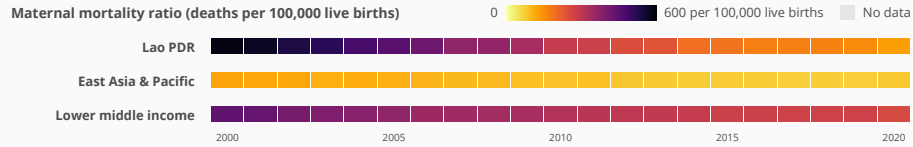


### 126 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

The maternal mortality ratio in the Lao People's Democratic Republic has improved from 579 in 2000 to 126 in 2020. Maternal mortality in the Lao People's Democratic Republic is higher 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.

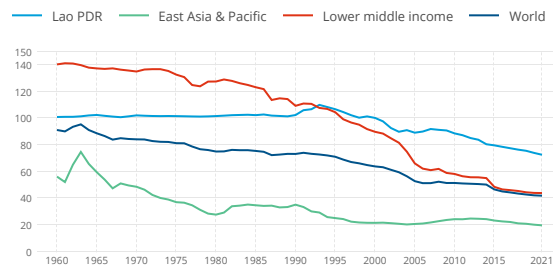


Source: WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank Group, and UNDESA/Population Division. Trends in Maternal Mortality 2000 to 2020. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2023

### 73 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in the Lao People's Democratic Republic in 2021

In the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the rate of adolescent fertility has decreased since 2010. The rate in 2021 was higher than the average rate in its income group.

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

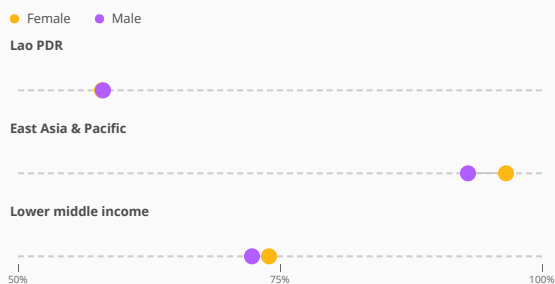


Source: United Nations Population Division, World Population Prospects.

### 58% of girls and 58.1% of boys complete lower secondary school in the Lao People's Democratic Republic as of 2022 data

The female rate in the Lao People's Democratic Republic is lower than both East Asia & Pacific and 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 Lao People's Democratic Republic is lower among women than among men (2022)

The adult female literacy rate in the Lao People's Democratic Republic is lower than in East Asia & Pacific. 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)

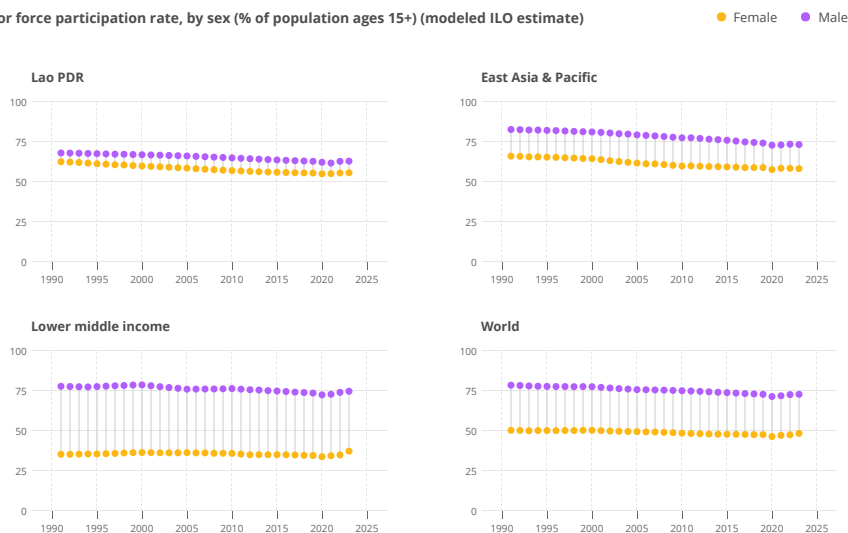


Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS). UIS.Stat Bulk Data Download Service. Accessed September 19, 2023. <https://apiportal.uis.unesco.org/bdds>.

