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Gender Landscape Brief [

## 10 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in Serbia

The maternal mortality ratio in Serbia has remained stagnant over the last 20 years roughly around 10. Maternal mortality in Serbia 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

## 15 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in Serbia

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

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

$94.2 \%$ of girls and $93.5 \%$ of boys complete lower secondary school in Serbia as of 2022 data

The female rate in Serbia is higher than both Europe \& Central Asia and the upper-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)

- Female Male

Serbia


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

In Serbia, 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

Serbia

Europe \& Central Asia

| $99.0 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $98.2 \%$ |

Upper middle income

| $97.2 \%$ |
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| $9.7 \%$ |

In Serbia, the labor force participation rate among females is $50.9 \%$ and among males is $67.9 \%$ 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 increased. Compared with labor force participation in the upper-middle income group, the gap between men and women is similar in Serbia.

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 Serbia 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 $21.4 \%$ and among men is $25.8 \%$ in Serbia for 2022. The rate of vulnerable employment is higher for men and women in Serbia compared to the average rate in Europe \& Central Asia.

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

- Female - Male


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## In Serbia, women spend 2.2 times as much time on

 unpaid domestic and care work than menThe 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 2015, women in Serbia spent $19.2 \%$ of their day and men spent $8.7 \%$ of their day on unpaid work. Data compiled from the most recent data point between


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 Serbia 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)
Female


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


Data is not available for Serbia for House ownership status, by sex (\% of population age 15-49)

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


Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

Data is not available for Serbia for Percentage of
women ages 15-49 participating in decisions about:
Data is not available

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

In Serbia, 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:
Intimate partner violence
11.

17\%
$36.6 \%$ of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in Serbia

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

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


Women represented 39.5\% of those employed in senior and middle management in 2022

The female share of employment in senior and middle management for Serbia falls in the fourth 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 gap in internet usage between men and women in Serbia, 10.7, is larger than the gap of the Europe \& Central Asia aggregate, 5.2. 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

Serbia


Europe \& Central Asia
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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: Global Findex database

