

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	<i>baseline year, ending JUN 2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending DEC 2022</i>		<i>latest year, ending DEC 2023</i>	
	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
Antigua and Barbuda	1.1	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.5	0.0
Argentina	1.7	0.6	2.3	0.2	2.8	2.4
Bahamas	1.4	0.5	3.7	0.1	2.9	0.1
Barbados	0.8	0.3	1.5	0.8	1.7	0.1
Belize	1.3	0.0	1.9	1.1	1.4	1.1
Bolivia	1.0	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Brazil	0.4	0.8	2.4	3.7	2.3	4.7
Canada	1.0	1.2	2.4	1.9	2.1	3.3
Chile	1.2	0.4	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.5
Colombia	1.8	3.3	1.1	2.1	1.4	1.9
Costa Rica	1.0	0.0	2.6	0.1	2.6	0.1
Cuba	4.5	0.0	5.5	1.0	4.5	1.0
Dominica	0.8	0.3	1.3	0.0	1.3	0.0
Dominican Republic	0.6	0.0	1.5	0.1	1.5	0.8
Ecuador	1.1	0.6	1.3	0.1	1.8	0.9
El Salvador	0.6	0.4	2.2	1.6	1.8	1.1
Grenada	0.5	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.8	0.0
Guatemala	1.2	1.0	3.2	2.8	2.7	3.8
Guyana	0.7	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.9	0.1
Haiti	1.8	0.6	2.2	4.0	2.7	4.4
Honduras	1.3	0.3	1.1	2.4	1.2	0.7
Jamaica	1.0	0.0	2.8	0.8	2.5	0.8
Mexico	4.7	5.5	4.4	5.1	4.4	4.7
Nicaragua	2.1	0.5	3.6	0.6	4.2	0.2
Panama	0.7	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.6	0.8
Paraguay	0.6	0.7	2.1	1.0	1.9	1.0
Peru	1.8	0.0	1.8	0.0	1.9	0.4
St. Kitts and Nevis	0.6	0.3	1.2	0.0	1.1	0.1
St. Lucia	0.6	0.3	1.7	0.1	1.7	0.1
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.0	1.2	0.0
Suriname	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	1.3	0.0
Trinidad and Tobago	0.3	0.6	1.8	1.2	1.6	1.0

Religious restrictions index scores by region (cont.)

Americas 35 countries (cont.)	baseline year, ending JUN 2007		previous year, ending DEC 2022		latest year, ending DEC 2023	
	COUNTRY	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI
United States	1.6	1.9	2.7	1.3	2.1	1.3
Uruguay	0.3	0.6	2.0	0.1	1.6	1.1
Venezuela	3.6	0.8	3.1	0.4	2.7	0.7

Asia-Pacific 50 countries	baseline year, ending JUN 2007		previous year, ending DEC 2022		latest year, ending DEC 2023	
	COUNTRY	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI
Afghanistan	5.3	8.5	8.2	7.3	8.7	7.0
Armenia	3.4	2.7	4.5	3.6	4.6	4.5
Australia	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.3	2.3	1.2
Azerbaijan	5.0	2.9	7.5	0.8	7.3	0.8
Bangladesh	4.0	8.3	5.3	6.1	5.5	7.8
Bhutan	4.4	1.9	5.2	1.9	4.7	1.1
Brunei	7.2	4.2	6.5	1.2	6.6	2.0
Cambodia	2.9	0.8	3.8	1.5	5.0	0.2
China	7.8	0.9	9.1	0.4	9.1	0.1
Cyprus	1.2	0.9	3.2	4.2	2.8	5.4
East Timor	0.9	4.2	0.9	0.4	1.1	0.1
Fiji	0.9	2.6	2.2	0.4	2.6	0.4
Hong Kong	1.0	0.8	3.7	0.1	3.6	0.1
India	4.8	8.8	6.4	9.3	6.4	8.8
Indonesia	6.2	8.3	7.9	4.7	7.9	6.0
Iran	7.9	6.0	8.2	5.6	8.7	5.8
Japan	0.2	0.4	0.6	1.1	1.3	2.6
Kazakhstan	5.6	3.1	6.3	2.2	6.5	2.8
Kiribati	0.3	0.8	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.5
Kyrgyzstan	3.9	5.5	6.1	2.8	5.9	2.6

Religious restrictions index scores by region (cont.)

