



Color Key

Improvement

Deterioration

No Change

The gender data landscape highlights opportunities for enhancing gender equality outcomes in Bhutan 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	SAS	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	9.00	18.8	16.9	NA
Women who were first married by 18 (% of women 20-24)	Female	2010	25.8	NA	NA	NA
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)		2023	9.36	22.2	42.0	39.1
Sex ratio at birth (male births per female births)		2023	1.05	1.07	1.06	1.06
Stronger and more resilient human capital						
Learning poverty: Share of children at the end-of-primary age below minimum reading proficiency (%)	Female	NA	NA	58.6	57.9	50.0
	Male	NA	NA	60.8	61.3	53.7
Lower secondary completion rate (% of relevant group)	Female	2022	68.3	78.2	69.3	74.8
	Male	2022	55.3	77.6	68.6	74.6
Maternal mortality ratio (modeled estimate per 100,000 live births)		2023	47.0	120	235	197
Contraceptive prevalence, any modern method (% of married women 15-49)		2010	65.4	55.9	47.6	54.1
Fraction of children under 5 not stunted	Female	2020	0.76	NA	NA	NA
	Male	2020	0.82	NA	NA	NA
Mortality from cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease between ages 30 and 70 (%)	Female	2021	14.7	22.1	21.4	15.6
	Male	2021	17.1	23.5	24.4	21.0
More and better jobs, including jobs of the future						
Labor force participation rate (% 15+)	Female	2024	56.5	33.9	40.9	49.1
	Male	2024	72.2	77.0	76.5	73.2
Wage and salaried workers (% of employment)	Female	2023	17.8	23.0	26.4	52.6
	Male	2023	36.9	28.4	34.8	51.6
Employment in agriculture (% of employment)	Female	2023	52.6	60.0	47.0	25.9
	Male	2023	38.0	35.5	35.1	26.2
Vulnerable employment (% of employment)	Female	2023	81.8	76.4	71.3	45.1
	Male	2023	62.6	67.0	59.5	43.4
Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population)	Female	2023	22.6	38.1	33.8	NA
	Male	2023	16.9	10.2	12.0	NA
Youth unemployment (% of labor force 15-24)	Female	2024	16.5	16.8	15.2	15.3
	Male	2024	11.2	15.4	12.5	13.2
Percentage of women's economic rights (%)		2023	75.0	63.7	71.6	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	2014	27.7	82.9	67.6	76.6
	Male	2014	39.0	84.8	73.2	80.9
Saved at a financial institution or using a mobile money account (% 15+)	Female	2014	21.5	19.4	22.2	NA
	Male	2014	23.5	28.2	30.0	NA
Wider access to and use of enabling services						
Individuals using the Internet (% of population)	Female	2021	86.3	NA	44.5	61.6
	Male	2021	84.8	NA	54.8	67.2
Used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills (% age 15+)	Female	NA	NA	8.45	12.5	31.8
	Male	NA	NA	18.8	20.0	37.0
Advances in women's participation in decision-making						
Female share of employment in senior and middle management (%)		2023	17.9	NA	NA	NA
Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)		2024	31.3	14.1	29.5	33.9
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)		2024	4.26	16.3	23.5	27.0
Proportion of women in ministerial level positions (%)		2024	11.1	9.92	18.1	22.9

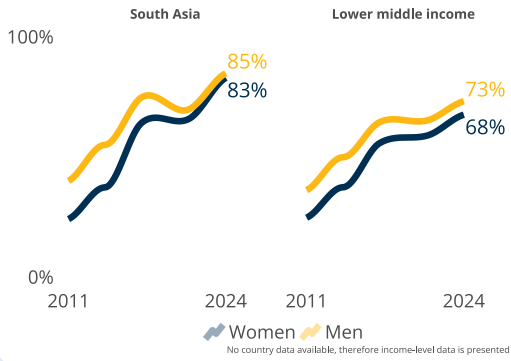
* Latest value shows the latest available country value for the indicator. Color coding of the latest country value represents a more than 10 percent change upward or downward from the country's baseline value from 10 years (+/- 2 years) prior to latest value. No coloring applied whenever there is no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





