



# WEST BANK AND GAZA GENDER LANDSCAPE

Gender data helps to inform smart development policy. This briefing provides key indicators for West Bank and Gaza which help in monitoring gender equality and designing effective policy interventions. The arrows indicate longer term progress on outcomes from a base year, while the color coded elements compare the latest gender data in West Bank and Gaza with its regional peers.

Compared to:	Base Year	Region
>10% Higher Value	↗	Orange
Equal/No Change	→	White
>10% Lower Value	↘	Blue
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Click the measures below to explore the World Bank Gender Data Portal.

		Country Performance					Peer Comparison		
		Baseline			Latest		Latest		
		Value	Year		Value	Year	MNA	LMC	World
<b>HUMAN ENDOWMENTS</b>									
Learning-Adjusted Years of Schooling	Female	NA	NA	---	8.50	2020	NA	NA	NA
	Male	NA	NA	---	7.60	2020	NA	NA	NA
Lower secondary completion rate (% of relevant group)	Female	87.7	2010	↗	97.0	2021	78.5	77.3	78.0
	Male	75.9	2010	↗	89.1	2021	76.6	74.6	77.0
Female share of graduates from STEM programs, tertiary (%)		43.7	2010	→	44.3	2018	NA	NA	NA
Fertility rate, total (births per woman)		4.38	2010	↘	3.57	2020	2.66	2.60	2.30
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)		54.9	2010	↘	44.5	2020	35.7	43.1	42.7
Maternal mortality ratio (modeled estimate per 100,000 live births)		45.0	2010	↘	27.0	2017	57.0	253	211
Pregnant women receiving prenatal care of at least four visits (% of pregnant women)		94.0	2010	→	94.8	2020	NA	60.9	66.1
Unmet need for contraception (% of married women 15-49)		15.6	2010	↘	12.9	2020	NA	13.2	NA
Mortality from chronic vascular disease, cancer, diabetes or cardiorespiratory disease between 30 and 70 (%)	Female	NA	NA	---	NA	NA	17.4	19.1	14.8
	Male	NA	NA	---	NA	NA	22.9	25.3	21.7
<b>ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</b>									
Labor force participation rate (% 15+, modeled ILO estimate)	Female	14.1	2010	↗	17.5	2021	18.2	34.8	47.1
	Male	66.7	2010	→	70.0	2021	70.4	72.9	71.9
Wage and salaried workers (% of employment, modeled ILO estimate)	Female	67.3	2010	↗	77.3	2019	73.8	33.6	54.5
	Male	67.6	2010	→	70.3	2019	69.6	38.0	53.0
Employment in agriculture (% of employment, modeled ILO estimate)	Female	21.3	2010	↘	6.68	2019	15.7	41.8	25.4
	Male	9.83	2010	↘	5.93	2019	14.5	35.9	27.6
Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population)	Female	33.6	2010	→	35.7	2021	NA	39.2	NA
	Male	22.8	2010	↗	26.9	2021	NA	16.9	NA
Received a public sector pension (% 15+)	Female	NA	NA	---	1.28	2021	6.40	6.20	9.93
	Male	NA	NA	---	4.71	2021	10.2	5.88	8.83
Age dependency ratio (% of working-age population)		82.7	2010	↘	74.3	2021	55.7	55.9	55.3
Female migrants (% of international migrant stock)		55.6	2010	→	55.7	2019	45.1	47.7	46.7
Financial institution account (% 15+)	Female	NA	NA	---	25.5	2021	44.8	55.6	71.9
	Male	NA	NA	---	40.9	2021	58.3	61.3	76.0
Borrowed to start, operate, or expand a farm or business (% 15+)	Female	NA	NA	---	0.80	2017	4.19	7.17	5.27
	Male	NA	NA	---	1.74	2017	7.06	9.36	7.58
Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)		18.0	2006	↘	6.00	2019	19.0	32.3	33.3
<b>VOICE AND AGENCY</b>									
Firms with female top manager (% of firms)		NA	NA	---	0.90	2019	6.50	19.9	17.9
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)		NA	NA	---	NA	NA	17.0	21.4	26.1
Women who were first married by 18 (% of women 20-24)		NA	NA	---	13.4	2020	NA	NA	NA
Proportion of women in ministerial level positions (%)		NA	NA	---	NA	NA	14.0	16.7	22.0
Proportion of women subjected to physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months (% of ever-partnered women 15-49)		NA	NA	---	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

**Note:** The Middle East and North Africa (MNA) region includes 21 countries (all income levels), as classified by The World Bank Group. West Bank and Gaza is a lower middle income (LMC) country, which includes 54 countries with a Gross National Income (GNI) per capita from \$1,086 to \$4,255 (calculated using the World Bank Atlas method). Data and definitions can be found on the [Gender Data Portal](#). Data is as of April 02, 2023.

