126 women die per 10,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in Tonga

The maternal mortality ratio in Tonga has worsened from 94 in 2000 to 126 in 2020. Maternal mortality in Tonga 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.


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

In Tonga, 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.


91.3% of girls and 62.7% of boys complete lower secondary school in Tonga as of 2020 data

The gap in lower secondary completion rate between boys and girls, 28.6, is larger than the gap of the East Asia & Pacific aggregate, 2.7. 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 Tonga is nearly the same among women and men (2021)

In Tonga, 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 Tonga, the labor force participation rate among females is 42.3% and among males is 65.1% 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 increased. Compared with labor force participation in the upper-middle income group, the gap between men and women is higher in Tonga.

Vulnerable employment for females has improved in Tonga 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 52% and among men is 44.9% in Tonga for 2021. The rate of vulnerable employment is higher for men and women in Tonga compared to the average rate in East Asia & Pacific.


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 Tonga 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 Tonga for Share of business owners, by sex (% of total business owners).


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

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS).
In Tonga, the share of women who have experienced intimate partner violence is greater 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 | 37% |

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

3.7% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in Tonga

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 Tonga has increased since 2010. The current rate is lower than the average rate in upper-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 32% of those employed in senior and middle management in 2021

The female share of employment in senior and middle management for Tonga falls in the third 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: Global Findex database
Data retrieved from World Bank Gender Data Portal
https://genderdata.worldbank.org/countries/tonga/