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## International Astronomical Union Data

**% of astronomers who are female: countries with >200 astronomers**

Country	% female	Country	% female
Italy	28%	USA	17%
France	26%	Canada	16%
Brazil	23%	India	14%
Spain	22%	China Nanjing	13%
Russian Fed	21%	Germany	13%
Netherlands	19%	UK	13%
Australia	18%	Japan	7%
<b>WORLD AVERAGE</b>	<b>19%</b>		

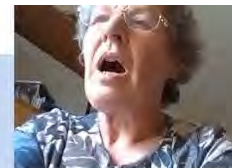
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# So.....



- S. Europe & Latin America have higher % of female astronomers
- N Europe and the English-speaking countries have lower %
- Limiting factor is culture, not women's brains
- There is believed to be a similar distribution for physics & maths





## Changes since 2016

(IAU member countries with > 100 members)

- Female world average has risen from 17% to 19%
- (NB Junior membership introduced in 2018; this led to a jump in female membership)
- **HIGH RISERS in last 4 years:**
- **Netherlands 10% to 19% F**
- **Chile 15% to 21% F**
- **India 9% to 14%F**
- Belgium, Germany, Italy, Mexico, S. Korea, USA have all risen by 3%.