

GLOBAL AND REGIONAL TABLES

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Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Finland	9	F
	Iceland	9	F
3	Denmark	10	F
	Norway	10	F
	Sweden	10	F
6	Belgium	11	F
	Luxembourg	11	F
	Netherlands	11	F
	Switzerland	11	F
10	Liechtenstein	13	F
	New Zealand	13	F
12	Andorra	14	F
	Palau	14	F
	Portugal	14	F
15	Ireland	15	F
	Marshall Islands	15	F
17	Bahamas	16	F
	Estonia	16	F
	Germany	16	F
	Monaco	16	F
	St. Vincent & Grenadines	16	F
	United States	16	F
23	Barbados	17	F
	Jamaica	17	F
	San Marino	17	F
26	Canada	18	F
	Costa Rica	18	F
	Lithuania	18	F
	Malta	18	F
	St. Lucia	18	F
31	Australia	19	F
	Dominica	19	F
	Latvia	19	F
	United Kingdom	19	F
35	Czech Republic	20	F
	Japan	20	F
	Micronesia	20	F
	Slovakia	20	F
	Slovenia	20	F
	Taiwan	20	F
41	Austria	21	F
	Belize	21	F
	France	21	F
	Hungary	21	F
	Poland	21	F
	Spain	21	F
	St. Kitts & Nevis	21	F
48	Cyprus	22	F
49	Grenada	23	F
	Suriname	23	F
51	Mali	24	F
52	Vanuatu	25	F
53	Chile	26	F

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	Mauritius	26	F
	Trinidad & Tobago	26	F
	Tuvalu	26	F
57	Guyana	27	F
	South Africa	27	F
59	Fiji	28	F
	Ghana	28	F
	Greece	28	F
	Israel	28	F
	Kiribati	28	F
	Uruguay	28	F
65	Hong Kong	29	F
	Papua New Guinea	29	F
	Samoa	29	F
	Sao Tome & Principe	29	F
69	Benin	30	F
	Namibia	30	F
	Nauru	30	F
	Solomon Islands	30	F
	South Korea	30	F
74	Cape Verde	32	PF
	Tonga	32	PF
76	Bolivia	33	PF
77	Bulgaria	34	PF
	Mongolia	34	PF
79	Botswana	35	PF
	Italy	35	PF
81	Dominican Republic	37	PF
	India	37	PF
83	Antigua & Barbuda	38	PF
	Burkina Faso	38	PF
85	Brazil	39	PF
	Croatia	39	PF
	East Timor	39	PF
	Peru	39	PF
89	Philippines	40	PF
	Serbia & Montenegro	40	PF
91	Ecuador	41	PF
92	Lesotho	42	PF
93	El Salvador	43	PF
	Mozambique	43	PF
	Panama	43	PF
96	Nicaragua	44	PF
	Senegal	44	PF
	Romania	44	PF
99	Argentina	45	PF
	Bosnia-Herzegovina	45	PF
101	Comoros	47	PF
	Guinea-Bissau	47	PF
103	Mexico	48	PF
	Turkey	48	PF
105	Macedonia	49	PF
	Madagascar	49	PF

Table of Global Press Freedom Rankings

Rank	Country	Rating	Status	Rank	Country	Rating	Status
107	Albania	50	PF	151	Bangladesh	68	NF
	Tanzania	50	PF		Haiti	68	NF
	Thailand	50	PF	153	Afghanistan	69	NF
110	Congo (Brazzaville)	51	PF		Djibouti	69	NF
111	Honduras	52	PF	155	Maldives	70	NF
	Uganda	52	PF		Oman	70	NF
113	Ukraine	53	PF	157	Iraq	71	NF
114	Nigeria	54	PF	158	Bahrain	72	NF
115	Malawi	55	PF		Russia	72	NF
116	Kuwait	56	PF		Venezuela	72	NF
	Niger	56	PF	161	Azerbaijan	73	NF
118	Georgia	57	PF		Chad	73	NF
	Mauritania	57	PF		The Gambia	73	NF
	Paraguay	57	PF	164	Burundi	74	NF
121	Guatemala	58	PF	165	Ethiopia	75	NF
	Kenya	58	PF		Kazakhstan	75	NF
	Indonesia	58	PF	167	Tajikistan	76	NF
	Sri Lanka	58	PF	168	Brunei	77	NF
125	Sierra Leone	59	PF		Nepal	77	NF
126	Lebanon	60	PF		Swaziland	77	NF
	Seychelles	60	PF	171	Togo	78	NF
128	Algeria	61	NF	172	Saudi Arabia	79	NF
	Cambodia	61	NF		Vietnam	79	NF
	Central African Republic	61	NF	174	Congo (Kinshasa)	81	NF
	Colombia	61	NF		Laos	81	NF
	Egypt	61	NF		Yemen	81	NF
	Jordan	61	NF	177	China	83	NF
	Morocco	61	NF		Somalia	83	NF
	Pakistan	61	NF		Tunisia	83	NF
	Qatar	61	NF	180	Iran	84	NF
137	Armenia	64	NF		Syria	84	NF
	Kyrgyzstan	64	NF	182	Rwanda	85	NF
	Liberia	64	NF		Sudan	85	NF
	Zambia	64	NF	184	IOT/PA*	86	NF
141	Angola	65	NF	185	Belarus	88	NF
	Bhutan	65	NF		Equatorial Guinea	88	NF
	Cameroon	65	NF	187	Uzbekistan	90	NF
	Cote d'Ivoire	65	NF		Zimbabwe	90	NF
	Malaysia	65	NF	189	Eritrea	91	NF
	Moldova	65	NF	190	Burma	96	NF
	United Arab Emirates	65	NF		Cuba	96	NF
148	Singapore	66	NF		Libya	96	NF
149	Gabon	67	NF		Turkmenistan	96	NF
	Guinea	67	NF	194	North Korea	97	NF

