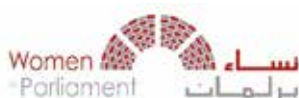




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Women's Participation In Elections



Rank	Country	Lower of Single House			Upper House of Senate		
		Seats*	Women	%W	Seats*	Women	%W
1	Rwanda	80	51	63.8%	26	10	38.5%
2	Andorra	28	14	50.0%	---	---	---
3	Cuba	612	299	48.9%	---	---	---
4	Sweden	349	157	45.0%	---	---	---
5	Seychelles	32	14	43.8%	---	---	---
6	Senegal	150	65	43.3%	---	---	---
7	Finland	200	85	42.5%	---	---	---
8	Nicaragua	92	39	42.4%	---	---	---
9	Ecuador	137	57	41.6%	---	---	---
10	South Africa ¹	400	163	40.8%	54	19	35.2%
11	Iceland	63	25	39.7%	---	---	---

12	Spain	350	139	39.7%	266	89	33.5%
13	Norway	169	67	39.6%	---	---	---
14	Belgium	150	59	39.3%	71	28	39.4%
15	Mozambique	250	98	39.2%	---	---	---
16	Denmark	179	70	39.1%	---	---	---
17	Netherlands	150	58	38.7%	75	27	36.0%
18	Timor-Leste	65	25	38.5%	---	---	---
19	Mexico	500	187	37.4%	128	44	34.4%
20	Angola	220	81	36.8%	---	---	---
21	Argentina	257	94	36.6%	72	28	38.9%
22	Germany	631	230	36.5%	69	19	27.5%
23	Tanzania	350	126	36.0%	---	---	---
24	Uganda	386	135	35.0%	---	---	---
25	Serbia	250	85	34.0%	---	---	---

25	New Zealand	121	41	33.9%	---	---	---
26	Costa Rica	57	19	33.3%	---	---	---
"	Grenada	15	5	33.3%	13	2	15.4%
"	Slovenia	90	30	33.3%	40	3	7.5%
27	F.Y.R. Macedonia	123	40	32.5%	---	---	---
28	Austria	183	59	32.2%	62	18	29.0%
29	Algeria	462	146	31.6%	144	10	6.9%
30	Zimbabwe	270	85	31.5%	80	38	47.5%
31	Italy	630	198	31.4%	317	92	29.0%
32	Guyana	67	21	31.3%	---	---	---
"	Portugal	230	72	31.3%	---	---	---
33	Cameroon	180	56	31.1%	100	20	20.0%
34	Switzerland	200	62	31.0%	46	9	19.6%
35	Burundi	105	32	30.5%	41	19	46.3%

36	Nepal	575	172	29.9%	---	---	---
37	Trinidad and Tobago	42	12	28.6%	31	6	19.4%
38	Luxembourg	60	17	28.3%	---	---	---
39	Tunisia	217	61	28.1%	---	---	---
40	Ethiopia	547	152	27.8%	135	22	16.3%
41	Afghanistan	249	69	27.7%	102	28	27.5%
42	El Salvador	84	23	27.4%	---	---	---
43	Philippines	289	79	27.3%	24	6	25.0%
44	Lesotho	120	32	26.7%	33	9	27.3%
45	Belarus	109	29	26.6%	57	20	35.1%
46	South Sudan	332	88	26.5%	50	5	10.0%
47	Turkmenistan	125	33	26.4%	---	---	---
48	France	577	151	26.2%	347	78	22.5%
49	Australia	150	39	26.0%	75	31	41.3%

50	Honduras	128	33	25.8%	---	---	---
51	Namibia	78	20	25.6%	26	7	26.9%
52	Bolivia	130	33	25.4%	36	17	47.2%
53	Iraq	328	83	25.3%	---	---	---
"	Singapore	99	25	25.3%	---	---	---
54	Kazakhstan	115	29	25.2%	47	3	6.4%
"	Mauritania	147	37	25.2%	56	8	14.3%
55	Canada	307	77	25.1%	96	38	39.6%
56	Lao People's Democratic Republic	132	33	25.0%	---	---	---
"	Latvia	100	25	25.0%	---	---	---
57	Bulgaria	240	59	24.6%	---	---	---
58	Poland	460	112	24.3%	100	13	13.0%
"	Sudan	354	86	24.3%	29	5	17.2%
"	Viet Nam	498	121	24.3%	---	---	---

