

WORLD OFFICIAL GOLD HOLDINGS

International Financial Statistics, May 2019*

	Tonnes	% of reserves**		Tonnes	% of reserves**
1 United States	8.133,5	74,8%	51 Qatar	40,6	5,5%
2 Germany	3.369,7	70,2%	52 Bulgaria	40,4	6,0%
3 IMF	2.814,0	1)	53 Malaysia	38,9	1,6%
4 Italy	2.451,8	66,1%	54 Peru	34,7	2,3%
5 France	2.436,0	60,7%	55 Slovak Republic	31,7	22,9%
6 Russian Federation	2.168,3	18,5%	56 Hungary	31,5	4,3%
7 China, P.R.: Mainland	1.885,5	2,5%	57 Syrian Arab Republic	25,8	6,1%
8 Switzerland	1.040,0	5,5%	58 Ukraine	24,6	5,0%
9 Japan	765,2	2,5%	59 Morocco	22,1	3,8%
10 Netherlands	612,5	65,4%	60 Afghanistan, Islamic Repu	21,9	11,2%
11 India	608,8	6,3%	61 Nigeria	21,4	2,0%
12 ECB	504,8	28,2%	62 Tajikistan	21,3	69,6%
13 Taiwan Province of Ch	423,6	3,7%	63 Serbia, Republic of	20,6	6,6%
14 Portugal	382,5	60,0%	64 Sri Lanka	19,9	9,6%
15 Kazakhstan	361,7	55,6%	65 Colombia	18,9	1,6%
16 Uzbekistan	348,4	53,4%	66 Ecuador	16,9	26,1%
17 Saudi Arabia	323,1	2,7%	67 Mongolia	15,3	17,6%
18 United Kingdom	310,3	7,9%	68 Bangladesh	14,0	1,8%
19 Turkey ⁶⁾	293,6	14,0%	69 Cyprus	13,9	62,0%
20 Lebanon	286,8	22,9%	70 Curaçao and Sint Maarter	13,1	29,5%
21 Spain	281,6	16,4%	71 Mauritius	12,4	8,0%
22 Austria	280,0	49,4%	72 Cambodia	12,4	3,6%
23 Belgium	227,4	35,0%	73 Kyrgyz Republic	12,2	23,2%
24 Philippines	197,9	10,0%	74 Ghana	8,7	6,5%
25 Algeria	173,6	8,7%	75 Czech Republic	8,2	0,2%
26 Venezuela, Republica	161,2	77,7%	76 Paraguay	8,2	4,2%
27 Thailand	154,0	3,0%	77 United Arab Emirates	7,5	0,3%
28 Poland	128,6	4,7%	78 Myanmar	7,3	5,3%
29 Singapore	127,4	1,8%	79 Guatemala	6,9	2,3%
30 Sweden	125,7	8,4%	80 North Macedonia, Republ	6,9	8,9%
31 South Africa	125,3	10,5%	81 Tunisia	6,8	4,8%
32 Mexico	119,9	2,7%	82 Latvia	6,6	6,2%
33 Libya	116,6	5,7%	83 Nepal	6,4	3,1%
34 Greece	113,2	64,1%	84 Ireland	6,0	4,9%
35 Korea, Republic of	104,4	1,1%	85 Lithuania	5,8	5,5%
36 Romania	103,7	10,7%	86 Bahrain, Kingdom of	4,7	8,5%
37 BIS ²⁾	102,0	1)	87 Brunei Darussalam	4,5	5,5%
38 Iraq	96,3	6,2%	88 Mozambique	4,4	5,8%
39 Kuwait	79,0	8,1%	89 Slovenia	3,2	14,2%
40 Indonesia	78,5	2,7%	90 Aruba	3,1	12,3%
41 Egypt	78,5	7,6%	91 Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,0	1,9%
42 Australia	68,7	5,2%	92 Luxembourg	2,2	9,8%
43 Brazil	67,4	0,7%	93 Hong Kong SAR	2,1	0,0%
44 Denmark	66,5	3,9%	94 Iceland	2,0	1,3%
45 Pakistan	64,6	17,9%	95 Papua New Guinea	2,0	3,7%
46 Argentina	54,9	3,5%	96 Trinidad and Tobago	1,9	1,0%
47 Finland	49,1	19,2%	97 Haiti	1,8	3,2%
48 Belarus ⁴⁾	47,0	27,7%	98 Yemen, Republic of	1,6	1,3%
49 Jordan	43,5	12,3%	99 Albania	1,6	1,7%
50 Bolivia	42,5	22,3%	100 Guinea	1,5	5,6%

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Other	Tonnes	% of reserves**
World ⁷⁾	33.976,5	1)
Euro Area (incl. ECB)	10.778,5	54,3%
CBGA 4 signatories ⁵⁾	11.944,2	29,6%

NOTES

* This table was updated in **May 2019** and reports data available at that time. Data are taken from the International Monetary Fund's International Financial Statistics (IFS), **May 2019** edition, and other sources where applicable. IFS data are two months in arrears, so holdings are as of **March 2019** for most countries, **February 2019** or earlier for late reporters. The table does not list all gold holders: countries which have not reported their gold holdings to the IMF in the last six months are not included, while other countries are known to hold gold but they do not report their holdings publicly. Where the WGC knows of movements that are not reported to the IMF or misprints, changes have been made.

The percentage share held in gold of total foreign reserves, as calculated by the World Gold Council. The value of gold holdings is calculated using the end of month LBMA Gold price published daily by ICE Benchmark Administration. In **March 2019 the end of month gold price was **US\$1,295.4** Data for the value of other reserves are taken from IFS, table 'Total Reserves minus Gold'.

1. BIS and IMF balance sheets do not allow this percentage to be calculated. In the case of any countries, up to date data for other reserves are not available.

2. BIS data are updated each year from the BIS's annual report to reflect the Bank's gold investment assets excluding any gold held in connection with swap operations, under which the Bank exchanges currencies for physical gold. The bank has an obligation to return the gold at the end of the contract.

3. West African Economic Monetary Union including the central bank.

4. Includes only "Monetary gold" as of February 2014.

5. Signatories to the fourth Central Bank Gold Agreement which commenced in September 2014. The signatories include: ECB, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.

6. The figure for Turkey's official gold reserves excludes gold owned by commercial bank held at the central bank under the Reserve Option Mechanism (ROM). As of end-March ROM holdings amounted to 364 tonnes. Our data previously included these ROM holdings in Turkey's central bank holdings. Since May 2017 Turkey's central bank has been increasing its gold reserves by purchasing gold outright. We therefore decided to publish the figure for Turkey's official gold reserves exclusive of ROM holdings, to better reflect true central bank holdings. Please see this link for information on this policy action <http://www.tcmb.gov.tr/wps/wcm/connect/57c5777d-1f48-4eb4-98ba-af4c6aaddc20/ANO2012-38.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=57c5777d-1f48-4eb4-98ba-af4c6aaddc20>

7. World total as calculated by the IMF. This will not equal the total for the countries in the table as 'World total' will include data for countries beyond the top 100 and for countries that do not publish their reserves. World total also captures BIS holdings inclusive of swap operations (please see footnote 2 above for World Gold Council treatment of BIS holdings).

8. In July 2015 The State Bank of Vietnam stated that gold reserves totalled 10 tonnes. This is omitted from our ranking above due to the current absence of any published data.

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