WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONS ASTROLOGY DATASET

ZodiacEchoes Original Analysis | 59 unique champions | 6 planets | 8 charts

Methodology

The primary roster contains 59 unique official world chess champions, including 34 open and 25 women champions. Classical, recognized FIDE-era, rapid and blitz championships are included under the study roster. Each champion is counted once in the sign-frequency charts.

Tropical geocentric Sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn positions were calculated for 12:00 UTC on recorded birth dates using Swiss Ephemeris (Moshier). Unknown birth times were not inferred. The working data flag boundary dates and unresolved birth-date conflicts.

Two historical rapid titleholders were included only in an expanded 61-person sensitivity sample used for aspect testing. Planetary aspect testing covered 75 combinations (15 planet pairs × 5 major aspects), with multiple-testing controls.

Scope and interpretation

Planetary frequencies are descriptive counts, not evidence that astrology predicts chess ability. Outer-planet sign distributions are affected by birth cohorts. The exploratory Sun–Saturn result does not survive the global multiple-comparison correction.

Championship roster and source register

Champion	Birth date	Category	Championship classification
Aleksandra Goryachkina	1998-09-28	Women	Women rapid
Alexander Alekhine	1892-10-31	Open	Classical
Alexander Grischuk	1983-10-31	Open	Open blitz
Alexander Khalifman	1966-01-18	Open	FIDE split era
Alexandra Kosteniuk	1984-04-23	Women	Women classical; Women rapid
Anastasia Bodnaruk	1992-03-30	Women	Women rapid
Anatoly Karpov	1951-05-23	Open	Classical
Anna Muzychuk	1990-02-28	Women	Women blitz; Women rapid
Anna Ushenina	1985-08-30	Women	Women classical
Antoaneta Stefanova	1979-04-19	Women	Women classical; Women rapid
Bibisara Assaubayeva	2004-02-26	Women	Women blitz
Bobby Fischer	1943-03-09	Open	Classical

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Boris Spassky	1937-01-30	Open	Classical
Daniil Dubov	1996-04-18	Open	Open rapid
Ding Liren	1992-11-24	Open	Classical
Elisaveta Bykova	1913-11-04	Women	Women classical

Champion roster — continued

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Emanuel Lasker	1868-12-24	Open	Classical
Garry Kasparov	1963-04-13	Open	Classical
Gukesh Dommaraju	2006-05-29	Open	Classical
Hou Yifan	1994-02-27	Women	Women classical
Humpy Koneru	1987-03-31	Women	Women rapid
Ian Nepomniachtchi	1990-07-14	Open	Open blitz
José Raúl Capablanca	1888-11-19	Open	Classical
Ju Wenjun	1991-01-31	Women	Women blitz; Women classical; Women
Kateryna Lagno	1989-12-27	Women	Women blitz; Women rapid
Le Quang Liem	1991-03-13	Open	Open blitz
Leinier Dominguez Perez	1983-09-23	Open	Open blitz
Levon Aronian	1982-10-06	Open	Open blitz
Lyudmila Rudenko	1904-07-27	Women	Women classical
Magnus Carlsen	1990-11-30	Open	Classical; Open blitz; Open rapid
Maia Chiburdanidze	1961-01-17	Women	Women classical
Mariya Muzychuk	1992-09-21	Women	Women classical

Champion roster — continued

Champion	Birth date	Category	Championship classification
Max Euwe	1901-05-20	Open	Classical
Maxime Vachier-Lagrave	1990-10-21	Open	Open blitz
Mikhail Botvinnik	1911-08-17	Open	Classical
Mikhail Tal	1936-11-09	Open	Classical
Nana Dzagnidze	1986-12-01	Women	Women blitz
Nodirbek Abdusattorov	2004-09-18	Open	Open rapid
Nona Gaprindashvili	1941-05-03	Women	Women classical
Olga Rubtsova	1909-08-20	Women	Women classical
Ruslan Ponomariov	1983-10-11	Open	FIDE split era
Rustam Kasimdzhanov	1979-12-05	Open	FIDE split era
Sergey Karjakin	1990-01-12	Open	Open blitz; Open rapid
Shakhriyar Mamedyarov	1985-04-12	Open	Open rapid
Susan Polgar	1969-04-19	Women	Women classical
Tan Zhongyi	1991-05-29	Women	Women classical; Women rapid
Tigran Petrosian	1929-06-17	Open	Classical
Valentina Gunina	1989-02-04	Women	Women blitz

Champion roster — continued

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Vasily Smyslov	1921-03-24	Open	Classical
Vasyl Ivanchuk	1969-03-18	Open	Open blitz; Open rapid
Vera Menchik	1906-02-16	Women	Women classical
Veselin Topalov	1975-03-15	Open	FIDE split era
Viswanathan Anand	1969-12-11	Open	Classical; Open blitz; Open rapid
Vladimir Kramnik	1975-06-25	Open	Classical
Volodar Murzin	2006-07-18	Open	Open rapid
Wilhelm Steinitz	1836-05-14	Open	Classical
Xie Jun	1970-10-30	Women	Women classical
Xu Yuhua	1976-10-29	Women	Women classical
Zhu Chen	1976-03-13	Women	Women classical

