638 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in Afghanistan.

The maternal mortality ratio in Afghanistan has improved from 1,450 in 2000 to 638 in 2017. Maternal mortality in Afghanistan 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.

In Afghanistan, the rate of adolescent fertility has decreased since 2010. The rate in 2019 was lower than the average rate in its income group.

61 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in Afghanistan in 2019.

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43.1% of girls and 72.7% of boys complete lower secondary school in Afghanistan as of 2019 data.

The gap in lower secondary completion rate between boys and girls, 29.6, is larger than the gap of the South Asia aggregate, 2.8. 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)

Adult literacy in Afghanistan is lower among women than among men (2021).

The gap in adult literacy between men and women, 29.5, is larger than the gap of the South Asia aggregate, 15.8. 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)
In Afghanistan, the labor force participation rate among females is 21.8% and among males is 74.5% for 2019.

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 low-income group, the gap between men and women is higher in Afghanistan.

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

Vulnerable employment for females has improved in Afghanistan 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 89.5% and among men is 76.7% in Afghanistan for 2019. The rate of vulnerable employment is higher for men and women in Afghanistan compared to the average rate in South Asia.

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

Data is not available for Afghanistan for Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex (% of 24 hour day)
In 2017, 7.2% of women and 22.5% of men in Afghanistan had an account.

The gap in account ownership between men and women in Afghanistan, 15.4, is larger than the gap of the South Asia aggregate, 10.7. 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+)

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80.7% of men and 39.3% of women owned a dwelling either alone or jointly in 2015.

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)

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32.6% of women participated in making major decisions in the household in 2015.

Women participating in making major decisions is the percentage of currently married women ages 15-49 who say that they alone or jointly have the final say in (i) making major household purchases, (ii) decisions about own healthcare, and (iii) visits to family, relatives, friends.

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

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In Afghanistan, 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:

- Any form of sexual violence: 7.5%
- Intimate partner violence: 50.8%

27% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2020 in Afghanistan.

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 Afghanistan has remained roughly the same since 2010. The current rate is higher than the average rate in low-income countries.

Women represented 4.3% of those employed in senior and middle management in 2017.

The female share of employment in senior and middle management for Afghanistan falls in the lowest quintile of all countries for which there are data. Data compiled from the most recent data point available between 2010 and 2020.

In 2017 women and men used the internet to pay bills or to buy something online at approximately the same rate.

The female rate in Afghanistan is lower than both South Asia and the low-income group. Internet usage denotes the percentage of respondents who report using the internet to pay bills or buy something online in the past 12 months.

Used the internet to pay bills or to buy something online in the past year, by sex (% age 15+)

- Afghanistan: Female 2.0%, Male 0.1%
- South Asia: Female 6.0%, Male 3.5%
- Low income: Female 6.3%, Male 4.4%
- World: Female 27.7%, Male 30.3%

- 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.
- 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.
- House ownership status, by sex (% of population age 15-49). Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS).
- Women who do not own a house (% of women age 15-49). Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS).
- Percentage of women ages 15-49 participating in decisions about: Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS).
- 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.
- Used the internet to pay bills or to buy something online 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/afghanistan/