

GLOBAL PRESS FREEDOM RANKINGS

Rank 2012	Country	Rating	Status
1	Finland	10	Free
	Norway	10	Free
	Sweden	10	Free
4	Belgium	11	Free
5	Denmark	12	Free
	Luxembourg	12	Free
	Netherlands	12	Free
	Switzerland	12	Free
9	Andorra	13	Free
10	Iceland	14	Free
	Liechtenstein	14	Free
12	St. Lucia	15	Free
13	Ireland	16	Free
	Monaco	16	Free
	Palau	16	Free
16	Germany	17	Free
	Marshall Islands	17	Free
	New Zealand	17	Free
	Portugal	17	Free
	San Marino	17	Free
	St. Vincent and Grenadines	17	Free
22	Estonia	18	Free
	Jamaica	18	Free
	United States of America	18	Free
25	Barbados	19	Free
	Canada	19	Free
	Costa Rica	19	Free
	Czech Republic	19	Free
29	Bahamas	20	Free
	St. Kitts and Nevis	20	Free
31	Australia	21	Free
	Austria	21	Free
	Belize	21	Free
	Micronesia	21	Free
	Slovakia	21	Free
	United Kingdom	21	Free

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Rank 2012	Country	Rating	Status
37	Cyprus	22	Free
	Japan	22	Free
	Malta	22	Free
40	Dominica	23	Free
	Lithuania	23	Free
	Suriname	23	Free
43	France	24	Free
	Grenada	24	Free
	Mali	24	Free
	Spain	24	Free
47	Poland	25	Free
	Slovenia	25	Free
	Taiwan	25	Free
	Trinidad and Tobago	25	Free
51	Tuvalu	26	Free
	Uruguay	26	Free
	Vanuatu	26	Free
54	Cape Verde	27	Free
	Kiribati	27	Free
	Latvia	27	Free
	Papua New Guinea	27	Free
58	Ghana	28	Free
	Nauru	28	Free
	Solomon Islands	28	Free
61	Mauritius	29	Free
	Samoa	29	Free
	São Tomé and Príncipe	29	Free
	Tonga	29	Free
65	Greece	30	Free
	Israel	30	Free
67	Chile	31	Partly Free
68	Namibia	32	Partly Free
	South Korea	32	Partly Free
70	Guyana	33	Partly Free
	Hong Kong	33	Partly Free
	Italy	33	Partly Free
73	Benin	34	Partly Free
	South Africa	34	Partly Free
75	East Timor	35	Partly Free

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Rank 2012	Country	Rating	Status
	Montenegro	35	Partly Free
	Serbia	35	Partly Free
78	Bulgaria	36	Partly Free
	Hungary	36	Partly Free
80	India	37	Partly Free
	Mongolia	37	Partly Free
82	Antigua and Barbuda	38	Partly Free
83	Botswana	40	Partly Free
	Croatia	40	Partly Free
	El Salvador	40	Partly Free
86	Dominican Republic	41	Partly Free
	Romania	41	Partly Free
88	Burkina Faso	42	Partly Free
	Philippines	42	Partly Free
90	Mozambique	43	Partly Free
91	Brazil	44	Partly Free
	Peru	44	Partly Free
93	Panama	46	Partly Free
94	Bolivia	47	Partly Free
95	Bosnia and Herzegovina	48	Partly Free
	Comoros	48	Partly Free
97	Indonesia	49	Partly Free
	Kosovo	49	Partly Free
	Lesotho	49	Partly Free
	Nicaragua	49	Partly Free
	Niger	49	Partly Free
	Sierra Leone	49	Partly Free
	Tanzania	49	Partly Free
104	Argentina	50	Partly Free
	Haiti	50	Partly Free
	Nigeria	50	Partly Free
107	Albania	51	Partly Free
	Lebanon	51	Partly Free
	Maldives	51	Partly Free
	Tunisia	51	Partly Free
111	Bangladesh	52	Partly Free
	Georgia	52	Partly Free
	Kenya	52	Partly Free
	Mauritania	52	Partly Free

