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.

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▲ 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.