

## WORLD OFFICIAL GOLD HOLDINGS

International Financial Statistics, January 2021\*

	Tonnes	% of reserves**		Tonnes	% of reserves**
1 United States	8.133,5	78,0%	51 Jordan	43,5	16,0%
2 Germany	3.362,4	75,2%	52 Bolivia	42,5	46,1%
3 IMF	2.814,0	<sup>1)</sup>	53 Bulgaria	40,8	6,7%
4 Italy	2.451,8	69,6%	54 Cambodia	40,5	11,1%
5 France	2.436,1	64,9%	55 Malaysia	38,9	2,1%
6 Russian Federation	2.298,5	22,5%	56 WAEMU <sup>3)</sup>	36,5	11,3%
7 China, P.R.: Mainland	1.948,3	3,3%	57 Peru	34,7	2,9%
8 Switzerland	1.040,0	5,8%	58 Serbia, Rep. of	32,3	12,1%
9 Japan	765,2	3,1%	59 Slovak Rep.	31,7	19,4%
10 India	672,9	6,6%	60 Hungary	31,5	4,6%
11 Netherlands, The	612,5	67,8%	61 Ukraine	26,1	5,7%
12 Turkey <sup>4)</sup>	547,0	42,1%	62 Syrian Arab Republic	25,8	8,1%
13 ECB	504,8	33,4%	63 Morocco	22,1	3,9%
14 Taiwan Province of Ch	423,6	4,6%	64 Ecuador	21,9	41,8%
15 Kazakhstan, Rep. of	386,3	67,6%	65 Afghanistan, Islamic Rep.	21,9	13,4%
16 Portugal	382,6	77,9%	66 Nigeria	21,5	3,3%
17 Uzbekistan, Rep. of	324,1	56,0%	67 Kyrgyz Rep.	16,8	33,8%
18 Saudi Arabia	323,1	3,9%	68 Bangladesh	14,0	1,9%
19 United Kingdom	310,3	9,8%	69 Cyprus	13,9	66,5%
20 Lebanon	286,8	38,1%	70 Curaçao and Sint Maarte	13,1	32,9%
21 Spain	281,6	20,0%	71 Mauritius	12,4	10,1%
22 Austria	280,0	55,0%	72 Mongolia	10,5	15,4%
23 Poland, Rep. of	228,7	9,0%	73 Czech Rep.	8,9	0,3%
24 Belgium	227,4	40,6%	74 Ghana	8,7	6,2%
25 Philippines	191,3	10,5%	75 Paraguay	8,2	5,4%
26 Algeria	173,6	16,3%	76 Tajikistan, Rep. of	8,0	24,5%
27 Venezuela, Republica	161,2	82,6%	77 Myanmar	7,3	6,0%
28 Thailand	154,0	3,4%	78 Guatemala	6,9	2,1%
29 Singapore	127,4	2,1%	79 North Macedonia, Republ	6,9	9,7%
30 Sweden	125,7	12,4%	80 Tunisia	6,8	4,2%
31 South Africa	125,3	13,4%	81 Sri Lanka	6,7	5,4%
32 Mexico	120,0	3,4%	82 Latvia	6,7	7,4%
33 Libya	116,6	7,9%	83 Nepal	6,4	3,3%
34 Greece	113,9	58,9%	84 Ireland	6,0	4,6%
35 Korea, Rep. of	104,4	1,4%	85 Lithuania	5,8	6,2%
36 Romania	103,6	12,9%	86 Bahrain, Kingdom of	4,7	10,9%
37 BIS <sup>2)</sup>	102,0	<sup>1)</sup>	87 Brunei Darussalam	4,3	6,9%
38 Iraq	96,3	8,4%	88 Colombia	4,1	0,4%
39 Egypt, Arab Rep. of	80,0	11,9%	89 Mozambique, Rep. of	3,9	5,4%
40 Australia	79,9	10,1%	90 Guinea	3,9	15,2%
41 Kuwait	79,0	8,5%	91 Slovenia, Rep. of	3,2	14,4%
42 Indonesia	78,6	3,3%	92 Aruba, Kingdom of the Ne	3,1	15,4%
43 Brazil	67,4	1,1%	93 Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,0	2,1%
44 Denmark	66,5	5,1%	94 Albania	2,8	3,3%
45 Pakistan	64,6	20,2%	95 Luxembourg	2,3	11,1%
46 Argentina	61,7	9,1%	96 Hong Kong SAR	2,1	0,0%
47 Qatar	56,7	7,9%	97 Iceland	2,0	1,7%
48 Belarus, Rep. of	49,3	38,3%	98 Papua New Guinea	2,0	4,8%
49 Finland	49,1	24,0%	99 Trinidad and Tobago	1,9	1,5%
50 United Arab Emirates	46,4	2,7%	100 Haiti	1,8	4,2%

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Other	Tonnes	% of reserves**
World <sup>5)</sup>	35.191,1	1)
Euro Area (incl. ECB)	10.772,2	59,4%
State Oil Fund of the R	101,8	13,3%

### NOTES

\* This table was updated in **January 2021** and reports data available at that time. Data are taken from the International Monetary Fund's International Financial Statistics (IFS), **January 2021** edition, and other sources where applicable. IFS data are two months in arrears, so holdings are as of **November 2020** for most countries, **October 2020** 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 **November 2020** the end of month gold price was **US\$1,762.55/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. 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>
5. 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).
6. 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.
7. SOFAZ accumulates gold in accordance with the amendments made to the Investment Policy of the Fund for the purposes of diversification. Its investment policy was amended in 2019 to extend the gold allocation limit from 5% to 10%, along with maximum upper deviation of 3% (<https://www.oilfund.az/storage/images/joqajf7fm8.pdf>). Currently, the Central Bank of Azerbaijan does not hold any gold.

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