

Appendix C: Religious restrictions index scores by region

Scores in the table below express the levels of religious restrictions according to Pew Research Center's Government Restrictions Index (GRI) and Social Hostilities Index (SHI).

Americas 35 countries		baseline year, ending JUN 2007		previous year, ending DEC 2018		latest year, ending DEC 2019	
COUNTRY		GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
Antigua and Barbuda		1.1	0.3	1.3	0.0	0.8	0.0
Argentina		1.7	0.6	2.3	1.3	2.1	1.8
Bahamas		1.4	0.5	3.1	0.0	3.4	0.0
Barbados		0.8	0.3	2.3	0.1	2.3	0.1
Belize		1.3	0.0	1.1	0.3	1.1	1.0
Bolivia		1.0	0.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.9
Brazil		0.4	0.8	1.3	4.5	2.4	4.6
Canada		1.0	1.2	1.2	2.3	2.0	1.9
Chile		1.2	0.4	1.3	0.8	1.5	0.8
Colombia		1.8	3.3	1.4	3.3	1.4	2.6
Costa Rica		1.0	0.0	2.7	0.1	2.7	0.1
Cuba		4.5	0.0	4.3	0.1	5.3	0.2
Dominica		0.8	0.3	1.6	0.0	2.4	0.0
Dominican Republic		0.6	0.0	1.3	0.0	1.5	0.0
Ecuador		1.1	0.6	2.2	0.4	2.5	0.2
El Salvador		0.6	0.4	2.3	3.1	2.3	2.8
Grenada		0.5	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.0
Guatemala		1.2	1.0	2.3	1.2	1.9	1.0
Guyana		0.7	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.5	0.0
Haiti		1.8	0.6	2.9	2.0	2.2	3.1
Honduras		1.3	0.3	2.0	1.4	2.0	2.4
Jamaica		1.0	0.0	1.4	0.1	2.1	0.1
Mexico		4.7	5.5	4.1	5.5	4.1	4.5
Nicaragua		2.1	0.5	3.2	1.8	2.8	1.7
Panama		0.7	0.0	2.6	0.0	1.5	0.0
Paraguay		0.6	0.7	1.9	1.5	1.7	2.2
Peru		1.8	0.0	2.0	0.7	1.6	0.1
St. Kitts and Nevis		0.6	0.3	1.5	0.1	1.6	0.1
St. Lucia		0.6	0.3	1.9	0.1	1.9	0.1
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		0.6	0.3	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.1
Suriname		0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.0
Trinidad and Tobago		0.3	0.6	0.9	2.0	1.0	0.8

Religious restrictions index scores by region (cont.)

Americas 35 countries (cont.)	baseline year, ending JUN 2007		previous year, ending DEC 2018		latest year, ending DEC 2019	
	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
United States	1.6	1.9	3.2	2.6	3.2	1.6
Uruguay	0.3	0.6	1.6	2.0	1.6	0.7
Venezuela	3.6	0.8	4.1	0.8	3.8	1.5

Asia-Pacific 50 countries	baseline year, ending JUN 2007		previous year, ending DEC 2018		latest year, ending DEC 2019	
	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
Afghanistan	5.3	8.5	6.5	6.9	6.3	5.7
Armenia	3.4	2.7	4.8	4.2	3.5	1.8
Australia	1.3	1.8	1.8	2.7	1.1	2.3
Azerbaijan	5.0	2.9	6.9	0.8	7.0	1.6
Bangladesh	4.0	8.3	4.7	6.9	4.8	6.7
Bhutan	4.4	1.9	4.7	0.4	4.6	0.4
Brunei	7.2	4.2	6.6	2.4	6.6	1.2
Cambodia	2.9	0.8	4.0	1.5	3.5	0.8
China	7.8	0.9	9.3	1.5	9.3	0.5
Cyprus	1.2	0.9	3.3	2.8	3.2	3.3
Federated States of Micronesia	0.2	0.0	1.0	0.4	0.3	0.4
Fiji	0.9	2.6	1.5	0.2	1.5	1.1
Hong Kong	1.0	0.8	1.8	0.3	1.8	0.3
India	4.8	8.8	5.9	9.6	5.6	9.1
Indonesia	6.2	8.3	7.7	6.7	7.9	4.7
Iran	7.9	6.0	8.5	2.6	8.1	1.5
Japan	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.8	0.1
Kazakhstan	5.6	3.1	7.0	1.2	7.0	2.0
Kiribati	0.3	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2
Kyrgyzstan	3.9	5.5	6.5	4.6	6.6	2.2

Religious restrictions index scores by region (cont.)

