



Color Key

Improvement

Deterioration

No Change

The gender data landscape highlights opportunities for enhancing gender equality outcomes in Sierra Leone 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	SSA	LIC	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		20.0	20.3	22.5	NA
Women who were first married by 18 (% of women 20-24)	Female	2019		29.6	NA	NA	NA
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)		2023		93.6	93.4	96.7	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	92.2	50.0
	Male	NA		NA	86.8	91.5	53.7
Lower secondary completion rate (% of relevant group)	Female	2021		65.8	44.1	38.3	74.8
	Male	2021		44.4	47.0	43.0	74.6
Female share of graduates from STEM programs, tertiary (%)		2000		59.0	NA	NA	NA
Maternal mortality ratio (modeled estimate per 100,000 live births)		2023		354	448	346	197
Contraceptive prevalence, any modern method (% of married women 15-49)		2019		20.9	27.8	20.7	54.1
Fraction of children under 5 not stunted	Female	2020		0.73	NA	NA	NA
	Male	2020		0.68	NA	NA	NA
Mortality from cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease between ages 30 and 70 (%)	Female	2021		24.7	20.8	23.0	15.6
	Male	2021		23.0	22.0	26.0	21.0
More and better jobs, including jobs of the future							
Labor force participation rate (% 15+)	Female	2024		51.2	64.9	53.0	49.1
	Male	2024		55.9	75.4	72.4	73.2
Wage and salaried workers (% of employment)	Female	2023		4.70	16.5	12.4	52.6
	Male	2023		16.1	27.4	25.7	51.6
Employment in agriculture (% of employment)	Female	2023		42.2	47.7	63.6	25.9
	Male	2023		43.8	50.2	51.3	26.2
Vulnerable employment (% of employment)	Female	2023		91.7	79.6	85.4	45.1
	Male	2023		82.3	64.3	70.2	43.4
Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population)	Female	2018		34.8	NA	NA	NA
	Male	2018		31.2	NA	NA	NA
Youth unemployment (% of labor force 15-24)	Female	2024		2.53	10.9	13.0	15.3
	Male	2024		4.79	9.21	11.0	13.2
Percentage of women's economic rights (%)		2023		92.5	74.0	67.8	77.9
Greater ownership and use of economic assets							
Women who do not own land (% of women 15-49)	Female	2019		68.1	NA	NA	NA
Men who do not own land (% of men)	Male	2019		62.8	NA	NA	NA
Account at a financial institution (% age 15+)	Female	2024		35.9	52.3	40.6	76.6
	Male	2024		41.5	64.4	52.5	80.9
Saved at a financial institution or using a mobile money account (% 15+)	Female	2024		19.9	NA	22.1	NA
	Male	2024		24.2	NA	33.3	NA
Wider access to and use of enabling services							
Individuals using the Internet (% of population)	Female	NA		NA	28.4	17.5	61.6
	Male	NA		NA	38.9	30.0	67.2
Used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills (% age 15+)	Female	2021		2.07	14.1	9.05	31.8
	Male	2021		5.92	19.4	13.1	37.0
Advances in women's participation in decision-making							
Female share of employment in senior and middle management (%)		2018		21.5	NA	NA	NA
Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)		2023		19.1	30.1	24.8	33.9
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)		2024		29.5	26.9	22.7	27.0
Proportion of women in ministerial level positions (%)		2024		33.3	23.6	22.7	22.9

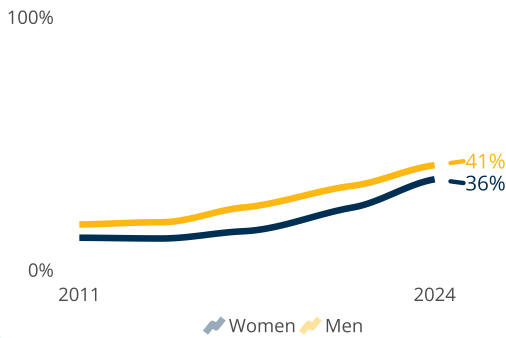
* Latest value shows the latest available country value for the indicator. Color coding of the latest country value represents a more than 10 percent change upward or downward from the country's baseline value from 10 years (+/- 2 years) prior to latest value. No coloring applied whenever there is no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





Account ownership unlocks access to financial products

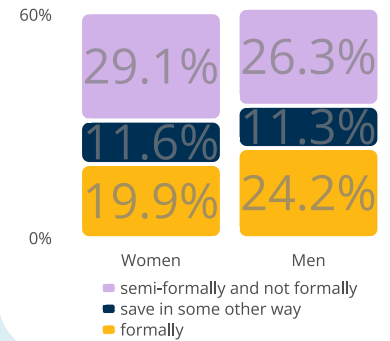
The gap in account ownership has narrowed since 2021 | Adults with an account (%)



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

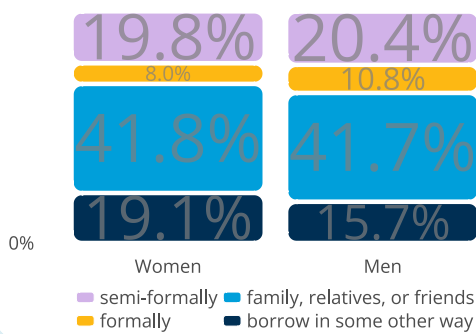
40% of women who are in the labor force have a bank account, but only **30%** of women out of the labor force have a bank account

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

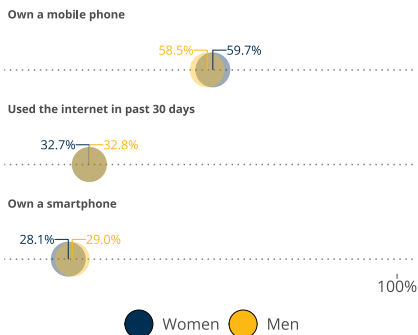


Men are more likely than women to be able to fall back on income from their job when facing unforeseen financial expenses | Adults identifying the source of emergency money (%)

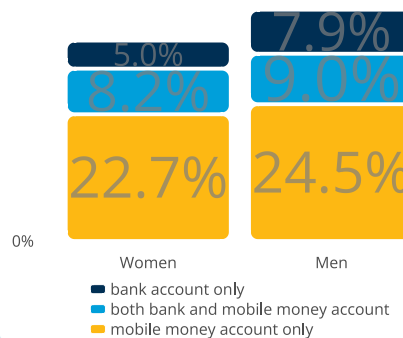


Digital connectivity can unlock and accelerate access to finance and jobs

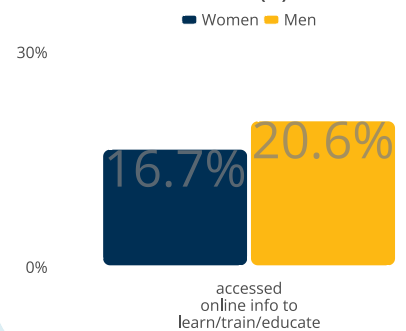
Women's mobile phone ownership and internet use is almost on par with men | Share of adults who



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