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Rank 2012	Country	Rating	Status
115	Macedonia	54	Partly Free
	Moldova	54	Partly Free
117	Colombia	55	Partly Free
	Congo (Brazzaville)	55	Partly Free
	Nepal	55	Partly Free
	Senegal	55	Partly Free
	Turkey	55	Partly Free
122	Seychelles	56	Partly Free
123	Egypt	57	Partly Free
	Guinea-Bissau	57	Partly Free
	Kuwait	57	Partly Free
	Uganda	57	Partly Free
127	Bhutan	58	Partly Free
	Ecuador	58	Partly Free
	Fiji	58	Partly Free
130	South Sudan	59	Partly Free
	Ukraine	59	Partly Free
132	Guatemala	60	Partly Free
	Liberia	60	Partly Free
	Libya	60	Partly Free
	Malawi	60	Partly Free
	Paraguay	60	Partly Free
	Thailand	60	Partly Free
	Zambia	60	Partly Free
139	Algeria	62	Not Free
	Central African Republic	62	Not Free
	Guinea	62	Not Free
	Honduras	62	Not Free
	Mexico	62	Not Free
144	Cambodia	63	Not Free
	Jordan	63	Not Free
	Madagascar	63	Not Free
	Malaysia	63	Not Free
	Pakistan	63	Not Free
149	Armenia	65	Not Free
150	Angola	67	Not Free
	Qatar	67	Not Free
	Singapore	67	Not Free
153	Cameroon	68	Not Free

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Rank 2012	Country	Rating	Status
	Morocco	68	Not Free
155	Iraq	69	Not Free
	Kyrgyzstan	69	Not Free
	Togo	69	Not Free
	Côte d'Ivoire	70	Not Free
158	Gabon	70	Not Free
	Oman	71	Not Free
161	Burundi	72	Not Free
	Sri Lanka	72	Not Free
	United Arab Emirates	72	Not Free
164	Afghanistan	74	Not Free
	Djibouti	74	Not Free
166	Brunei	75	Not Free
	Chad	75	Not Free
168	Swaziland	76	Not Free
	Venezuela	76	Not Free
170	Sudan	78	Not Free
171	Tajikistan	79	Not Free
172	Azerbaijan	80	Not Free
	Russia	80	Not Free
	Zimbabwe	80	Not Free
175	Ethiopia	81	Not Free
	Kazakhstan	81	Not Free
	The Gambia	81	Not Free
178	Rwanda	82	Not Free
179	Congo (Kinshasa)	83	Not Free
	West Bank and Gaza Strip	83	Not Free
	Yemen	83	Not Free
182	Bahrain	84	Not Free
	Laos	84	Not Free
	Saudi Arabia	84	Not Free
	Somalia	84	Not Free
	Vietnam	84	Not Free
187	Burma	85	Not Free
	China	85	Not Free
189	Syria	89	Not Free
190	Cuba	91	Not Free
	Equatorial Guinea	91	Not Free
192	Iran	92	Not Free

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Rank 2012	Country	Rating	Status
193	Belarus	93	Not Free
194	Eritrea	94	Not Free
195	Uzbekistan	95	Not Free
196	Turkmenistan	96	Not Free
197	North Korea	97	Not Free

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	66	33.5
Partly Free	72	36.5
Not Free	59	30
TOTAL	197	100

ASIA-PACIFIC

Rank 2012	Country	Rating	Status
1	Palau	16	Free
2	Marshall Islands	17	Free
	New Zealand	17	Free
4	Australia	21	Free
	Micronesia	21	Free
6	Japan	22	Free
7	Taiwan	25	Free
8	Tuvalu	26	Free
	Vanuatu	26	Free
10	Kiribati	27	Free
	Papua New Guinea	27	Free
12	Nauru	28	Free
	Solomon Islands	28	Free
14	Samoa	29	Free
	Tonga	29	Free
16	South Korea	32	Partly Free
17	Hong Kong	33	Partly Free
18	East Timor	35	Partly Free
19	India	37	Partly Free
	Mongolia	37	Partly Free
21	Philippines	42	Partly Free
22	Indonesia	49	Partly Free
23	Maldives	51	Partly Free
24	Bangladesh	52	Partly Free
25	Nepal	55	Partly Free
26	Bhutan	58	Partly Free
	Fiji	58	Partly Free
28	Thailand	60	Partly Free
29	Cambodia	63	Not Free
	Malaysia	63	Not Free
	Pakistan	63	Not Free
32	Singapore	67	Not Free
33	Sri Lanka	72	Not Free
34	Afghanistan	74	Not Free
35	Brunei	75	Not Free
36	Laos	84	Not Free