*Israeli-Occupied Territories/Palestinian Authority

Status	Number of Countries	Percent of Total
Free	73	38%
Partly Free	54	28%
Not Free	67	34%
TOTAL	194	100%

Press Freedom Rankings by Region

Sub-Saharan Africa

Rank	Country	Rating	Status	Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Mali	24	F	25	Sierra Leone	59	PF
2	Mauritius	26	F	26	Seychelles	60	PF
3	South Africa	27	F	27	Central African Republic	61	NF
4	Ghana	28	F	28	Liberia	64	NF
5	Sao Tome & Principe	29	F		Zambia	64	NF
6	Benin	30	F	30	Angola	65	NF
	Namibia	30	F		Cameroon	65	NF
8	Cape Verde	32	PF		Cote d'Ivoire	65	NF
9	Botswana	35	PF	33	Gabon	67	NF
10	Burkina Faso	38	PF		Guinea	67	NF
11	Lesotho	42	PF	35	Djibouti	69	NF
12	Mozambique	43	PF	36	Chad	73	NF
13	Senegal	44	PF		The Gambia	73	NF
14	Comoros	47	PF	38	Burundi	74	NF
	Guinea-Bissau	47	PF	39	Ethiopia	75	NF
16	Madagascar	49	PF	40	Swaziland	77	NF
17	Tanzania	50	PF	41	Togo	78	NF
18	Congo (Brazzaville)	51	PF	42	Congo (Kinshasa)	81	NF
19	Uganda	52	PF	43	Somalia	83	NF
20	Nigeria	54	PF	44	Rwanda	85	NF
21	Malawi	55	PF		Sudan	85	NF
22	Niger	56	PF	46	Equatorial Guinea	88	NF
23	Mauritania	57	PF	47	Zimbabwe	90	NF
24	Kenya	58	PF	48	Eritrea	91	NF

Status	Number of Countries	Percent of Total
Free	7	14%
Partly Free	19	40%
Not Free	22	46%
TOTAL	48	100%

The Americas

Rank	Country	Rating	Status	Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Bahamas	16	F	19	Dominican Republic	37	PF
	St. Vincent & Grenadines	16	F	20	Antigua & Barbuda	38	PF
	United States	16	F	21	Brazil	39	PF
4	Barbados	17	F		Peru	39	PF
	Jamaica	17	F	23	Ecuador	41	PF
6	Canada	18	F	24	El Salvador	43	PF
	Costa Rica	18	F		Panama	43	PF
	St. Lucia	18	F	26	Nicaragua	44	PF
9	Dominica	19	F	27	Argentina	45	PF
10	Belize	21	F	28	Mexico	48	PF
	St. Kitts & Nevis	21	F	29	Honduras	52	PF
12	Grenada	23	F	30	Paraguay	57	PF
	Suriname	23	F	31	Guatemala	58	PF
14	Chile	26	F	32	Colombia	61	NF
	Trinidad & Tobago	26	F	33	Haiti	68	NF
16	Guyana	27	F	34	Venezuela	72	NF
17	Uruguay	28	F	35	Cuba	96	NF
18	Bolivia	33	PF				

Status	Number of Countries	Percent of Total
Free	17	49%
Partly Free	14	40%
Not Free	4	11%
TOTAL	35	100%

Middle East & North Africa

Rank	Country	Rating	Status	Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Israel	28	F	11	Iraq	71	NF
2	Kuwait	56	PF	12	Bahrain	72	NF
3	Lebanon	60	PF	13	Saudi Arabia	79	NF
4	Algeria	61	NF	14	Yemen	81	NF
	Egypt	61	NF	15	Tunisia	83	NF
	Jordan	61	NF	16	Iran	84	NF
	Morocco	61	NF		Syria	84	NF
	Qatar	61	NF	18	IOT/PA*	86	NF
9	UAE	65	NF	19	Libya	96	NF
10	Oman	70	NF				