59	Lithuania	141	34	24.1%	---	---	---
60	Equatorial Guinea	100	24	24.0%	75	8	10.7%
61	Croatia	151	36	23.8%	---	---	---
62	China	2987	699	23.4%	---	---	---
63	Kyrgyzstan	120	28	23.3%	---	---	---
64	Madagascar	147	34	23.1%	---	---	---
65	United Kingdom	650	147	22.6%	779	182	23.4%
66	Israel	120	27	22.5%	---	---	---
67	Peru	130	29	22.3%	---	---	---
68	Eritrea	150	33	22.0%	---	---	---
"	Uzbekistan	150	33	22.0%	100	15	15.0%
69	Guinea	114	25	21.9%	---	---	---
70	Bosnia and Herzegovina	42	9	21.4%	15	2	13.3%
71	Greece	300	63	21.0%	---	---	---

72	Cabo Verde	72	15	20.8%	---	---	---
"	Dominican Republic	183	38	20.8%	32	3	9.4%
"	Monaco	24	5	20.8%	---	---	---
73	Pakistan	323	67	20.7%	104	17	16.3%
74	Cambodia	123	25	20.3%	61	9	14.8%
75	Albania	140	28	20.0%	---	---	---
"	Liechtenstein	25	5	20.0%	---	---	---
76	Saudi Arabia	151	30	19.9%	---	---	---
77	Bengladesh	348	69	19.8%	---	---	---
78	Czech Republic	200	39	19.5%	81	14	17.3%
79	Panama	57	11	19.3%	---	---	---
80	Kenya	350	67	19.1%	68	18	26.5%
81	Estonia	100	19	19.0%	---	---	---
82	Burkina Faso	127	24	18.9%	---	---	---

83	Mauritius	69	13	18.8%	---	---	---
"	Republic of Moldova	101	19	18.8%	---	---	---
84	Slovakia	150	28	18.7%	---	---	---
85	San Marino	60	11	18.3%	---	---	---
"	United States of America	432	79	18.3%	100	20	20.0%
86	Sao Tome and Principe	55	10	18.2%	---	---	---
87	Togo	91	16	17.6%	---	---	---
88	United Arab Emirates	40	7	17.5%	---	---	---
89	Morocco	395	67	17.0%	270	6	2.2%
"	Venezuela	165	28	17.0%	---	---	---
90	Indonesia	560	94	16.8%	---	---	---
91	Barbados	30	5	16.7%	21	6	28.6%
"	Malawi	192	32	16.7%	---	---	---
"	Saint Lucia	18	3	16.7%	11	2	18.2%

92	Libya	200	33	16.5%	---	---	---
93	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	687	112	16.3%	---	---	---
94	Tajikistan	63	10	15.9%	34	4	11.8%
95	Chile	120	19	15.8%	38	7	18.4%
96	Ireland	166	26	15.7%	60	19	31.7%
"	Republic of Korea	300	47	15.7%	---	---	---
97	Azerbaijan	122	19	15.6%	---	---	---
98	Gabon	120	18	15.0%	102	17	16.7%
"	Paraguay	80	12	15.0%	45	9	20.0%
99	Chad	188	28	14.9%	---	---	---
"	Mongolia	74	11	14.9%	---	---	---
100	Montenegro	81	12	14.8%	---	---	---
101	Turkey	548	79	14.4%	---	---	---
102	Malta	70	10	14.3%	---	---	---

103	Somalia	275	38	13.8%	---	---	---
104	Guinea-Bissau	102	14	13.7%	---	---	---
105	Russian Federation	450	61	13.6%	163	13	8.0%
106	Romania	407	55	13.5%	176	13	7.4%
107	Guatemala	158	21	13.3%	---	---	---
"	Niger	113	15	13.3%	---	---	---
108	Bahamas	38	5	13.2%	16	4	25.0%
109	Uruguay	99	13	13.1%	31	2	6.5%
110	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	23	3	13.0%	---	---	---
111	Dominica	31	4	12.9%	---	---	---
112	Djibouti	55	7	12.7%	---	---	---
"	Jamaica	63	8	12.7%	21	6	28.6%
113	Cyprus	56	7	12.5%	---	---	---
114	Sierra Leone	124	15	12.1%	---	---	---

115	Georgia	150	18	12.0%	---	---	---
"	Jordan	150	18	12.0%	75	9	12.0%
"	Syrian Arab Republic	250	30	12.0%	---	---	---
116	Suriname	51	6	11.8%	---	---	---
117	India	543	62	11.4%	243	29	11.9%
118	Liberia	73	8	11.0%	30	4	13.3%
119	Ghana	275	30	10.9%	---	---	---
120	Zambia	158	17	10.8%	---	---	---
121	Armenia	131	14	10.7%	---	---	---
122	Democratic Republic of the Congo	498	53	10.6%	108	6	5.6%
123	Antigua and Barbuda	19	2	10.5%	17	5	29.4%
124	Malaysia	222	23	10.4%	59	17	28.8%
125	Bahrain	40	4	10.0%	40	11	27.5%
126	Ukraine	442	43	9.7%	---	---	---

127	Botswana	63	6	9.5%	---	---	---
"	Hungary	199	19	9.5%	---	---	---
"	Mali	147	14	9.5%	---	---	---
128	Cote d'Ivoire	254	24	9.4%	---	---	---
"	Gambia	53	5	9.4%	---	---	---
129	Kiribati	46	4	8.7%	---	---	---
130	Brazil	513	44	8.6%	81	13	16.0%
131	Bhutan	47	4	8.5%	25	2	8.0%
132	Benin	83	7	8.4%	---	---	---
133	Japan	480	39	8.1%	242	39	16.1%
134	Congo	136	10	7.4%	72	10	13.9%
135	Nigeria	360	24	6.7%	109	7	6.4%
"	Saint Kitts and Nevis	15	1	6.7%	---	---	---
"	Tuvalu	15	1	6.7%	---	---	---

136	Swaziland	65	4	6.2%	30	10	33.3%
137	Maldives	85	5	5.9%	---	---	---
138	Sri Lanka	225	13	5.8%	---	---	---
139	Myanmar	429	24	5.6%	224	4	1.8%
140	Nauru	19	1	5.3%	---	---	---
141	Haiti	95	4	4.2%	20	0	0.0%
142	Samoa	49	2	4.1%	---	---	---
143	Tonga	28	1	3.6%	---	---	---
144	Belize	32	1	3.1%	13	5	38.5%
"	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	290	9	3.1%	---	---	---
"	Lebanon	128	4	3.1%	---	---	---
145	Comoros	33	1	3.0%	---	---	---
"	Marshall Islands	33	1	3.0%	---	---	---
146	Papua New Guinea	111	3	2.7%	---	---	---

147	Solomon Islands	50	1	2.0%	---	---	---
148	Kuwait	60	1	1.7%	---	---	---
149	Oman	84	1	1.2%	83	15	18.1%
150	Yemen	301	1	0.3%	111	2	1.8%
151	Micronesia (Federated States of)	14	0	0.0%	---	---	---
"	Palau	16	0	0.0%	13	3	23.1%
"	Qatar	35	0	0.0%	---	---	---
"	Vanuatu	52	0	0.0%	---	---	---
?	Colombia	165	?	?	100	?	?

* Figures correspond to the number of seats currently filled in Parliament.
 "1" South Africa: The figures on the distribution of seats do not include the 36 special rotating delegates appointed on an ad hoc basis, and all percentages given are therefore calculated on the basis of the 54 permanent seats.

Source: "Inter-Parliamentary Union World Classification of Women in Parliaments
 (<http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/classif.htm>): rankings as of 1 June 2014."



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CEDAW* Article (4) I

“Adoption by States Parties of temporary special measures aimed at accelerating de facto equality between men and women shall not be considered discrimination as defined in the present Convention, but shall in no way entail as a consequence the maintenance of unequal or separate standards; these measures shall be discontinued when the objectives of equality of opportunity and treatment have been achieved.”

* Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (1995), ratified by Lebanon on 1997

Milestones in Women’s Political Participation in Lebanon



Establishment of the Lebanese Women’s Council

1952

Decree issued granting suffrage to literate women

Law establishing right of women to vote and to run for parliamentary office

1953

First woman candidate (Emily Ibrahim)

1957

Law establishing equal right of all men and women to be registered as voters

First woman elected to Parliament (Myrna Boustani)

1963

Law establishing equal right for women to vote and to run for municipal office

1991

Nayla Mouawad elected to Parliament

Nayla Mouawad, Bahia Hariri, Maha Khoury Asaad elected to Parliament

1992

1995

Lebanon participates in the 4th World Conference on Women and signs the Beijing Declaration

Bahia Hariri, Nayla Mouawad, Nouhad Soueid elected to Parliament

1996

1997

Lebanon signs and ratifies CEDAW

Bahia Hariri, Nayla Mouawad, Ghinwa Jalloul elected to Parliament

2000

2004

First women appointed as Ministers (Layla Solh Hemadeh, Wafaa Dika Hamze)

Bahia Hariri, Nayla Mouawad, Ghinwa Jalloul, Gilberte Zoueini, Sethrida Geagea, Solange Gemayel elected to Parliament

2005

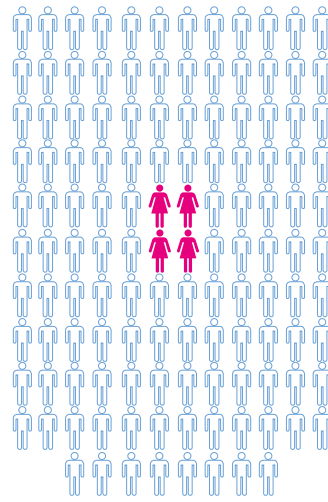
2006

The Boutros Commission for the Reform of the Electoral Law proposed a Women's Quota

Bahia Hariri, Gilberte Zoueini, Nayla Tueini, Sethrida Geagea elected to Parliament

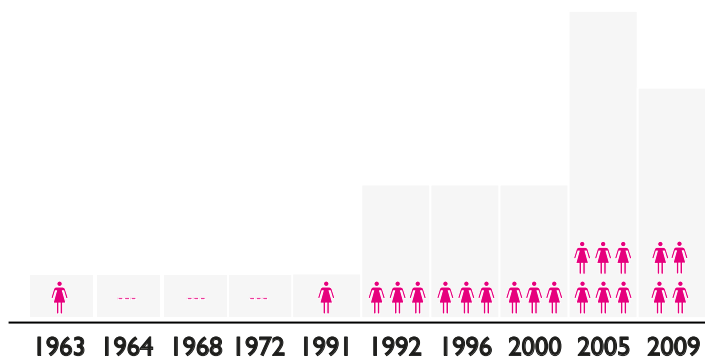
2009

In 2009, only **4** out of 128 deputies in Lebanon are women.

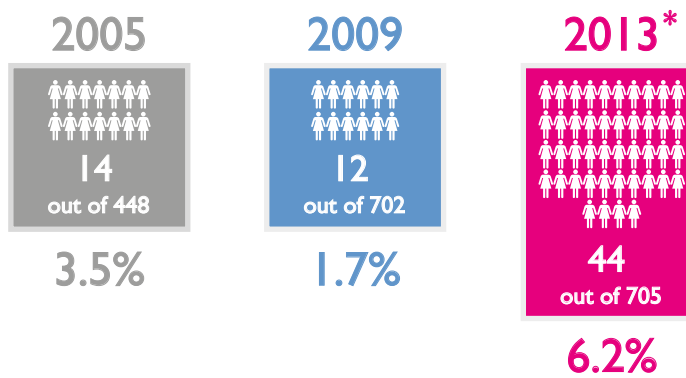


Lebanon ranks among the 14 countries with the least women representation in Parliament worldwide.