Rank 2012	Country	Rating	Status
	Vietnam	84	Not Free
38	Burma	85	Not Free
	China	85	Not Free
40	North Korea	97	Not Free

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	15	37.5
Partly Free	13	32.5
Not Free	12	30
TOTAL	40	100

**Sub-Region Comparison
Asia-Pacific**

Region and Sub-region	Number of Countries	Average Press Freedom Score
Asia Pacific	40	46.8
Asia Proper	26	57.7
Asia Pacific Islands	14	26.4

AMERICAS

Rank 2012	Country	Rating	Status
1	St. Lucia	15	Free
2	St. Vincent and Grenadines	17	Free
3	Jamaica	18	Free
	United States of America	18	Free
5	Barbados	19	Free
	Canada	19	Free
	Costa Rica	19	Free
8	Bahamas	20	Free
	St. Kitts and Nevis	20	Free
10	Belize	21	Free
11	Dominica	23	Free
	Suriname	23	Free
13	Grenada	24	Free
14	Trinidad and Tobago	25	Free
15	Uruguay	26	Free
16	Chile	31	Partly Free
17	Guyana	33	Partly Free
18	Antigua and Barbuda	38	Partly Free
19	El Salvador	40	Partly Free
20	Dominican Republic	41	Partly Free
21	Brazil	44	Partly Free
	Peru	44	Partly Free
23	Panama	46	Partly Free
24	Bolivia	47	Partly Free
25	Nicaragua	49	Partly Free
26	Argentina	50	Partly Free
	Haiti	50	Partly Free
28	Colombia	55	Partly Free
29	Ecuador	58	Partly Free
30	Guatemala	60	Partly Free
	Paraguay	60	Partly Free
32	Honduras	62	Not Free
	Mexico	62	Not Free
34	Venezuela	76	Not Free
35	Cuba	91	Not Free

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	15	43
Partly Free	16	46
Not Free	4	11
TOTAL	35	100

**Sub-Region Comparison
Americas**

Region and Sub-region	Number of Countries	Average Press Freedom Score
Americas	35	38.4
Hispanic America	20	49.1
Non-Hispanic America	15	24.1

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE / EURASIA

Rank 2012	Country	Rating	Status
1	Estonia	18	Free
2	Czech Republic	19	Free
3	Slovakia	21	Free
4	Lithuania	23	Free
5	Poland	25	Free
	Slovenia	25	Free
7	Latvia	27	Free
8	Montenegro	35	Partly Free
	Serbia	35	Partly Free
10	Bulgaria	36	Partly Free
	Hungary	36	Partly Free
12	Croatia	40	Partly Free
13	Romania	41	Partly Free
14	Bosnia and Herzegovina	48	Partly Free
15	Kosovo	49	Partly Free
16	Albania	51	Partly Free
17	Georgia	52	Partly Free
18	Macedonia	54	Partly Free
	Moldova	54	Partly Free
20	Ukraine	59	Partly Free
21	Armenia	65	Not Free
22	Kyrgyzstan	69	Not Free
23	Tajikistan	79	Not Free
24	Azerbaijan	80	Not Free
	Russia	80	Not Free
26	Kazakhstan	81	Not Free
27	Belarus	93	Not Free
28	Uzbekistan	95	Not Free
29	Turkmenistan	96	Not Free

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	7	24
Partly Free	13	45
Not Free	9	31
TOTAL	29	100

