1,047 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in Nigeria

The maternal mortality ratio in Nigeria has improved from 1,148 in 2000 to 1,047 in 2020. Maternal mortality in Nigeria 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.


102 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in Nigeria in 2021

In Nigeria, the rate of adolescent fertility has decreased since 2010. The rate in 2021 was higher than the average rate in its income group.

Source: United Nations Population Division, World Population Prospects

42.5% of girls and 49.1% of boys complete lower secondary school in Nigeria as of 2010 data

The female rate in Nigeria is nearly the same as 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.

Adult literacy in Nigeria is lower among women than among men (2018)

The gap in adult literacy between men and women, 18.6, is larger than the gap of the Sub-Saharan Africa aggregate, 12.7. 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 Nigeria, the labor force participation rate among females is 52.2% and among males is 65.9% 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 Nigeria.

Vulnerable employment for females has improved in Nigeria 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 84.9% and among men is 84% in Nigeria for 2022. The rate of vulnerable employment is higher for men and women in Nigeria 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 Nigeria for Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex (% of 24 hour day).

More men than women owned a business in 2020

The share of female business owners for Nigeria falls in the highest 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)


In 2017, 27.3% of women and 51.4% of men in Nigeria had an account

The gap in account ownership between men and women in Nigeria, 24.1, is larger than the gap of the Sub-Saharan Africa aggregate, 11.5. 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.
40.5% of men and 10.7% of women owned a dwelling either alone or jointly in 2018

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.

33.5% of women participated in making major decisions in the household in 2018

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.

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

In Nigeria, 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/)
3.6% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in Nigeria

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 Nigeria has decreased since 2010. The current rate is lower than the average rate in lower-middle income countries.

More men than women used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in 2021

The female rate in Nigeria is lower than both Sub-Saharan 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.

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

Source: Global Findex database

Women represented 57.2% of those employed in senior and middle management in 2022

The female share of employment in senior and middle management for Nigeria falls in the highest quintile of all countries for which there are data. Data compiled from the most recent data point available between 2010 and 2023.

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

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