NAMIBIA Gender Data Landscape

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

Color Key
- Improvement
- Deterioration
- No Change

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

		Latest*		Comparison		
		Year	Value	SSA	LMC	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	**16.0**	20.3	16.9	NA
Women who were first married by 18 (% of women 20-24)	Female	2013	**6.90**	NA	NA	NA
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)		2023	**66.0**	93.4	42.0	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**	85.9	57.9	50.0
	Male	NA	**NA**	86.8	61.3	53.7
Lower secondary completion rate (% of relevant group)	Female	2017	**80.2**	44.1	69.3	74.8
	Male	2017	**73.5**	47.0	68.6	74.6
Female share of graduates from STEM programs, tertiary (%)		2017	**42.5**	NA	NA	NA
Maternal mortality ratio (modeled estimate per 100,000 live births)		2023	**139**	448	235	197
Contraceptive prevalence, any modern method (% of married women 15-49)		2013	**55.3**	27.8	47.6	54.1
Fraction of children under 5 not stunted	Female	2020	**0.80**	NA	NA	NA
	Male	2020	**0.75**	NA	NA	NA
Mortality from cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease between ages 30 and 70 (%)	Female	2021	**22.1**	20.8	21.4	15.6
	Male	2021	**24.6**	22.0	24.4	21.0
More and better jobs, including jobs of the future						
Labor force participation rate (% 15+)	Female	2024	**55.4**	64.9	40.9	49.1
	Male	2024	**63.3**	75.4	76.5	73.2
Wage and salaried workers (% of employment)	Female	2023	**55.4**	16.5	26.4	52.6
	Male	2023	**66.2**	27.4	34.8	51.6
Employment in agriculture (% of employment)	Female	2023	**19.7**	47.7	47.0	25.9
	Male	2023	**23.3**	50.2	35.1	26.2
Vulnerable employment (% of employment)	Female	2023	**39.1**	79.6	71.3	45.1
	Male	2023	**25.4**	64.3	59.5	43.4
Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population)	Female	2018	**34.3**	NA	33.8	NA
	Male	2018	**29.4**	NA	12.0	NA
Youth unemployment (% of labor force 15-24)	Female	2024	**38.0**	10.9	15.2	15.3
	Male	2024	**36.7**	9.21	12.5	13.2
Percentage of women's economic rights (%)		2023	**80.0**	74.0	71.6	77.9
Greater ownership and use of economic assets						
Women who do not own land (% of women 15-49)	Female	2013	**78.7**	NA	NA	NA
Men who do not own land (% of men)	Male	2013	**76.8**	NA	NA	NA
Account at a financial institution (% age 15+)	Female	2024	**75.0**	52.3	67.6	76.6
	Male	2024	**70.7**	64.4	73.2	80.9
Saved at a financial institution or using a mobile money account (% 15+)	Female	2024	**43.6**	NA	22.2	NA
	Male	2024	**43.5**	NA	30.0	NA
Wider access to and use of enabling services						
Individuals using the Internet (% of population)	Female	NA	**NA**	28.4	44.5	61.6
	Male	NA	**NA**	38.9	54.8	67.2
Used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills (% age 15+)	Female	2024	**15.5**	14.1	12.5	31.8
	Male	2024	**19.2**	19.4	20.0	37.0
Advances in women's participation in decision-making						
Female share of employment in senior and middle management (%)		2018	**48.2**	NA	NA	NA
Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)		2024	**46.8**	30.1	29.5	33.9
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)		2024	**40.6**	26.9	23.5	27.0
Proportion of women in ministerial level positions (%)		2024	**36.8**	23.6	18.1	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.

Notes: (1) Namibia is part of the Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) region and a lower middle income country (LMC) as classified by The World Bank Group. Peer Comparison shows how Namibia 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.

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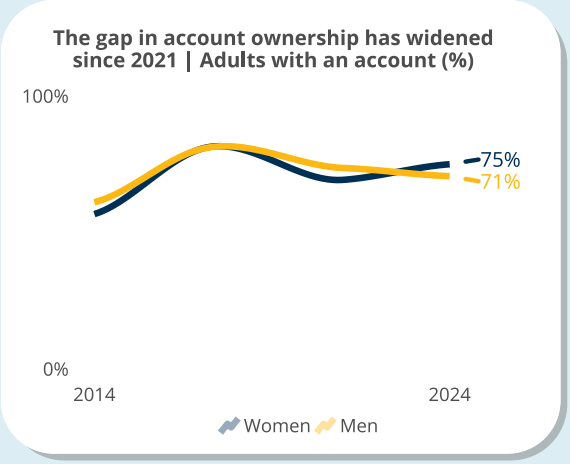
Account ownership unlocks access to financial products



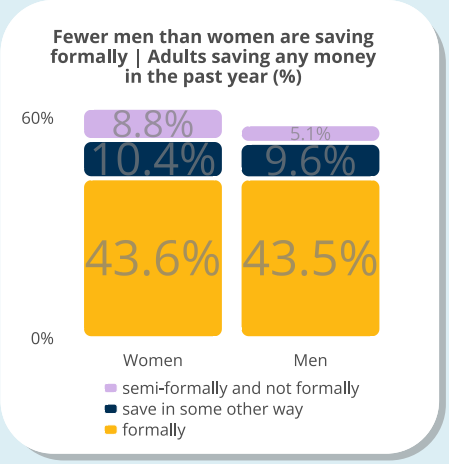
Women in the labor force are more likely to have an account

90%

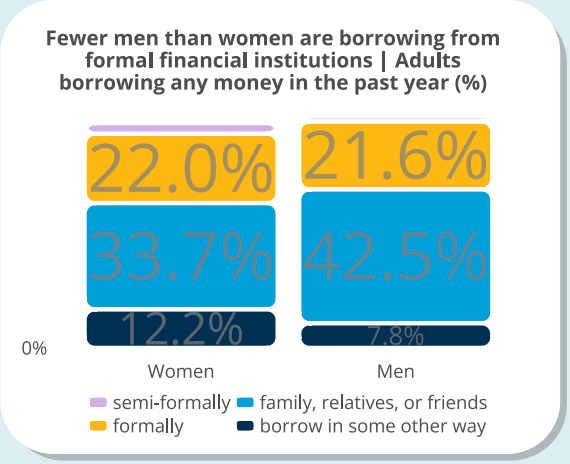
of women who are in the labor force have a bank account, but only

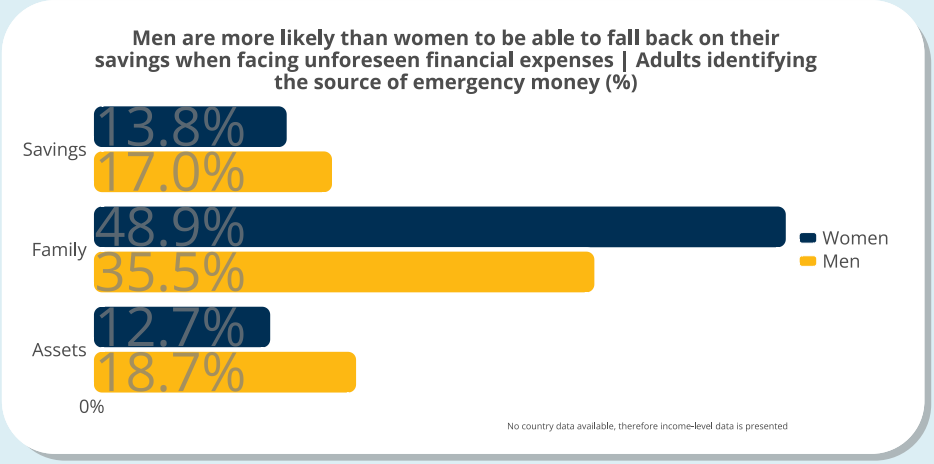
64%

of women out of the labor force have a bank account

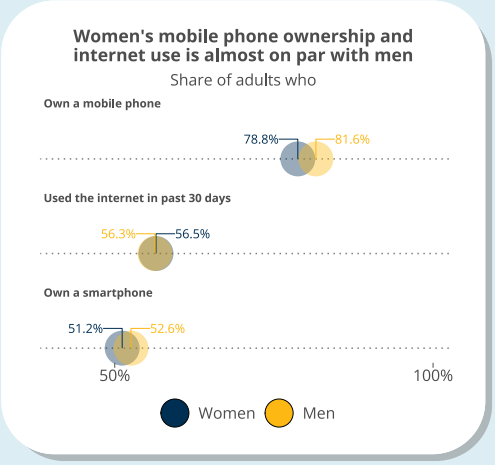


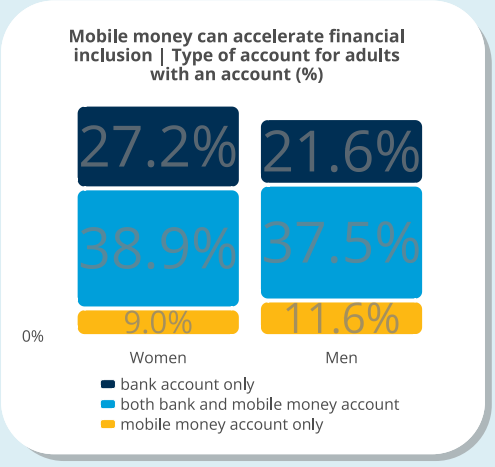
Access to capital helps build businesses and create jobs

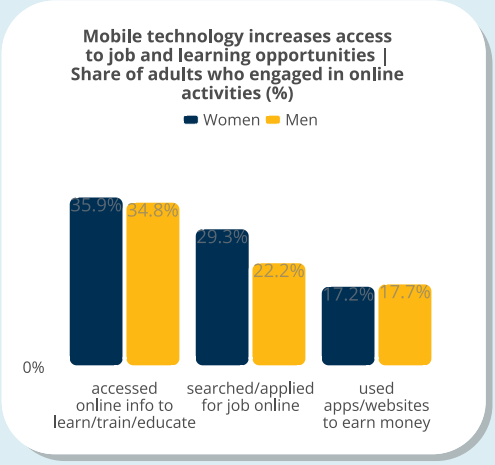




Digital connectivity can unlock and accelerate access to finance and jobs







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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

Sources: Global Findex Database 2025.

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