Individual planetary placements

Champion	Sun	Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Aleksandra Goryachkina	Libra	Libra	Virgo	Leo	Pisces	Taurus
Alexander Alekhine	Scorpio	Scorpio	Virgo	Aquarius	Aries	Libra
Alexander Grischuk	Scorpio	Scorpio	Virgo	Virgo	Sagittarius	Scorpio
Alexander Khalifman	Capricorn	Capricorn	Aquarius	Aquarius	Gemini	Pisces
Alexandra Kosteniuk	Taurus	Taurus	Aries	Scorpio	Capricorn	Scorpio
Anastasia Bodnaruk	Aries	Aries	Pisces	Pisces	Virgo	Aquarius
Anatoly Karpov	Gemini	Taurus	Cancer	Gemini	Aries	Virgo
Anna Muzychuk	Pisces	Aquarius	Capricorn	Capricorn	Cancer	Capricorn
Anna Ushenina	Virgo	Leo	Leo	Leo	Aquarius	Scorpio
Antoaneta Stefanova	Aries	Aries	Pisces	Aries	Cancer	Virgo
Bibisara Assaubayeva	Pisces	Pisces	Aries	Taurus	Virgo	Cancer
Bobby Fischer	Pisces	Aquarius	Aries	Aquarius	Cancer	Gemini
Boris Spassky	Aquarius	Capricorn	Pisces	Scorpio	Capricorn	Pisces
Daniil Dubov	Aries	Taurus	Gemini	Aries	Capricorn	Aries
Ding Liren	Sagittarius	Scorpio	Capricorn	Cancer	Libra	Aquarius
Elisaveta Bykova	Scorpio	Sagittarius	Libra	Cancer	Capricorn	Gemini
Emanuel Lasker	Capricorn	Sagittarius	Sagittarius	Virgo	Aries	Sagittarius
Garry Kasparov	Aries	Taurus	Pisces	Leo	Aries	Aquarius
Gukesh Dommaraju	Gemini	Gemini	Aries	Cancer	Scorpio	Leo
Hou Yifan	Pisces	Aquarius	Pisces	Aquarius	Scorpio	Pisces
Humpy Koneru	Aries	Pisces	Pisces	Taurus	Aries	Sagittarius
Ian Nepomniachtchi	Cancer	Leo	Gemini	Taurus	Cancer	Capricorn
José Raúl Capablanca	Scorpio	Scorpio	Capricorn	Capricorn	Sagittarius	Leo

Individual planetary placements — continued

Champion	Sun	Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Ju Wenjun	Aquarius	Capricorn	Pisces	Gemini	Leo	Capricorn
Kateryna Lagno	Capricorn	Capricorn	Aquarius	Sagittarius	Cancer	Capricorn
Le Quang Liem	Pisces	Aries	Aries	Gemini	Leo	Aquarius
Leinier Dominguez Perez	Virgo	Virgo	Leo	Leo	Sagittarius	Scorpio
Levon Aronian	Libra	Libra	Libra	Sagittarius	Scorpio	Libra
Lyudmila Rudenko	Leo	Leo	Leo	Cancer	Aries	Aquarius
Magnus Carlsen	Sagittarius	Sagittarius	Sagittarius	Gemini	Leo	Capricorn
Maia Chiburdanidze	Capricorn	Aquarius	Pisces	Cancer	Capricorn	Capricorn
Mariya Muzychuk	Virgo	Libra	Libra	Cancer	Virgo	Aquarius
Max Euwe	Taurus	Gemini	Gemini	Virgo	Capricorn	Capricorn
Maxime Vachier-Lagrave	Libra	Libra	Libra	Gemini	Leo	Capricorn
Mikhail Botvinnik	Leo	Virgo	Virgo	Taurus	Scorpio	Taurus
Mikhail Tal	Scorpio	Scorpio	Sagittarius	Virgo	Sagittarius	Pisces
Nana Dzagnidze	Sagittarius	Scorpio	Scorpio	Pisces	Pisces	Sagittarius
Nodirbek Abdusattorov	Virgo	Virgo	Leo	Virgo	Virgo	Cancer
Nona Gaprindashvili	Taurus	Taurus	Taurus	Aquarius	Taurus	Taurus
Olga Rubtsova	Leo	Virgo	Virgo	Aries	Virgo	Aries
Ruslan Ponomariov	Libra	Libra	Virgo	Virgo	Sagittarius	Scorpio
Rustam Kasimdzhanov	Sagittarius	Scorpio	Capricorn	Virgo	Virgo	Virgo
Sergey Karjakin	Capricorn	Capricorn	Aquarius	Sagittarius	Cancer	Capricorn
Shakhriyar Mamedyarov	Aries	Aries	Aries	Taurus	Aquarius	Scorpio
Susan Polgar	Aries	Taurus	Aries	Sagittarius	Virgo	Aries
Tan Zhongyi	Gemini	Taurus	Cancer	Leo	Leo	Aquarius

