Measuring inclusive decision-making
SDG indicator 16.7.1a

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SDG 16.7.1a - Parliaments

- Speakers
- Committee chairs
- Sex / age

Parliamentarians
Further disaggregations

- Disability
- Population groups

Not reported for 16.7.1a, because:
  - Individual-level data
  - Confidentiality and data protection concerns
  - Rarely tracked by parliaments
SDG indicators 5.5.1 and 16.7.1a

5.5.1 Women in national parliaments

- Percentage of parliamentarians who are women

16.7.1a Decision-making positions

- The proportion of parliamentarians by
  - sex (ratio 1)
  - age (ratio 2)
- Relative to their proportion in the national population above the age of eligibility
Data source: national parliaments

- Scope:
  - 192 countries (112 unicameral / 80 bicameral)
  - 272 parliamentary chambers

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Parline - global data on national parliaments

A free resource with over 600 data points provided directly by national parliaments on their structure, composition, working methods and activities.

Dive into the data for a single parliament or compare data across parliaments. See the "Getting started" video

data.ipu.org
Women in national parliaments

Women in national parliaments, world average 1995–2020

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) data for single and lower houses; figures correct as of 1 January each year, except for 1995 (1 July).
## Age of parliamentarians: Global and regional averages

### Averages as of December 2020

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[Parline data.ipu.org, December 2020](https://data.ipu.org)
Access to leadership positions in parliament

Key decision-making positions in parliament by sex and age, at 1 January 2020

Parline data.ipu.org, January 2020
Reporting

2020

- First year of reporting
- All data except: Age of parliamentarians

2021

- The same plus…
  - Data on age of parliamentarians
  - More complete data on committee chairs
  - Story-telling
Thank you

Parline database
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