Account ownership unlocks access to financial products

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

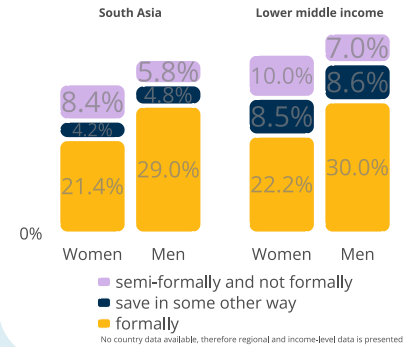


Women in the labor force are more likely to have an account

83% of women who are in the labor force have a bank account, but only **68%** of women out of the labor force have a bank account

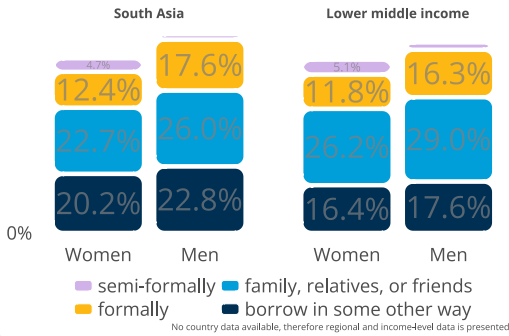
* No country data available, therefore regional data is presented.

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

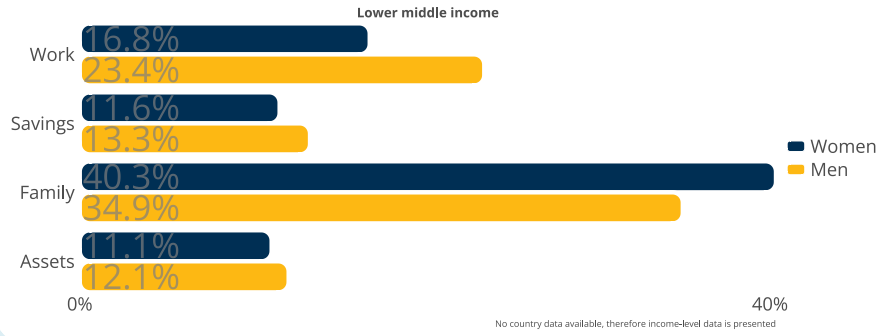


Access to capital helps build businesses and create jobs

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

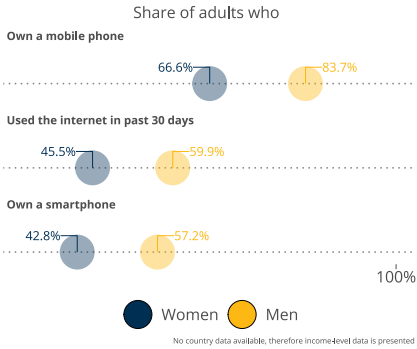


Men are more likely than women to be able to fall back on income from their job when facing unforeseen financial expenses | Adults identifying the source of emergency money (%)

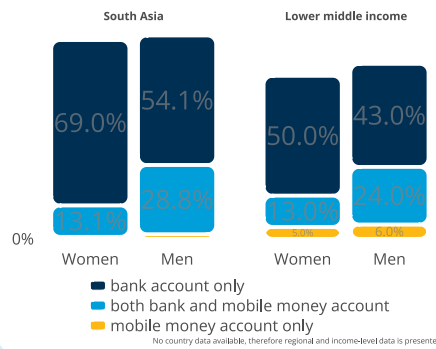


Digital connectivity can unlock and accelerate access to finance and jobs

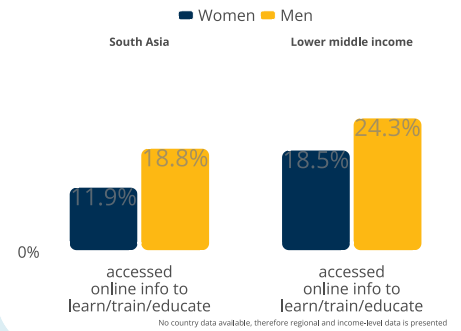
Rates of mobile phone ownership and internet use are higher among men than women.



Mobile 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