Gender data helps to inform smart development policy. This briefing provides key indicators for Islamic Republic of Iran 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 Islamic Republic of Iran with its regional peers.

Click the measures below to explore the World Bank Gender Data Portal.

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### Human Endowments

- **Learning-Adjusted Years of Schooling**
  - Female 7.99 2010  ➔ 8.43 2020
  - Male 7.91 2010 ➔ 7.98 2020

- **School share of graduates from STEM programs, tertiary (%)**
  - Female 38.3 2009 ➔ 31.2 2017
  - Male NA NA NA NA

- **Fertility rate, total (births per woman)**
  - Female 1.77 2010 ➔ 1.71 2020
  - Male 6.67 2010 ➔ 6.67 2020

- **Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)**
  - Female 35.0 2010 ➔ 30.8 2020
  - Male 15.2 2010 ➔ 15.2 2020

- **Maternal mortality ratio (modeled estimate per 100,000 live births)**
  - Female 5.70 2010 ➔ 5.00 2020
  - Male 12.0 2010 ➔ 17.6 2019

- **Births attended by skilled health staff (% of total)**
  - Female 99.8 2010 ➔ 98.5 2019
  - Male 99.8 2010 ➔ 98.5 2019

- **Unmet need for contraception (% of married women 15-49)**
  - Female 5.70 2010 ➔ 5.00 2020
  - Male 12.0 2010 ➔ 17.6 2019

- **Mortality from chronic vascular disease, cancer, diabetes or cardiorespiratory disease between 30 and 70 (%)**
  - Female 47.6 2010 ➔ 45.3 2020
  - Male 20.0 2010 ➔ 18.3 2019

### Economic Opportunity

- **Labor force participation rate (% 15+, modeled ILO estimate)**
  - Female 51.8 2010 ➔ 50.8 2020
  - Male 67.3 2010 ➔ 68.7 2020

- **Wage and salaried workers (% of employment, modeled ILO estimate)**
  - Female 50.3 2010 ➔ 56.3 2019
  - Male 56.5 2010 ➔ 52.0 2019

- **Employment in agriculture (% of employment, modeled ILO estimate)**
  - Female 28.0 2010 ➔ 18.8 2019
  - Male 17.5 2010 ➔ 17.1 2019

- **Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population)**
  - Female 47.6 2010 ➔ 41.5 2020
  - Male 22.1 2010 ➔ 18.3 2019

- **Received as public sector pension (% 15+)**
  - Female NA NA ➔ 5.27 2021
  - Male NA NA ➔ 16.7 2020

- **Age dependency ratio (% of working-age population)**
  - Female 37.5 2010 ➔ 45.3 2021
  - Male 67.3 2010 ➔ 68.7 2020

- **Female migrants (% of international migrant stock)**
  - Female 43.1 2010 ➔ 47.0 2019
  - Male 43.1 2010 ➔ 47.0 2019

- **Financial institution account (% 15+)**
  - Female NA NA ➔ 84.4 2021
  - Male NA NA ➔ 94.8 2021

- **Borrowed to start, operate, or expand a farm or business (% 15+)**
  - Female NA NA ➔ 15.2 2017
  - Male NA NA ➔ 18.7 2017

- **Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)**
  - Female NA NA ➔ 19.0 2019
  - Male NA NA ➔ 32.3 2019

### Voice and Agency

- **Firms with female top manager (% of firms)**
  - Female NA NA ➔ NA 2020
  - Male NA NA ➔ NA 2020

- **Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)**
  - Female 2.76 2010 ➔ 5.59 2021
  - Male 16.3 2010 ➔ 17.0 2021

- **Women who were first married by 18 (% of women 20-24)**
  - Female 16.7 2010 ➔ NA 2020
  - Male 16.7 2010 ➔ NA 2020

- **Proportion of women subjected to physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months (% of ever-partnered women 15-49)**
  - Female NA NA ➔ 6.67 2020
  - Male NA NA ➔ NA 2020

**Note:** The Middle East and North Africa (MNA) region includes 21 countries (all income levels), as classified by The World Bank Group. Islamic Republic of Iran is a lower middle income (LMC) country, which includes 54 countries with a Gross National Income (GNI) per capita from $1,086 to $4,255 (calculated using the World Bank Atlas method). Data and definitions can be found on the Gender Data Portal. Data is as of March 31, 2023. Country baseline provides a reference from 1990 to 2010. Latest Value shows the latest available value from 2011 onwards. The arrow icon represents country increases or decreases over 10 percent relative to the base year. Peer Comparison shows how Islamic Republic of Iran 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.
Women, Business and the Law (WBL) 2023 presents an index covering 190 economies, structured around the life cycle of a working woman. In total, 35 questions are scored across eight indicators. Islamic Republic of Iran scores 31.3 out of 100, while the regional average across Middle East and North Africa is 54.

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Unpacking the Numbers in Islamic Republic of Iran

61 percent  
A girl born today will be 61 percent as productive as if she enjoyed full education, health, and employment (2020)

54 points  
Men and women have a 54 percentage point gap in labor force participation (2021)

5.7 percent  
5.7 percent of married women ages 15 to 49 report not having access to contraceptives (2011)

17 times  
Men hold 17 times as many seats in the national parliament as women (2021)

1.3 times  
A man is 1.3 times as likely to have used the internet to pay bills or to buy something online in the past year (2021)

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The WBG Gender Strategy update (FY24-FY30): 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.

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