### In the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the labor force participation rate among females is 56% and among males is 63.2% for 2023

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 decreased. Compared with labor force participation in the lower-middle income group, the gap between men and women is lower in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Labor force participation rate, by sex (% of population ages 15+) (modeled ILO estimate)

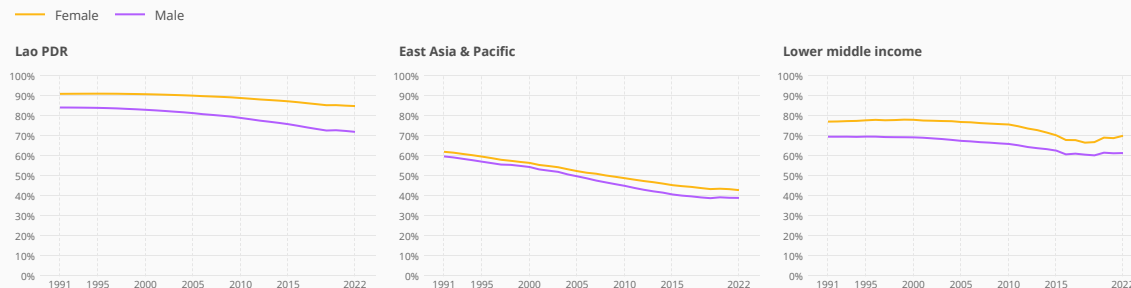


Source: International Labour Organization. "ILO Modelled Estimates and Projections database (ILOESTY)" ILOSTAT. Accessed February 06, 2024. <https://ilostat.ilo.org/data/>.

## Vulnerable employment for females has improved in the Lao People's Democratic Republic 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 85.1% and among men is 72.2% in the Lao People's Democratic Republic for 2022. The rate of vulnerable employment is higher for men and women in the Lao People's Democratic Republic compared to the average rate in East Asia & Pacific.

Vulnerable employment, by sex (% of total employment) (modeled ILO estimate)

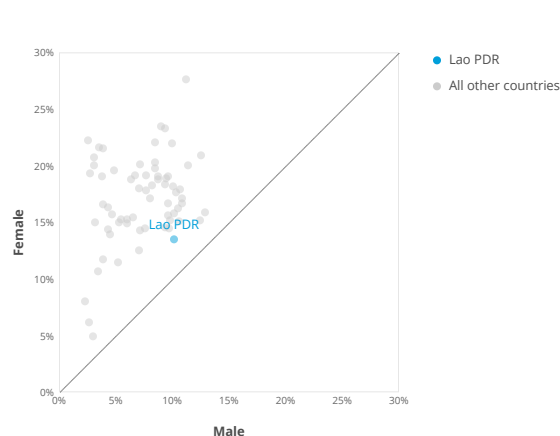


Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators database. Estimates are based on data obtained from International Labour Organization, ILOSTAT at <https://ilostat ilo.org/data/>.

## In the Lao People's Democratic Republic, women spend 1.4 times as much time on unpaid domestic and care work than men

The data, expressed as a proportion of time in a day, measure the average time an individual spends on household provision of services for own consumption. In 2017, women in the Lao People's Democratic Republic spent 13.6% of their day and men spent 10.1% of their day on unpaid work. Data compiled from the most recent data point between 2010 and 2019.

Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex (% of 24 hour day)

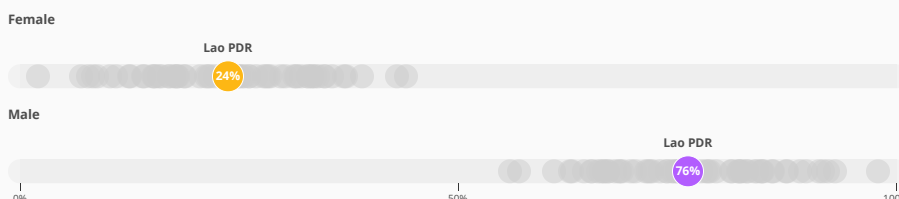


Source: National statistical offices or national database and publications compiled by United Nations Statistics Division. The data were downloaded on December 3 from the Global SDG Indicators Database:

## More men than women owned a business in 2020

The share of female business owners for the Lao People's Democratic Republic falls in the third quintile of all countries for which there are data. Share of business is calculated as the proportion of female or male newly registered limited liability company owners out of the total number of newly registered limited liability company owners in the economy in the calendar year. Data compiled from the most recent data point between 2016 and 2020.

