29 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in Sri Lanka

The maternal mortality ratio in Sri Lanka has improved from 61 in 2000 to 29 in 2020. Maternal mortality in Sri Lanka is lower 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.

16 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in Sri Lanka in 2020

In Sri Lanka, the rate of adolescent fertility has decreased since 2010. The rate in 2020 was lower than the average rate in its income group.

100.6% of girls and 100.5% of boys complete lower secondary school in Sri Lanka as of 2020 data

Girls and boys in Sri Lanka 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.

Adult literacy in Sri Lanka is nearly the same among women and men (2020)

In Sri Lanka, 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.
In Sri Lanka, the labor force participation rate among females is 33.1% and among males is 70.7% 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 decreased. Compared with labor force participation in the lower-middle income group, the gap between men and women is similar in Sri Lanka.

Vulnerable employment for females has worsened in Sri Lanka 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 39.5% and among men is 37.1% in Sri Lanka for 2021. The rate of vulnerable employment is lower for men and women in Sri Lanka compared to the average rate in South Asia.


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 2017, 73.4% of women and 73.9% of men in Sri Lanka had an account.

The female rate in Sri Lanka is higher than both South Asia 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.

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

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

In Sri Lanka, 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 have ever experienced sexual violence irrespective of marital status and perpetrator.

Percentage of women ages 15-49 who have ever experienced:

Intimate partner violence: 24%

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

5.3% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in Sri Lanka

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 Sri Lanka has remained roughly the same as 2010. The current rate is lower than 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.

Women represented 26.1% of those employed in senior and middle management in 2020

The female share of employment in senior and middle management for Sri Lanka 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 2022.

Employment in senior and middle management, female (%)

Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (www.ipu.org)
More men than women used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in 2021

The female rate in Sri Lanka is nearly the same as South Asia but lower 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.

Source: Global Findex database

Data retrieved from World Bank Gender Data Portal
https://genderdata.worldbank.org/countries/sri-lanka