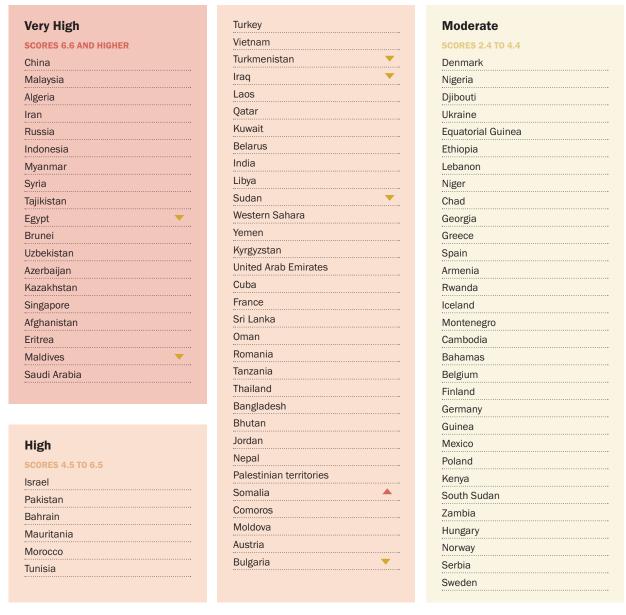
Appendix A: Government Restrictions Index

The following table shows all 198 countries and territories in descending order of their scores on Pew Research Center's index of government restrictions on religion as of the end of 2020. The Center has not attached numerical rankings to the countries because there are numerous tied scores and the differences between the scores of countries that are close to each other on this table are not necessarily meaningful.



- ▲ Denotes an increase of one point or more from 2019 to 2020.
- ▼ Denotes a decrease of one point or more from 2019 to 2020.

^{*} See page 64 for notes on North Korea and Somalia.

Government Restrictions Index (cont.)



Low
SCORES 0.0 TO 2.3
Czech Republic
Dem. Rep. of the Congo
El Salvador
Lithuania
Philippines
Sierra Leone
Argentina
Dominica
Malawi
Malta
North Macedonia
South Africa
Barbados
Botswana
Canada
Ecuador
Grenada
Honduras
Jamaica
Tuvalu
Albania
Australia
Guatemala
Hong Kong Slovenia
Chile
Ghana Nauru
Paraguay
Peru
Tonga
Belize
Gambia
Liberia
Mauritius
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Republic of the Congo
Taiwan

Colombia
Dominican Republic
Estonia
Benin
Ivory Coast
Lesotho
Namibia
Vanuatu
Gabon
Kiribati
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Timor-Leste
Uruguay
Ireland
St. Kitts and Nevis
Trinidad and Tobago
Bolivia
Cape Verde
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Suriname
Antigua and Barbuda
Macao
Portugal
San Marino
Japan
Palau
Federated States of Micronesia
Guinea-Bissau
Marshall Islands
New Zealand

NORTH KOREA: The sources used for this study clearly indicate that the government of North Korea is among the most repressive in the world with respect to religion as well as other civil liberties. But because North Korean society is effectively closed to outsiders, the sources are unable to provide the kind of specific and timely information that Pew Research Center coded in this quantitative study. Therefore, the report does not include a score for North Korea on either index.

SOMALIA: Starting with data covering 2013, researchers changed the way they coded government restrictions in Somalia. See the Methodology for more details.

Note: Myanmar is also called Burma. Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland.