

ELECTRONEGATIVITY

Electronegativity is a parameter originally introduced by Pauling which describes, on a relative basis, the tendency of an atom in a molecule to attract bonding electrons. While electronegativity is not a precisely defined molecular property, the electronegativity difference between two atoms provides a useful measure of the polarity and ionic character of the bond between them. This table gives the electronegativity X , on the Pauling scale, for the most common oxidation state. Other scales are described in the references.

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<i>Z</i>	Symbol	<i>X</i>	<i>Z</i>	Symbol	<i>X</i>	<i>Z</i>	Symbol	<i>X</i>
1	H	2.20	33	As	2.18	65	Tb	—
2	He	—	34	Se	2.55	66	Dy	1.22
3	Li	0.98	35	Br	2.96	67	Ho	1.23
4	Be	1.57	36	Kr	—	68	Er	1.24
5	B	2.04	37	Rb	0.82	69	Tm	1.25
6	C	2.55	38	Sr	0.95	70	Yb	—
7	N	3.04	39	Y	1.22	71	Lu	1.0
8	O	3.44	40	Zr	1.33	72	Hf	1.3
9	F	3.98	41	Nb	1.6	73	Ta	1.5
10	Ne	—	42	Mo	2.16	74	W	1.7
11	Na	0.93	43	Tc	2.10	75	Re	1.9
12	Mg	1.31	44	Ru	2.2	76	Os	2.2
13	Al	1.61	45	Rh	2.28	77	Ir	2.2
14	Si	1.90	46	Pd	2.20	78	Pt	2.2
15	P	2.19	47	Ag	1.93	79	Au	2.4
16	S	2.58	48	Cd	1.69	80	Hg	1.9
17	Cl	3.16	49	In	1.78	81	Tl	1.8
18	Ar	—	50	Sn	1.96	82	Pb	1.8
19	K	0.82	51	Sb	2.05	83	Bi	1.9
20	Ca	1.00	52	Te	2.1	84	Po	2.0
21	Sc	1.36	53	I	2.66	85	At	2.2
22	Ti	1.54	54	Xe	2.60	86	Rn	—
23	V	1.63	55	Cs	0.79	87	Fr	0.7
24	Cr	1.66	56	Ba	0.89	88	Ra	0.9
25	Mn	1.55	57	La	1.10	89	Ac	1.1
26	Fe	1.83	58	Ce	1.12	90	Th	1.3
27	Co	1.88	59	Pr	1.13	91	Pa	1.5
28	Ni	1.91	60	Nd	1.14	92	U	1.7
29	Cu	1.90	61	Pm	—	93	Np	1.3
30	Zn	1.65	62	Sm	1.17	94	Pu	1.3
31	Ga	1.81	63	Eu	—			
32	Ge	2.01	64	Gd	1.20			