

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 2022. 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.

<p>Very high</p> <p>SCORES OF 6.6 AND HIGHER</p> <p>China</p> <p>Egypt</p> <p>Afghanistan</p> <p>Iran</p> <p>Indonesia</p> <p>Syria</p> <p>Russia</p> <p>Algeria</p> <p>Azerbaijan</p> <p>Malaysia</p> <p>Uzbekistan</p> <p>Myanmar</p> <p>Maldives</p> <p>Morocco</p> <p>Saudi Arabia</p> <p>Singapore</p> <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Western Sahara</p> <p>Iraq</p> <p>Israel ▲</p> <p>Tajikistan ▼</p> <p>Turkey</p> <p>Vietnam</p> <p>Mauritania</p>	<p>India</p> <p>Kazakhstan</p> <p>Tunisia</p> <p>United Arab Emirates</p> <p>Kyrgyzstan</p> <p>Qatar</p> <p>Sri Lanka</p> <p>France</p> <p>Jordan</p> <p>Laos</p> <p>Kuwait</p> <p>Libya</p> <p>Cuba</p> <p>Greece ▲</p> <p>Yemen</p> <p>Bangladesh</p> <p>Bahrain ▼</p> <p>Bhutan</p> <p>Moldova</p> <p>Oman</p> <p>Thailand</p> <p>Somalia</p> <p>Tanzania</p> <p>Ukraine</p> <p>Nepal</p> <p>Nigeria</p> <p>Sudan ▲</p> <p>Turkmenistan ▼</p> <p>Romania</p> <p>Armenia</p> <p>Bulgaria</p> <p>Palestinian territories</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>SCORES OF 2.4 TO 4.4</p> <p>Equatorial Guinea</p> <p>Mexico</p> <p>Comoros</p> <p>Rwanda ▲</p> <p>Angola ▲</p> <p>Lebanon</p> <p>North Macedonia</p> <p>Central African Republic</p> <p>Chad</p> <p>Burundi</p> <p>Cambodia</p> <p>Denmark</p> <p>Georgia</p> <p>Bahamas</p> <p>Djibouti</p> <p>Ethiopia</p> <p>Hong Kong</p> <p>Madagascar</p> <p>Montenegro</p> <p>Burkina Faso</p> <p>Cameroon ▲</p> <p>Iceland</p> <p>Mongolia</p> <p>Nicaragua</p> <p>Eswatini</p> <p>Finland</p> <p>Niger</p> <p>Norway</p> <p>Austria ▼</p> <p>Bosnia-Herzegovina</p> <p>Slovakia</p>
<p>High</p> <p>SCORES OF 4.5 TO 6.5</p> <p>Brunei</p> <p>Belarus</p> <p>Eritrea</p>		

▲ Denotes an increase of 1.0 point or more from 2021 to 2022.

▼ Denotes a decrease of 1.0 point or more from 2021 to 2022.

Government Restrictions Index (cont.)

Switzerland		
Cyprus		
Guatemala		
Kenya		
Zimbabwe	▲	
Guinea		
Italy		
Venezuela		
Germany		
Mauritius	▲	
Sweden		
Togo		
Uganda		
Belgium		
Kosovo		
Philippines		
Andorra		
Jamaica		
Czech Republic		
Mali		
Slovenia		
United Kingdom		
United States		
Costa Rica		
D.R. Congo	▲	
Latvia		
Republic of the Congo	▲	
Seychelles		
South Sudan	▼	
Brazil		
Canada		
Lithuania		
Serbia		
Zambia	▼	
Low		
SCORES OF 0.0 TO 2.3		
Argentina		
Luxembourg		
Sierra Leone		
Spain	▼	
Tuvalu		
Croatia	▼	
El Salvador		
Fiji		
Haiti		
Malawi		
Netherlands	▼	
Poland	▼	
Liberia		
Paraguay		
South Korea		
Albania		
Benin		
Hungary		
Ivory Coast		
Liechtenstein		
Mozambique		
Tonga		
Uruguay	▲	
Belize		
Australia		
Guinea-Bissau	▲	
Malta		
Peru		
Trinidad and Tobago		
Grenada		
St. Lucia		
Lesotho		
Nauru		
Panama		
Papua New Guinea		
Barbados		
Botswana		
Chile		
Dominican Republic		
Guyana	▼	
Vanuatu		
Kiribati		
Namibia		
Dominica	▼	
Ecuador		
São Tomé and Príncipe		
Solomon Islands		
Estonia		
Ireland		
St. Kitts and Nevis		
Colombia	▼	
Honduras		
Monaco	▼	
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		
Taiwan		
Gambia		
Samoa		
Antigua and Barbuda		
Gabon		
Palau		
Senegal		
South Africa		
Suriname		
Timor-Leste		
Cape Verde		
Ghana		
Bolivia		
Japan		
Macao		
Portugal		
San Marino		
Federated States of Micronesia		
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.