

## Country ranking

Countries are ranked according to the share of women in elected deliberative bodies of local government (SDG 5.5.1b).

Rank	Country	Total seats	Women	%Women
1	Iceland	470	241	51.3
2	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	2,253	1,135	50.4
3	Mexico	22,193	11,032	49.7
4	Tunisia	7,212	3,497	48.5
5	Belarus	12,511	5,964	47.7
6	Senegal	29,450	13,910	47.2
7	Costa Rica	518	244	47.1
8	Dominica	201	94	46.8
9	Rwanda	468	216	46.2
10	Andorra	80	36	45.0
11	Namibia	374	168	44.9
12	Antigua and Barbuda	9	4	44.4
"	India	3,100,804	1,375,914	44.4
"	Guyana	1,222	542	44.4
15	Cuba	12,288	5,431	44.2
16	Sweden	14,317	6,303	44.0
17	Argentina	8,863	3,881	43.8
18	Cabo Verde	350	152	43.4
19	Belgium	12,149	5,171	42.6
20	France	506,802	214,519	42.3
21	Albania	1,613	681	42.2
22	Peru	12,566	5,204	41.4
23	Nepal	35,036	14,465	41.3
24	Ecuador	5,660	2,328	41.1
25	Norway	9,765	4,000	41.0
26	Republic of Moldova	11,017	4,492	40.8
27	Spain	67,163	27,257	40.6
28	Finland	8,859	3,564	40.2
29	Australia	4,528	1,813	40.0
30	Trinidad and Tobago	156	62	39.7
31	Equatorial Guinea	613	243	39.6
32	Maldives	982	388	39.5
33	Switzerland	5,145	2,020	39.3
34	Honduras	2,432	946	38.9
35	Azerbaijan	15,075	5,849	38.8
36	Serbia	6,137	2,319	37.8
37	South Africa	10,320	3,874	37.5
38	Denmark	2,641	977	37.0
39	United Kingdom	16,629	5,873	35.3
"	New Zealand	909	321	35.3
41	Mozambique	1,925	674	35.0
42	Slovenia	3,377	1,177	34.9
43	Liechtenstein	115	40	34.8
44	Poland	46,498	15,955	34.3
45	Sierra Leone	504	172	34.1
46	Kenya	2,224	746	33.5
47	Italy	101,078	33,774	33.4
48	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	9,105	3,036	33.3
"	Burundi	3,495	1,164	33.3
"	Comoros	1,045	348	33.3
51	Suriname	118	39	33.1
52	Montenegro	850	278	32.7
"	Côte d'Ivoire	9,432	3,080	32.7
54	Hungary	20,364	6,599	32.4
55	Lao People's Democratic Republic	1,634	530	32.2
"	Lithuania	1,558	502	32.2
"	China	2,629,447	846,136	32.2
58	Belize	1,381	443	31.7
59	Uruguay	1,184	375	31.7
60	Mauritania	4,096	1,285	31.4
61	Luxembourg	1,114	348	31.2
"	Chile	2,919	910	31.2
63	United Republic of Tanzania	5,326	1,634	30.7
64	Lesotho	1,406	429	30.5
"	Latvia	758	231	30.5
"	Germany	24,247	7,386	30.5
67	El Salvador	2,296	700	30.4
68	Republic of Korea	3,859	1,171	30.3
69	Croatia	9,023	2,710	30.0
70	Ukraine	12,834	3,823	29.8
71	Estonia	1,717	506	29.5
72	Philippines	372,178	109,026	29.3
73	Czechia	61,780	17,917	29.0
"	Viet Nam	268,160	77,666	29.0
75	Djibouti	194	54	28.9
76	Armenia	1,309	377	28.8
77	Mongolia	8,031	2,213	27.6
78	Bulgaria	5,061	1,391	27.5
79	Malta	476	130	27.3
80	Morocco	34,556	9,410	27.2
81	Niger	2,743	742	27.1
82	Slovakia	20,967	5,639	26.9
83	Iraq	285	76	26.7
84	Canada	23,083	6,140	26.6
85	Ireland	949	249	26.2
86	Austria	39,357	10,264	26.1
87	Mali	11,380	2,874	25.3
88	Dominican Republic	1,898	473	24.9
"	Jordan	1,335	333	24.9
90	Cameroon	11,526	2,829	24.5
91	Mauritius	1,290	315	24.4
92	Sao Tome and Principe	67	16	23.9
93	Georgia	2,068	491	23.7
94	Paraguay	717	171	23.6
95	Bangladesh <sup>1</sup>	66,748	15,444	23.4
96	Kazakhstan	3,415	786	23.0
97	Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,177	723	22.8
98	Uganda	46,285	10,223	22.1
99	Turkmenistan	5,900	1,294	21.9
100	Congo	1,154	246	21.3
101	Cambodia	15,822	3,357	21.2
102	Thailand	87,757	18,089	20.6
103	Colombia	12,503	2,470	19.8
104	Jamaica	229	45	19.7
105	Brazil	58,094	10,577	18.2
106	Japan	31,553	5,606	17.8
107	Algeria	26,880	4,728	17.6
108	Israel	3,776	647	17.1
109	Marshall Islands	300	50	16.7
110	Cyprus	3,394	540	16.1
111	Guinea	6,819	1,082	15.9
112	Pakistan	151,470	23,852	15.7
"	Indonesia	20,133	3,168	15.7
114	Malawi	460	67	14.6
"	Tuvalu	48	7	14.6
116	Libya	952	136	14.3
117	Eswatini	394	56	14.2
118	Romania	41,504	5,841	14.1
119	Gambia	167	23	13.8
120	Panama	792	104	13.1
121	Togo	1,706	219	12.8
"	Bhutan	1,464	187	12.8
123	Burkina Faso	18,602	2,359	12.7
124	Zimbabwe	1,965	246	12.5
125	Guatemala	4,116	473	11.5
"	Turkiye	23,675	2,712	11.5
127	Nigeria	9,628	1,065	11.1
128	Sri Lanka	5,067	552	10.9
129	Vanuatu	13	1	10.1
130	Bahrain	30	3	10.0
131	Botswana	609	55	8.9
132	Zambia	1,974	158	8.0
133	Kiribati	248	18	7.3
134	Syrian Arab Republic	16,141	1,145	7.1
135	Timor-Leste	2,764	144	5.2
136	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	127,829	6,480	5.1
137	Ghana	6,216	264	4.2
138	Lebanon	15,032	597	4.0
139	Benin	1,815	64	3.5
140	Micronesia (Federated States of)	608	9	1.5
141	Saudi Arabia	3,156	38	1.2
142	Oman	126	1	0.8

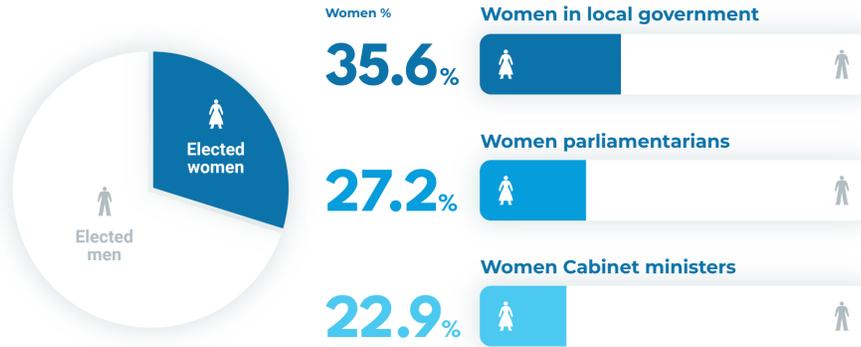
# WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2025



## Global figures

Over 3 million women elected in local deliberative bodies in 142 countries with data.

Local governments still far from parity, but ahead of parliaments and Cabinets.



## Regional figures

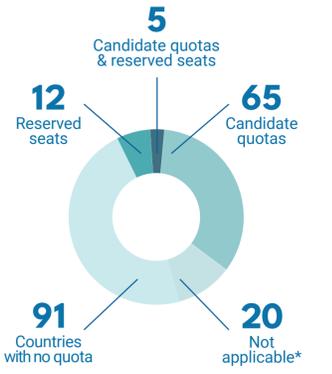
Globally, only 1 in 3 local leaders is a woman. But the gap between regions is stark—some are approaching parity, while others remain far.

Women %	Elected women	Region
41.1%	1,439,562	Central and Southern Asia
37.0%	408,076	Europe and Northern America
34.5%	2,651	Oceania
31.0%	1,066,698	Eastern and South-Eastern Asia
30.7%	48,439	Latin America and the Caribbean
26.0%	51,055	Sub-Saharan Africa
19.8%	31,442	Northern Africa and Western Asia



## Gender quotas

82 countries implement gender quotas at local level



\*Countries without elected local legislative bodies.



Based on United Nations Geospatial, Map No.4687 Rev.1, April 2025, based on UN Women data. The colour coding of the countries on the map reflects the share of women in elected deliberative bodies of local government, and corresponds to the data found in the world ranking of countries on the left-hand side of the map. The boundaries and names shown on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. 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. Final boundary between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not yet been determined. 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). \*Non self-governing territory.

Notes: Data as of 1 January 2025.  
 1. Figures for Bangladesh as of 1 January 2024.  
 2. In Haiti, the deliberative bodies of local government are currently not functional. Women's representation in executive positions of local government is 33.7%, women holding 718 out of 2133 elected positions.  
 3. In Fiji, currently there are no elected deliberative bodies. Women's representation in appointed positions of local government is 35.8%, women holding 29 out of 81 positions in local governments with available data.  
 4. In Malaysia, currently there are no elected deliberative bodies. Women's representation in appointed positions of local government is 19.0%.  
 5. Data for 5.5.1b are also available for China, Macao Special Administrative Region (23.1%), Guam (11.5%), New Caledonia (47.2%), Northern Mariana Islands (40.0%), and the State of Palestine (21.0%).  
 Source for ranking, global and regional figures: Data compiled by UN Women (the custodian agency for SDG indicator 5.5.1b) in partnership with UN Regional Commissions.  
 Source for legislated gender quotas: UN Women Gender Quota Database.

## Well-designed quotas make a difference

Women in local government

25% No quotas

42% Ambitious quota\*\*

\*\*40%+ targets & strong implementation for candidate quotas or reserved seats.

## The path to parity in decision-making

- Show political will and start the reform
- Set 50% target (only 15 countries do)
- Enforce quotas with strong rules (only 25 countries do)
- Prioritize women's participation in politics

UN Women, as the sole custodian agency for SDG indicator 5.5.1b compiles data to measure women's representation in local government and tracks gender quotas to help close the leadership gap.

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