



FREEDOM IN THE WORLD 2025

Slovenia

96
/100

FREE

<u>Political Rights</u>	39 /40
<u>Civil Liberties</u>	57 /60

LAST YEAR'S SCORE & STATUS

96 /100 **Free**

A country or territory's Freedom in the World status depends on its aggregate Political Rights score, on a scale of 0–40, and its aggregate Civil Liberties score, on a scale of 0–60. See the methodology.



Overview

Slovenia is a parliamentary republic with a freely elected government that generally respects political rights and civil liberties, though corruption remains an issue. The judiciary has an established record of independent rulings.

Key Developments in 2024

- The National Electoral Commission (DVK) faced criticism for unusually slow ballot counting for European Parliament elections and concurrent national referendums held in June. Some political and media actors also drew attention to the number of invalid ballots. The body rejected claims of wrongdoing but acknowledged that understaffing caused the count to take longer than usual.
- Justice Minister Dominika Švarc Pipan resigned in February following revelations regarding a real estate deal for a would-be judicial center on the outskirts of Ljubljana; the ministry reportedly paid a politically connected seller a significantly inflated price for the building without commissioning its own appraisal. In October, police filed a criminal complaint against Prime Minister Robert Golob in a separate matter, over allegedly exerting improper influence within the Interior Ministry and police.
- In November, journalists' unions and organizations decried a decision by the management of the Maribor-based daily *Večer* to move the newspaper into an office building owned by the city's mayor, saying it damaged the paper's credibility and increased the possibility of undue political pressure.
- Also in November, the Constitutional Court ruled that legislation preventing lesbian couples and single women from accessing reproductive assistance programs, including but not limited to in vitro fertilization (IVF), was unconstitutional. The parliament has a year to amend the legislation accordingly.

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Political Rights

A. Electoral Process

A1 0-4 pts

Was the current head of government or other chief national authority elected through free and fair elections?

4/4

A2 0-4 pts

Were the current national legislative representatives elected through free and fair elections?

4/4

A3 0-4 pts

Are the electoral laws and framework fair, and are they implemented impartially by the relevant election management bodies?

4/4

B. Political Pluralism and Participation

B1 0-4 pts

Do the people have the right to organize in different political parties or other competitive political groupings of their choice, and is the system free of undue obstacles to the rise and fall of these competing parties or groupings?

4/4

B2 0-4 pts

Is there a realistic opportunity for the opposition to increase its support or gain power through elections?

4/4

B3 0-4 pts

Are the people's political choices free from domination by forces that are external to the political sphere, or by political forces that employ extrapolitical means?

4/4

B4 0-4 pts

Do various segments of the population (including ethnic, racial, religious, gender, LGBT+, and other relevant groups) have full political rights and electoral opportunities?

4/4

C. Functioning of Government

C1 0-4 pts

Do the freely elected head of government and national legislative representatives determine the policies of the government?

4/4

C2 0-4 pts

Are safeguards against official corruption strong and effective?

3/4

C3 0-4 pts

Does the government operate with openness and transparency?

4/4

Civil Liberties

D. Freedom of Expression and Belief

D1 0-4 pts

Are there free and independent media?

3/4

D2 0-4 pts

Are individuals free to practice and express their religious faith or nonbelief in public and private?

4/4

D3 0-4 pts

Is there academic freedom, and is the educational system free from extensive political indoctrination?

4/4

D4 0-4 pts

Are individuals free to express their personal views on political or other sensitive topics without fear of surveillance or retribution?

4/4

E. Associational and Organizational Rights

E1 0-4 pts

Is there freedom of assembly?

4/4

E2 0-4 pts

Is there freedom for nongovernmental organizations, particularly those that are engaged in human rights- and governance-related work?

4/4

E3 0-4 pts

Is there freedom for trade unions and similar professional or labor organizations?

4/4

F. Rule of Law

F1 0-4 pts

Is there an independent judiciary?

4/4

F2 0-4 pts

Does due process prevail in civil and criminal matters?

4/4

F3 0-4 pts

Is there protection from the illegitimate use of physical force and freedom from war and insurgencies?

4/4

F4 0-4 pts

Do laws, policies, and practices guarantee equal treatment of various segments of the population?

3/4

G. Personal Autonomy and Individual Rights

G1 0-4 pts

Do individuals enjoy freedom of movement, including the ability to change their place of residence, employment, or education?

4/4

G2 0-4 pts

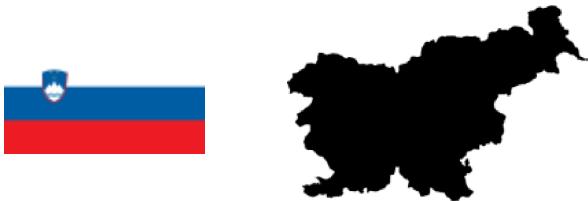
Are individuals able to exercise the right to own property and establish private businesses without undue interference from state or nonstate actors?	4/4
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G3 0-4 pts

Do individuals enjoy personal social freedoms, including choice of marriage partner and size of family, protection from domestic violence, and control over appearance?	4/4
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G4 0-4 pts

Do individuals enjoy equality of opportunity and freedom from economic exploitation?	3/4
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Country Facts

Population

2,112,000

Global Freedom Score

96/100 Free

Other Years

2024

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