



Color Key

Improvement

Deterioration

No Change

The gender data landscape highlights opportunities for enhancing gender equality outcomes in Lesotho 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	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	2018	16.4	NA	NA	NA	
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)		2023	70.6	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	2023	50.1	44.1	69.3	74.8	
	Male	2023	33.6	47.0	68.6	74.6	
Female share of graduates from STEM programs, tertiary (%)		2018	24.8	NA	NA	NA	
Maternal mortality ratio (modeled estimate per 100,000 live births)		2023	478	448	235	197	
Contraceptive prevalence, any modern method (% of married women 15-49)		2024	65.3	27.8	47.6	54.1	
Fraction of children under 5 not stunted	Female	2020	0.67	NA	NA	NA	
	Male	2020	0.63	NA	NA	NA	
Mortality from cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease between ages 30 and 70 (%)	Female	2021	33.8	20.8	21.4	15.6	
	Male	2021	40.0	22.0	24.4	21.0	
More and better jobs, including jobs of the future							
Labor force participation rate (% 15+)	Female	2024	48.7	64.9	40.9	49.1	
	Male	2024	67.7	75.4	76.5	73.2	
Wage and salaried workers (% of employment)	Female	2023	65.6	16.5	26.4	52.6	
	Male	2023	58.3	27.4	34.8	51.6	
Employment in agriculture (% of employment)	Female	2023	17.7	47.7	47.0	25.9	
	Male	2023	37.8	50.2	35.1	26.2	
Vulnerable employment (% of employment)	Female	2023	29.7	79.6	71.3	45.1	
	Male	2023	35.2	64.3	59.5	43.4	
Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population)	Female	2019	42.1	NA	33.8	NA	
	Male	2019	28.2	NA	12.0	NA	
Youth unemployment (% of labor force 15-24)	Female	2024	36.2	10.9	15.2	15.3	
	Male	2024	17.7	9.21	12.5	13.2	
Percentage of women's economic rights (%)		2023	80.6	74.0	71.6	77.9	
Greater ownership and use of economic assets							
Women who do not own land (% of women 15-49)	Female	2024	88.3	NA	NA	NA	
Men who do not own land (% of men)	Male	2024	81.9	NA	NA	NA	
Account at a financial institution (% age 15+)	Female	2024	60.4	52.3	67.6	76.6	
	Male	2024	62.9	64.4	73.2	80.9	
Saved at a financial institution or using a mobile money account (% 15+)	Female	2024	34.0	NA	22.2	NA	
	Male	2024	35.1	NA	30.0	NA	
Wider access to and use of enabling services							
Individuals using the Internet (% of population)	Female	2019	44.9	28.4	44.5	61.6	
	Male	2019	38.4	38.9	54.8	67.2	
Used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills (% age 15+)	Female	2024	17.4	14.1	12.5	31.8	
	Male	2024	22.3	19.4	20.0	37.0	
Advances in women's participation in decision-making							
Female share of employment in senior and middle management (%)		2019	31.7	NA	NA	NA	
Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)		2023	55.4	30.1	29.5	33.9	
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)		2024	25.0	26.9	23.5	27.0	
Proportion of women in ministerial level positions (%)		2024	11.8	23.6	18.1	22.9	

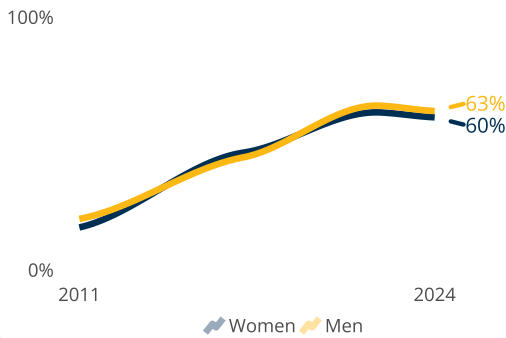
* Latest value shows the latest available country value for the indicator. Color coding of the latest country value represents a more than 10 percent change upward or downward from the country's baseline value from 10 years (+/- 2 years) prior to latest value. No coloring applied whenever there is no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





Account ownership unlocks access to financial products

The gap in account ownership has narrowed since 2022 | Adults with an account (%)



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

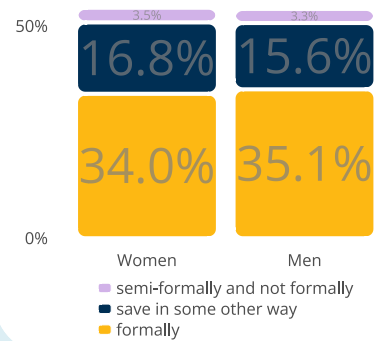
84%

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

51%

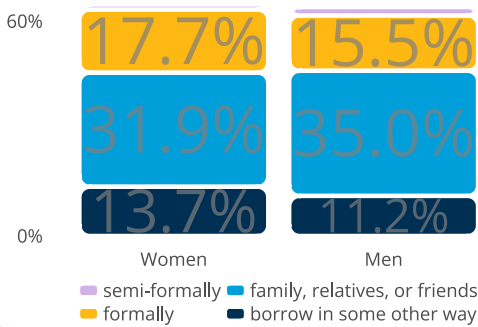
of women out of the labor force have a bank account

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



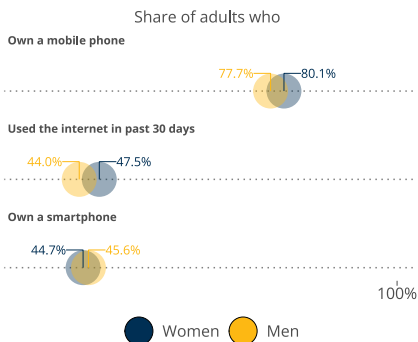
Men are more likely than women to be able to fall back on their savings when facing unforeseen financial expenses | Adults identifying the source of emergency money (%)



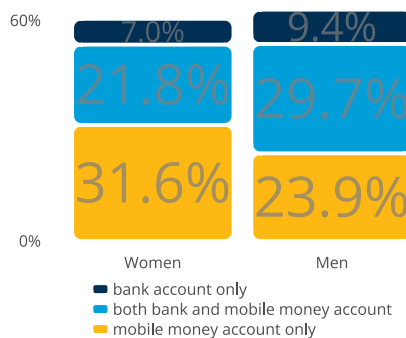
No country data available, therefore income-level data is presented

Digital connectivity can unlock and accelerate access to finance and jobs

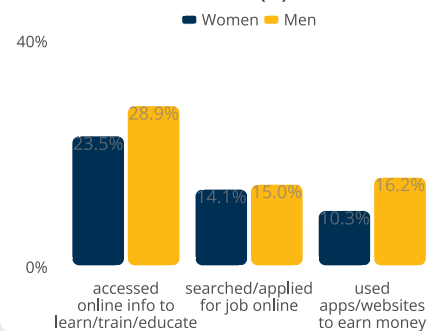
Women's rates of mobile phone ownership and internet use are getting close to men's.



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