**Sub-Region Comparison
Central and Easter Europe/Eurasia**

Region and Sub-region	Number of Countries	Average Press Freedom Score
CEE/Eurasia	29	51.2
Central and Eastern Europe	17	34.3
Eurasia	12	75.3

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Rank 2012	Country	Rating	Status
1	Mali	24	Free
2	Cape Verde	27	Free
3	Ghana	28	Free
4	Mauritius	29	Free
	São Tomé and Príncipe	29	Free
6	Namibia	32	Partly Free
7	Benin	34	Partly Free
	South Africa	34	Partly Free
9	Botswana	40	Partly Free
10	Burkina Faso	42	Partly Free
11	Mozambique	43	Partly Free
12	Comoros	48	Partly Free
13	Lesotho	49	Partly Free
	Niger	49	Partly Free
	Sierra Leone	49	Partly Free
	Tanzania	49	Partly Free
17	Nigeria	50	Partly Free
18	Kenya	52	Partly Free
	Mauritania	52	Partly Free
20	Congo (Brazzaville)	55	Partly Free
	Senegal	55	Partly Free
22	Seychelles	56	Partly Free
23	Guinea-Bissau	57	Partly Free
	Uganda	57	Partly Free
25	South Sudan	59	Partly Free
26	Liberia	60	Partly Free
	Malawi	60	Partly Free
	Zambia	60	Partly Free
29	Central African Republic	62	Not Free
	Guinea	62	Not Free
31	Madagascar	63	Not Free
32	Angola	67	Not Free
33	Cameroon	68	Not Free
34	Togo	69	Not Free
35	Côte d'Ivoire	70	Not Free
	Gabon	70	Not Free

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Rank 2012	Country	Rating	Status
37	Burundi	72	Not Free
38	Djibouti	74	Not Free
39	Chad	75	Not Free
40	Swaziland	76	Not Free
41	Sudan	78	Not Free
42	Zimbabwe	80	Not Free
43	Ethiopia	81	Not Free
	The Gambia	81	Not Free
45	Rwanda	82	Not Free
46	Congo (Kinshasa)	83	Not Free
47	Somalia	84	Not Free
48	Equatorial Guinea	91	Not Free
49	Eritrea	94	Not Free

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	5	10
Partly Free	23	47
Not Free	21	43
TOTAL	49	100

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Rank 2012	Country	Rating	Status
1	Israel	30	Free
2	Lebanon	51	Partly Free
	Tunisia	51	Partly Free
4	Egypt	57	Partly Free
	Kuwait	57	Partly Free
6	Libya	60	Partly Free
7	Algeria	62	Not Free
8	Jordan	63	Not Free
9	Qatar	67	Not Free
10	Morocco	68	Not Free
11	Iraq	69	Not Free
12	Oman	71	Not Free
13	United Arab Emirates	72	Not Free
14	West Bank and Gaza Strip	83	Not Free
	Yemen	83	Not Free
16	Bahrain	84	Not Free
	Saudi Arabia	84	Not Free
18	Syria	89	Not Free
19	Iran	92	Not Free

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	1	5.3
Partly Free	5	26.3
Not Free	13	68.4
TOTAL	19	100

WESTERN EUROPE

Rank 2012	Country	Rating	Status
1	Finland	10	Free
	Norway	10	Free
	Sweden	10	Free
4	Belgium	11	Free
5	Denmark	12	Free
	Luxembourg	12	Free
	Netherlands	12	Free
	Switzerland	12	Free
9	Andorra	13	Free
10	Iceland	14	Free
	Liechtenstein	14	Free
12	Ireland	16	Free
	Monaco	16	Free
14	Germany	17	Free
	Portugal	17	Free
	San Marino	17	Free
17	Austria	21	Free
	United Kingdom	21	Free
19	Cyprus	22	Free
	Malta	22	Free
21	France	24	Free
	Spain	24	Free
23	Greece	30	Free
24	Italy	33	Partly Free
25	Turkey	55	Partly Free

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	23	92
Partly Free	2	8
Not Free	0	0
TOTAL	25	100