

GLOBAL PRESS FREEDOM RANKINGS 2002

Rank 2002	Country	Rating	Status
1	Bahamas	8	Free
	Iceland	8	Free
	New Zealand	8	Free
	Sweden	8	Free
	Switzerland	8	Free
5	Belgium	9	Free
	Denmark	9	Free
	Norway	9	Free
8	Australia	10	Free
	Finland	10	Free
	Marshall Islands	10	Free
11	St Lucia	11	Free
12	Malta	13	Free
13	Luxembourg	14	Free
14	Germany	15	Free
	Netherlands	15	Free
	Portugal	15	Free
17	Barbados	16	Free
	Canada	16	Free
	Dominica	16	Free
	Grenada	16	Free
	Ireland	16	Free
	St Vincent & Grenadines	16	Free
	United States	16	Free
18	Costa Rica	17	Free
	France	17	Free
	Jamaica	17	Free
	Japan	17	Free
	Mauritius	17	Free
	Spain	17	Free
24	Cyprus	18	Free
	Estonia	18	Free
	Poland	18	Free
	St Kitts & Nevis	18	Free
	United Kingdom	18	Free
29	Latvia	19	Free
	Lithuania	19	Free
	Sao Tome & Principe	19	Free

32	Micronesia	20	Free
	Slovenia	20	Free
33	East Timor	21	Free
	Kiribati	21	Free
	Taiwan	21	Free
36	Chile	22	Free
	Slovakia	22	Free
38	Guyana	23	Free
	Hungary	23	Free
	Mali	23	Free
	Samoa	23	Free
	South Africa	23	Free
43	Austria	24	Free
	Belize	24	Free
	Solomon Islands	24	Free
	Vanuatu	24	Free
47	Bolivia	25	Free
	Czech Republic	25	Free
	Suriname	25	Free
	Uruguay	25	Free
51	Papua New Guinea	26	Free
52	Ghana	27	Free
	Italy	27	Free
	Nauru	27	Free
55	Bulgaria	29	Free
56	Benin	30	Free
	Botswana	30	Free
	Cape Verde	30	Free
	Dominican Rep.	30	Free
	Greece	30	Free
	Israel	30	Free
	South Korea	30	Free
	Panama	30	Free
	Peru	30	Free
	Philippines	30	Free
	Thailand	30	Free
Trinidad & Tobago	30	Free	
68	Madagascar	31	Partly Free
	Mongolia	31	Partly Free
70	Brazil	32	Partly Free
	Nicaragua	32	Partly Free

71	Croatia	33	Partly Free
	Fiji	33	Partly Free
73	Namibia	34	Partly Free
74	El Salvador	35	Partly Free
	Romania	35	Partly Free
76	Tonga	36	Partly Free
77	Argentina	37	Partly Free
78	Burkina Faso	39	Partly Free
	Senegal	39	Partly Free
80	Ecuador	40	Partly Free
	Mexico	40	Partly Free
82	Comoros	41	Partly Free
83	India	42	Partly Free
	Uganda	42	Partly Free
85	Honduras	43	Partly Free
86	Antigua & Barbuda	44	Partly Free
	Venezuela	44	Partly Free
88	Yugoslavia (FR)	45	Partly Free
89	Lesotho	46	Partly Free
	Macedonia	46	Partly Free
90	Albania	48	Partly Free
	Mozambique	48	Partly Free
92	Guatemala	49	Partly Free
	Kuwait	49	Partly Free
	Niger	49	Partly Free
	Tanzania	49	Partly Free
96	Paraguay	51	Partly Free
	Seychelles	51	Partly Free
98	Gabon	52	Partly Free
99	Bosnia-Herzegovina	53	Partly Free
	Congo (Brazzaville)	53	Partly Free
	Georgia	53	Partly Free
	Indonesia	53	Partly Free
103	Malawi	54	Partly Free
104	Guinea-Bissau	56	Partly Free
105	Nigeria	57	Partly Free
	Pakistan	57	Partly Free
107	Morocco	58	Partly Free
	Turkey	58	Partly Free
109	Moldova	59	Partly Free
110	Armenia	60	Partly Free

	Colombia	60	Partly Free
	Jordan	60	Partly Free
	Nepal	60	Partly Free
	Russia	60	Partly Free
	Ukraine	60	Partly Free
116	Ethiopia	61	Not Free
	Maldives	61	Not Free
	Mauritania	61	Not Free
119	Algeria	62	Not Free
	Qatar	62	Not Free
	Sierra Leone	62	Not Free
122	Bangladesh	63	Not Free
	Sri Lanka	63	Not Free
124	The Gambia	65	Not Free
	Yemen	65	Not Free
	Zambia	65	Not Free
127	Cote d'Ivoire	66	Not Free
128	Djibouti	67	Not Free
	Kenya	67	Not Free
130	Cambodia	68	Not Free
	Cameroon	68	Not Free
	Kyrgyz Republic	68	Not Free
	Oman	68	Not Free
	Singapore	68	Not Free
	Togo	68	Not Free
136	Central African Rep.	69	Not Free
	Kazakhstan	69	Not Free
138	Malaysia	71	Not Free
139	Bhutan	72	Not Free
	Haiti	72	Not Free
141	Tunisia	73	Not Free
142	Chad	74	Not Free
	Guinea	74	Not Free
	Lebanon	74	Not Free
	United Arab Emirates	74	Not Free
146	Bahrain	75	Not Free
	Iran	75	Not Free
148	Azerbaijan	77	Not Free
	Burundi	77	Not Free
	Egypt	77	Not Free
	Liberia	77	Not Free
	Swaziland	77	Not Free

153	Brunei	78	Not Free
	Syria	78	Not Free
155	Angola	79	Not Free
	Eritrea	79	Not Free
157	China	80	Not Free
	Equatorial Guinea	80	Not Free
	Saudi Arabia	80	Not Free
	Tajikistan	80	Not Free
161	Belarus	82	Not Free
	Laos	82	Not Free
	Vietnam	82	Not Free
164	Zimbabwe	83	Not Free
165	Isr. Occ.Terr./Pal.Auth.	84	Not Free
	Uzbekistan	84	Not Free
167	Congo (Dem. Rep.)	86	Not Free
168	Rwanda	87	Not Free
	Sudan	87	Not Free
169	Libya	88	Not Free
	Somalia	88	Not Free
171	Turkmenistan	91	Not Free
172	Burma	96	Not Free
	Cuba	96	Not Free
	Iraq	96	Not Free
	North Korea	96	Not Free

Status	Number of Countries	Percentage of Total
Free	75	40%
Partly Free	50	27%
Not Free	61	33%
TOTAL	186	100%