

## WORLD OFFICIAL GOLD HOLDINGS

International Financial Statistics, October 2019\*

	Tonnes	% of reserves**		Tonnes	% of reserves**
1 United States	8.133,5	77,3%	51 Qatar	42,2	5,3%
2 Germany	3.366,8	72,9%	52 Bulgaria	40,5	7,3%
3 IMF	2.814,0	<sup>1)</sup>	53 Malaysia	38,9	1,8%
4 Italy	2.451,8	69,2%	54 Peru	34,7	2,5%
5 France	2.436,1	62,1%	55 Slovak Republic	31,7	22,3%
6 Russian Federation	2.230,4	20,7%	56 Hungary	31,5	4,9%
7 China, P.R.: Mainland	1.942,4	3,0%	57 Syrian Arab Republic	25,8	7,1%
8 Switzerland	1.040,0	6,1%	58 Ukraine	24,6	5,5%
9 Japan	765,2	2,8%	59 Tajikistan	22,3	74,0%
10 India	618,2	7,0%	60 Morocco	22,1	4,4%
11 Netherlands	612,5	69,5%	61 Afghanistan, Islamic Rept	21,9	12,7%
12 ECB	504,8	29,2%	62 Nigeria	21,5	2,3%
13 Taiwan Province of Ch	423,6	4,3%	63 Serbia, Republic of	21,2	7,3%
14 Portugal	382,5	68,1%	64 Mongolia	20,1	26,8%
15 Kazakhstan	377,3	66,0%	65 Sri Lanka	19,7	11,5%
16 Turkey <sup>6)</sup>	362,5	19,0%	66 Colombia	18,9	1,8%
17 Uzbekistan	325,7	56,2%	67 Ecuador	16,9	26,0%
18 Saudi Arabia	323,1	3,1%	68 Kyrgyz Republic	14,0	29,6%
19 United Kingdom	310,3	9,1%	69 Bangladesh	14,0	2,1%
20 Lebanon	286,8	27,1%	70 Cyprus	13,9	65,2%
21 Spain	281,6	18,5%	71 Curaçao and Sint Maarten	13,1	33,3%
22 Austria	280,0	54,1%	72 Cambodia	12,4	3,9%
23 Poland	228,2	9,5%	73 Mauritius	12,4	8,5%
24 Belgium	227,4	38,5%	74 Ghana	8,7	7,6%
25 Philippines	197,9	11,2%	75 United Arab Emirates	8,5	0,4%
26 Algeria	173,6	11,3%	76 Paraguay	8,2	5,1%
27 Venezuela, Republica	161,2	80,4%	77 Czech Republic	8,0	0,3%
28 Thailand	154,0	3,4%	78 Myanmar	7,3	6,4%
29 Singapore	127,4	2,2%	79 North Macedonia, Republ	6,9	10,1%
30 Sweden	125,7	10,6%	80 Guatemala	6,9	2,3%
31 South Africa	125,3	12,3%	81 Tunisia	6,8	4,9%
32 Mexico	119,9	3,1%	82 Latvia	6,6	7,2%
33 Libya	116,6	6,7%	83 Nepal	6,4	3,7%
34 Greece	113,3	67,3%	84 Ireland	6,0	5,4%
35 Korea, Republic of	104,4	1,3%	85 Lithuania	5,8	6,3%
36 Romania	103,6	11,5%	86 Bahrain, Kingdom of	4,7	7,8%
37 BIS <sup>2)</sup>	102,0	<sup>1)</sup>	87 Brunei Darussalam	4,5	6,2%
38 Iraq	96,3	7,0%	88 Mozambique	4,4	6,7%
39 Australia	79,9	8,0%	89 Slovenia	3,2	15,4%
40 Kuwait	79,0	9,3%	90 Aruba	3,1	15,0%
41 Egypt	78,9	8,7%	91 Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,0	2,1%
42 Indonesia	78,5	3,1%	92 Guinea	2,4	9,3%
43 Brazil	67,4	0,9%	93 Luxembourg	2,2	10,6%
44 Denmark	66,5	4,8%	94 Albania	2,2	3,0%
45 Pakistan	64,6	23,4%	95 Hong Kong SAR	2,1	0,0%
46 Argentina	61,7	5,6%	96 Iceland	2,0	1,5%
47 Finland	49,1	21,2%	97 Papua New Guinea	2,0	4,7%
48 Belarus <sup>4)</sup>	48,6	28,2%	98 Trinidad and Tobago	1,9	1,3%
49 Jordan	43,5	14,1%	99 Kenya	1,9	1,0%
50 Bolivia	42,5	26,1%	100 Haiti	1,8	3,8%

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Other	Tonnes	% of reserves**
World <sup>7)</sup>	34.392,65	1)
Euro Area (incl. ECB)	10.775,9	57,3%
CBGA 4 signatories <sup>5)</sup>	11.941,8	32,3%

### NOTES

\* This table was updated in **October 2019** and reports data available at that time. Data are taken from the International Monetary Fund's International Financial Statistics (IFS), **October 2019** edition, and other sources where applicable. IFS data are two months in arrears, so holdings are as of **August 2019** for most countries, **July 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 **August 2019** the end of month gold price was **US\$1,528.4/oz**. 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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