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## 78 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in the Philippines

The maternal mortality ratio in the Philippines has improved from 129 in 2000 to 78 in 2020. Maternal mortality in the Philippines is nearly the same as 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

## 48 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in the Philippines in 2021

In the Philippines, the rate of adolescent fertility has decreased since 2010. The rate in 2021 was nearly the same as 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.
102.1\% of girls and $94.1 \%$ of boys complete lower secondary school in the Philippines as of 2022 data

Girls and boys in the Philippines have a very high completion rate of lower secondary school. 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)

- Female Male

Philippines

Adult literacy in the Philippines is nearly the same among women and men (2019)

In the Philippines, both women and men have very high literacy rates. 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)

- Female - Male

Philippines

| $95.7 \%$ |
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| $9.9 \%$ |

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| $97.5 \%$ |
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| $83.7 \%$ |
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In the Philippines, the labor force participation rate among females is $47.2 \%$ and among males is $73.1 \%$ 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 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 Philippines.

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


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

Vulnerable employment for females has improved in the Philippines 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 $38.5 \%$ and among men is $30 \%$ in the Philippines for 2022 . The rate of vulnerable employment is lower for men and women in the Philippines compared to the average rate in East Asia \& Pacific.

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

- Female - Male


[^0]Data is not available for the Philippines 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:

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

[^1]In 2017, $38.9 \%$ of women and $30 \%$ of men in the Philippines had an account

The female rate in the Philippines 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 $15+$ )


## 29.5\% of women owned a dwelling either alone or jointly in 2022

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)
Male
Female

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70.5% do not own a house
5.3% own a house alone
23.9% own a house jointly
0.3% own a house both alone and jointly
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Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

Percentage of women ages 15-49 participating in decisions about:

Visits to family, relatives,
friends
$92.6 \%$

Making major household purchase


Own health care


In the Philippines, 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:


## $27.3 \%$ of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in the Philippines

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 Philippines has increased since 2010. The current rate is higher than the average rate in lower-middle income countries.

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


Women represented 41.3\% of those employed in senior and middle management in 2022

The female share of employment in senior and middle management for the Philippines 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.

Employment in senior and middle management, 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 the Philippines is lower than East Asia \& Pacific but higher than 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+)

- Female - Male

Philippines


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[^0]:    Source: World Bank, World Development Indicators database. Estimates are based on data obtained from International Labour Organization, ILOSTAT at https://ilostat.ilo.org/data/.

[^1]:    Source: World Bank's Entrepreneurship Survey and database (https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/entrepreneurship). Downloaded on November 29, 2023.