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Champion	Sun	Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Tigran Petrosian	Gemini	Gemini	Taurus	Leo	Gemini	Sagittarius
Valentina Gunina	Aquarius	Capricorn	Aquarius	Taurus	Taurus	Capricorn
Vasily Smyslov	Aries	Pisces	Taurus	Aries	Virgo	Virgo
Vasyl Ivanchuk	Pisces	Pisces	Aries	Sagittarius	Libra	Aries
Vera Menchik	Aquarius	Aquarius	Aquarius	Aries	Taurus	Pisces
Veselin Topalov	Pisces	Aquarius	Aries	Aquarius	Pisces	Cancer
Viswanathan Anand	Sagittarius	Capricorn	Sagittarius	Aquarius	Libra	Taurus
Vladimir Kramnik	Cancer	Gemini	Leo	Aries	Aries	Cancer
Volodar Murzin	Cancer	Cancer	Gemini	Leo	Scorpio	Leo
Wilhelm Steinitz	Taurus	Gemini	Cancer	Aries	Cancer	Scorpio
Xie Jun	Scorpio	Scorpio	Scorpio	Libra	Scorpio	Taurus
Xu Yuhua	Scorpio	Scorpio	Sagittarius	Scorpio	Taurus	Leo
Zhu Chen	Pisces	Pisces	Aquarius	Gemini	Aries	Cancer

Birth-date and planetary-position audit

Aleksandra Goryachkina — Specific source - conflicting FIDE record; uncertain positions: ; boundary notes:

Emanuel Lasker — Specific source; uncertain positions: venus: Scorpio / Sagittarius; venus: Scorpio/Sagittarius; boundary notes: venus:Scorpio|Sagittarius

Gukesh Dommaraju — Specific source; uncertain positions: venus: Aries / Taurus; venus: Aries/Taurus; boundary notes: venus:Aries|Taurus

Leinier Dominguez Perez — Specific source; uncertain positions: sun: Virgo / Libra; sun: Virgo/Libra; boundary notes: sun:Virgo|Libra

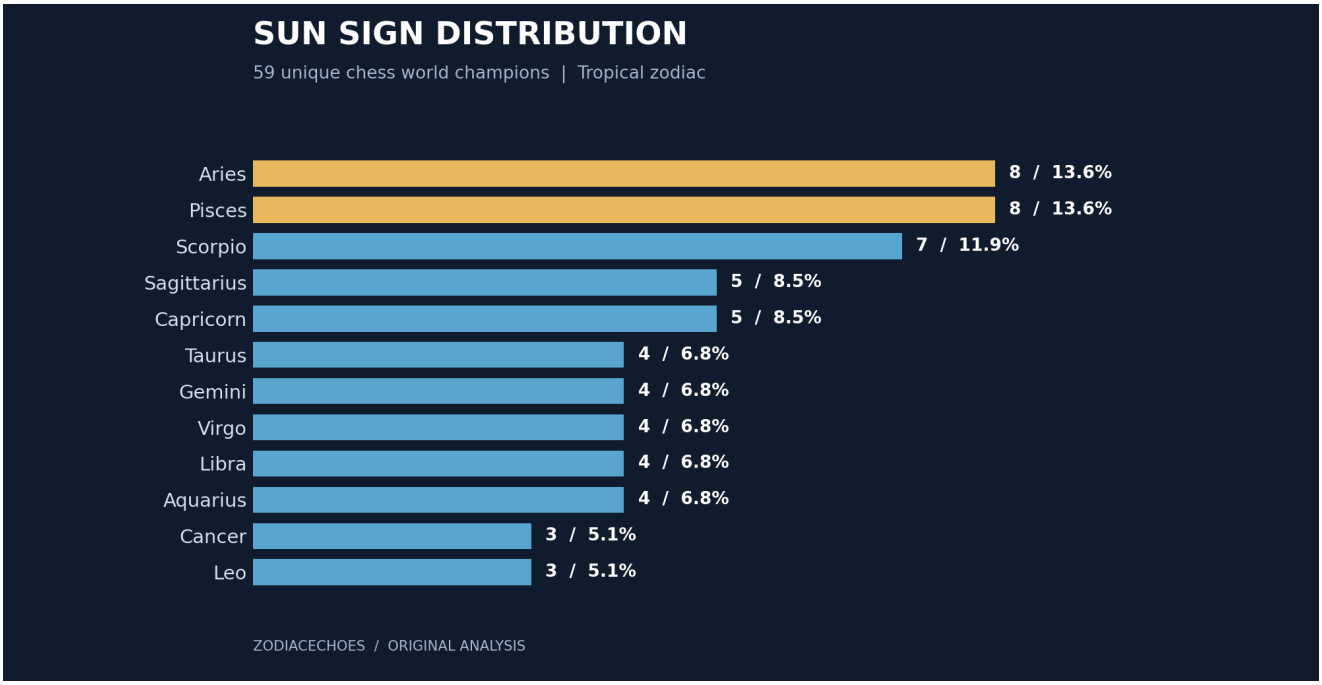
Xu Yuhua — Specific source; uncertain positions: mercury: Libra / Scorpio; mercury: Libra/Scorpio; boundary notes: mercury:Libra|Scorpio