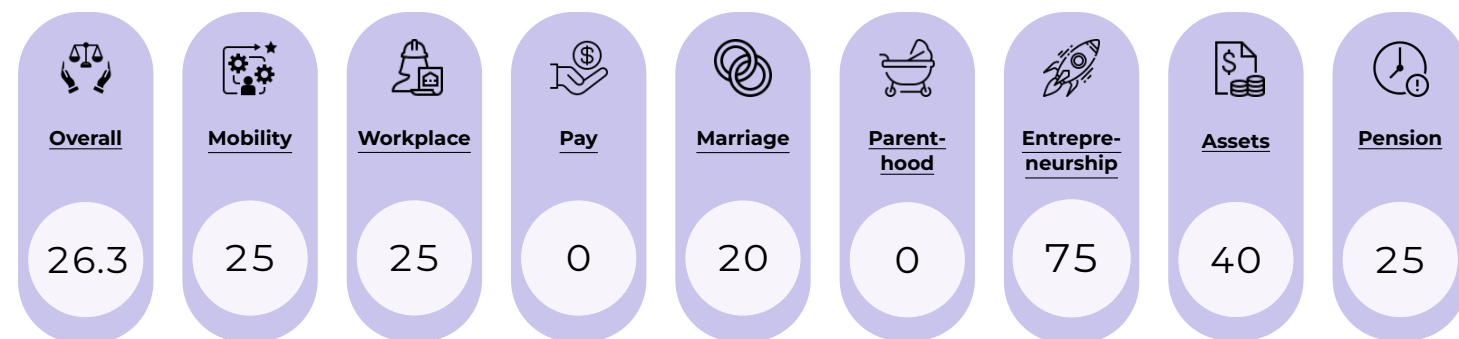
Country Baseline provides a reference from 1990 to 2010. Latest Value shows the latest available value from 2011 onwards. The arrow icon represents country increases or decreases over 10 percent relative to the base year. Peer Comparison shows how West Bank and Gaza performs relative to its peers in the region, income group, and the world. Color coding represents values 10 percent above or below its peers in the region.



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## Women, Business and the Law in West Bank and Gaza

**Women, Business and the Law (WBL) 2023** presents an index covering 190 economies, structured around the life cycle of a working woman. In total, 35 questions are scored across eight indicators. **West Bank and Gaza scores 26.3 out of 100**, while the regional average across Middle East and North Africa is 54.

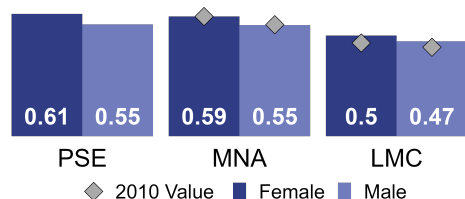


## A Closer Look at Gender Equality in West Bank and Gaza

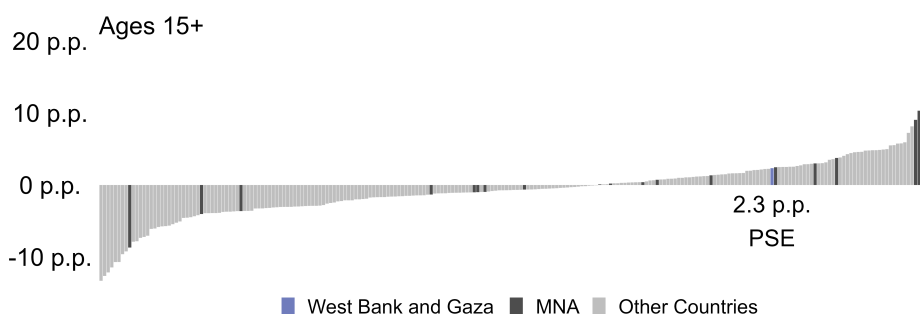
Despite some progress, gender gaps, gender-based violence, and disadvantageous social norms facing women and girls persist, and gains in human capital of women and girls remain untapped. Turning human capital investments into economic gains means addressing multiple barriers to women's economic empowerment, including improving their voice and agency.

### Human Capital Index Score (0-1)

Baseline compared to 2020



### Change in Female Labor Force Participation 2010-2020 (p.p.)



## Unpacking the Numbers in West Bank and Gaza

### 61 percent

A girl born today will be 61 percent as productive as if she enjoyed full education, health, and employment **(2020)**

### 13 in 100

13 percent of women ages 20 to 24 were first married by age 18 **(2020)**

### 13 percent

13 percent of married women ages 15 to 49 report not having access to contraceptives **(2020)**

### 3.8 percent

3.8 percent of women in West Bank and Gaza are not able to read **(2020)**

### 0.69 times

A man is 0.69 times as likely to have used the internet to pay bills or to buy something online in the past year **(2021)**

## LEARN MORE

**The World Bank in Gender:** This portal features the latest research, news, and events around gender equality in international development.

**Women, Business and the Law:** This portal includes reports, data, and news on the laws and regulations that affect women's economic opportunity.

**The WBG Gender Strategy update (FY24-FY30):** This page summarizes research and evidence feeding into WBG's new gender strategy.

**World Bank Gender Data Portal:** This open data tool shares the latest statistics and research to improve understanding and inform policy choices.

**MENA Gender Innovation Lab:** This page features policy research by the GIL, evaluating innovative solutions to close priority gender gaps in the region.