Asia-Pacific <i>50 countries (cont.)</i>	<i>baseline year, ending JUN 2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending DEC 2022</i>		<i>latest year, ending DEC 2023</i>	
	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
Laos	6.3	1.0	5.9	4.2	6.7	3.6
Macao	1.3	0.3	0.6	0.1	1.2	0.1
Malaysia	6.4	1.0	7.3	2.6	7.7	3.1
Maldives	6.5	2.6	7.1	3.6	7.6	3.8
Marshall Islands	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.8
Micronesia, Federated States	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2
Mongolia	1.9	0.6	3.6	0.1	3.1	0.8
Myanmar	7.9	4.9	7.2	3.3	7.3	3.0
Nauru	2.0	0.3	1.6	0.0	1.8	0.0
Nepal	3.4	4.2	4.8	4.2	5.4	6.2
New Zealand	0.3	0.4	0.3	1.7	0.9	2.5
Pakistan	5.8	8.9	6.8	7.9	7.1	7.5
Palau	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.5	0.0
Papua New Guinea	0.8	0.0	1.6	1.9	1.4	2.5
Philippines	1.6	3.7	2.9	4.2	2.0	2.9
Samoa	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.1
Singapore	4.6	0.2	6.9	1.8	6.7	1.0
Solomon Islands	0.6	0.4	1.3	0.3	0.9	0.3
South Korea	1.6	0.0	2.1	2.9	2.5	2.6
Sri Lanka	4.0	7.8	6.1	5.6	5.9	6.3
Taiwan	0.5	0.0	1.1	0.0	1.0	0.0
Tajikistan	4.5	2.2	6.7	1.5	6.4	2.0
Thailand	2.6	2.6	5.1	3.5	4.6	4.4
Tonga	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	1.8	0.0
Turkey	6.6	4.7	6.7	3.3	6.3	4.3
Turkmenistan	5.6	1.5	4.8	1.9	6.5	3.5
Tuvalu	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.2
Uzbekistan	7.7	3.3	7.3	2.6	7.8	2.9
Vanuatu	1.0	1.0	1.5	0.3	1.6	0.3
Vietnam	6.6	1.2	6.7	2.1	7.3	2.6

Religious restrictions index scores by region (cont.)

Europe 45 countries	<i>baseline year, ending JUN 2007</i>		<i>previous year, ending DEC 2022</i>		<i>latest year, ending DEC 2023</i>	
	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
Albania	0.8	0.2	2.0	2.6	1.8	1.3
Andorra	0.9	0.0	2.8	0.0	2.6	0.0
Austria	2.6	1.1	3.4	3.2	3.8	3.4
Belarus	5.9	1.4	6.4	0.2	6.6	0.2
Belgium	4.0	0.9	2.9	2.7	2.8	3.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1.5	2.4	3.4	2.9	3.3	2.8
Bulgaria	4.0	2.2	4.5	2.6	5.5	2.9
Croatia	0.7	2.0	2.2	0.2	2.0	0.3
Czech Republic	1.0	1.2	2.7	2.0	2.2	1.6
Denmark	2.5	1.2	3.8	3.3	4.2	1.7
Estonia	1.1	0.8	1.2	0.1	1.0	1.1
Finland	0.6	0.8	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.7
France	3.3	3.4	6.0	5.9	5.5	4.7
Georgia	2.2	4.7	3.8	4.6	4.1	4.4
Germany	3.1	2.1	3.0	3.9	4.0	4.4
Greece	5.2	4.4	5.4	1.0	4.7	1.3
Hungary	0.3	1.0	2.0	1.4	2.2	2.0
Iceland	2.6	0.4	3.6	0.2	3.6	0.1
Ireland	0.6	0.4	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Italy	2.0	1.9	3.1	3.7	2.9	4.0
Kosovo	1.9	2.4	2.9	2.8	3.4	3.5
Latvia	2.3	1.4	2.6	0.3	2.9	0.7
Liechtenstein	1.3	0.1	2.0	0.8	2.0	0.8
Lithuania	1.7	0.8	2.4	0.6	3.0	1.0
Luxembourg	0.8	0.0	2.3	0.3	2.4	0.1
Malta	1.2	0.4	1.8	0.0	1.9	0.0
Moldova	4.2	3.8	5.2	1.7	5.4	2.1
Monaco	2.5	0.0	1.1	0.0	1.4	0.0
Montenegro	0.9	2.4	3.7	1.5	2.7	1.4

Religious restrictions index scores by region (cont.)

