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30.6% of girls and 35.3% of boys complete lower secondary school in Benin as of 2020 data. The female rate in Benin is lower than both Sub-Saharan Africa and the lower-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.

Adult literacy in Benin is lower among women than among men (2018). The gap in adult literacy between men and women, 22.9, is larger than the gap of the Sub-Saharan Africa aggregate, 13.1. 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 Benin, the labor force participation rate among females is 68.8% and among males is 72.8% 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 lower-middle income group, the gap between men and women is lower in Benin.

Vulnerable employment for females has improved in Benin 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 93.1% and among men is 80.6% in Benin for 2019. The rate of vulnerable employment is higher for men and women in Benin compared to the average rate in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Data is not available for Benin for proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex (% of 24 hour day).
More men than women owned a business in 2018

The share of female business owners for Benin 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 2018.

In 2017, 28.6% of women and 48.6% of men in Benin had an account

The gap in account ownership between men and women in Benin, 20, is larger than the gap of the Sub-Saharan Africa aggregate, 11.5. 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.

39.3% of men and 15.3% of women owned a dwelling either alone or jointly in 2018

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.

36.3% of women participated in making major decisions in the household in 2018

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.
In Benin, 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:

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7.2% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2020 in Benin.

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 Benin has decreased since 2010. The current rate is lower than the average rate in lower-middle-income countries.

More men than women used the internet to pay bills or to buy something online in 2017.

The female rate in Benin is lower than both Sub-Saharan Africa and the lower-middle 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.
- 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 child health care. Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS).
- Percentage of women ages 15-49 who have ever experienced sexual violence. Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), Statcompiler (https://www.statcompiler.com/).
- 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/benin/