Frequency totals

Sign	Sun	Mercury	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Aries	8	4	9	7	8	4
Taurus	4	7	3	6	4	5
Gemini	4	5	4	6	2	2
Cancer	3	1	3	6	7	5
Leo	3	3	5	7	5	4
Virgo	4	4	6	7	8	4
Libra	4	5	4	1	3	2
Scorpio	7	9	2	3	6	7
Sagittarius	5	3	5	5	5	4
Capricorn	5	7	4	2	6	10
Aquarius	4	6	6	7	2	7
Pisces	8	5	8	2	3	5

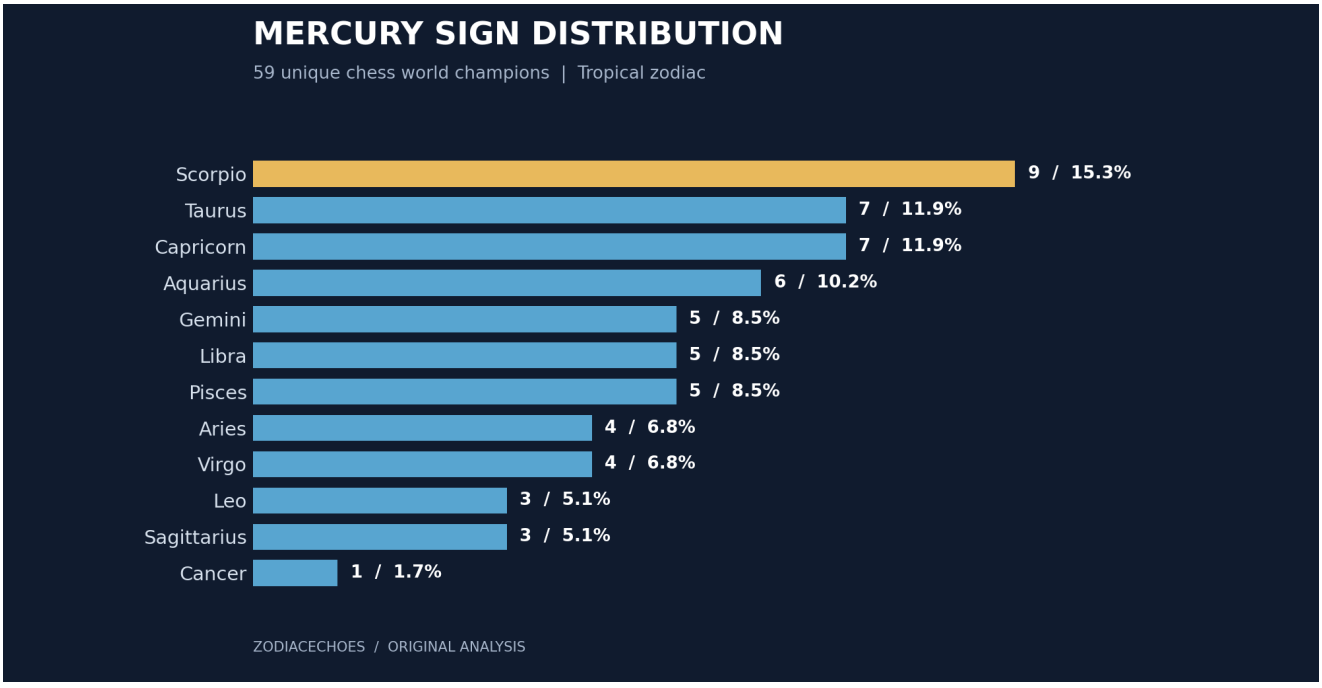
Astrological distribution charts