Asia-Pacific 50 countries (cont.)	baseline year, ending JUN 2007		previous year, ending DEC 2018		latest year, ending DEC 2019	
	COUNTRY	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI
Laos	6.3	1.0	6.2	3.1	6.1	2.2
Macao	1.3	0.3	1.1	0.0	1.1	0.0
Malaysia	6.4	1.0	8.2	6.4	8.5	3.8
Maldives	6.5	2.6	8.2	1.7	7.7	2.8
Marshall Islands	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.7
Mongolia	1.9	0.6	3.1	1.1	3.1	1.1
Myanmar	7.9	4.9	7.3	4.4	7.6	2.7
Nauru	2.0	0.3	1.6	0.0	1.8	0.0
Nepal	3.4	4.2	5.2	4.9	5.2	2.9
New Zealand	0.3	0.4	1.0	2.6	0.5	3.3
Pakistan	5.8	8.9	6.5	7.5	6.3	8.1
Palau	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.0
Papua New Guinea	0.8	0.0	1.5	2.9	1.6	2.8
Philippines	1.6	3.7	1.9	4.2	1.4	4.8
Samoa	0.8	0.4	1.4	2.8	1.4	1.9
Singapore	4.6	0.2	7.1	1.9	6.9	1.1
Solomon Islands	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.0
South Korea	1.6	0.0	2.5	3.4	2.6	4.9
Sri Lanka	4.0	7.8	4.2	7.2	6.0	7.9
Taiwan	0.5	0.0	1.7	0.7	1.7	0.3
Tajikistan	4.5	2.2	7.9	3.1	6.9	3.9
Thailand	2.6	2.6	5.4	4.6	5.3	4.2
Timor-Leste	0.9	4.2	1.1	0.8	1.0	1.0
Tonga	2.0	0.0	1.6	0.3	1.6	0.3
Turkey	6.6	4.7	6.9	3.6	7.0	4.1
Turkmenistan	5.6	1.5	7.9	2.0	7.6	1.2
Tuvalu	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.2
Uzbekistan	7.7	3.3	7.5	2.2	7.2	2.9
Vanuatu	1.0	1.0	1.3	0.3	1.3	0.0
Vietnam	6.6	1.2	7.5	2.1	6.4	2.9

Religious restrictions index scores by region (cont.)

Europe 45 countries		<i>baseline year, ending JUN 2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending DEC 2018</i>		<i>latest year, ending DEC 2019</i>	
COUNTRY		GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
Albania		0.8	0.2	2.4	0.0	1.9	0.0
Andorra		0.9	0.0	2.4	0.0	2.4	0.0
Austria		2.6	1.1	4.3	2.4	4.4	2.2
Belarus		5.9	1.4	6.2	1.3	5.7	1.3
Belgium		4.0	0.9	3.3	4.0	3.9	3.8
Bosnia-Herzegovina		1.5	2.4	2.8	2.2	2.8	2.4
Bulgaria		4.0	2.2	5.7	4.2	5.6	4.0
Croatia		0.7	2.0	2.9	0.6	2.2	0.5
Czech Republic		1.0	1.2	2.8	1.9	2.4	1.0
Denmark		2.5	1.2	4.7	3.6	4.1	3.7
Estonia		1.1	0.8	0.9	0.4	1.4	0.4
Finland		0.6	0.8	2.6	2.2	2.5	2.9
France		3.3	3.4	5.0	5.4	4.6	3.5
Georgia		2.2	4.7	3.5	4.3	3.6	3.2
Germany		3.1	2.1	3.3	5.8	3.2	5.9
Greece		5.2	4.4	3.9	5.5	4.4	3.1
Hungary		0.3	1.0	2.7	3.7	2.8	3.1
Iceland		2.6	0.4	3.7	0.2	3.7	1.0
Ireland		0.6	0.4	1.0	1.4	1.5	3.1
Italy		2.0	1.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	1.7
Kosovo		1.9	2.4	2.4	4.1	2.9	3.1
Latvia		2.3	1.4	2.6	0.1	2.6	0.1
Liechtenstein		1.3	0.1	2.0	1.6	2.0	0.8
Lithuania		1.7	0.8	2.8	0.8	2.8	0.5
Luxembourg		0.8	0.0	3.1	0.8	2.9	1.0
Malta		1.2	0.4	2.1	0.3	2.2	0.8
Moldova		4.2	3.8	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.2
Monaco		2.5	0.0	2.8	0.0	2.6	0.0
Montenegro		0.9	2.4	1.7	0.3	2.9	0.5

