Brunei

Brunei is scored against 188 of 193 other countries. At the UN it votes most alike with Iraq, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates; least alike with North Macedonia, Israel, United Kingdom.

Groups: APG, ASEAN

WHERE BRUNEI STANDS IN UN VOTES, 2025

Voting position -0.71 (90% range -1.0 to -0.43), among 191 countries. Distance from China 0.34, Russia 0.79, United States 3.6.



Nearest voting positions: Indonesia (0.01, ranges overlap), Kyrgyzstan (0.01, ranges overlap), Kuwait (0.01, ranges overlap), Viet Nam (0.01, ranges overlap), Uganda (0.02, ranges overlap), Lebanon (0.03, ranges overlap).

WHO IT VOTES WITH

Votes most alike at the UN		Votes least alike at the UN	
Iraq	96% vote agreement	North Macedonia	56% vote agreement
Bahrain	96% vote agreement	Israel	37% vote agreement
United Arab Emirates	96% vote agreement	United Kingdom	56% vote agreement
Malaysia	96% vote agreement	Hungary	57% vote agreement
Oman	95% vote agreement	United States	43% vote agreement
Mauritania	96% vote agreement	France	58% vote agreement

THE BIG THREE

United States: index -15 (Distant), votes -71, trade $234 million a year
China: index +27 (Close), votes +14, trade $2.7 billion a year
Russia: index -7 (Distant), votes -21, trade $1.3 million a year

BRUNEI IN NUMBERS (CONTEXT, NOT SCORED)

Population	466,330 (2025)	Government debt	1.5% (2025)
Economy (GDP)	$15 bn (2025)	Inflation	-0.3% (2025)
Income per person	$29,531 (2025)		
Military spending	3.6% (2024)		

TRADE, SECURITY AND CLUBS

Biggest trade ties		Opposite sides in armed conflict (latest year)
Singapore	$2.8 billion	none recorded
China	$2.7 billion	
Australia	$2.6 billion	
Malaysia	$1.9 billion	
Japan	$1.6 billion	
United Arab Emirates	$727 million	

SOURCES AND LIMITS

Votes: UN General Assembly roll calls (Voeten et al.; UN Digital Library) via Nations on Record. Trade: IMF via Nations on Record. Conflict: Uppsala Conflict Data Program 26.1. Context numbers: World Bank, IMF, SIPRI, V-Dem. Voting positions: Bailey, Strezhnev and Voeten. A vote shows how a government voted on a text, not why. Scores are not predictions and not advice. Rules and checks: https://nationsrelations.org/method

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