Figure 1 — Sun sign distribution



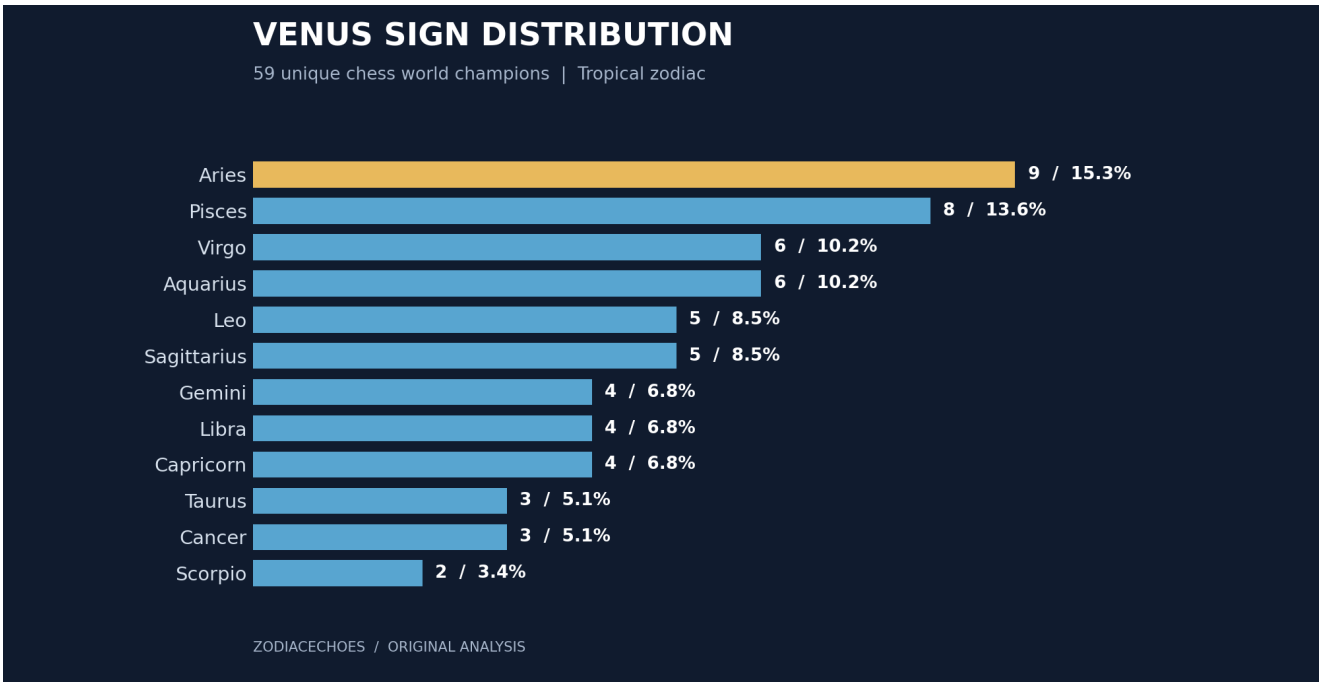
Sun placements among 59 unique world chess champions. Gold highlights the most frequent sign or tied signs.

Figure 2 — Mercury sign distribution



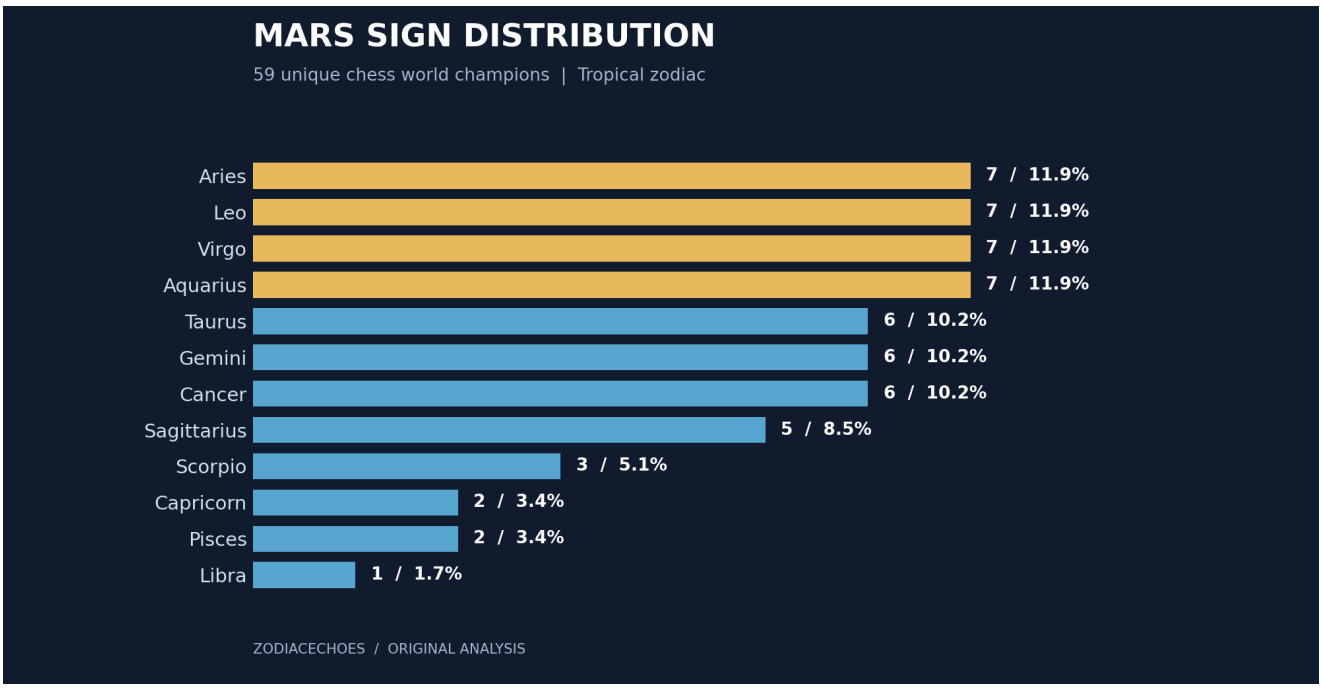
Mercury placements among 59 unique world chess champions. Gold highlights the most frequent sign or tied signs.

