217 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in the Comoros

The maternal mortality ratio in the Comoros has improved from 456 in 2000 to 217 in 2020. Maternal mortality in the Comoros is lower than its regional average. Maternal mortality ratio is the number of women who die from pregnancy-related causes while pregnant or within 42 days of pregnancy termination per 100,000 live births.

Maternal mortality ratio (deaths per 100,000 live births)


59 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in the Comoros in 2020

In the Comoros, the rate of adolescent fertility has decreased since 2010. The rate in 2020 was higher than the average rate in its income group.

Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women ages 15-19)


46.2% of girls and 41.2% of boys complete lower secondary school in the Comoros as of 2017 data

The female rate in the Comoros is higher than Sub-Saharan Africa but lower than the lower-middle income group. Lower secondary education completion rate measures how many children have completed the last grade of lower secondary education regardless of age completed.

Lower secondary completion rate, by sex (% of relevant age group)


Adult literacy in the Comoros is lower among women than among men (2021)

The adult female literacy rate in the Comoros is lower than in Sub-Saharan Africa. Adult literacy rate is the percentage of people ages 15 and above who can both read and write with understanding a short simple statement about their everyday life.

Adult literacy rate, by sex (% of people ages 15 and above)

In the Comoros, the labor force participation rate among females is 33.3% and among males is 55.1% for 2022.

The labor force participation rate is the proportion of the population ages 15 and older that is economically active. Since 1990, female labor force participation has remained roughly the same. Compared with labor force participation in the lower-middle income group, the gap between men and women is lower in the Comoros.

Vulnerable employment for females has improved in the Comoros since 1991.

Workers in vulnerable employment are the least likely to have formal work arrangements, social protection, and safety nets to guard against economic shocks; thus they are more likely to fall into poverty. Vulnerable employment among women is 70% and among men is 51% in the Comoros for 2021. The rate of vulnerable employment is lower for men and women in the Comoros compared to the average rate in Sub-Saharan Africa.


Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators database. Estimates are based on data obtained from International Labour Organization, ILOSTAT at https://ilostat.ilo.org/data/.
Data is not available for the Comoros for Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex (% of 24 hour day)

Source: National statistical offices or national database and publications compiled by United Nations Statistics Division. The data were downloaded on December 3 from the Global SDG Indicators Database.

In 2011, 17.9% of women and 25.7% of men in the Comoros had an account

The female rate in the Comoros is lower than both Sub-Saharan Africa and the lower-middle income group. Account ownership denotes the percentage of respondents who report having an account (by themselves or together with someone else) at a bank or another type of financial institution or report personally using a mobile money service in the past 12 months.

Source: Demirgüç-Kunt et al., 2018, Global Financial Inclusion Database, World Bank.

Data is not available for the Comoros for Share of business owners, by sex (% of total business owners)


Account ownership at a financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider, by sex (% of population ages 15+)

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Source: Demirgüç-Kunt et al., 2018, Global Financial Inclusion Database, World Bank.
54% of men and 66.5% of women owned a dwelling either alone or jointly in 2012

For women in particular, asset ownership is a source of economic empowerment and provides protection in the case of marital dissolution or abandonment. There is increasing evidence that ownership of property by women has positive consequences for women’s empowerment, nutritional and health outcomes, and children’s schooling.

House ownership status, by sex (% of population age 15-49)

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Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

34.6% of women participated in making major decisions in the household in 2012

Women participating in making major decisions is the percentage of currently married women ages 15-49 who say that they alone or jointly have the final say in (i) making major household purchases, (ii) decisions about own healthcare, and (iii) visits to family, relatives, friends.

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Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

In the Comoros, the share of women who have experienced intimate partner violence is less than the world average. 27%

Intimate partner violence is by far the most prevalent form of violence against women globally and is defined as the percentage of ever-married women (ages 15-49) who have ever experienced physical or sexual violence committed by their husband or partner, whereas those who have ever experienced any form of sexual violence is the percentage of women (ages 15-49) who ever experienced sexual violence irrespective of marital status and perpetrator.

Percentage of women ages 15-49 who have ever experienced:

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Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) Statcompiler (https://www.statcompiler.com/)
16.7% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in the Comoros.

Women in parliaments are the percentage of parliamentary seats in a single or lower chamber held by women. The proportion of seats held by women in the Comoros has increased since 2010. The current rate is lower than the average rate in lower-middle income countries.

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (www.ipu.org). For the year of 1998, the data is as of August 10, 1998.

Data is not available for the Comoros for Employment in senior and middle management, female (%)

Source: Global Findex database

Data retrieved from World Bank Gender Data Portal
https://genderdata.worldbank.org/countries/comoros/