Morocco

Gender Landscape Brief

72 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in Morocco

The maternal mortality ratio in Morocco has improved from 244 in 2000 to 72 in 2020. Maternal mortality in Morocco 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.


26 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in Morocco in 2020

In Morocco, the rate of adolescent fertility has remained roughly the same since 2010. The rate in 2020 was lower than the average rate in its income group.


79.3% of girls and 72.1% of boys complete lower secondary school in Morocco as of 2021 data

The gap in lower secondary completion rate between boys and girls, 7.2, is larger than the gap of the Middle East & North Africa aggregate, 1.9. Lower secondary education completion rate measures how many children have completed the last grade of lower secondary education regardless of age completed.

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

The gap in adult literacy between men and women, 17.4, is larger than the gap of the Middle East & North Africa aggregate, 12.6. 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.

In Morocco, the labor force participation rate among females is 21.4% and among males is 69.7% 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 higher in Morocco.

Vulnerable employment for females has improved in Morocco 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 53.5% and among men is 43% in Morocco for 2021. The rate of vulnerable employment is higher for men and women in Morocco compared to the average rate in Middle East & North Africa.
In Morocco, women spend 7 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 2012, women in Morocco spent 20.8% of their day and men spent 3% 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 2018

The share of female business owners for Morocco falls in the second 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 2018.

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


In 2017, 16.8% of women and 41.5% of men in Morocco had an account.

The gap in account ownership between men and women in Morocco, 24.7, is larger than the gap of the Middle East & North Africa aggregate, 18.8. 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+)

Source: Demirguc-Kunt et al., 2018, Global Financial Inclusion Database, World Bank.
Data is not available for Morocco for Percentage of women ages 15-49 participating in decisions about:

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

Data is not available for Morocco for Percentage of women ages 15-49 who have ever experienced:

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

24.1% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in Morocco

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 Morocco has increased 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). For the year of 1998, the data is as of August 10, 1998.
More men than women used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in 2021

The female rate in Morocco is lower than both Middle East & North Africa and 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.

Source: Global Findex database

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