Europe 45 countries (cont.)	<i>baseline</i> <i>year, ending</i> JUN 2007		<i>previous</i> <i>year, ending</i> DEC 2022		<i>latest</i> <i>year, ending</i> DEC 2023			
	COUNTRY		GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
	Netherlands	0.4	1.0	2.2	2.9	3.0	2.9	
North Macedonia	2.2	1.5	4.0	1.5	3.5	3.1		
Norway	1.5	1.0	3.5	3.2	3.7	4.2		
Poland	1.0	0.9	2.2	1.3	3.2	1.4		
Portugal	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.2		
Romania	4.8	5.5	4.7	1.3	4.8	1.3		
Russia	5.8	3.7	7.7	3.5	7.7	3.8		
San Marino	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.0		
Serbia	3.1	1.5	2.4	1.4	3.0	2.2		
Slovakia	2.8	1.9	3.3	2.0	3.8	2.3		
Slovenia	0.6	1.0	2.7	0.2	2.3	0.2		
Spain	2.0	1.6	2.3	2.8	2.0	3.7		
Sweden	1.2	0.7	3.0	2.6	3.6	4.5		
Switzerland	1.2	1.7	3.3	1.7	4.1	2.6		
Ukraine	2.6	1.9	4.9	6.2	6.1	5.6		
United Kingdom	1.6	1.6	2.7	3.2	3.2	2.8		

Middle East-North Africa 20 countries	<i>baseline</i> <i>year, ending</i> JUN 2007		<i>previous</i> <i>year, ending</i> DEC 2022		<i>latest</i> <i>year, ending</i> DEC 2023			
	COUNTRY		GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
	Algeria	5.6	3.6	7.5	4.0	7.0	3.9	
Bahrain	4.3	3.0	5.2	0.7	5.9	0.7		
Egypt	7.2	6.1	8.4	7.4	7.7	7.1		
Iraq	5.1	10.0	6.7	7.8	6.6	6.8		
Israel	3.9	7.8	6.7	7.1	7.5	8.4		
Jordan	4.6	3.5	6.0	5.8	6.4	4.9		
Kuwait	4.8	1.9	5.7	1.7	6.2	2.4		
Lebanon	1.4	5.1	4.1	5.4	4.1	6.2		
Libya	5.1	1.4	5.6	6.5	6.1	7.1		

Religious restrictions index scores by region (cont.)

Middle East-North Africa <i>20 countries (cont.)</i>	<i>baseline</i> <i>year, ending</i> JUN 2007		<i>previous</i> <i>year, ending</i> DEC 2022		<i>latest</i> <i>year, ending</i> DEC 2023	
	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
Morocco	4.9	3.7	7.0	1.0	7.0	1.0
Oman	3.9	0.3	5.1	0.4	5.1	2.1
Palestinian territories	3.3	6.4	4.5	6.3	3.9	6.7
Qatar	3.3	0.3	6.1	1.6	6.6	1.2
Saudi Arabia	8.0	7.2	7.0	2.2	7.4	2.9
Sudan	5.7	6.5	4.8	3.5	3.9	5.7
Syria	4.5	5.3	7.9	8.1	7.8	8.1
Tunisia	4.8	3.8	6.2	5.0	5.8	4.9
United Arab Emirates	3.9	0.1	6.2	0.7	6.3	0.7
Western Sahara	4.8	3.3	6.8	0.0	6.1	0.0
Yemen	4.3	6.2	5.4	4.5	6.2	4.0

