



### Color Key

Improvement

Deterioration

No Change

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

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

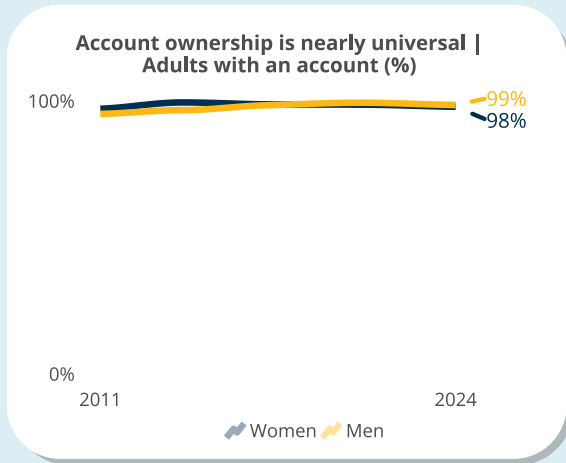
		Year	Latest*		Comparison		
			Value	ECA	HIC	World	
<b>Progress in ending all forms of gender-based violence</b>							
Proportion of women subjected to physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months (% of ever partnered women ages 15-49)	Female	2018	5.00	6.32	5.60	NA	
Women who were first married by 18 (% of women 20-24)	Female	2020	0.10	NA	NA	NA	
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)		2023	3.67	11.7	9.09	39.1	
<b>Stronger and more resilient human capital</b>							
Learning poverty: Share of children at the end-of-primary age below minimum reading proficiency (%)	Female	2021	7.30	6.59	6.30	50.0	
	Male	2021	9.71	8.31	9.14	53.7	
School enrollment, tertiary (% gross)	Female	2022	96.8	88.9	89.4	46.4	
	Male	2022	71.0	74.0	69.8	40.3	
Female share of graduates from STEM programs, tertiary (%)		2017	25.8	NA	NA	NA	
Fraction of children under 5 not stunted	Female	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
	Male	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Mortality from cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease between ages 30 and 70 (%)	Female	2021	7.40	11.2	9.44	15.6	
	Male	2021	11.0	20.7	16.2	21.0	
<b>More and better jobs, including jobs of the future</b>							
Labor force participation rate (% 15+)	Female	2024	49.8	51.3	54.3	49.1	
	Male	2024	59.0	66.0	68.0	73.2	
Wage and salaried workers (% of employment)	Female	2023	88.7	86.4	91.0	52.6	
	Male	2023	81.7	80.1	86.6	51.6	
Employment in agriculture (% of employment)	Female	2023	0.66	6.15	2.18	25.9	
	Male	2023	1.48	7.55	4.01	26.2	
Vulnerable employment (% of employment)	Female	2023	9.30	11.4	7.23	45.1	
	Male	2023	13.4	14.9	9.25	43.4	
Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population)	Female	2023	5.74	13.0	11.1	NA	
	Male	2023	7.63	10.8	10.5	NA	
Youth unemployment (% of labor force 15-24)	Female	2024	14.7	15.0	11.7	15.3	
	Male	2024	18.6	13.7	11.8	13.2	
Percentage of women's economic rights (%)		2023	100	85.8	87.4	77.9	
<b>Greater ownership and use of economic assets</b>							
Received a public sector pension (% age 15+)	Female	2021	25.1	24.1	21.1	9.93	
	Male	2021	23.0	19.8	18.6	8.83	
Account at a financial institution (% age 15+)	Female	2024	97.9	85.6	94.5	76.6	
	Male	2024	98.6	90.2	95.3	80.9	
Saved at a financial institution or using a mobile money account (% 15+)	Female	2021	53.1	NA	NA	NA	
	Male	2021	60.9	NA	NA	NA	
<b>Wider access to and use of enabling services</b>							
Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work (% of 24 hour day)	Female	2014	16.4	NA	NA	NA	
	Male	2014	10.3	NA	NA	NA	
Individuals using the Internet (% of population)	Female	2023	94.7	86.6	91.1	61.6	
	Male	2023	94.6	89.2	92.8	67.2	
Used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills (% age 15+)	Female	2021	75.3	47.8	55.3	31.8	
	Male	2021	81.2	53.0	57.0	37.0	
<b>Advances in women's participation in decision-making</b>							
Female share of employment in senior and middle management (%)		2022	35.3	NA	NA	NA	
Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)		2024	44.6	34.4	40.1	33.9	
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)		2024	41.3	31.5	30.9	27.0	
Proportion of women in ministerial level positions (%)		2024	42.9	27.4	29.5	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.





