**16 women die per 100,000 live births due to pregnancy-related causes in the Islamic Republic of Iran**

The maternal mortality ratio in the Islamic Republic of Iran has improved from 48 in 2000 to 16 in 2017. Maternal mortality in the Islamic Republic of Iran 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.

**Maternal mortality ratio (deaths per 100,000 live births)**

- **Iran, Islamic Rep.**
- **Middle East & North Africa**
- **Lower middle income**

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**41 of every 1,000 girls ages 15-19 gave birth in the Islamic Republic of Iran in 2019**

In the Islamic Republic of Iran, the rate of adolescent fertility has increased since 2010. The rate in 2019 was nearly the same as the average rate in its income group.

**Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women ages 15-19)**

- **Iran, Islamic Rep.**
- **Middle East & North Africa**
- **Lower middle income**

- **World**

**88.8% of girls and 91.6% of boys complete lower secondary school in the Islamic Republic of Iran as of 2017 data**

The female rate in the Islamic Republic of Iran is higher than both Middle East & North 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.

**Lower secondary completion rate, by sex (% of relevant age group)**

- **Female**
- **Male**

- **Iran, Islamic Rep.**
- **Middle East & North Africa**
- **Lower middle income**

**Adult literacy in the Islamic Republic of Iran is lower among women than among men (2016)**

The adult female literacy rate in the Islamic Republic of Iran is higher than in Middle East & North Africa. 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)**

- **Female**
- **Male**

- **Iran, Islamic Rep.**
- **Middle East & North Africa**
- **Lower middle income**
In the Islamic Republic of Iran, the labor force participation rate among females is 17.6% and among males is 72.4% 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 higher in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Vulnerable employment among women has remained nearly the same 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 42.5% and among men is 43.9% in the Islamic Republic of Iran for 2019. The rate of vulnerable employment is higher for men and women in the Islamic Republic of Iran compared to the average rate in Middle East & North Africa.

Data is not available for the Islamic Republic of Iran for proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work by sex (% of 24 hour day)
In 2017, 91.6% of women and 96.5% of men in the Islamic Republic of Iran had an account.

The female rate in the Islamic Republic of Iran is higher than both Middle East & North Africa and the lower-middle income group. 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.

Data is not available for the Islamic Republic of Iran for Share of business owners, by sex (% of total business owners).

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

Data is not available for the Islamic Republic of Iran for Percentage of women ages 15-49 participating in decisions about:

Data is not available for the Islamic Republic of Iran for Percentage of women ages 15-49 who have ever experienced.
5.6% of seats in national parliament were held by women in 2020 in the Islamic Republic of Iran

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 the Islamic Republic of Iran has increased since 2010. The current rate is lower than the average rate in lower-middle-income countries.

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

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

The gap in internet usage between men and women in the Islamic Republic of Iran, 10.7, is larger than the gap of the Middle East & North Africa aggregate, 6.3. Internet usage denotes the percentage of respondents who report using the internet to pay bills or buy something online in the past 12 months.

Women represented 21.7% of those employed in senior and middle management in 2018

The female share of employment in senior and middle management for the Islamic Republic of Iran 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.

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

Employment in senior and middle management, female (%)

- 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 who have ever experienced... 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/iran-islamic-rep/