



Color Key

Improvement

Deterioration

No Change

The gender data landscape highlights opportunities for enhancing gender equality outcomes in South Africa to support productivity and wealth gains, reduce poverty and increase shared prosperity.

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

		Year	Latest*	Comparison		
			Value	SSA	UMC	World
Progress in ending all forms of gender-based violence						
Proportion of women subjected to physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months (% of ever partnered women ages 15-49)	Female	2018	13.0	20.3	8.75	NA
Women who were first married by 18 (% of women 20-24)	Female	2016	3.60	NA	NA	NA
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)		2023	51.6	93.4	23.4	39.1
Stronger and more resilient human capital						
Learning poverty: Share of children at the end-of-primary age below minimum reading proficiency (%)	Female	2021	77.1	85.9	14.2	50.0
	Male	2021	86.6	86.8	17.2	53.7
Lower secondary completion rate (% of relevant group)	Female	2022	94.0	44.1	90.8	74.8
	Male	2022	84.8	47.0	87.8	74.6
Female share of graduates from STEM programs, tertiary (%)		2017	42.8	NA	NA	NA
Maternal mortality ratio (modeled estimate per 100,000 live births)		2023	118	448	57.0	197
Contraceptive prevalence, any modern method (% of married women 15-49)		2016	54.0	27.8	73.7	54.1
Fraction of children under 5 not stunted	Female	2020	0.75	NA	NA	NA
	Male	2020	0.70	NA	NA	NA
Mortality from cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease between ages 30 and 70 (%)	Female	2021	24.7	20.8	13.2	15.6
	Male	2021	20.1	22.0	20.0	21.0
More and better jobs, including jobs of the future						
Labor force participation rate (% 15+)	Female	2024	53.0	64.9	53.5	49.1
	Male	2024	64.5	75.4	72.6	73.2
Wage and salaried workers (% of employment)	Female	2023	86.3	16.5	57.9	52.6
	Male	2023	81.5	27.4	56.7	51.6
Employment in agriculture (% of employment)	Female	2023	19.8	47.7	17.2	25.9
	Male	2023	18.0	50.2	22.8	26.2
Vulnerable employment (% of employment)	Female	2023	10.6	79.6	39.5	45.1
	Male	2023	11.1	64.3	38.3	43.4
Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population)	Female	2023	35.5	NA	21.2	NA
	Male	2023	32.5	NA	13.4	NA
Youth unemployment (% of labor force 15-24)	Female	2024	65.5	10.9	18.3	15.3
	Male	2024	57.1	9.21	16.2	13.2
Percentage of women's economic rights (%)		2023	88.1	74.0	78.3	77.9
Greater ownership and use of economic assets						
Women who do not own land (% of women 15-49)	Female	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Men who do not own land (% of men)	Male	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Account at a financial institution (% age 15+)	Female	2024	81.0	52.3	82.5	76.6
	Male	2024	81.3	64.4	85.6	80.9
Saved at a financial institution or using a mobile money account (% 15+)	Female	2024	34.0	NA	52.7	NA
	Male	2024	37.9	NA	58.0	NA
Wider access to and use of enabling services						
Individuals using the Internet (% of population)	Female	NA	NA	28.4	75.8	61.6
	Male	NA	NA	38.9	77.3	67.2
Used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills (% age 15+)	Female	2024	17.1	14.1	60.6	31.8
	Male	2024	25.1	19.4	63.1	37.0
Advances in women's participation in decision-making						
Female share of employment in senior and middle management (%)		2023	36.0	NA	NA	NA
Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)		2020	10.6	30.1	35.9	33.9
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)		2024	44.7	26.9	27.2	27.0
Proportion of women in ministerial level positions (%)		2024	43.8	23.6	20.3	22.9

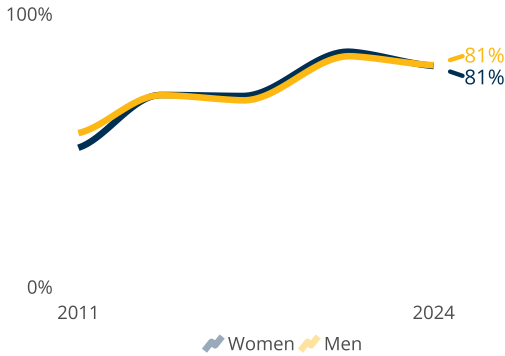
* Latest value shows the latest available country value for the indicator. Color coding of the latest country value represents a more than 10 percent change upward or downward from the country's baseline value from 10 years (+/- 2 years) prior to latest value. No coloring applied whenever there is no data for baseline or when latest available value is prior to 2020.





