria	1962	1962	1962 A	10.5	2.4	7.2	3.1
105 Viet Nam	1946	1946	1976 E	11.5	17.7	25.8	_
106 Occupied Palestinian Territories							

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150 Nigena         150 1950         1950         1950         10.0          0.4           159 Tanzania (United Republic of)         1959         1959          15.4          30.4								7.3

## **33** Women's political participation

				Women in	MDG Seats in parliament held by women (% of total) °			
	Year women received right <sup>a</sup>		Year first woman	government at ministerial level			Upper house	
- HDI rank	To vote	To stand for	<ul> <li>elected (E) or appointed (A) to parliament</li> </ul>	(% of total) <sup>b</sup> 2005	Lower or single house		or senate	
		election			1990	2007	2007	
160 Guinea	1958	1958	1963 E	15.4		19.3		
161 Rwanda	1961	1961	1981 E	35.7	17.1	48.8	34.6	
162 Angola	1975	1975	1980 E	5.7	14.5	15.0	_	
163 Benin	1956	1956	1979 E	19.0	2.9	8.4	_	
164 Malawi	1961	1961	1964 E	14.3	9.8	13.6	_	
165 Zambia	1962	1962	1964 E+A	25.0	6.6	14.6	_	
166 Côte d'Ivoire	1952	1952	1965 E	17.1	5.7	8.5	_	
167 Burundi	1961	1961	1982 E	10.7		30.5	34.7	
168 Congo (Democratic Republic of the)	1967	1970	1970 E	12.5	5.4	8.4	4.6	
169 Ethiopia	1955	1955	1957 E	5.9		21.9	18.8	
170 Chad	1958	1958	1962 E	11.5		6.5	_	
171 Central African Republic	1986	1986	1987 E	10.0	3.8	10.5	_	
172 Mozambique	1975	1975	1977 E	13.0	15.7	34.8	_	
173 Mali	1956	1956	1959 E	18.5		10.2	_	
174 Niger	1948	1948	1989 E	23.1	5.4	12.4	_	
175 Guinea-Bissau	1977	1977	1972 A	37.5	20.0	14.0	_	
176 Burkina Faso	1958	1958	1978 E	14.8		11.7	_	
177 Sierra Leone	1961	1961		13.0		14.5	_	
OTHERS								
Afghanistan	1963	1963	1965 E	10.0	3.7	27.3	22.5	
Andorra	1970	1973	1993 E	33.3		28.6	_	
Iraq	1980	1980	1980 E	18.8	10.8	25.5	_	
Kiribati	1967	1967	1990 E	0.0	0.0	7.1	_	
Korea (Democratic People's Rep)	1946	1946	1948 E		21.1	20.1	_	
Liberia	1946	1946		13.6		12.5	16.7	
Liechtenstein	1984	1984	1986 E	20.0	4.0	24.0	_	
Marshall Islands	1979	1979	1991 E	0.0		3.0	_	
Micronesia (Federated States of)	1979	1979				0.0	_	
Monaco	1962	1962	1963 E	0.0	11.1	20.8	_	
Montenegro	1946 <b>r</b>	1946 <b>r</b>				8.6	_	
Nauru	1968	1968	1986 E	0.0	5.6	0.0	—	
Palau	1979	1979		12.5		0.0	0.0	
San Marino	1959	1973	1974 E	12.5	11.7	11.7	—	
Serbia	1946 <b>r</b>	1946 <b>r</b>				20.4	_	
Somalia	1956	1956	1979 E		4.0	8.2	—	
Tuvalu	1967	1967	1989 E	0.0	7.7	0.0	_	

### NOTES

Human development indicators

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- a. Data refer to the year in which the right to vote or stand for national election on a universal and equal basis was recognized. Where two years are shown, the first refers to the first partial recognition of the right to vote or stand for election. In some countries, women were granted the right to vote or stand at local elections before obtaining these rights for national elections. Data on local election rights are not included in this table.
- b. Data are as of 1 January 2005. The total includes deputy prime ministers and ministers. Prime ministers who hold ministerial portfolios and vice-presidents and heads of ministerial level departments or agencies who exercise a ministerial function in the government structure are also included.
- C. Data are as of 31 May 2007 unless otherwise specified. The percentage was calculated using as a reference the number of total seats filled in parliament at that time.

- d. No information is available on the year all women received the right to stand for election. However, the constitution does not mention gender with regard to this right.
- e. Refers to the year women were elected to the current parliamentary system.
- f. Brunei Darussalam does not currently have a parliament.
- g. No woman candidate was elected in the 2006 elections. One woman was appointed to the 16-member cabinet sworn in July 2006. A new cabinet sworn in March 2007 included two women. As cabinet ministers also sit in parliament, there are two women out of a total of 65 members.
- According to the new constitution approved in 2003, women are granted suffrage. To date no legislative elections have been held.
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   No woman was elected in the 2006 elections. However one woman was appointed Speaker of the House and therefore became a member of the House.

- j. Parliament has been dissolved or suspended for an indefinite period.
- K. The figures on the distribution of seats do not include the 36 special rotating delegates appointed on an ad hoc basis, and all percentages given are therefore calculated on the basis of the 54 permanent seats.
- The parliament elected in 1990 has never been convened nor authorized to sit, and many of its members were detained or forced into exile.
- m. In 2004, the number of seats in parliament was raised from 300 to 345, with the addition of 45 reserved seats for women. These reserved seats were filled in September and October 2005, being allocated to political parties in proportion to their share of the national vote received in the 2001 election.
- A transitional legislative parliament was established in January 2007. Elections for the Constituent Assembly will be held in 2007.
- The purpose of the elections held on 30 August 2001 was to elect the members of the Constituent

Assembly of Timor-Leste. This body became the National Parliament on 20 May 2002, the date on which the country became independent, without any new elections.

- p. In November 1955, Eritrea was part of Ethiopia. The Constitution of sovereign Eritrea adopted on 23 May 1997 stipulates that "All Eritrean citizens, of eighteen years of age or more, shall have the right to vote."
- q. Data are as of 31 May 2006.

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r. Serbia and Montenegro separated into two independent states in June 2006. Women received the right to vote and to stand for elections in 1946, when Serbia and Montenegro were part of the former Yugoslavia.

#### SOURCES

Columns 1–3: IPU 2007b. Column 4: IPU 2007a. Column 5: UN 2007c, based on data from IPU. Columns 6 and 7: IPU 2007c.