Religious restrictions index scores by region (cont.)

Europe 45 countries (cont.)		<i>baseline year, ending JUN 2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending DEC 2018</i>		<i>latest year, ending DEC 2019</i>	
COUNTRY		GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
Netherlands		0.4	1.0	2.8	3.6	3.8	2.6
North Macedonia		2.2	1.5	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.9
Norway		1.5	1.0	3.2	1.7	3.2	1.4
Poland		1.0	0.9	2.6	2.2	3.5	2.6
Portugal		0.3	0.0	1.0	0.3	1.0	0.1
Romania		4.8	5.5	4.8	4.0	4.8	1.7
Russia		5.8	3.7	8.1	5.3	8.2	4.5
San Marino		0.1	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.0
Serbia		3.1	1.5	3.6	1.1	3.4	2.0
Slovakia		2.8	1.9	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.8
Slovenia		0.6	1.0	1.8	0.1	1.8	0.8
Spain		2.0	1.6	4.0	3.3	4.3	4.1
Sweden		1.2	0.7	2.8	3.3	2.6	1.5
Switzerland		1.2	1.7	2.6	4.0	2.6	3.4
Ukraine		2.6	1.9	4.8	5.9	4.7	4.9
United Kingdom		1.6	1.6	2.8	4.6	3.2	5.1

Middle East-North Africa 20 countries		<i>baseline year, ending JUN 2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending DEC 2018</i>		<i>latest year, ending DEC 2019</i>	
COUNTRY		GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
Algeria		5.6	3.6	8.0	6.0	8.0	5.0
Bahrain		4.3	3.0	6.3	1.7	6.4	1.5
Egypt		7.2	6.1	7.7	7.5	8.4	6.5
Iraq		5.1	10.0	7.2	9.1	7.1	7.7
Israel		3.9	7.8	6.0	8.5	6.0	7.5
Jordan		4.6	3.5	4.9	3.8	4.9	3.6
Kuwait		4.8	1.9	5.6	1.5	6.2	0.7
Lebanon		1.4	5.1	4.1	3.8	4.6	3.8
Libya		5.1	1.4	5.5	7.6	5.8	7.8

Religious restrictions index scores by region (cont.)

Middle East-North Africa 20 countries (cont.)		<i>baseline</i> year, ending JUN 2007		<i>previous</i> year, ending DEC 2018		<i>latest</i> year, ending DEC 2019	
COUNTRY		GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
Morocco		4.9	3.7	7.2	2.9	6.2	2.3
Oman		3.9	0.3	5.4	0.4	5.4	0.4
Palestinian territories		3.3	6.4	4.3	6.2	4.3	5.2
Qatar		3.3	0.3	5.5	2.6	5.4	0.8
Saudi Arabia		8.0	7.2	7.5	3.1	7.2	2.4
Sudan		5.7	6.5	6.2	1.9	6.8	2.0
Syria		4.5	5.3	8.2	9.1	8.3	7.9
Tunisia		4.8	3.8	6.3	4.5	5.6	4.7
United Arab Emirates		3.9	0.1	5.8	1.1	5.8	1.1
Western Sahara		4.8	3.3	6.6	0.0	5.5	0.4
Yemen		4.3	6.2	6.6	6.7	6.0	5.1