Account ownership unlocks access to financial products

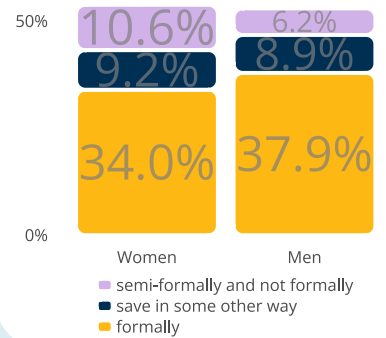
Women and men have nearly equal account ownership | Adults with an account (%)



Women in the labor force are more likely to have an account

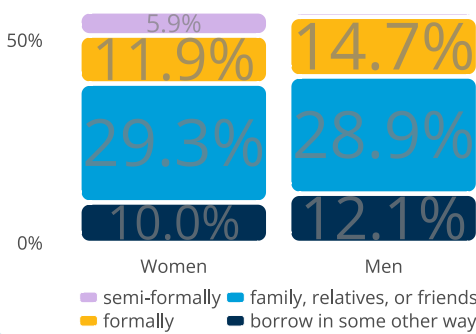
85% of women who are in the labor force have a bank account, but only **78%** of women out of the labor force have a bank account

Fewer women than men are saving formally | Adults saving any money in the past year (%)

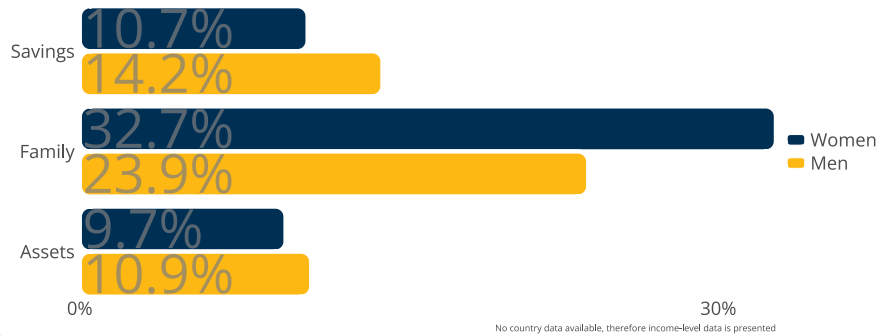


Access to capital helps build businesses and create jobs

Fewer women than men are borrowing from formal financial institutions | Adults borrowing any money in the past year (%)

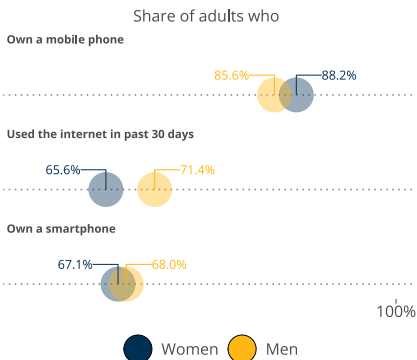


Men are more likely than women to be able to fall back on their savings when facing unforeseen financial expenses | Adults identifying the source of emergency money (%)

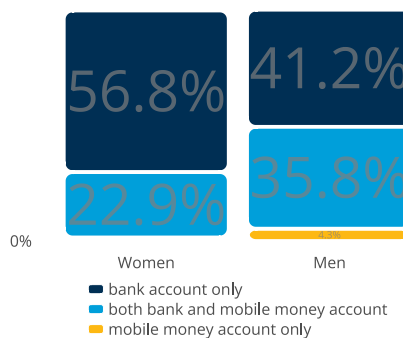


Digital connectivity can unlock and accelerate access to finance and jobs

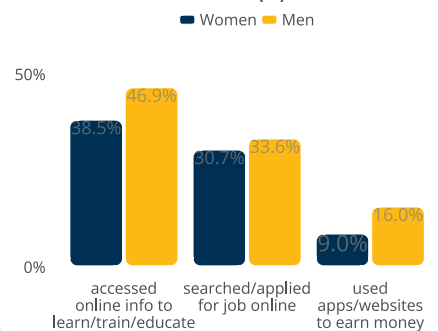
Small gaps persist in digital technology access and use



Mobile money can accelerate financial inclusion | Type of account for adults with an account (%)



Mobile technology increases access to job and learning opportunities | Share of adults who engaged in online activities (%)



Learn More

Gender

- World Bank Group Gender Strategy 2024-2030
- World Bank Gender Data Portal

Financial Inclusion

- Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (We-Fi)
- The Global Findex Database

Digital Inclusion

- Using Digital Solutions to Address Barriers to Female Entrepreneurship
- Increasing Access to Technology for Inclusion