Sub-Saharan Africa <i>48 countries</i>	<i>baseline</i> <i>year, ending</i> JUN 2007		<i>previous</i> <i>year, ending</i> DEC 2022		<i>latest</i> <i>year, ending</i> DEC 2023	
	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI
Angola	3.3	3.7	4.1	1.1	4.3	0.3
Benin	0.3	0.0	2.0	0.4	1.8	0.8
Botswana	0.9	0.1	1.5	0.0	1.6	0.0
Burkina Faso	0.3	1.5	3.6	6.1	3.6	6.7
Burundi	0.4	0.9	3.8	1.1	3.1	0.2
Cameroon	1.1	1.4	3.6	5.5	3.9	6.5
Cape Verde	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.0	1.0	0.0
Central African Republic	3.7	3.3	3.9	4.2	4.3	5.4
Chad	4.2	3.3	3.9	1.7	3.8	2.8
Comoros	5.4	6.2	4.3	0.5	4.6	0.5
Congo, Democratic Republic	1.3	2.6	2.6	3.5	3.2	4.9
Congo, Republic	0.7	0.4	2.6	0.0	2.7	0.8
Djibouti	2.4	1.8	3.7	2.0	3.7	0.4
Equatorial Guinea	2.6	0.0	4.4	0.8	4.3	0.8
Eritrea	7.0	0.4	6.4	0.1	5.7	0.1
Eswatini	1.5	0.0	3.5	0.8	3.8	0.4

Religious restrictions index scores by region (cont.)

Sub-Saharan Africa <i>48 countries (cont.)</i>	<i>baseline</i> <i>year, ending</i> JUN 2007		<i>previous</i> <i>year, ending</i> DEC 2022		<i>latest</i> <i>year, ending</i> DEC 2023	
	COUNTRY	GRI	SHI	GRI	SHI	GRI
Ethiopia	2.6	5.3	3.7	4.3	4.1	2.6
Gabon	1.7	0.1	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.8
Gambia	0.5	0.8	1.0	2.5	1.0	3.5
Ghana	1.2	4.9	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.3
Guinea	1.5	1.7	3.1	3.3	3.1	2.5
Guinea-Bissau	1.6	0.0	1.8	0.8	1.3	1.6
Ivory Coast	1.9	3.1	2.0	1.8	1.4	1.5
Kenya	2.9	2.4	3.2	4.4	2.5	4.6
Lesotho	0.4	0.0	1.6	0.0	2.5	0.1
Liberia	1.7	3.8	2.1	5.4	2.0	5.1
Madagascar	1.8	0.0	3.7	0.8	3.1	1.5
Malawi	0.4	0.3	2.2	2.1	2.7	1.3
Mali	0.9	0.3	2.7	5.6	3.0	5.6
Mauritania	6.5	0.9	6.6	0.8	6.7	1.7
Mauritius	1.4	0.3	3.0	1.3	2.0	1.3
Mozambique	1.0	0.3	2.0	4.4	2.5	4.0
Namibia	0.3	0.0	1.4	0.0	1.3	0.2
Niger	1.7	1.5	3.5	4.5	3.7	5.1
Nigeria	3.7	4.4	4.8	8.7	4.6	9.0
Rwanda	2.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	4.2	0.0
Sao Tome and Principe	0.2	0.0	1.3	0.0	1.3	0.0
Senegal	0.5	0.0	0.9	2.0	1.3	2.0
Seychelles	1.3	0.0	2.6	0.2	2.7	0.0
Sierra Leone	0.0	0.0	2.3	3.4	2.2	3.7
Somalia	4.4	7.4	5.0	5.4	5.4	4.5
South Africa	0.6	2.2	0.9	1.5	1.1	1.8
South Sudan	*	*	2.5	2.8	2.5	2.2
Tanzania	2.1	3.5	5.0	3.1	4.2	4.4
Togo	2.8	0.0	3.0	1.6	2.6	1.7
Uganda	2.4	0.4	3.0	3.8	3.6	4.2
Zambia	2.0	0.0	2.4	1.7	2.0	1.1
Zimbabwe	2.9	1.2	3.2	1.0	2.7	0.8

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

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.

YEMEN: Starting with data covering 2016, researchers changed the way they coded social hostilities in Yemen. Read the Methodology for more details.