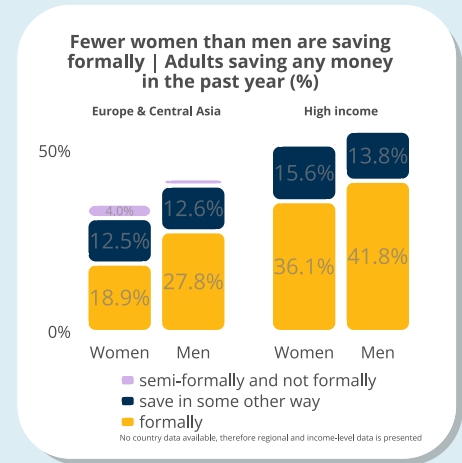
## Account ownership unlocks access to financial products



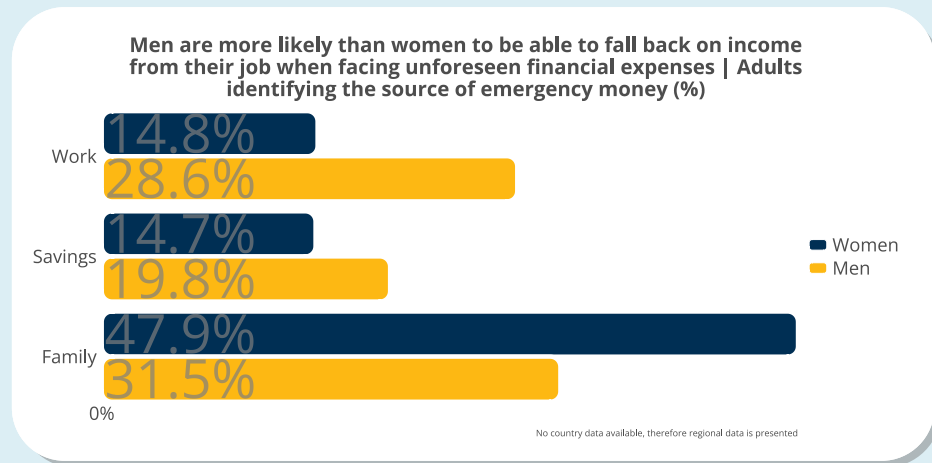
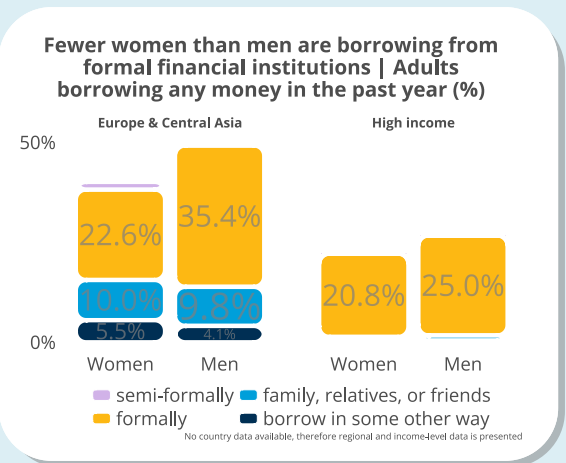
**Women in the labor force are more likely to have an account**

**85%** of women who are in the labor force have a bank account, but only **58%** of women out of the labor force have a bank account

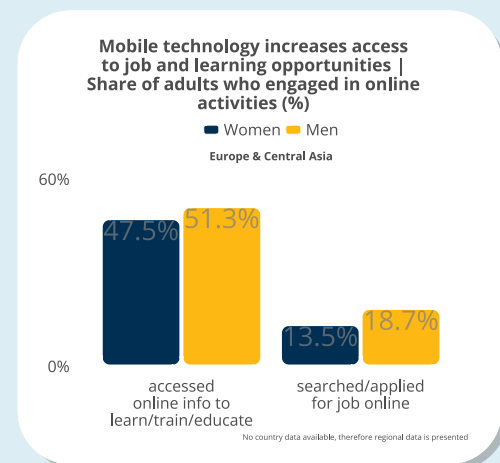
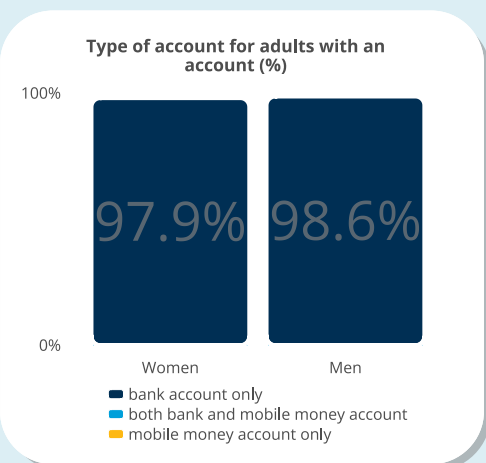
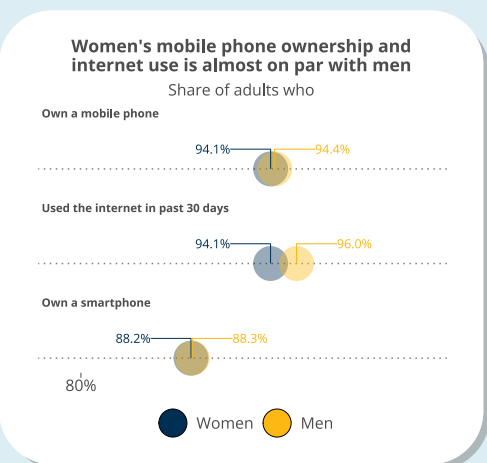
\* No country data available, therefore regional data is presented.



## Access to capital helps build businesses and create jobs



## Digital connectivity can unlock and accelerate access to finance and jobs



### 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