Sub-Saharan Africa 48 countries		<i>baseline</i> year, ending JUN 2007		<i>previous</i> year, ending DEC 2018		<i>latest</i> year, ending DEC 2019	
COUNTRY		GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
Angola		3.3	3.7	4.3	1.3	4.3	0.6
Benin		0.3	0.0	0.7	2.8	0.7	2.6
Botswana		0.9	0.1	1.3	0.0	1.3	0.0
Burkina Faso		0.3	1.5	1.4	2.8	2.7	5.6
Burundi		0.4	0.9	3.2	2.0	3.8	1.6
Cameroon		1.1	1.4	2.9	4.2	3.2	4.9
Cape Verde		0.3	0.1	0.9	0.0	1.5	0.0
Central African Republic		3.7	3.3	3.5	7.3	2.9	6.3
Chad		4.2	3.3	3.8	2.1	3.7	2.1
Comoros		5.4	6.2	5.8	0.5	5.4	0.5
Democratic Republic of the Congo		1.3	2.6	3.0	4.5	1.4	3.1
Djibouti		2.4	1.8	3.9	1.6	3.6	0.4
Equatorial Guinea		2.6	0.0	3.3	0.0	3.3	0.0
Eritrea		7.0	0.4	7.7	0.2	6.7	0.1
Eswatini		1.5	0.0	2.2	0.3	2.6	0.4
Ethiopia		2.6	5.3	3.9	5.2	3.4	6.0

Religious restrictions index scores by region (cont.)

Sub-Saharan Africa 48 countries (cont.)	baseline year, ending JUN 2007		previous year, ending DEC 2018		latest year, ending DEC 2019	
	COUNTRY	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI
Gabon	1.7	0.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0
Gambia	0.5	0.8	0.9	2.2	1.1	1.9
Ghana	1.2	4.9	1.6	2.6	1.6	1.9
Guinea	1.5	1.7	2.6	3.2	2.6	2.7
Guinea-Bissau	1.6	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.1
Ivory Coast	1.9	3.1	1.3	0.4	1.4	1.0
Kenya	2.9	2.4	3.2	6.4	3.1	6.4
Lesotho	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.0
Liberia	1.7	3.8	2.1	2.2	1.4	1.9
Madagascar	1.8	0.0	2.8	1.6	2.8	1.0
Malawi	0.4	0.3	2.2	0.8	2.2	1.9
Mali	0.9	0.3	2.2	5.9	1.7	7.0
Mauritania	6.5	0.9	6.6	2.1	6.1	2.0
Mauritius	1.4	0.3	1.5	0.3	1.5	0.4
Mozambique	1.0	0.3	3.0	2.8	3.6	2.2
Namibia	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.3	0.0
Niger	1.7	1.5	3.7	2.3	4.5	3.8
Nigeria	3.7	4.4	4.9	8.5	4.4	8.5
Republic of the Congo	0.7	0.4	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.3
Rwanda	2.0	0.0	3.6	1.9	3.8	1.9
Sao Tome and Principe	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.9	1.2
Senegal	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8
Seychelles	1.3	0.0	2.6	0.0	2.6	0.0
Sierra Leone	0.0	0.0	2.6	2.5	3.1	2.9
Somalia	4.4	7.4	4.2	7.1	3.3	7.0
South Africa	0.6	2.2	1.4	4.1	1.6	2.9
South Sudan	*	*	3.3	2.8	2.4	1.2
Tanzania	2.1	3.5	5.1	3.3	5.5	2.8
Togo	2.8	0.0	2.0	0.8	2.6	0.8
Uganda	2.4	0.4	3.0	4.4	3.0	3.3
Zambia	2.0	0.0	3.1	2.0	3.1	0.8
Zimbabwe	2.9	1.2	3.0	1.0	3.6	1.2

* South Sudan was coded for the first time in 2011. Note: Myanmar is also called Burma. Eswatini was formerly known as Swaziland.

CORRECTION (Dec. 19, 2025): This appendix has been revised to correct the overall SHI scores for 88 countries and territories in 2019 due to an error in calculating scores for SHI.Q.1 ("Were there crimes, malicious acts or violence motivated by religious hatred or bias?"). Refer to the [errata page](#) for a full list of corrections issued for this report.