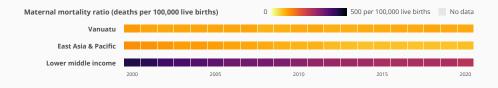
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94 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in Vanuatu

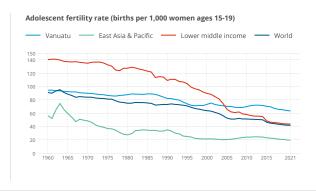
The maternal mortality ratio in Vanuatu has improved from 109 in 2000 to 94 in 2020. Maternal mortality in Vanuatu is higher than its regional average. Maternal mortality ratio is the number of women who die from pregnancy-related causes while pregnant or within 42 days of pregnancy termination per 100,000 live births.



Source: WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank Group, and UNDESA/Population Division. Trends in Maternal Mortality 2000 to 2020. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2023

64 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in Vanuatu in 2021

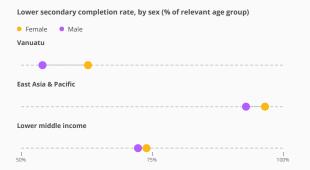
In Vanuatu, the rate of adolescent fertility has decreased since 2010. The rate in 2021 was higher than the average rate in its income group.



Source: United Nations Population Division, World Population Prospects.

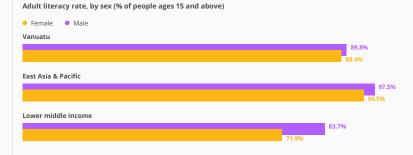
62.8% of girls and 54.1% of boys complete lower secondary school in Vanuatu as of 2022 data

The gap in lower secondary completion rate between boys and girls, 8.6, is larger than the gap of the East Asia & Pacific aggregate, 3.6. Lower secondary education completion rate measures how many children have completed the last grade of lower secondary education regardless of age completed.



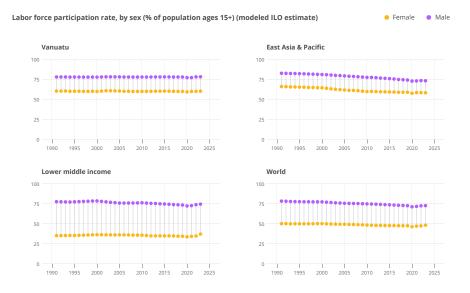
Adult literacy in Vanuatu is nearly the same among women and men (2021)

The adult female literacy rate in Vanuatu is lower than in East Asia & Pacific. 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 Vanuatu, the labor force participation rate among females is 60.6% and among males is 78.6% 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 Vanuatu.

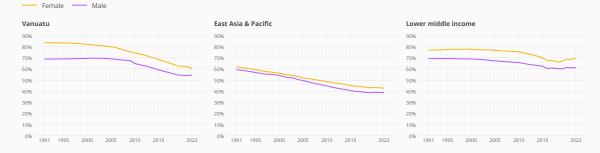


Source: International Labour Organization. "ILO Modelled Estimates and Projections database (ILOEST)" ILOSTAT. Accessed February 06, 2024. https://ilostat.ilo.org/data/.

Vulnerable employment for females has improved in Vanuatu 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 60.9% and among men is 55.1% in Vanuatu for 2022. The rate of vulnerable employment is higher for men and women in Vanuatu compared to the average rate in East Asia & Pacific.

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



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 Vanuatu 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:

More men than women owned a business in 2016

The share of female business owners for Vanuatu falls in the fourth 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)



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 Vanuatu for Account ownership at a financial institution or with a mobilemoney-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 Vanuatu for House ownership status, by sex (% of population age 15-49)

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

Male

Female

Data is not available

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

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



Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

In Vanuatu, 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 ever experienced sexual violence irrespective of marital status and perpetrator.

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



Intimate partner violence

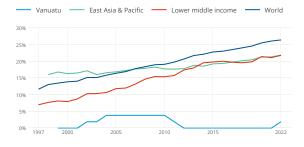
47%

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

1.9% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2022 in Vanuatu $\,$

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 Vanuatu 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 (%)



Women represented 36.2% of those employed in senior and middle management in 2020

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

Data is not available for Vanuatu for Used a mobile phone or the internet to pay bills in the past year, by sex (% age 15+)



Source: Global Findex database

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