



Color Key

Improvement

Deterioration

No Change

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

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

		Latest*		Comparison		
		Year	Value	MNA	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	NA	NA	15.3	8.75	NA
Women who were first married by 18 (% of women 20-24)	Female	2018	27.9	NA	NA	NA
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)		2023	58.0	38.8	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	NA	NA	54.1	14.2	50.0
	Male	NA	NA	65.5	17.2	53.7
Lower secondary completion rate (% of relevant group)	Female	2007	40.7	77.5	90.8	74.8
	Male	2007	48.8	75.9	87.8	74.6
Female share of graduates from STEM programs, tertiary (%)		2004	18.5	NA	NA	NA
Maternal mortality ratio (modeled estimate per 100,000 live births)		2023	66.0	47.0	57.0	197
Contraceptive prevalence, any modern method (% of married women 15-49)		2018	36.1	38.5	73.7	54.1
Fraction of children under 5 not stunted	Female	2020	0.87	NA	NA	NA
	Male	2020	0.88	NA	NA	NA
Mortality from cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease between ages 30 and 70 (%)	Female	2021	19.6	19.4	13.2	15.6
	Male	2021	26.5	22.0	20.0	21.0
More and better jobs, including jobs of the future						
Labor force participation rate (% 15+)	Female	2024	10.8	19.2	53.5	49.1
	Male	2024	72.0	73.0	72.6	73.2
Wage and salaried workers (% of employment)	Female	2023	63.4	57.6	57.9	52.6
	Male	2023	69.0	61.8	56.7	51.6
Employment in agriculture (% of employment)	Female	2023	13.7	33.9	17.2	25.9
	Male	2023	7.57	18.9	22.8	26.2
Vulnerable employment (% of employment)	Female	2023	36.2	41.3	39.5	45.1
	Male	2023	26.0	34.9	38.3	43.4
Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population)	Female	2021	52.7	49.5	21.2	NA
	Male	2021	22.1	16.1	13.4	NA
Youth unemployment (% of labor force 15-24)	Female	2024	62.7	29.6	18.3	15.3
	Male	2024	27.5	16.8	16.2	13.2
Percentage of women's economic rights (%)		2023	48.1	54.7	78.3	77.9
Greater ownership and use of economic assets						
Received a public sector pension (% age 15+)	Female	2021	9.14	6.40	8.73	9.93
	Male	2021	7.33	10.2	7.55	8.83
Account at a financial institution (% age 15+)	Female	2024	18.8	36.4	82.5	76.6
	Male	2024	40.8	57.2	85.6	80.9
Saved at a financial institution or using a mobile money account (% 15+)	Female	2024	7.09	NA	52.7	NA
	Male	2024	13.1	NA	58.0	NA
Wider access to and use of enabling services						
Individuals using the Internet (% of population)	Female	2022	72.3	72.4	75.8	61.6
	Male	2022	84.7	78.4	77.3	67.2
Used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills (% age 15+)	Female	2021	5.93	13.5	60.6	31.8
	Male	2021	6.01	22.1	63.1	37.0
Advances in women's participation in decision-making						
Female share of employment in senior and middle management (%)		2021	17.5	NA	NA	NA
Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)		2022	3.83	15.1	35.9	33.9
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)		2024	28.9	17.2	27.2	27.0
Proportion of women in ministerial level positions (%)		2024	13.0	13.4	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.
* Since July 1, 2025, Afghanistan and Pakistan are classified as part of the Middle East and North Africa region, moving them from South Asia.

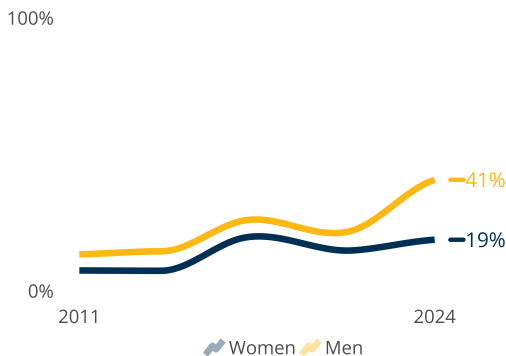
Notes: (1) Iraq is part of the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan (MNA) region and an upper middle income country (UMC) as classified by The World Bank Group. Peer Comparison shows how Iraq performs relative to its peers in the region, income group, and the world. (2) Data and definitions can be found on the [Gender Data Portal](#). Data is as of September 28, 2025.





Account ownership unlocks access to financial products

The gap in account ownership has widened since 2021 | Adults with an account (%)

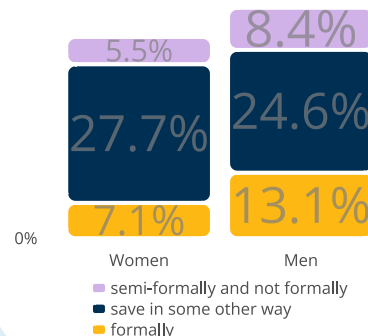


Women in the labor force are more likely to have an account

56% of women who are in the labor force have a bank account, but only **25%** of women out of the labor force have a bank account

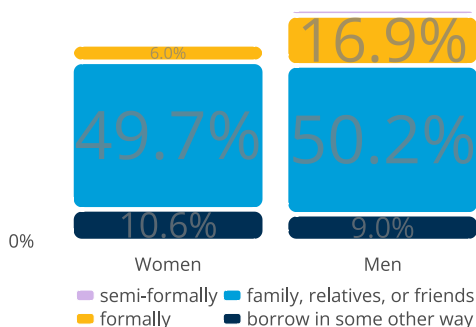
* No country data available, therefore regional data is presented.

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 (%)

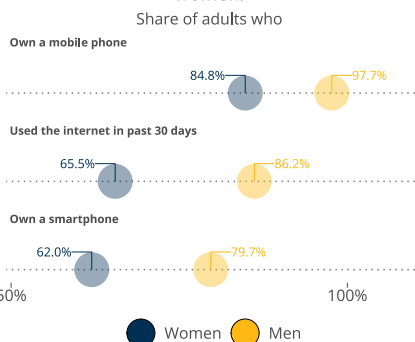


Men are more likely than women to be able to fall back on income from their job when facing unforeseen financial expenses | Adults identifying the source of emergency money (%)

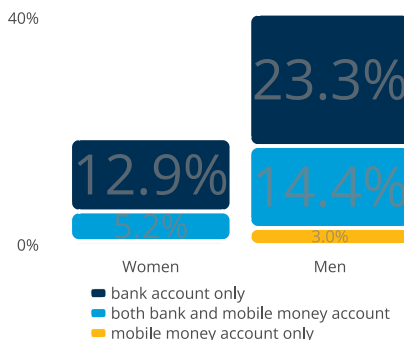


Digital connectivity can unlock and accelerate access to finance and jobs

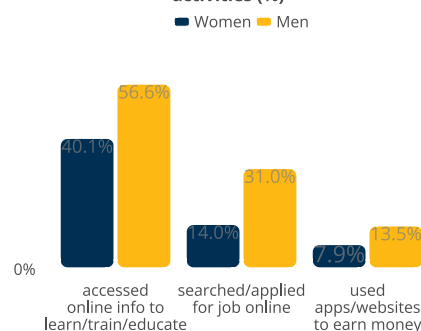
Rates of mobile phone ownership and internet use are higher among men than women.



Mobile technology 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