Figure 3 — Venus sign distribution



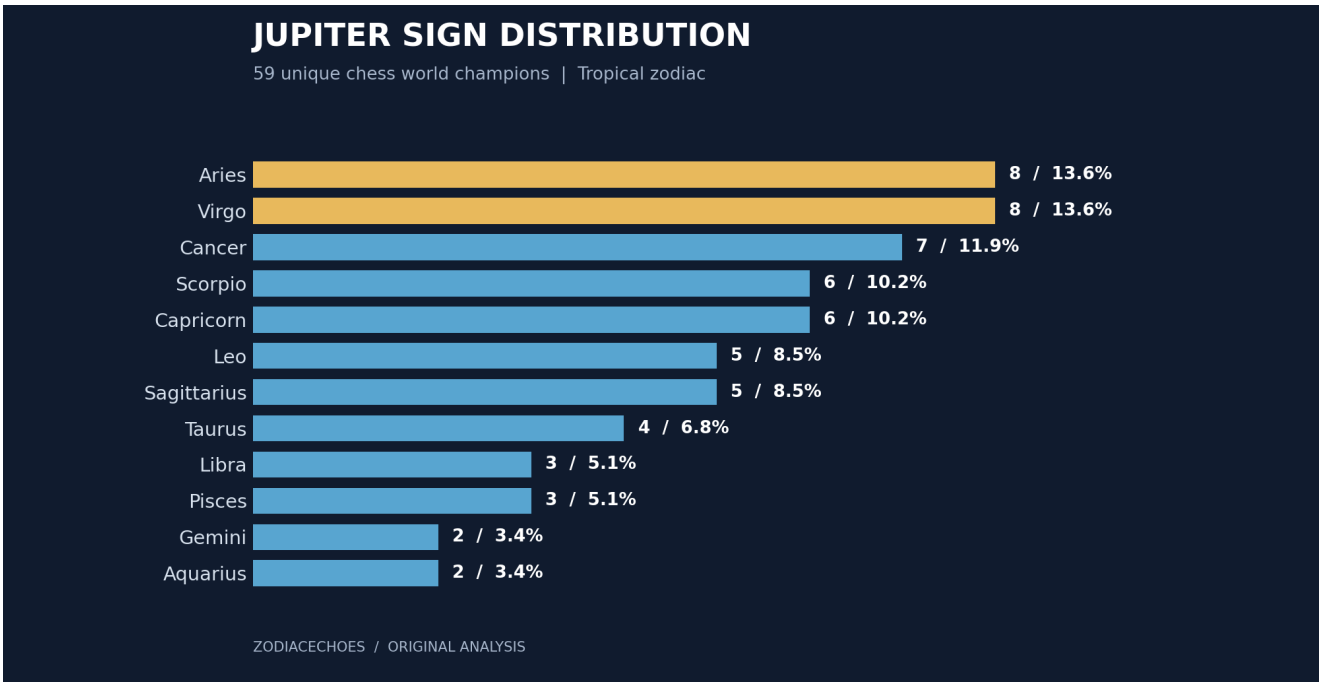
Venus placements among 59 unique world chess champions. Gold highlights the most frequent sign or tied signs.

