

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 2021. 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	Belarus	Bhutan
Russia	Morocco	Denmark
Afghanistan ▲	Turkey	Nigeria
Iran	Mauritania	Greece
Algeria	Qatar	Cyprus ▲
Syria	Libya	Ukraine
Uzbekistan	United Arab Emirates	Ethiopia
Tajikistan	Tunisia	South Sudan
Malaysia	Western Sahara	Spain
Myanmar	Israel	Georgia
Egypt	Kyrgyzstan	Hong Kong ▲
Indonesia	India	Lebanon
Turkmenistan ▲	Kuwait	Netherlands ▲
Kazakhstan	Jordan	Nicaragua ▲
Singapore	Yemen	Niger
Pakistan	France	Palestinian territories ▼
Azerbaijan	Nepal	Armenia
Maldives	Oman	Djibouti
Saudi Arabia	Cuba	North Macedonia ▲
	Tanzania	Belgium
	Bangladesh	Equatorial Guinea
	Thailand	Iceland
	Romania	Central African Republic
	Bulgaria	Finland
	Moldova	Kenya
	Somalia	Mexico
	Austria	Zambia
	Chad	Bahamas
	Comoros	Cambodia
		Croatia
		United Kingdom

▲ Denotes an increase of 1.0 point or more from 2020 to 2021.

▼ Denotes a decrease of 1.0 point or more from 2020 to 2021.

Government Restrictions Index (cont.)

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Burundi

Madagascar

Poland

Serbia

Rwanda

Sudan ▼

Angola

Guinea

Guyana

Luxembourg

Mongolia

Burkina Faso

Norway

Slovakia

Italy

Mozambique

Germany

Haiti

Kosovo

Lithuania

Montenegro

Venezuela

Argentina

Costa Rica

El Salvador

Guatemala

Seychelles

Togo

Cameroon

Eswatini

Switzerland

Andorra

Brazil

Slovenia

Uganda

Dominica

Jamaica

Latvia

Mali

United States

Low

SCORES 0.0 TO 2.3

Czech Republic

Fiji

Hungary

St. Lucia

Sweden

Malawi

Philippines

South Korea

Tuvalu

Canada

Colombia

Monaco

Paraguay

Sierra Leone

Zimbabwe

Liechtenstein

Malta

Tonga

Albania

Grenada

Honduras

Mauritius

Australia

Botswana

Dominican Republic

Ecuador

Nauru

Peru

Chile

Republic of the Congo

Vanuatu

Belize

Kiribati

Liberia

Benin

Estonia

Panama

South Africa

D.R. Congo ▼

Ivory Coast

Trinidad and Tobago

Ghana

Lesotho

Namibia

Solomon Islands

Suriname

Ireland

Samoa

St. Kitts and Nevis

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Taiwan

Bolivia

Gambia

Papua New Guinea

São Tomé and Príncipe

Timor-Leste

Uruguay

Antigua and Barbuda

Cape Verde

Gabon

Guinea-Bissau

Japan

Barbados ▼

Senegal

Portugal

San Marino

Palau

Federated States of Micronesia

Macao

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. Read the Methodology for more details.

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