Share of business owners, by sex (% of total business owners)

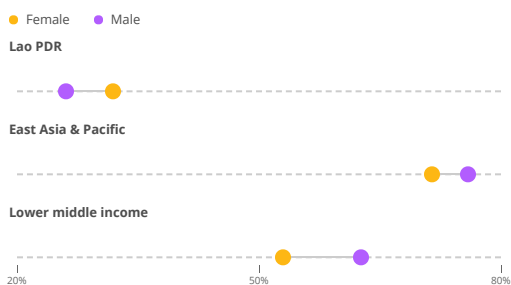


Source: World Bank's Entrepreneurship Survey and database (<https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/entrepreneurship>). Downloaded on November 29, 2023.

**In 2017, 31.9% of women and 26.1% of men in the Lao People's Democratic Republic had an account**

The female rate in the Lao People's Democratic Republic is lower than both East Asia & Pacific 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.

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

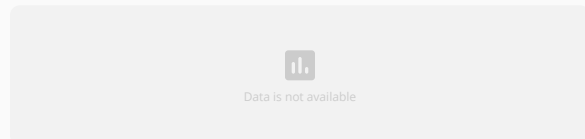


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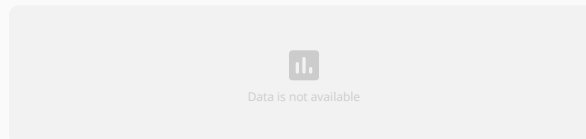
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House ownership status, by sex (% of population age 15-49)

Male

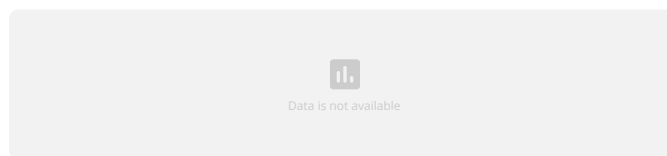


Female



Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

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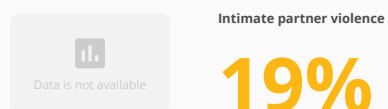


Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

**In the Lao People's Democratic Republic, 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:

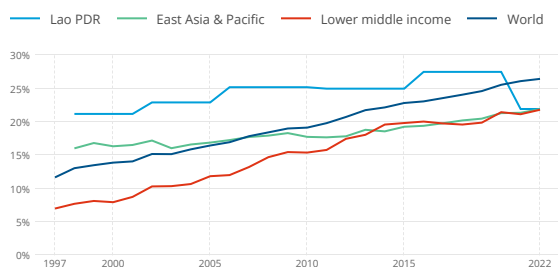


Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) Statcompiler (<https://www.statcompiler.com/>)

## 22% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

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 Lao People's Democratic Republic has decreased since 2010. The current rate is similar to the average rate in lower-middle income countries.

Seats held by women in national parliaments, female (%)

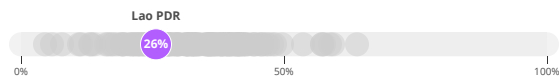


Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) ([www.ipu.org](http://www.ipu.org)). For the year of 1998, the data is as of August 10, 1998.

## Women represented 25.7% of those employed in senior and middle management in 2022

The female share of employment in senior and middle management for the Lao People's Democratic Republic falls in the second quintile of all countries for which there are data. Data compiled from the most recent data point available between 2010 and 2023.

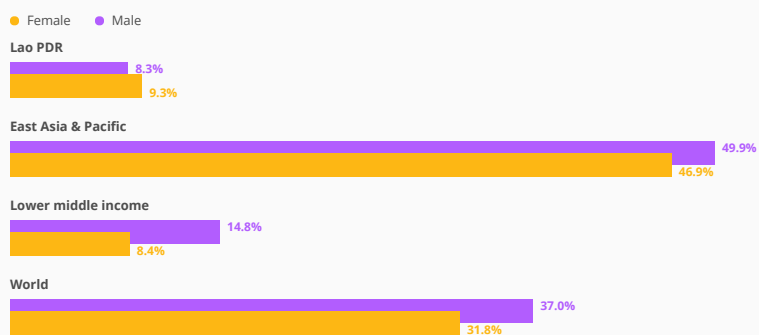
Employment in senior and middle management, female (%)



## In 2021 women and men used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills at approximately the same rate.

The female rate in the Lao People's Democratic Republic is lower than East Asia & Pacific but nearly the same as the lower-middle income group. Internet usage denotes the percentage of respondents who report using a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in the past 12 months.

Used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in the past year, by sex (% age 15+)



Source: Global Findex database