

## 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.

Very High SCORES 6.6 AND HIGHER		Moderate SCORES 2.4 TO 4.4
China	Turkey	Denmark
Malaysia	Vietnam	Nigeria
Algeria	Turkmenistan ▼	Djibouti
Iran	Iraq ▼	Ukraine
Russia	Laos	Equatorial Guinea
Indonesia	Qatar	Ethiopia
Myanmar	Kuwait	Lebanon
Syria	Belarus	Niger
Tajikistan	India	Chad
Egypt ▼	Libya	Georgia
Brunei	Sudan ▼	Greece
Uzbekistan	Western Sahara	Spain
Azerbaijan	Yemen	Armenia
Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Rwanda
Singapore	United Arab Emirates	Iceland
Afghanistan	Cuba	Montenegro
Eritrea	France	Cambodia
Maldives ▼	Sri Lanka	Bahamas
Saudi Arabia	Oman	Belgium
	Romania	Finland
	Tanzania	Germany
	Thailand	Guinea
	Bangladesh	Mexico
	Bhutan	Poland
	Jordan	Kenya
	Nepal	South Sudan
	Palestinian territories	Zambia
	Somalia ▲	Hungary
	Comoros	Norway
	Moldova	Serbia
	Austria	Sweden
	Bulgaria ▼	

▲ 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.)

Mongolia  
 Croatia  
 Cyprus  
 Italy  
 Luxembourg  
 Venezuela  
 Angola ▼  
 Bosnia-Herzegovina  
 Burundi ▼  
 Fiji ▲  
 Kosovo  
 Madagascar  
 Netherlands ▼  
 Slovakia  
 United Kingdom  
 Burkina Faso  
 Cameroon  
 Central African Republic  
 Costa Rica  
 Nicaragua  
 United States  
 Eswatini  
 Mozambique ▼  
 Seychelles  
 Brazil  
 Guyana  
 Liechtenstein  
 Mali  
 Monaco  
 Togo  
 Uganda  
 Zimbabwe ▼  
 Andorra  
 Haiti  
 Latvia  
 South Korea  
 St. Lucia  
 Switzerland

### 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.