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Status	Number of Countries	Percent of Total
Free	1	5%
Partly Free	2	11%
Not Free	16	84%
TOTAL	19	100%

Press Freedom Rankings by Region, continued

Asia-Pacific

Rank	Country	Rating	Status	Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	New Zealand	13	F	21	East Timor	39	PF
2	Palau	14	F	22	Philippines	40	PF
3	Marshall Islands	15	F	23	Thailand	50	PF
4	Australia	19	F	24	Indonesia	58	PF
5	Japan	20	F		Sri Lanka	58	PF
	Micronesia	20	F	26	Cambodia	61	NF
	Taiwan	20	F		Pakistan	61	NF
8	Vanuatu	25	F	28	Bhutan	65	NF
9	Tuvalu	26	F		Malaysia	65	NF
10	Fiji	28	F	30	Singapore	66	NF
	Kiribati	28	F	31	Bangladesh	68	NF
12	Hong Kong	29	F	32	Afghanistan	69	NF
	Papua New Guinea	29	F	33	Maldives	70	NF
	Samoa	29	F	34	Brunei	77	NF
15	Nauru	30	F		Nepal	77	NF
	Solomon Islands	30	F	36	Vietnam	79	NF
	South Korea	30	F	37	Laos	81	NF
18	Tonga	32	PF	38	China	83	NF
19	Mongolia	34	PF	39	Burma	96	NF
20	India	37	PF	40	North Korea	97	NF

Status	Number of Countries	Percent of Total
Free	17	43%
Partly Free	8	20%
Not Free	15	38%
TOTAL	40	100%

Western Europe

Rank	Country	Rating	Status	Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Finland	9	F	14	Germany	16	F
	Iceland	9	F		Monaco	16	F
3	Denmark	10	F		San Marino	17	F
	Norway	10	F	17	Malta	18	F
	Sweden	10	F	18	United Kingdom	19	F
6	Belgium	11	F	19	Austria	21	F
	Luxembourg	11	F		France	21	F
	Netherlands	11	F		Spain	21	F
	Switzerland	11	F	22	Cyprus	22	F
10	Liechtenstein	13	F	23	Greece	28	F
11	Andorra	14	F	24	Italy	35	PF
	Portugal	14	F	25	Turkey	48	PF
13	Ireland	15	F				

Status	Number of Countries	Percent of Total
Free	23	92%
Partly Free	2	8%
Not Free	0	0%
TOTAL	25	100%

Central and Eastern Europe / Former Soviet Union

Rank	Country	Rating	Status	Rank	Country	Rating	Status
1	Estonia	16	F	15	Albania	50	PF
2	Lithuania	18	F	16	Ukraine	53	PF
3	Latvia	19	F	17	Georgia	57	PF
4	Czech Republic	20	F	18	Armenia	64	NF
	Slovakia	20	F		Kyrgyzstan	64	NF
	Slovenia	20	F	20	Moldova	65	NF
7	Hungary	21	F	21	Russia	72	NF
	Poland	21	F	22	Azerbaijan	73	NF
9	Bulgaria	34	PF	23	Kazakhstan	75	NF
10	Croatia	39	PF	24	Tajikistan	76	NF
11	Serbia & Montenegro	40	PF	25	Belarus	88	NF
12	Romania	44	PF	26	Uzbekistan	90	NF
13	Bosnia-Herzegovina	45	PF	27	Turkmenistan	96	NF
14	Macedonia	49	PF				

Status	Number of Countries	Percent of Total
Free	8	30%
Partly Free	9	33%
Not Free	10	37%
TOTAL	27	100%

Summary of Results

Regional Press Freedom Breakdown

Region	Free	Partly Free	Not Free	Number of Countries
Americas	17 (49%)	14 (40%)	4 (11%)	35
Asia-Pacific	17 (42.5%)	8 (20%)	15 (37.5%)	40
CEE/FSU	8 (30%)	9 (33%)	10 (37%)	27
Middle East & North Africa	1 (5%)	2 (11%)	16 (84%)	19
Sub-Saharan Africa	7 (14.5%)	19 (39.5%)	22 (46%)	48
Western Europe	23 (92%)	2 (8%)	0 (0%)	25
TOTAL	73 (38%)	54 (28%)	67 (34%)	194

Press Freedom by Population

Status	By Country	By Population (millions)
Free	73 (38%)	1,113 (17%)
Partly Free	54 (28%)	2,565 (40%)
Not Free	67 (34%)	2,790 (43%)
TOTAL	194 (100%)	6,468 (100%)