Figure 4 — Mars sign distribution



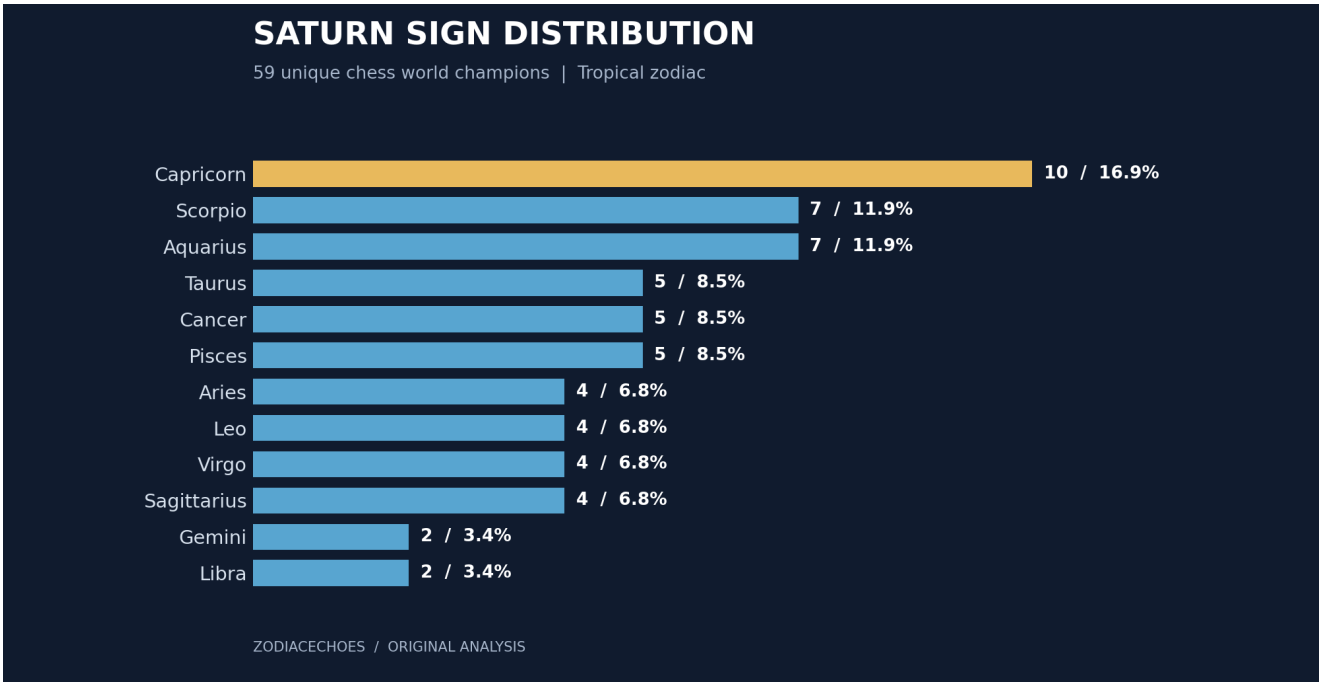
Mars placements among 59 unique world chess champions. Gold highlights the most frequent sign or tied signs.

Figure 5 — Jupiter sign distribution



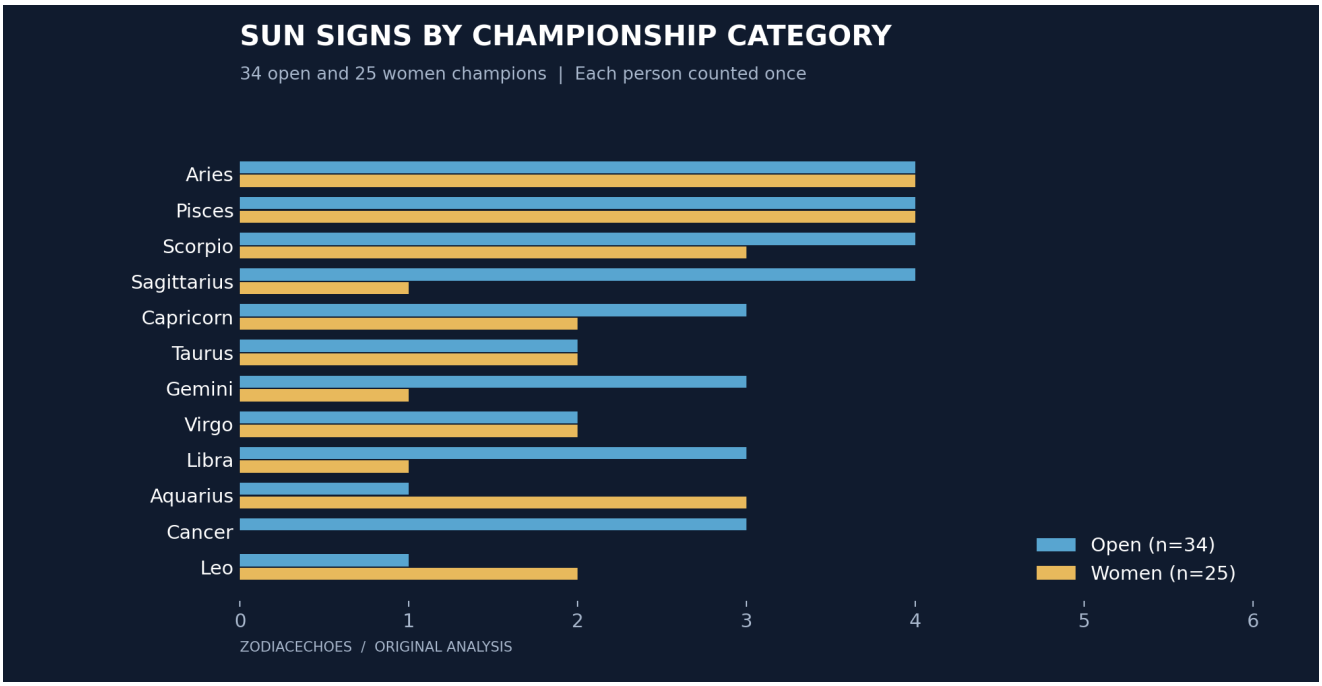
Jupiter placements among 59 unique world chess champions. Gold highlights the most frequent sign or tied signs.

