



BURKINA FASO GENDER LANDSCAPE

Gender data helps to inform smart development policy. This briefing provides key indicators for Burkina Faso which help in monitoring gender equality and designing effective policy interventions. The arrows indicate longer term progress on outcomes from a base year, while the color coded elements compare the latest gender data in Burkina Faso with its regional peers.

Click the measures below to explore the [World Bank Gender Data Portal](#).

Compared to:	Base Year	Region
>10% Higher Value	↗	
Equal/No Change	→	
>10% Lower Value	↘	
No Data	---	

		Country Performance				Peer Comparison			
		Baseline		Latest		Latest			
		Value	Year	Value	Year	SSA	LIC	World	
HUMAN ENDOWMENTS									
Learning-Adjusted Years of Schooling	Female	2.93	2010	↗	4.49	2020	NA	NA	NA
	Male	3.40	2010	↗	4.58	2020	NA	NA	NA
Literacy rate (% 15+)	Female	21.0	2007	↗	37.8	2021	60.9	53.3	83.5
	Male	36.6	2007	↗	54.5	2021	73.8	68.7	90.2
Lower secondary completion rate (% of relevant group)	Female	16.0	2011	↗	41.1	2021	43.0	38.3	78.0
	Male	20.1	2011	↗	33.6	2021	46.1	43.4	77.0
Fertility rate, total (births per woman)		5.87	2011	↘	4.77	2021	4.60	4.62	2.27
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)		130	2011	↘	111	2021	100.0	95.6	42.5
Maternal mortality ratio (modeled estimate per 100,000 live births)		340	2011	↘	264	2020	536	409	223
Pregnant women receiving prenatal care of at least four visits (% of pregnant women)		33.7	2010	↗	47.2	2015	53.8	46.1	65.4
Unmet need for contraception (% of married women 15-49)		24.5	2011	→	22.3	2021	21.5	21.7	NA
Mortality from chronic vascular disease, cancer, diabetes or cardiorespiratory disease between 30 and 70 (%)	Female	22.7	2011	→	22.1	2019	20.1	21.6	14.8
	Male	28.0	2011	→	26.4	2019	22.8	25.3	21.7
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY									
Labor force participation rate (% 15+, modeled ILO estimate)	Female	58.6	2011	→	58.3	2022	60.9	58.7	47.3
	Male	78.7	2011	→	73.1	2022	72.7	75.3	72.5
Wage and salaried workers (% of employment, modeled ILO estimate)	Female	7.00	2011	↗	10.00	2021	17.4	11.9	54.3
	Male	12.4	2011	↗	15.3	2021	28.7	25.0	52.9
Employment in agriculture (% of employment, modeled ILO estimate)	Female	81.5	2011	→	76.1	2021	51.6	62.5	25.3
	Male	76.5	2011	→	71.0	2021	51.5	55.8	27.2
Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population)	Female	NA	NA	---	49.1	2018	NA	NA	NA
	Male	NA	NA	---	30.4	2018	NA	NA	NA
Age dependency ratio (% of working-age population)		93.7	2011	→	86.1	2022	82.1	82.7	55.2
Women who own land both alone and jointly (% of women 15-49)		4.10	2010	---	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Men who own land alone (% of men)		40.3	2010	---	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Financial institution account (% 15+)	Female	10.8	2011	↗	17.0	2021	33.8	20.3	71.9
	Male	15.7	2011	↗	25.7	2021	45.9	27.8	76.0
Borrowed to start, operate, or expand a farm or business (% 15+)	Female	NA	NA	---	12.6	2017	10.8	10.3	5.27
	Male	NA	NA	---	16.2	2017	12.4	12.7	7.58
Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)		19.2	2009	---	NA	NA	28.1	24.0	33.3
VOICE AND AGENCY									
Firms with female top manager (% of firms)		11.3	2009	---	NA	NA	16.2	12.5	17.9
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)		15.3	2011	↗	16.9	2022	26.3	24.1	26.5
Women who were first married by 18 (% of women 20-24)		51.6	2010	---	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Proportion of women subjected to physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months (% of ever-partnered women 15-49)		9.30	2010	---	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Women who believe a husband is justified in beating his wife (any of five reasons, %)		43.5	2010	---	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Note: The Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) region includes 48 countries (all income levels), as classified by The World Bank Group. Burkina Faso is a low income (LIC) country, which includes 26 countries with a Gross National Income (GNI) per capita from \$0 to \$1,135 (calculated using the World Bank Atlas method). Data and definitions can be found on the [Gender Data Portal](#). Data is as of September 13, 2023.

