

### ***Notes and Clarifications***

The table above lists all country scores since the annual *Freedom in the World* survey was first compiled for the year 1972.

Methodological changes have been effected periodically. For discussions of these changes, please consult the methodology essays for various editions of the survey.

For a full explanation of the current methodology, please consult the most recent edition of the survey.

"PR" stands for "Political Rights," "CL" stands for "Civil Liberties," and "Status" is the Freedom Status.

Political Rights and Civil Liberties are measured on a one-to-seven scale, with one representing the highest degree of Freedom and seven the lowest.

"F," "PF," and "NF," respectively, stand for "Free," "Partly Free," and "Not Free."

Until 2003, countries whose combined average ratings for Political Rights and for Civil Liberties fell between 1.0 and 2.5 were designated "Free"; between 3.0 and 5.5 "Partly Free," and between 5.5 and 7.0 "Not Free."

Beginning with the ratings for 2003, countries whose combined average ratings fall between 3.0 and 5.0 are "Partly Free," and those between 5.5 and 7.0 are "Not Free."

Ratings for territories are not included in this table.

Several countries became independent, split into two or more countries, or merged with a neighboring state. Scores for these countries are given only for the period of their existence as independent states.

\* These refer to the various editions of *Freedom in the World*, except for Jan.-Feb. 1973 through Jan.-Feb. 1977, which are from the bimonthly journal *Freedom at Issue*.

The first *Freedom in the World* book-length survey was the 1978 edition.

For 1972, South Africa was rated as "White" (2,3 Free) and "Black" (5,6 Not Free).

For Yugoslavia, ratings from 199 to 2002 were for the country that remained following the departures between 1991 and 1992 of Slovenia, Croatia, Macedonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In February 2003, the Yugoslav parliament adopted a constitutional charter establishing the state of Serbia and Montenegro. Thus, beginning in 2003, Yugoslavia is listed as "Serbia and Montenegro."

The State Union of Serbia and Montenegro dissolved when Montenegro withdrew in June 2006, making Serbia an independent state. Thus, the ratings for Serbia and Montenegro are listed separately beginning in 2006.

Kosovo was first listed as a territory beginning in 1992. Since 2009, it is listed as an independent country.

The former Zaire is listed under Congo (Kinshasa), and the former Western Samoa is listed under Samoa.