Figure 6 — Saturn sign distribution



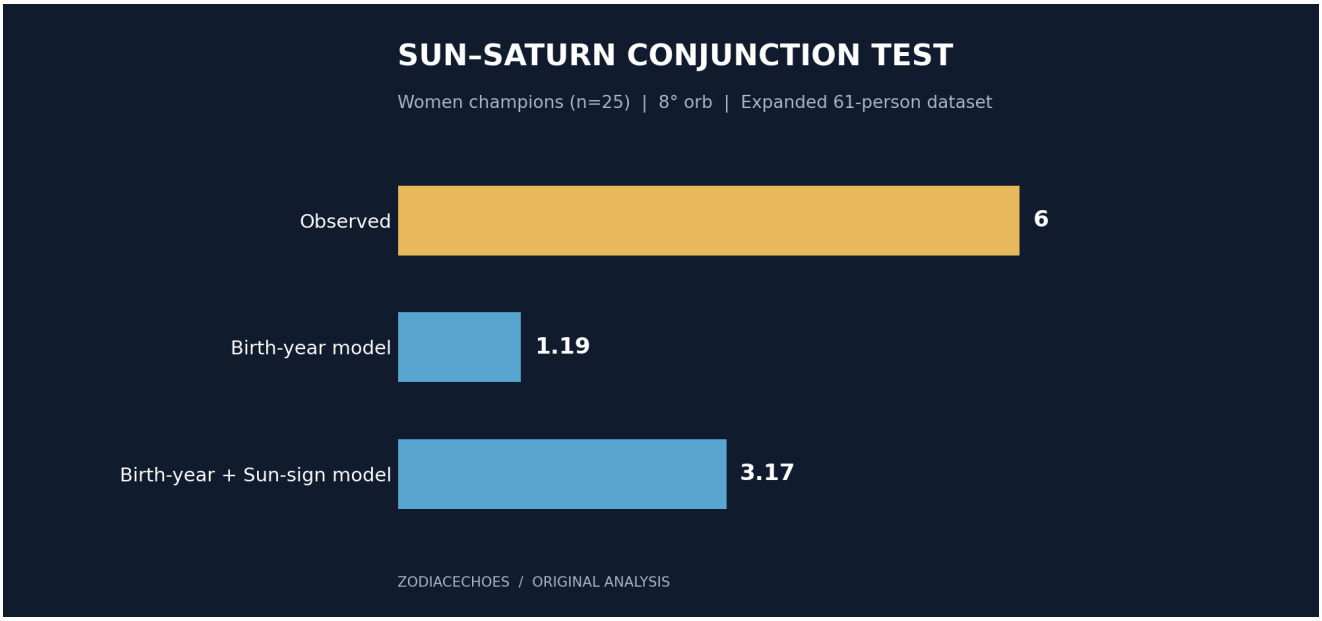
Saturn placements among 59 unique world chess champions. Gold highlights the most frequent sign or tied signs.

Figure 7 — Sun signs by championship category



Sun-sign counts for open and women champions, counted once per individual.

Figure 8 — Sun–Saturn conjunction: observed versus expected



Six observed conjunctions compared with 1.19 expected under a birth-year-only model and 3.17 under a birth-year-and-Sun-sign model. This result does not survive global multiple-testing correction.

Statistical controls and reproducibility

Sun–Saturn conjunction within 8°: eight champions in the expanded 61-person sample, including six women. Women's group expectation: 1.19 under birth-year-only randomization, versus 3.17 when both birth year and Sun sign are preserved. The uncorrected probability is approximately 0.033 under the stricter reference; global correction across 225 tests yields approximately 0.8815. The association is not statistically confirmed.

Data files and source references

The accompanying CSV records individual names, birth dates, source URLs, championship categories, six calculated planetary signs, and audit notes. Source references include FIDE, Chess.com championship histories and individual birth-date sources. Planetary computation: Swiss Ephemeris.