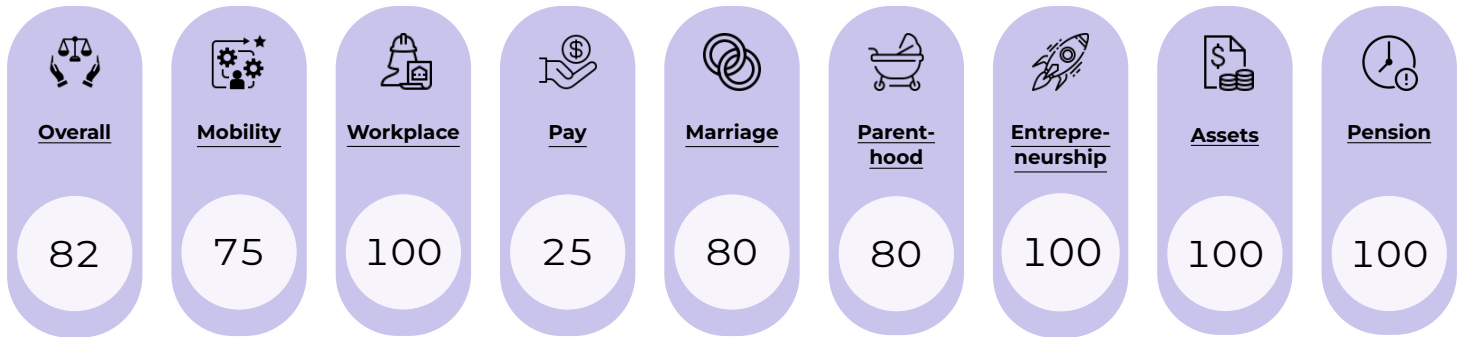
Country Baseline provides a reference from 1990 to 2011. Latest Value shows the latest available value from 2012 onwards. The arrow icon represents country increases or decreases over 10 percent relative to the base year. Peer Comparison shows how Burkina Faso performs relative to its peers in the region, income group, and the world. Color coding represents values 10 percent above or below its peers in the region.



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Women, Business and the Law in Burkina Faso

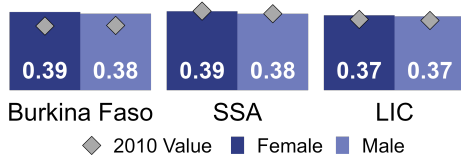
Women, Business and the Law (WBL) 2022 presents an index covering 190 economies, structured around the life cycle of a working woman. In total, 35 questions are scored across eight indicators. **Burkina Faso scores 82 out of 100**, while the regional average across Sub-Saharan Africa is 73.



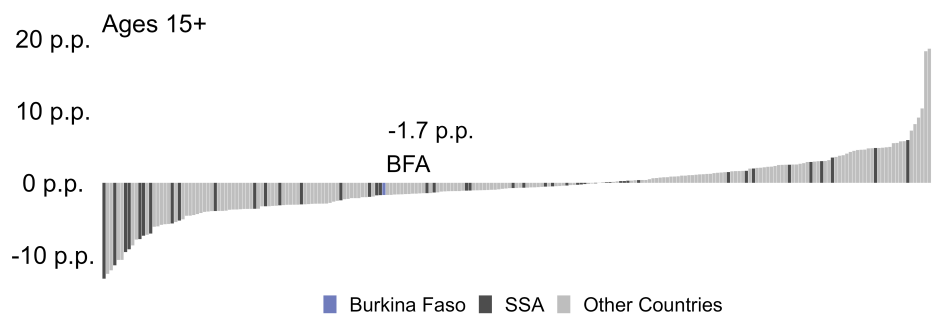
A Closer Look at Gender Equality in Burkina Faso

Despite some progress, gender gaps, gender-based violence, and disadvantageous social norms facing women and girls persist, and gains in human capital of women and girls remain untapped. Turning human capital investments into economic gains means addressing multiple barriers to women's economic empowerment, including improving their voice and agency.

Human Capital Index Score (0-1) Baseline compared to 2020



Change in Female Labor Force Participation 2010-2020 (p.p.) Ages 15+



Unpacking the Numbers in Burkina Faso

39 percent

A girl born today will be 39 percent as productive as if she enjoyed full education, health, and employment **(2020)**

1 in 4

25 percent of women 15 to 19 years old have had children or are currently pregnant **(2018)**

22 percent

22 percent of married women ages 15 to 49 report not having access to contraceptives **(2021)**

4.9 times

Men hold 4.9 times as many seats in the national parliament as women **(2022)**

3.4 times

A man is 3.4 times as likely to have used the internet to pay bills or to buy something online in the past year **(2021)**

LEARN MORE

The World Bank in Gender: This portal features the latest research, news, and events around gender equality in international development.

Women, Business and the Law: This portal includes reports, data, and news on the laws and regulations that affect women's economic opportunity.

World Bank Gender Strategy (2024-30): This page summarizes research and evidence feeding into WBG's new gender strategy.

World Bank Gender Data Portal: This open data tool shares the latest statistics and research to improve understanding and inform policy choices.

AFR Gender Innovation Lab: This page features policy research by the GIL, evaluating innovative solutions to close priority gender gaps in the region.



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