320 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in Burkina Faso

The maternal mortality ratio in Burkina Faso has improved from 516 in 2000 to 320 in 2017. Maternal mortality in Burkina Faso 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.

100 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in Burkina Faso in 2019

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

44.9% of girls and 38% of boys complete lower secondary school in Burkina Faso as of 2020 data

The female rate in Burkina Faso is higher than both Sub-Saharan Africa and the low-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 Burkina Faso is lower among women than among men (2018)

The gap in adult literacy between men and women, 18.1, 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 Burkina Faso, the labor force participation rate among females is 58.5% and among males is 74.7% 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 decreased. Compared with labor force participation in the low-income group, the gap between men and women is lower in Burkina Faso.

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

Vulnerable employment for females has improved in Burkina Faso 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 88.4% and among men is 82.3% in Burkina Faso for 2019. The rate of vulnerable employment is higher for men and women in Burkina Faso compared to the average rate in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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

Data is not available for Burkina Faso for proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex (% of 24 hour day)
In 2017, 34.5% of women and 51.3% of men in Burkina Faso had an account.

The gap in account ownership between men and women in Burkina Faso, 16.8%, 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.

68.8% of men and 31.1% of women owned a dwelling either alone or jointly in 2010.

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.

12% of women participated in making major decisions in the household in 2010.

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 Burkina Faso, 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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<th>Any form of sexual violence</th>
<th>Intimate partner violence</th>
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<td>1.2%</td>
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6.3% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2020 in Burkina Faso.

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 Burkina Faso has decreased since 2010. The current rate is lower than the average rate in low-income countries.

**Seats held by women in national parliaments, female (%)**

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>30%</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>35%</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>35%</td>
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Women represented 24% of those employed in senior and middle management in 2018.

The female share of employment in senior and middle management for Burkina Faso 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 2020.

**Employment in senior and middle management, female (%)**

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<th>Country</th>
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<td>2018</td>
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More men than women used the internet to pay bills or to buy something online in 2017.

The female rate in Burkina Faso is lower than Sub-Saharan Africa but nearly the same as 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+)**

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<th>Region</th>
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<tr>
<td>Burkina Faso</td>
<td>7.4%</td>
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<td>Sub-Saharan Africa</td>
<td>9.8%</td>
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<td>Low income</td>
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- 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).
- Percentage of women ages 15-49 who have ever experienced: 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/burkina-faso/