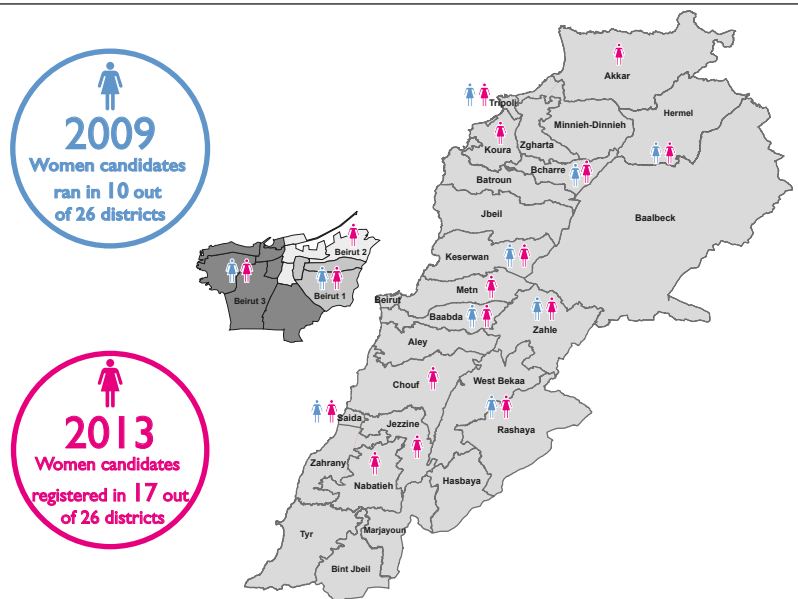
Women in Parliament



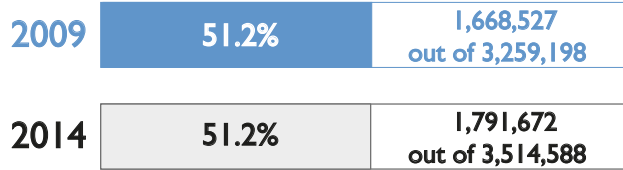
Women Candidates



* Elections were postponed after candidate registration took place



Women Registered Voters



Voters Who Voted

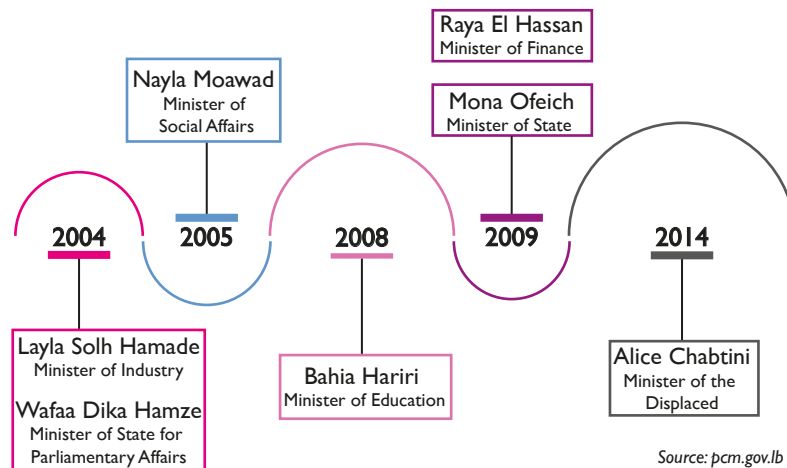


Source: elections.gov.lb

2009

Members of Registration Committees	18 out of 393	19.8%
Heads of Registration Committees	49 out of 131	37%
Members of Higher Registration Committees	62 out of 208	29.8%
Heads of Higher Registration Committees	11 out of 52	21%
Polling Station Officials	3096 out of 14000	22.1%

Six out of 74 cabinets have included women Ministers since 1942



CEDAW Article 7

“States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women in the political and public life of the country and, in particular, shall ensure to women, on equal terms with men, the right:

- (a) To vote in all elections and public referenda and to be eligible for election to all publicly elected bodies;
- (b) To participate in the formulation of government policy and the implementation thereof and to hold public office and perform all public functions at all levels of government;
- (c) To participate in non-governmental organizations and associations concerned with the public and political life of the country.”